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***Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: September 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 September 14 through September 19, 2010, among a nationally representative random sample of 1,200 adults ages 18 and older, including 1,081 adults who say they are registered to vote. Telephone interviews conducted by landline (798) and cell phone (402, including 161 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. Margin of sampling error for registered voters is plus or minus 3 percentage points. And for seniors, the margin of sampling error is plus or minus 7 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 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)?

		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						
	09/10 Total	60	32	5	1	2	-
	09/10 RVs <sup>1</sup>	61	33	4	1	1	-
	08/10 Total	52	39	6	1	3	-
	08/10 RVs	54	37	6	1	1	-
b.	The war in Afghanistan						
	09/10 Total	32	38	20	7	2	1
	09/10 RVs	32	38	21	6	1	1
	08/10 Total	28	38	19	11	3	1
	08/10 RVs	31	37	20	9	1	1
	06/10 Total <sup>2</sup>	37	38	16	8	1	*
	06/10 RVs	37	38	17	8	*	*
c.	Health care reform						
	09/10 Total	42	38	12	6	2	1
	09/10 RVs	44	37	11	6	1	1
	08/10 Total	42	36	12	6	3	1
	08/10 RVs	44	35	13	6	1	1
	06/10 Total <sup>3</sup>	41	37	13	7	1	1
	06/10 RVs	42	36	13	7	*	1
d.	The budget deficit						
	09/10 Total	45	36	12	4	2	1
	09/10 RVs	47	35	12	4	1	1
	08/10 Total	38	40	13	5	3	2
	08/10 RVs	41	40	12	4	1	1
	06/10 Total	42	35	16	5	1	1
	06/10 RVs	44	35	15	5	*	1
e.	Dissatisfaction with government						
	09/10 Total	35	33	18	10	2	2
	09/10 RVs	37	33	17	10	1	2
	08/10 Total	36	33	16	11	3	1
	08/10 RVs	39	31	17	11	1	1
	06/10 Total	36	33	19	9	1	2
	06/10 RVs	37	32	20	9	*	2

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<sup>1</sup> Throughout this topline, the abbreviation "RVs" stands for "registered voters."

<sup>2</sup> June 2010 trend wording for this item was "The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan."

<sup>3</sup> June 2010 trend wording for this item was "Health Care."

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		Extremely important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	(VOL.) Don't vote/ Not registered/ Don't plan to vote	Dk/Ref.
f. Energy policy	09/10 Total	22	38	26	9	2	3
	09/10 RVs	23	38	27	9	1	2
	08/10 Total	20	39	27	8	3	2
	08/10 RVs	23	39	28	8	1	2
	06/10 Total	25	39	24	9	1	2
	06/10 RVs	26	39	24	8	*	2
g. The Gulf Coast oil spill	09/10 Total	27	34	23	14	2	1
	09/10 RVs	26	34	24	14	1	1
	08/10 Total	28	35	22	12	3	1
	08/10 RVs	30	33	23	12	1	1
	06/10 Total	45	35	12	6	1	*
	06/10 RVs	45	35	13	6	*	1
h. Immigration	09/10 Total	28	36	24	10	2	1
	09/10 RVs	28	36	24	10	1	1
	08/10 Total	31	31	22	12	3	1
	08/10 RVs	31	32	23	12	1	1

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]<sup>4</sup>

	09/10 Total	09/10 RVs	08/10 Total	08/10 RVs
The economy and jobs	37	37	27	28
Health care reform	9	10	12	11
Dissatisfaction with government	9	10	14	15
The budget deficit	8	8	8	9
The war in Afghanistan	5	5	4	5
Immigration	5	5	7	6
The Gulf Coast oil spill	3	2	1	1
Energy policy	2	2	1	1
(VOL.) None/Other	20	20	23	22
(VOL.) Not voting	2	1	3	1
Don't know/Refused	1	1	1	1

<sup>4</sup> Question only asked of respondents who said more than one issue is 'extremely important'; table also includes those who said only one or no issue is 'extremely important', and thus is based on total.

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]

	09/10 Total	09/10 RVs	08/10 Total	08/10 RVs
Direction of the nation as a whole	35	36	34	34
Specific national issues	21	20	16	16
Local or state issues	20	20	19	19
Candidate's character and experience	19	19	23	23
(VOL.) Don't vote, not registered to vote, don't plan to vote	1	*	1	*
(VOL.) All	2	1	3	4
(VOL.) None/other	1	*	1	1
Don't know/Refused	2	2	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?]

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Dk/Ref.
09/10 Total	19	30	15	25	11
09/10 RVs	20	29	14	26	10
08/10 Total	19	24	13	32	12
08/10 RVs	18	25	13	34	10
07/10 Total	21	29	10	25	14
06/10 Total	20	28	16	25	10
05/10 Total	14	27	12	32	14
04/10 Total <sup>5</sup>	23	23	10	30	14

<sup>5</sup> 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?)"

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*

	09/10 Total	09/10 RVs	08/10 Total	08/10 RVs	07/10 Total	06/10 Total
The law should be given a chance to work, with Congress making necessary changes along the way	31	30	28	26	21	29
The law should be repealed as soon as possible	65	68	69	71	77	66
Don't know/Refused	3	2	3	3	2	5
	(n=520)	(n=479)	(n=585)	(n=535)	(n=632)	(n=526)

*Based on Total respondents*

	09/10 Total	09/10 RVs	08/10 Total	08/10 RVs	07/10 Total	06/10 Total
Favorable view of health reform	49	49	43	43	50	48
Unfavorable view of health reform	40	41	45	47	35	41
The law should be given a chance to work, with Congress making necessary changes along the way	12	12	13	12	7	12
The law should be repealed as soon as possible	26	27	31	33	27	27
Don't know/Refused as to repeal or not	1	1	1	1	1	2
Don't know/Refused	11	10	12	10	14	10

6. Does the fact that Congress passed health care reform this year make you (READ, ROTATING ITEMS 1 AND 2)

	09/10 Total	09/10 RVs
More likely to turn out to vote than you otherwise would have been	31	32
Less likely to turn out to vote than you otherwise would have been	5	4
Or doesn't it really change your plans for turning out to vote	61	62
(VOL.) Don't vote, not registered to vote, don't plan to vote	2	1
Don't know/Refused	1	1

7. 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					
09/10 Total	32	28	33	-	7
09/10 RVs	32	29	32	-	7
08/10 Total	29	30	36	-	5
07/10 Total	32	29	33	-	6
06/10 Total	28	28	39	-	5
05/10 Total	29	30	32	-	9
04/10 Total	31	32	30	-	8
03/10 Total <sup>6</sup>	35	32	28	2	3
02/10 Total	34	32	26	3	5
01/10 Total	32	33	29	3	4
12/09 Total	35	27	32	3	3
11/09 Total	42	24	27	3	4
10/09 Total	41	27	28	2	3
09/09 Total	42	23	28	4	3
08/09 Total	36	31	27	2	4
07/09 Total	39	21	32	4	3
06/09 Total	39	16	36	3	5
04/09 Total	43	14	36	4	4
02/09 Total	38	11	43	4	3
b. The country as a whole					
09/10 Total	42	34	15	-	9
09/10 RVs	41	35	15	-	8
08/10 Total	39	37	18	-	6
07/10 Total	43	35	15	-	7
06/10 Total	42	32	19	-	6
05/10 Total	43	35	13	-	9
04/10 Total	45	35	11	-	9
03/10 Total	45	34	14	3	4
02/10 Total	45	34	12	4	5
01/10 Total	42	37	12	3	5
12/09 Total	45	31	17	4	3
11/09 Total	54	27	11	3	5
10/09 Total	53	28	12	2	4
09/09 Total	53	26	14	4	4
08/09 Total	45	34	14	3	4
07/09 Total	51	23	16	4	6
06/09 Total	57	16	19	3	5
04/09 Total	56	15	21	3	5
02/09 Total	59	12	19	5	5

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<sup>6</sup> 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?"

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	Better off	Worse off	Not much difference	(VOL.) Depends	Dk/Ref.
c. Seniors, that is those ages 65 and older					
09/10 Total	38	35	18	-	9
09/10 RVs	38	36	17	-	8
07/10 Total	36	36	18	-	10
04/10 Total	36	33	20	-	12
12/09 Total	40	31	21	4	4
11/09 Total	43	29	19	4	6
10/09 Total	44	29	20	2	6
09/09 Total	46	25	20	3	6
d. The Medicare Program					
09/10 Total	31	33	22	-	14
09/10 RVs	30	34	23	-	13
07/10 Total	33	30	22	-	15
08/09 Total	38	30	19	3	10
e. Middle class Americans					
09/10 Total	38	38	18	-	7
09/10 RVs	39	38	16	-	7
04/10 Total	34	36	21	-	8
f. People with pre-existing medical conditions					
09/10 Total	55	23	13	-	8
09/10 RVs	56	24	13	-	8
04/10 Total	65	16	9	-	9
<i>Items g, h based on half sample A (n=566)</i>					
g. Small businesses					
09/10 Total	32	39	20	-	10
09/10 RVs	32	39	19	-	10
04/10 Total	34	39	13	-	14
h. Lower income Americans					
09/10 Total	60	21	14	-	5
09/10 RVs	62	20	14	-	5
04/10 Total	64	19	9	-	8
<i>Items i, j based on half sample B (n=634)</i>					
i. Large businesses					
09/10 Total	24	38	26	-	13
09/10 RVs	23	38	26	-	13
04/10 Total	25	31	28	-	15
j. The uninsured					
09/10 Total	57	20	15	-	8
09/10 RVs	58	18	16	-	8
04/10 Total	67	15	10	-	8



8. Overall, which party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans), do you trust to do a better job handling (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) going forward? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES ACROSS INTERVIEWS, BUT NOT WITHIN SAME INTERVIEW) [READ IF NECESSARY: “Which party, the (Democrats) or (Republicans), do you trust to do a better job handling (INSERT ITEM) going forward?”]

		Democrats	Republicans	(VOL.) Both	(VOL.) Neither	DK/Ref.
a.	Health care reform					
	09/10 Total	49	32	2	11	5
	09/10 RVs	49	33	2	11	5
b.	Medicare					
	09/10 Total	48	32	2	13	5
	09/10 RVs	48	32	2	13	5

9. Which party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans), would you say has done more to (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES ACROSS INTERVIEWS, BUT NOT WITHIN SAME INTERVIEW) [READ IF NECESSARY: “Which party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans), would you say has done more to (INSERT ITEM)?”]

		Democrats	Republicans	(VOL.) Both	(VOL.) Neither	DK/Ref.
a.	Make health care and health insurance more affordable					
	09/10 Total	53	23	3	13	8
	09/10 RVs	53	23	3	14	7
b.	Make sure that Americans who don't currently have health insurance get it					
	09/10 Total	64	17	3	9	8
	09/10 RVs	66	16	3	8	7
c.	Lower the total amount the country spends on health care					
	09/10 Total	42	31	2	14	11
	09/10 RVs	43	31	2	13	10
d.	Lower the federal budget deficit					
	09/10 Total	37	35	3	16	8
	09/10 RVs	37	36	3	17	7

10. If the Republicans take control of Congress from the Democrats this November, do you think the actions they would take on health care reform would make the nation's health care system (better), (worse), or wouldn't have much effect? [ROTATE VERBIAGE IN PARENTHESES]

	09/10 Total	09/10 RVs
Better	31	32
Worse	36	36
Wouldn't have much effect	26	27
(VOL.) They wouldn't take on health reform	1	1
Don't know/Refused	5	5

11. 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.
<b>a. Confused</b>			
09/10 Total	53	45	2
09/10 RVs	51	47	2
08/10 Total	45	55	1
07/10 Total	43	55	2
06/10 Total	42	57	1
05/10 Total	44	54	2
04/10 Total	55	45	1
12/09 Total <sup>7</sup>	48	52	*
10/09 Total	49	50	1
09/09 Total	48	51	1
08/09 Total	46	53	2
<b>b. Pleased</b>			
09/10 Total	40	56	4
09/10 RVs	40	55	4
08/10 Total	37	60	3
07/10 Total	42	54	4
06/10 Total	41	55	4
05/10 Total	39	57	4
04/10 Total	45	52	3
<b>c. Angry</b>			
09/10 Total	32	66	2
09/10 RVs	34	65	2
08/10 Total	31	67	1
07/10 Total	28	70	2
06/10 Total	31	67	2
05/10 Total	30	69	2
04/10 Total	30	69	1
12/09 Total	35	64	1
10/09 Total	40	59	1
09/09 Total	31	67	1
<b>d. Disappointed</b>			
09/10 Total	48	48	3
09/10 RVs	49	48	3
08/10 Total	51	46	2
07/10 Total	42	55	3
06/10 Total	48	50	3
05/10 Total	45	53	2
04/10 Total	45	52	3
<b>e. Enthusiastic</b>			
09/10 Total	30	67	3
09/10 RVs	29	68	2
08/10 Total	30	69	1

<sup>7</sup> 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.”

12. 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*

	09/10 Total	09/10 RVs	08/10 Total	08/10 RVs
Angry about health reform in particular	20	20	13	13
Angry about the general direction in Washington and health reform is one of many things upsetting you	77	77	84	84
Don't know/Refused	3 (n=404)	3 (n=379)	3 (n=419)	2 (n=392)

*Based on Total respondents*

	09/10 Total	09/10 RVs	08/10 Total	08/10 RVs
(NET) Angry	32	34	31	34
Angry about health reform in particular	6	7	4	5
Angry about the general direction in Washington and health reform is one of many things upsetting you	25	26	26	29
Don't know/Refused	1	1	1	1
Do not feel angry about health reform/Undetermined view	68	66	69	66

13. 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?

	09/10 Total	09/10 RVs	08/10 Total	08/10 RVs	06/10 Total	06/10 RVs
Much more likely to support	22	22	18	18	18	19
Somewhat more likely to support	13	14	12	13	16	16
Somewhat more likely to oppose	7	7	7	8	8	8
Much more likely to oppose	19	21	24	26	23	24
Wouldn't it make much difference in your vote	35	34	35	33	32	31
(VOL.) Don't vote, not registered to vote, don't plan to vote	1	*	1	*	1	*
Don't know/Refused	3	3	3	2	3	2

14. Which comes closest to describing the importance of a candidate's position on health reform to your vote choice: Will a candidate's position on health reform (READ, ROTATING ITEMS 1-4, 4 TO 1):

	09/10 Total	09/10 RVs
Be the deciding factor in your vote	10	10
Be a major factor in determining your vote	42	45
Be a minor factor (or)	31	31
Not be very important in determining your vote	13	12
(VOL.) Don't vote, not registered to vote, don't plan to vote	1	*
Don't know/Refused	2	2

15. With the new health reform law, do you think it will be (easier), (harder) or about the same as it is now for the average person on Medicare to get the health care services they need? [ROTATE VERBIAGE IN PARENTHESES]

	09/10 Total	09/10 RVs	07/10 Total
Easier	33	33	28
Harder	35	35	39
Same as it is now	25	25	27
Don't know/Refused	7	7	5

16. I'm going to read you a list of specific ways the new health reform law may or may not impact Medicare. For each, please tell me if you think it is something the law does or does not do. First, to the best of your knowledge, would you say the new law does or does not (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? Would you say the law does or does not (INSERT NEXT ITEM)?

*Based on those age 65 or older (n=263)*

		Yes, law does this	No, law does not do this	Dk/Ref.
a. Gradually close the Medicare prescription drug "doughnut hole" or "coverage gap" so people on Medicare will no longer be required to pay the full cost of their medications when they reach the gap	Seniors 09/10	43	27	30
	Seniors 07/10	50	25	24
b. Eliminate co-pays and deductibles that people previously had to pay for many preventive services under Medicare	Seniors 09/10	27	42	31
	Seniors 07/10	33	45	22
c. Reduce Medicare payments to private plans, also known as Medicare Advantage plans, that provide coverage to some people on Medicare	Seniors 09/10	41	25	34
	Seniors 07/10	42	31	27
d. Increase the premiums some higher income people on Medicare pay to receive coverage for doctor visits and prescription drugs	Seniors 09/10	48	27	25
	Seniors 07/10	52	28	20
e. Increase the Medicare payroll tax on earnings for upper income Americans	Seniors 09/10	46	25	29
	Seniors 07/10	56	25	19
f. Limit future increases in Medicare payments to health care providers such as hospitals and home health agencies	Seniors 09/10	47	27	26
	Seniors 07/10	44	37	19
g. Provide a bonus to physicians who provide primary care services to people on Medicare	Seniors 09/10	24	41	36
	Seniors 07/10	26	44	30
h. Cut benefits that were previously provided to all people on Medicare	Seniors 09/10	38	37	25
	Seniors 07/10	50	34	16

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		Yes, law does this	No, law does not do this	Dk/Ref.
i. Allow a government panel to make decisions about end-of-life care for people on Medicare	Seniors 09/10	30	48	22
	Seniors 07/10	36	48	17
j. Cut payments to doctors who see Medicare patients	Seniors 09/10	39	35	25
	Seniors 07/10	52	32	17

17. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	09/10	02/08	10/06
Excellent	2	1	8
Good	17	20	32
Not so good	40	44	39
Poor	40	34	22
Don't know/Refused	1	1	1

18. For each of the following, please tell me whether it is a major reason, a minor reason or not a reason why you rate the economy as (IF Q17=3: not so good/IF Q17=4: poor). (First/Next)... (READ AND RANDOMIZE)? READ IF NECESSARY: Is this a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason you rate the economy as (IF Q17=3: not so good/ IF Q17=4: poor)?

*Based on those who describe the economy as "not so good" or "poor" (n=977)*

		Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason	Dk/Ref.
a. The cost of health care	09/10	65	25	8	1
	02/08 <sup>8</sup>	69	23	7	1
	10/06	83	11	4	2
b. The cost of education	09/10	52	33	15	1
	02/08	52	34	11	3
	10/06	65	24	9	2
c. The state of the housing market	09/10	66	24	9	1
	02/08	69	21	6	3
	10/06	39	38	19	4
d. The state of the federal budget deficit and national debt	09/10	78	15	5	2
	02/08 <sup>9</sup>	74	16	6	4
	10/06	69	17	9	4
e. The cost of living in general	09/10	69	22	8	*
	02/08	75	20	4	1
	10/06	77	17	5	1
f. The unemployment rate	09/10	92	5	1	1
g. The state of the stock market	09/10	45	35	15	5
	02/08	42	33	14	11
	10/06	20	41	25	14

<sup>8</sup> February 2008 trend wording for this item was "The cost of health care and health insurance"

<sup>9</sup> Trend wording before September 2010 for this item was "The federal budget deficit"

19. You named several things as major reasons why you think the economy is not doing well. If you had to choose, which of these would you say is the MAIN influence on your judgment of the economy? Is it... (READ ITEMS RATED MAJOR REASONS IN Q18 IN SAME ORDER)?<sup>10</sup>

*Based on those who describe the economy as "not so good" or "poor" (n=977)*

	09/10
The unemployment rate	41
The state of the federal budget deficit and national debt	23
The cost of living in general	17
The state of the housing market	6
The cost of health care	6
The state of the stock market	2
The cost of education	2
None rated a major reason	2
Don't know/Refused	2

*Based on total*

	09/10
Economy "excellent" or "good"	19
Economy "not so good" or "poor"	80
The unemployment rate	33
The state of the federal budget deficit and national debt	18
The cost of living in general	13
The state of the housing market	5
The cost of health care	4
The state of the stock market	2
The cost of education	1
None rated a major reason	1
Don't know/Refused	2
Don't know state of economy	1

<sup>10</sup> Question only asked of respondents who named more than one reason; table also includes those who named only one or no item as a major reason for their view of the economy, and thus is based on those who describe the economy as "not so good" or "poor".

## 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	48
	Female	52
D2.	In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, only fair, or poor?	
	Excellent	26
	Very good	31
	Good	29
	Only fair	10
	Poor	3
	Don't know/Refused	*
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	9
	Full-time for an employer	42
	Part-time for an employer	9
	Retired	21
	Not employed	14
	Homemaker (VOL.)	2
	Student (VOL.)	1
	Disabled (VOL.)	2
	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	81
	Not covered by health insurance	18
	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)	
	<b>Based on those who have health insurance (n=1,019)</b>	
	Plan through your/your spouse's employer	56
	Plan you purchased yourself	12
	Medicare	20
	Medicaid/Medi-CAL	4
	Some other government program	4
	Somewhere else (SPECIFY)	3
	Don't know/Refused	*

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	18
30-49	38
50-64	26
65 and older	17
Don't know/Refused	*

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

Republican	26
Democrat	38
Independent	29
Or what ( <i>Other</i> and <i>None</i> included here)	4
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	51
Other/Don't lean/Don't know	13

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Democrat	38
Independent Lean Democratic	13
Independent/Don't lean	10
Independent Lean Republican	10
Republican	26
Don't know/Refused	3

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

Liberal	21
Moderate	40
Conservative	35
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	87
No	12
Don't know/Refused	1

D10b. Thinking ahead to November, do you yourself plan to vote in the Congressional election this November, or not?

**Based on registered voters (n=1,081)**

Yes, I plan to vote	94
No, I don't plan to vote	3
Don't know/Refused	3

D10c. How certain are you that you will vote? Are you absolutely certain, fairly certain, or not certain?

**Based on registered voters who plan to vote in congressional election (n=1,027)**

Absolutely certain	81
Fairly certain	17
Not certain	2
Don't know/Refused	*

D10/D10b/D10c. Summary table based on Total

Yes, registered to vote	87
Plan to vote in Congressional election	82
Absolutely certain	66
Fairly certain	14
Not certain	2
Don't know how certain	*
Don't plan to vote	3
Don't know if plan to vote	3
No, not registered to vote	12
Don't know/Refused	1

D10d. Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or not?

Yes, supporter of Tea Party movement	25
No, not a supporter of Tea Party movement	62
Don't know/Refused	13

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)	7
	High school graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)	30
	Technical, trade or vocational school AFTER high school	5
	Some college, no four-year degree (includes associate degree)	25
	College graduate (B.S., B.A., or other four-year degree)	20
	Post-graduate or professional schooling after college (e.g., toward a Master's degree or Ph.D; law or medical school)	9
	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	70
	Total non-White	29
	Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	11
	Hispanic	13
	Asian, non-Hispanic	2
	Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	2
	Undesignated	2
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	17
	\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	12
	\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	12
	\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	10
	\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	14
	\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	9
	\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	3
	\$100,000 or more	9
	Don't know/Refused	14

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

Trend Information:

- 08/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (August 16-22, 2010)
- 07/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (July 8-13, 2010)
- 06/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (June 17-22, 2010)
- 05/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (May 11-16, 2010)
- 04/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (April 9-14, 2010)
- 03/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (March 10-15, 2010)
- 02/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (February 11-15, 2010)
- 01/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (January 7-12, 2010)
- 12/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (December 7-13, 2009)
- 11/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (November 5-12, 2009)
- 10/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (October 8-15, 2009)
- 09/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (September 11-18, 2009)
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