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Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: August 2010

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Methodology

This *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation led by Mollyann Brodie, Ph.D., including Claudia Deane, Sarah Cho, and Theresa Boston. The survey was conducted August 16 through August 22, 2010, among a nationally representative random sample of 1,203 adults ages 18 and older, including 1,066 adults who say they are registered to vote. Telephone interviews conducted by landline (801) and cell phone (402, including 158 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by Princeton Survey Research Associates.

The margin of sampling error for the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. For results based on other subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

Trends in this document come from surveys listed on the last page.

Values less than 0.5% are indicated by an asterisk (*).

“VOL” indicates that a response was volunteered by respondent, not an explicitly offered choice.

Due to rounding, percentages may not add to 100.

1. Thinking ahead to the November 2010 Congressional elections, how important will each of the following issues be to your vote for Congress this year? First (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) ... (READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN AS NECESSARY: Will that be extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not too important to your vote for Congress this year?) How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)?

Based on half-sample A (n=635)

		Extremely important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	(VOL.) Don't vote/ Not registered/ Don't plan to vote	DK/ Ref.
a.	The economy and jobs						
	8/10 Total	52	39	6	1	3	-
	8/10 RVs ¹	54	37	6	1	1	-
b.	The war in Afghanistan						
	8/10 Total	28	38	19	11	3	1
	8/10 RVs	31	37	20	9	1	1
c.	Health care reform						
	8/10 Total	42	36	12	6	3	1
	8/10 RVs	44	35	13	6	1	1
	6/10 Total ²	41	37	13	7	1	1
	6/10 RVs	42	36	13	7	*	1
d.	The budget deficit						
	8/10 Total	38	40	13	5	3	2
	8/10 RVs	41	40	12	4	1	1
	6/10 Total	42	35	16	5	1	1
	6/10 RVs	44	35	15	5	*	1
e.	Dissatisfaction with government						
	8/10 Total	36	33	16	11	3	1
	8/10 RVs	39	31	17	11	1	1
	6/10 Total	36	33	19	9	1	2
	6/10 RVs	37	32	20	9	*	2
f.	Energy policy						
	8/10 Total	20	39	27	8	3	2
	8/10 RVs	23	39	28	8	1	2
	6/10 Total	25	39	24	9	1	2
	6/10 RVs	26	39	24	8	*	2
g.	The Gulf Coast oil spill						
	8/10 Total	28	35	22	12	3	1
	8/10 RVs	30	33	23	12	1	1
	6/10 Total	45	35	12	6	1	*
	6/10 RVs	45	35	13	6	*	1
h.	Immigration						
	8/10 Total	31	31	22	12	3	1
	8/10 RVs	31	32	23	12	1	1

¹ Throughout this topline, the abbreviation "RVs" stands for "registered voters."

² June 2010 trend wording for this item was "Health Care."

2. Of the issues you said would be extremely important to your vote for Congress in November, which one would you say will be MOST important? [READ ITEMS THAT RECEIVED 'EXTREMELY IMPORTANT' RESPONSE IN Q1 IN SAME ORDER]

Based on half-sample A³

	08/10 Total	08/10 RVs
The economy and jobs	27	28
Dissatisfaction with government	14	15
Health care reform	12	11
The budget deficit	8	9
Immigration	7	6
The war in Afghanistan	4	5
Energy policy	1	1
The Gulf Coast oil spill	1	1
(DO NOT READ) None/Other	23	22
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	1	1
(DO NOT READ) Not voting	3	1

- 1b. Thinking about the campaigns for the U.S. House and Senate this fall, what two issues would you most like to hear your Congressional candidates talk about? IF RESPONDENT GIVES ONE ISSUE PROBE FOR SECOND: Is there another issue you'd like to hear about? (OPEN-ENDED)

Based on half-sample B (n=568)

	08/10 Total	08/10 RVs
Economy NET	46	49
Jobs/unemployment	28	30
The economy – unspecified	22	24
Health care NET	26	27
Health care reform	9	8
Health care – unspecified	17	19
Immigration	12	11
Wars (general) NET	9	9
War(s)/Ending the war	5	5
Afghanistan	2	3
Iraq	1	2
Budget deficit/government spending	8	8
Education	7	8
Taxes	6	6
Dissatisfaction with government	4	5
Seniors (general) NET	3	4
Social security	3	3
Medicare/seniors' health issues	1	2
Local or state issue	2	1
Gay rights/gay marriage/Don't ask don't tell/DOMA	2	2
Housing	1	1
Financial reform/regulation	1	1
Gulf Coast oil spill	1	1
Energy policy	1	1
Abortion	1	1
Environment/global warming	*	*
Other issue	12	12
Don't know/Refused	18	15

Table will add to more than 100% due to multiple responses.

³ Question only asked of respondents who said more than one issue is 'extremely important'; table includes those who said only one or no issue is 'extremely important'.

3. What will make the biggest difference in how you vote for Congress in your district: (specific national issues), (local or state issues), (the candidate's character and experience), or (the direction of the nation as a whole)? [ROTATE TERMS IN PARENTHESES]

	08/10 Total	08/10 RVs
Direction of the nation as a whole	34	34
Candidate's character and experience	23	23
Local or state issues	19	19
Specific national issues	16	16
(DO NOT READ) Don't vote, not registered to vote, don't plan to vote	1	*
(DO NOT READ) All	3	4
(DO NOT READ) None/other	1	1
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	3	3

4. As you may know, a new health reform bill was signed into law earlier this year. Given what you know about the new health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? [ROTATE TERMS IN PARENTHESES] [GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that a very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) opinion?]

	08/10	07/10	06/10	05/10	04/10 ⁴
Very favorable	19	21	20	14	23
Somewhat favorable	24	29	28	27	23
Somewhat unfavorable	13	10	16	12	10
Very unfavorable	32	25	25	32	30
Don't know/Refused	12	14	10	14	14

5. Given that you have an unfavorable view of the health reform law, which comes closer to your view of what should happen now (READ AND ROTATE):

Based on those who have an unfavorable view of the new health reform law

	08/10	07/10	06/10
The law should be given a chance to work, with Congress making necessary changes along the way	28	21	29
The law should be repealed as soon as possible	69	77	66
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	3	2	5
	(n=585)	(n=632)	(n=526)

Based on Total respondents

	08/10	07/10	06/10
Favorable view of health reform	43	50	48
Unfavorable view of health reform	45	35	41
The law should be given a chance to work, with Congress making necessary changes along the way	13	7	12
The law should be repealed as soon as possible	31	27	27
Don't know/Refused as to repeal or not	1	1	2
Don't know/Refused	12	14	10

⁴ April 2010 trend wording was "[President Obama did sign a health reform bill into law last month...] Given what you know about the new health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? (Is that a very favorable/unfavorable or somewhat favorable/unfavorable opinion?)"

6. Do you think (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) will be (better off) or (worse off) under the new health reform law, or don't you think it will make much difference? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES ACROSS INTERVIEWS, BUT NOT WITHIN SAME INTERVIEW) [READ IF NECESSARY: "Will (INSERT ITEM) be better off or worse off under the new health reform law, or don't you think it will make much difference?"]

		Better off	Worse off	Not much difference	(VOL.) Depends	DK/Ref.
a. You and your family	08/10	29	30	36	-	5
	07/10	32	29	33	-	6
	06/10	28	28	39	-	5
	05/10	29	30	32	-	9
	04/10	31	32	30	-	8
	03/10 ⁵	35	32	28	2	3
	02/10	34	32	26	3	5
	01/10	32	33	29	3	4
	12/09	35	27	32	3	3
	11/09	42	24	27	3	4
	10/09	41	27	28	2	3
	09/09	42	23	28	4	3
	08/09	36	31	27	2	4
	07/09	39	21	32	4	3
	06/09	39	16	36	3	5
	04/09	43	14	36	4	4
	02/09	38	11	43	4	3
b. The country as a whole	08/10	39	37	18	-	6
	07/10	43	35	15	-	7
	06/10	42	32	19	-	6
	05/10	43	35	13	-	9
	04/10	45	35	11	-	9
	03/10	45	34	14	3	4
	02/10	45	34	12	4	5
	01/10	42	37	12	3	5
	12/09	45	31	17	4	3
	11/09	54	27	11	3	5
	10/09	53	28	12	2	4
	09/09	53	26	14	4	4
	08/09	45	34	14	3	4
	07/09	51	23	16	4	6
	06/09	57	16	19	3	5
	04/09	56	15	21	3	5
	02/09	59	12	19	5	5

⁵ Trend wording before April 2010 was "Do you think (INSERT) would be (better off) or (worse off) if the president and Congress passed health care reform, or don't you think it would make much difference?"

7. Please tell me how successful, if at all, you expect the new health reform law to be in accomplishing each of the following goals. First, how successful do you expect the health reform law to be in (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE): (READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN AS NECESSARY) Very successful, somewhat successful, not too successful, or not at all successful? What about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)?

	Very successful	Somewhat successful	Not too successful	Not at all successful	DK/Ref.
a. Reducing the amount the average American has to pay for health care and health insurance	19	32	17	27	5
b. Expanding health insurance coverage for the uninsured	28	41	13	14	4
c. Improving the QUALITY of medical care that the average American receives	17	37	16	26	4
d. Reducing the total amount the country spends on health care	14	32	19	31	5
e. Regulating health insurance companies so that the average person with private insurance will have better consumer protections	20	38	19	18	5

8. Do you feel you understand what the impact of the health reform law will be on you and your family, or not?

	08/10	07/10	06/10	05/10
Yes, understand impact	68	63	70	61
No, do not understand impact	29	32	28	35
Don't know/Refused	3	4	2	3

9. Please tell me if each of the following does or does not describe your own feelings about the health reform law. The first is (INSERT & RANDOMIZE, ALWAYS ASK ITEM C "ANGRY" LAST). Does this describe your own feelings about the health reform law, or not? How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)?

		Describes	Does not describe	DK/Ref.
a. Confused	08/10	45	55	1
	07/10	43	55	2
	06/10	42	57	1
	05/10	44	54	2
	04/10	55	45	1
	12/09 ⁶	48	52	*
	10/09	49	50	1
	09/09	48	51	1
	08/09	46	53	2
b. Pleased	08/10	37	60	3
	07/10	42	54	4
	06/10	41	55	4
	05/10	39	57	4
	04/10	45	52	3

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⁶ Trend wording before April 2010 was "Please tell me if each of the following does or does not describe your own feelings about the health care reform plans being discussed in Washington."

Q9. continued

		Describes	Does not describe	DK/Ref.
c.	Angry			
	08/10	31	67	1
	07/10	28	70	2
	06/10	31	67	2
	05/10	30	69	2
	04/10	30	69	1
	12/09	35	64	1
	10/09	40	59	1
	09/09	31	67	1
d.	Disappointed			
	08/10	51	46	2
	07/10	42	55	3
	06/10	48	50	3
	05/10	45	53	2
	04/10	45	52	3
e.	Enthusiastic			
	08/10	30	69	1

10. Which comes closer to the way you feel: Would you say you are angry about (health reform in particular), or would you say that you are angry about (the general direction in Washington and health reform is one of many things upsetting you)? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

Based on those who feel 'angry' about health reform law (n=419)

	08/10
Angry about health reform in particular	13
Angry about the general direction in Washington and health reform is one of many things upsetting you	84
Don't know/Refused	3

Based on Total respondents

	08/10
Feel angry about health reform	31
Angry about health reform in particular	4
Angry about the general direction in Washington and health reform is one of many things upsetting you	26
Don't know/Refused	1
Do not feel angry about health reform/Undetermined view	69

11. Say a candidate for Congress voted FOR the health reform law. Would that make you (more likely to support that candidate for Congress), (more likely to oppose that candidate for Congress), or wouldn't it make much difference in your vote? [ROTATE TERMS IN PARENTHESES] [If support or oppose:] Would that be much more likely or somewhat more likely to (support/oppose) that candidate?

	08/10 Total	08/10 RVs	06/10 Total	06/10 RVs
Much more likely to support	18	18	18	19
Somewhat more likely to support	12	13	16	16
Somewhat more likely to oppose	7	8	8	8
Much more likely to oppose	24	26	23	24
Wouldn't it make much difference in your vote	35	33	32	31
(DO NOT READ) Don't vote, not registered to vote, don't plan to vote	1	*	1	*
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	3	2	3	2

12. To the extent that candidates for Congress from different parties are still debating the merits of the health reform law, do you think this is more because Republicans and Democrats fundamentally disagree about the right policy for the country, or more because both sides are trying to use the issue for their own political advantage?

	08/10	06/10
Republicans and Democrats have fundamental disagreements	25	29
Both sides are trying to use the issue for their own political advantage	69	65
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	6	7

13. Earlier in the survey you said you had an unfavorable view of the new health reform law. I'm going to read some reasons people give for viewing the law unfavorably. After I read each one, please tell me if it is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why you yourself have an unfavorable view of the law. First (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? Is this a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why you have an unfavorable view of the law?

Based on those who have an unfavorable view of legislation (n=585)

		Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason	DK/Ref.
a. We can't afford to pay for health care reform right now	08/10	75	16	9	*
	02/10 ⁷	73	17	8	1
b. The law gives government too big a role in the health care system	08/10	82	12	6	1
	02/10	80	13	6	1
c. The law doesn't go far enough in expanding coverage or controlling costs	08/10	46	26	25	4
	02/10	49	28	19	4
d. Too much of the process took place behind closed doors and involved too much deal-making	08/10	79	15	5	1
	02/10	73	18	8	1

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⁷ February 2010 trend wording was "I'm going to read some reasons people give for opposing the proposed health care legislation. After I read each one, please tell me if it is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why you yourself oppose the legislation". Some items have been modified to reflect passage of the new law.

Q13 continued

		Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason	DK/Ref.
f. The law takes the wrong approach to reform	08/10	73	20	6	2
	02/10	72	20	6	2
g. Health reform is just one of many indications that President Obama and the Democrats in Congress are taking the country in the wrong direction	08/10	72	14	13	1

Based on Total respondents

		Favorable view of reform	Unfav. view of reform	Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason	DK why unfav.	DK/Ref.
a. We can't afford to pay for health care reform right now	08/10	43	45	33	7	4	*	12
	02/10 ⁸	43	42	31	7	4	1	15
b. The law gives government too big a role in the health care system	08/10	43	45	36	5	2	*	12
	02/10	43	42	34	5	3	*	15
c. The law doesn't go far enough in expanding coverage or controlling costs	08/10	43	45	20	11	11	2	12
	02/10	43	42	21	12	8	2	15
d. Too much of the process took place behind closed doors and involved too much deal-making	08/10	43	45	35	6	2	1	12
	02/10	43	42	31	8	3	*	15
f. The law takes the wrong approach to reform	08/10	43	45	32	9	3	1	12
	02/10	43	42	31	8	3	1	15
g. Health reform is just one of many indications that President Obama and the Democrats in Congress are taking the country in the wrong direction	08/10	43	45	32	6	6	*	12

⁸ February 2010 trend wording was "I'm going to read some reasons people give for opposing the proposed health care legislation. After I read each one, please tell me if it is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why you yourself oppose the legislation". Some items have been modified to reflect passage of the new law. February 2010 percentages for "Favorable view of reform" are those who said they support health care reform. Percentages for "Unfavorable view of reform" are those who said they oppose health care reform.

14. I'm going to read you a list of specific elements of the health reform law that are scheduled to be implemented within the next year. For each element I name, please tell me whether it makes you feel (more) favorably toward the law, (less) favorably toward the law, or doesn't it make much difference either way. [ROTATE TERMS IN PARENTHESES ACROSS INTERVIEWS, BUT NOT WITHIN SAME INTERVIEW] First, (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE). (READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN AS NECESSARY: Does that make you feel more (more) favorably toward the law, (less) favorably toward the law, or doesn't it make much difference either way?

	More favorably toward the law	Less favorably toward the law	Doesn't make much difference	DK/Ref.
<i>Items a-f based on half-sample A</i>				
a. Providing tax credits to small businesses that offer coverage to their employees	71	11	16	2
b. Limiting future increases in Medicare payments to health care providers such as hospitals and home health agencies as a way to help pay for health reform	43	34	20	4
c. Allowing children to stay on their parents' insurance plans until age 26	53	26	18	3
d. Prohibiting insurance companies from setting lifetime limits on the total amount they will spend on a person's health care	56	26	13	4
e. Gradually closing the Medicare prescription drug "doughnut hole" or "coverage gap" so seniors will no longer be required to pay the full cost of their medications when they reach the gap	64	14	19	3
f. Creating an insurance option, or high-risk pool, for those people whose pre-existing health conditions currently make it difficult for them to find and buy affordable health insurance	61	20	16	3
<i>Items a-f based on half-sample B</i>				
g. Beginning federal reviews of health plan premium increases and requiring plans to justify those increases	49	27	22	2
h. Prohibiting insurance companies from denying coverage to children who have a pre-existing health problem	72	19	8	1
i. Requiring insurance companies that are spending too little of their customers' money on health care services and too much on administrative costs and profits to give those customers a rebate	57	21	20	2
j. Requiring all new health plans to provide their customers access to basic preventive health care services, such as screenings and immunizations, without charging the customer any co-payment	70	11	17	2
k. Prohibiting insurers from canceling people's health insurance coverage except in cases where the customer commits fraud	68	15	15	3

16. Now I'm going to read a short list of elements of the health reform law that are scheduled to be implemented further in the future. As I read each one, please tell me whether your opinion of it is very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable. First, (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE, ALWAYS ASK ITEM C LAST) (READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN AS NECESSARY: Would you say your opinion of that element is very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable)? How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)?

		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/ Ref.
a.	Fining all but small employers if they don't offer health insurance to their workers					
	08/10	26	25	20	27	3
	06/10 ⁹	27	24	18	28	3
b.	Expanding the existing Medicaid program to cover low-income, uninsured adults regardless of whether they have children					
	08/10	40	31	14	12	3
	06/10	37	32	14	14	2
c.	Requiring nearly all Americans to have health insurance or else pay a fine					
	08/10	14	13	18	52	3
	06/10	14	20	21	44	1
d.	Providing financial help to low and moderate income Americans who don't get insurance through their jobs to help them purchase coverage					
	08/10	44	32	12	10	2
	06/10	42	34	11	11	1

17. What if you heard that without such a requirement, the cost of health insurance would rise substantially for many people? Would you still have an unfavorable view of requiring nearly all Americans to have health insurance, or would you now have a favorable view of that requirement?

Based on those who have unfavorable view of individual mandate (n=856)

	08/10
Still unfavorable	72
Now favorable	22
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	6

Summary of Q16c and Q17 based on total

	08/10
Favorable towards requiring nearly all Americans to have health insurance	42
Originally	27
Once heard argument	15
Still unfavorable towards requiring nearly all Americans to have health insurance	50
Don't know/Refused	7

⁹ June 2010 trend wording was "For each element of the health care reform law I name, please tell me if your opinion of it is very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable."

18. What if you heard that requiring all Americans to have health insurance could mean that some people would be required to buy health insurance that they find too expensive or did not want? Would you still have a favorable view of that requirement, or would you now have an unfavorable view?

Based on those who have favorable view of individual mandate (n=313)

	08/10
Still favorable	49
Now unfavorable	46
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	5

Summary of Q16c and Q18 based on total

	08/10
Still favorable towards requiring nearly all Americans to have health insurance	13
Unfavorable towards requiring nearly all Americans to have health insurance	83
Originally	70
Once heard argument	13
Don't know/Refused	4

19. As you may know, some state authorities are challenging the federal government's right to require all Americans to have health insurance. Would you say they are mainly doing this because they (believe Constitutional principles are at stake), or mainly doing this because they (are playing politics with health reform)? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	08/10
Believe Constitutional principles are at stake	33
Playing politics with health reform	53
Both (VOL.)	7
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	7

20. We're interested in how people are learning about the health reform law and how it will affect them. Have you gotten any information about the health reform law from (READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS a-d, THEN ASK ITEM e, THEN RANDOMIZE ITEMS f-h), or not? How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM), have you gotten any information about the health reform law from here, or not?

		Yes, have gotten info.	No, have not gotten info.	DK/Ref
a. cable TV news channels such as CNN, FOX, or MSNBC, or their websites	08/10	63	36	1
	05/10	63	36	1
	04/10	67	32	1
b. national broadcast network news channels such as ABC, NBC, or CBS, or their websites	08/10	56	42	1
	05/10	55	44	1
	04/10 ¹⁰	60	39	1
c. local TV news stations or their websites	08/10	53	47	1
	05/10	47	52	1

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¹⁰ April 2010 trend wording for item b was "broadcast network news channels such as ABC, NBC, or CBS, or their websites."

Q20 continued

		Yes, have gotten info.	No, have not gotten info.	DK/Ref
d. newspapers or newspaper websites	08/10	52	47	1
	05/10	48	51	1
	04/10	49	50	1
e. other websites or blogs	08/10	30	69	1
	05/10	20	79	1
	04/10	26	74	*
f. conversations with friends and family	08/10	74	25	1
	05/10	68	31	*
	04/10	73	26	*
g. listening to the radio	08/10	52	47	1
	05/10	45	55	*
	04/10	54	46	--
h. political candidates and the campaigns and commercials they are running in your district	08/10	34	64	2

Q20a/21 Summary

Have you gotten any information about the health reform law from cable TV news channels such as CNN, FOX, or MSNBC, or their websites, or not?

Would you say you are mainly getting information from (CNN), (FOX News), (MSNBC), or some other cable news channel? (ROTATE TERMS IN PARENTHESES)

	08/10	05/10
Yes, have gotten information from this source	63	63
Mainly CNN	20	22
Mainly FOX News	25	25
Mainly MSNBC	9	6
Mainly some other cable news channel	5	6
Don't know where mainly get information from	4	4
No, have not gotten information from this source	36	36
Don't know/Refused	1	1

22. Of the information sources you named, which would you say has been your most important source of news and information about the health reform law? Would you say [READ ITEMS THAT RECEIVED 'YES' RESPONSE IN Q20 IN SAME ORDER]

Based on total respondents¹¹

	08/10
Cable TV news channels such as CNN, FOX, or MSNBC, or their websites	30
Newspapers or newspaper websites	12
Conversations with family and friends	12
National broadcast network news channels such as ABC, NBC, or CBS, or their websites	11
Listening to the radio	10
Local TV news stations or their websites	10
Other websites or blogs	6
Political candidates and the campaigns and commercials they are running in your district	1
None most important source/Something else (VOL.)	1
None of these is a source	5
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	1

¹¹ Question only asked of respondents who named more than one source; table includes those who named only one source or did not name a source.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Finally, I have just a few questions we will use to describe the people who took part in our survey...

D1. Record respondent's sex

Male	49
Female	51

D2. In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, only fair, or poor?

Excellent	24
Very good	30
Good	29
Only fair	10
Poor	5
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	1

D2a. Are you, yourself, now receiving regular medical treatment or making regular doctor visits for any chronic health problem--such as asthma, high blood pressure or cancer?

Yes	31
No	68
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	1

D3. Are you NOW self-employed, working full-time for an employer, working part-time for an employer, are you retired, or are you not employed for pay?

Self-employed	10
Full-time for an employer	38
Part-time for an employer	9
Retired	21
Not employed	15
Homemaker (VOL.)	1
Student (VOL.)	1
Disabled (VOL.)	2
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	1

D4. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time? (READ IF NECESSARY: A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or [Medicaid/Medi-CAL])?

Covered by health insurance	80
Not covered by health insurance	19
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	1

D4a. Which of the following is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage? Is it a plan through your or your spouse's employer, a plan you purchased yourself, are you covered by Medicare or (Medicaid/Medi-CAL), some other government program, or do you get your health insurance from somewhere else? (ENTER ONE ONLY)

Based on those who have health insurance (n=1,032)

Plan through your/your spouse's employer	52
Plan you purchased yourself	12
Medicare	22
Medicaid/Medi-CAL	6
Some other government program	4
Somewhere else (SPECIFY)	4
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	1

D4b. How would you rate your overall health insurance coverage--excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

Based on those who have health insurance (n=1,032)

Excellent	33
Good	57
Not so good	8
Poor	2
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	1

D5. What is your age? (RECORD EXACT AGE AS TWO-DIGIT CODE.)

D6. Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of (READ LIST)...

18-29	19
30-49	34
50-64	27
65 and older	19
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	1

D7. Are you currently married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

Married	57
Living with a partner	8
Widowed	5
Divorced	8
Separated	2
Never been married	18
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	1

D8. In politics today, do you consider yourself a [ROTATE: Republican, Democrat/Democrat, Republican], an Independent, or what?

Republican	23
Democrat	34
Independent	35
Or what (<i>Other</i> and <i>None</i> included here)	4
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	4

D8. In politics today, do you consider yourself a [ROTATE: Republican, Democrat/Democrat, Republican], an Independent, or what?

D8a. Do you LEAN more towards the [ROTATE: Republican Party or the Democratic Party/Democratic Party or the Republican Party]?

Republican/Lean Republican	36
Democrat/Lean Democratic	46
Other/Don't lean/DK	18

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Democrat	34
Independent Lean Democratic	12
Independent/Don't lean	14
Independent Lean Republican	13
Republican	23
Don't know/Refused	4

D9. Would you say your views in most political matters are liberal, moderate or conservative?

Liberal	20
Moderate	37
Conservative	38
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	5

D10. Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you currently registered to vote at your present address?

Yes	83
No	15
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	1

D10b. How often would you say you vote in mid-term elections, when there is an election for Congress but not for president...always, nearly always, part of the time, or seldom?

Based on those who are registered to vote (n=1,063)

Always	48
Nearly always	27
Part of the time	14
Seldom	8
Never vote (VOL.)	3
Other (VOL.)	*
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	*

D10/D10b. Summary table based on Total

Yes, registered to vote	83
Always vote in mid-term elections	40
Nearly always vote in mid-term elections	22
Vote part of the time in mid-term elections	12
Seldom vote in mid-term elections	7
Never vote/Other/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3
No, not registered to vote	15
Don't know/Refused	1

D11. What is the LAST grade or class that you COMPLETED in school? (DO NOT READ)

None, or grade 1-8	3
High school incomplete (grades 9-11)	9
High school graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)	32
Technical, trade or vocational school AFTER high school	3
Some college, no four-year degree (includes associate degree)	23
College graduate (B.S., B.A., or other four-year degree)	17
Post-graduate or professional schooling after college (e.g., toward a Master's degree or Ph.D; law or medical school)	12
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	1

D12. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

D13. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian or some other race? (IF RESPONDENT SAYS HISPANIC ASK: Do you consider yourself a white Hispanic or a black Hispanic?)

White, non-Hispanic	68
Total non-White	29
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	11
Hispanic	14
Asian, non-Hispanic	1
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	2
Undesignated	3

D14. Last year – that is, in 2009 – what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. (READ)

Less than \$20,000	18
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	13
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	13
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	14
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	6
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	4
\$100,000 or more	12
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	11

END OF INTERVIEW: That's all the questions I have. Thanks for your time.

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- 07/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (July 8-13, 2010)
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- 09/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (September 11-18, 2009)
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