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Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: April 2011

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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 Liz Hamel, Sarah Cho, and Theresa Boston. The survey was conducted April 7 through April 12, 2011 (just after Paul Ryan's budget plan was released, but before President Obama's April 13 national address on the budget), among a nationally representative random sample of 1,207 adults ages 18 and older. Telephone interviews conducted by landline (803) and cell phone (404, including 190 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by Princeton Survey Research Associates.

The margin of sampling error 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. As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law early last year. Given what you know about the 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 | Don't know/ Refused |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 04/11 | 20 | 21 | 14 | 27 | 18 |
| 03/11 | 21 | 21 | 15 | 31 | 13 |
| 02/11 | 16 | 27 | 19 | 29 | 8 |
| 01/11 | 19 | 22 | 16 | 34 | 9 |
| 12/10 | 22 | 20 | 14 | 27 | 18 |
| 11/10 | 19 | 23 | 12 | 28 | 18 |
| 10/10 | 18 | 24 | 15 | 29 | 15 |
| 09/10 | 19 | 30 | 15 | 25 | 11 |
| 08/10 | 19 | 24 | 13 | 32 | 12 |
| 07/10 | 21 | 29 | 10 | 25 | 14 |
| 06/10 | 20 | 28 | 16 | 25 | 10 |
| 05/10 | 14 | 27 | 12 | 32 | 14 |
| 04/10 ¹ | 23 | 23 | 10 | 30 | 14 |

2. Do you think (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) will be (better off) or (worse off) under the 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 health reform law, or don't you think it will make much difference?"]

| | Better off | Worse off | Not much difference | (Vol.) Depends | Don't know/ Refused |
|------------------------|------------|-----------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| a. You and your family | | | | | |
| 04/11 | 27 | 28 | 37 | -- | 8 |
| 03/11 | 26 | 30 | 39 | -- | 5 |
| 02/11 | 28 | 31 | 38 | -- | 3 |
| 01/11 | 20 | 32 | 44 | -- | 4 |
| 12/10 | 32 | 33 | 28 | -- | 7 |
| 11/10 | 25 | 31 | 34 | -- | 9 |
| 10/10 | 31 | 29 | 32 | -- | 7 |
| 09/10 | 32 | 28 | 33 | -- | 7 |
| 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 ² | 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 |

Q2. continued on next page

¹ 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?)"

² February 2009 through March 2010 trend wording 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?"

Q2. continued

| | Better off | Worse off | Not much difference | (Vol.) Depends | Don't know/Refused |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| b. The country as a whole | | | | | |
| 04/11 | 39 | 35 | 18 | -- | 9 |
| 03/11 | 38 | 35 | 19 | -- | 7 |
| 02/11 | 37 | 39 | 19 | -- | 5 |
| 01/11 | 34 | 38 | 22 | -- | 5 |
| 12/10 | 40 | 37 | 15 | -- | 8 |
| 11/10 | 38 | 36 | 16 | -- | 10 |
| 10/10 | 39 | 34 | 18 | -- | 9 |
| 09/10 | 42 | 34 | 15 | -- | 9 |
| 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 |
| c. The Medicare Program | | | | | |
| 04/11 | 28 | 31 | 21 | -- | 20 |
| 03/11 | 26 | 33 | 22 | -- | 19 |
| 02/11 | 24 | 35 | 29 | -- | 12 |
| 01/11 | 24 | 36 | 25 | -- | 15 |
| 12/10 | 28 | 34 | 19 | -- | 19 |
| 10/10 | 31 | 32 | 19 | -- | 18 |
| 09/10 | 31 | 33 | 22 | -- | 14 |
| 07/10 | 33 | 30 | 22 | -- | 15 |
| 08/09 | 38 | 30 | 19 | 3 | 10 |

3. In the long run, do you think the health reform law is more likely to (create jobs) or (cut the number of jobs in the country), or don't you think it will make much difference? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

| | 04/11 |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Create jobs | 27 |
| Cut jobs | 28 |
| It won't make much difference | 35 |
| Don't know/Refused | 10 |

4. What would you like to see Congress do when it comes to the health care law? (READ LIST. ROTATE 1-4, 4-1. ENTER ONE ONLY)

| | 04/11 | 03/11 | 02/11 | 01/11 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| They should expand the law | 33 | 30 | 30 | 28 |
| They should keep the law as is | 19 | 21 | 20 | 19 |
| They should repeal the law and replace it with a Republican-sponsored alternative | 15 | 18 | 19 | 23 |
| They should repeal the law and not replace it | 20 | 21 | 20 | 20 |
| Don't know/Refused | 14 | 10 | 10 | 10 |

5. Some lawmakers who oppose the health reform law say that if Congress isn't able to repeal the law, they should try to stop it from being put into place by cutting off funding to implement it. Whether or not you like the health reform law, would you say you approve or disapprove of cutting off funding as a way to stop some or all of health reform from being put into place?

| | 04/11 | 03/11 | 02/11 | 01/11 |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Approve of cutting off funding | 30 | 30 | 34 | 33 |
| Disapprove of cutting off funding | 64 | 64 | 61 | 62 |
| Don't know/Refused | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 |

6. Next, thinking about Medicare, the government health program for people 65 and older and certain people with long-term disabilities, how important is the Medicare program for you and your family? Is it very important for you and your family, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

| | 04/11 | 01/11 | 04/09 ³ |
|----------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|
| Very important | 61 | 55 | 53 |
| Somewhat important | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| Not too important | 9 | 11 | 11 |
| Not at all important | 8 | 11 | 12 |
| Don't know/Refused | 1 | 1 | 1 |

7. How concerned are you that the Medicare benefits seniors have today will not be available for you when you retire? Would you say you are very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?

Based on those who are 18-64 years old

| | 04/11 | 01/11 | 04/09 | 06/03 ⁴ |
|----------------------|---------|-----------|---------|--------------------|
| Very concerned | 57 | 57 | 58 | 58 |
| Somewhat concerned | 28 | 25 | 27 | 27 |
| Not too concerned | 9 | 10 | 9 | 7 |
| Not at all concerned | 5 | 7 | 5 | 7 |
| Don't know/Refused | 1 | 1 | * | 1 |
| | (n=880) | (n=1,137) | (n=869) | (n=1,066) |

8. How concerned are you, if at all, about the size of the federal budget deficit – very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned or not concerned at all?

| | 04/11 | 01/11 |
|----------------------|-------|-------|
| Very concerned | 66 | 64 |
| Somewhat concerned | 22 | 24 |
| Not too concerned | 6 | 7 |
| Not at all concerned | 4 | 5 |
| Don't know/Refused | 1 | * |

9. Which of the following would you prefer to see the next Congress do about the federal budget deficit? (ROTATE 1-2; ALWAYS READ 3 LAST)

| | 04/11 | 01/11 |
|---|-------|-------|
| Attempt to reduce the deficit mainly through increasing taxes | 19 | 14 |
| Attempt to reduce the deficit mainly by reducing spending on government programs and services | 53 | 57 |
| Not take any action to reduce the deficit now | 11 | 19 |
| Combination of tax increases and reduced spending (Vol.) | 9 | 5 |
| Don't know/Refused | 9 | 5 |

³ April 2009 trend wording was "How important for you and your family is Medicare? Is it very important for you and your family, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?"

⁴ June 2003 trend based on those who said Medicare is not their main source of health insurance.

10. If Congress decides to reduce the deficit by reducing federal spending, I'd like to know in which areas you would be willing to see spending reduced. For each area I name, please tell me if you would support major spending reductions, minor spending reductions or no reductions at all as a way to reduce the federal deficit. First, to reduce the deficit would you support major reductions, minor reductions, or no reductions to spending on (INSERT)? How about (INSERT)? (IF NECESSARY: To reduce the deficit, would you support major reductions, minor reductions, or no reductions to spending on (INSERT))?

Items a-d based on total

Items e, g, i, k, m based on half sample a (n=597)

Items f, h, j, l, n based on half sample b (n=610)

| | | Major reductions | Minor reductions | No reductions | Don't know/Refused |
|--|--------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| a. Medicare | 04/11 | 10 | 32 | 57 | 2 |
| | 01/11 | 8 | 35 | 56 | 1 |
| b. Social Security | 04/11 | 9 | 27 | 62 | 1 |
| | 01/11 | 8 | 27 | 64 | 1 |
| c. Medicaid | 04/11 | 12 | 35 | 50 | 3 |
| | 01/11 | 13 | 39 | 47 | 1 |
| d. Expansion of insurance coverage under the health reform law | 04/11 | 29 | 32 | 31 | 8 |
| | 01/11 | 29 | 40 | 26 | 4 |
| e. Funding for the conflict in Afghanistan | 04/11 | 48 | 28 | 20 | 4 |
| | 01/11 | 43 | 31 | 23 | 2 |
| f. Defense | 04/11 | 22 | 40 | 35 | 3 |
| | 01/11 ⁵ | 21 | 40 | 38 | 1 |
| g. Unemployment insurance | 04/11 | 21 | 41 | 36 | 2 |
| | 01/11 | 20 | 41 | 37 | 2 |
| h. Food stamps | 04/11 | 22 | 39 | 37 | 2 |
| | 01/11 | 23 | 41 | 35 | 1 |
| i. Public education | 04/11 | 13 | 24 | 62 | 1 |
| | 01/11 | 13 | 24 | 63 | * |
| j. Salaries and benefits for federal government workers | 04/11 | 38 | 34 | 25 | 4 |
| | 01/11 | 41 | 43 | 15 | 1 |
| k. Aid to farmers | 04/11 | 21 | 46 | 29 | 4 |
| | 01/11 | 18 | 44 | 36 | 1 |
| l. Foreign aid | 04/11 | 56 | 30 | 11 | 3 |
| | 01/11 | 52 | 36 | 11 | 1 |
| m. Biomedical research | 04/11 | 23 | 45 | 27 | 5 |
| n. Clean energy | 04/11 | 28 | 36 | 35 | 2 |

⁵ January 2011 item wording was "National defense".

11. In order to help reduce the federal budget deficit, would you favor or oppose slowing the rate of growth in Medicare spending?

| | 04/11 | 11/06 |
|--------------------|-------|-------|
| Favor | 52 | 35 |
| Oppose | 39 | 56 |
| Don't know/Refused | 9 | 9 |

Q12 and Q13 asked together for each item

12. Thinking about proposals to change the Medicare program, how familiar are you with the term (INSERT, ROTATE)? Do you know what this term means, have you heard of it, but are not sure what it means, or have you never heard of the term (INSERT) when it comes to Medicare?

| | Know what term means | Heard but not sure of meaning | Never heard | Don't know/Refused |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| a. Premium support | 12 | 28 | 58 | 2 |
| b. Voucher | 30 | 36 | 32 | 2 |

13. And still thinking in the context of Medicare, do you have a positive or negative reaction to the word (INSERT ITEM FROM Q12)? (If positive/negative: Is that very positive/negative, or somewhat positive/negative?)

| | Very positive | Somewhat positive | Somewhat negative | Very negative | (Vol.) Neutral | Don't know/Refused |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|
| a. Premium support | 7 | 24 | 16 | 8 | 25 | 21 |
| b. Voucher | 10 | 23 | 19 | 12 | 22 | 14 |

14. Which of these two descriptions comes closer to your view of what Medicare should look like in the future? (READ AND ROTATE)

Based on half sample a (n=597)

| | 04/11 |
|--|-------|
| OPTION A: Medicare should continue as it is today, with the government providing health insurance and guaranteeing the same set of benefits to everyone enrolled in the program | 49 |
| OPTION B: Medicare should be changed to a system in which people choose their insurance from a list of private health plans that may offer different benefits at different premium amounts, and the government pays a fixed amount towards that cost | 49 |
| Other (Vol.) | 1 |
| Don't know/Refused | 2 |

15. Which of these two descriptions comes closer to your view of what Medicare should look like in the future? (READ AND ROTATE)

Based on half sample b (n=610)

| | 04/11 |
|---|-------|
| OPTION A: Medicare should continue as it is today, with the government providing health insurance and guaranteeing the same set of benefits to everyone enrolled in the program | 50 |
| OPTION B: Medicare should be changed to a system in which people choose their insurance from a list of private health plans that may offer different benefits at different premium amounts, and the government pays a fixed amount, sometimes called a voucher, towards that cost | 43 |
| Other (Vol.) | 2 |
| Don't know/Refused | 5 |

Summary of Q14 and Q15 based on total

| | 04/11 |
|---|-------|
| Medicare should continue as it is today | 50 |
| Medicare should be changed | 46 |
| Other (Vol.) | 1 |
| Don't know/Refused | 3 |

16. Those who want to change Medicare say it will help reduce the federal budget deficit and save Medicare for future generations by encouraging private health plans to compete for seniors' business and allowing seniors to choose plans based on cost and quality. After hearing this argument, would you still prefer to keep Medicare as it is today, or would you now prefer changing it to a system in which the government pays a fixed amount toward the cost of private health plans?

Based on those who want to keep Medicare as is (n=620)

| | 04/11 |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Still prefer to keep Medicare as is | 78 |
| Now prefer changing it | 17 |
| Don't know/Refused | 5 |

Summary of Q14, Q15, and Q16 based on total

| | 04/11 |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Still prefer to keep Medicare as is | 39 |
| Prefer changing it | 54 |
| Originally | 46 |
| Once heard argument | 8 |
| Other (Vol.) | 1 |
| Don't know/Refused | 6 |

17. Opponents of this change say it will eliminate traditional Medicare, put private insurance companies in charge of the health benefits people on Medicare receive, and cause seniors to pay more for their health care or get fewer benefits. After hearing this argument, would you still prefer to change Medicare to a system in which the government pays a fixed amount toward the cost of private health plans, or would you now prefer to keep Medicare as it is today?

Based on those who want to change Medicare (n=528)

| | 04/11 |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Still prefer to change Medicare | 52 |
| Now prefer to keep Medicare as is | 42 |
| Don't know/Refused | 6 |

Summary of Q14, Q15, and Q17 based on total

| | 04/11 |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Still prefer to change Medicare | 24 |
| Prefer to keep it as is | 68 |
| Originally | 50 |
| Once heard argument | 19 |
| Other (Vol.) | 1 |
| Don't know/Refused | 6 |

18. I'm going to read you some other changes to the Medicare program that have been proposed as ways to reduce the federal budget deficit. Please tell me whether you would generally favor or oppose each one. (First/Next) would you favor or oppose (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE, ALWAYS ASK ITEMS B AND C TOGETHER, IN RANDOM ORDER) as a way to reduce the federal deficit? GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that strongly favor/oppose or somewhat favor/oppose?

| | Strongly favor | Somewhat favor | Somewhat oppose | Strongly oppose | Don't know/Refused |
|--|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| a. Gradually raising the age of eligibility for Medicare from 65 to 67 for future retirees | 24 | 23 | 16 | 35 | 3 |
| b. Requiring all seniors to pay higher Medicare premiums | 4 | 9 | 25 | 59 | 3 |
| c. Requiring only higher income seniors to pay higher Medicare premiums | 27 | 27 | 16 | 26 | 3 |
| d. Requiring drug companies to give a discount on their prices in order to participate in the Medicare program | 61 | 22 | 7 | 6 | 3 |

19. As a way to reduce the federal deficit, some policymakers have proposed setting a limit, or cap, on the amount of money the federal government spends on Medicare and other health care programs. Would you favor or oppose such a plan? GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that strongly favor/oppose or somewhat favor/oppose?

| | 04/11 |
|--------------------|-------|
| Strongly favor | 14 |
| Somewhat favor | 26 |
| Somewhat oppose | 24 |
| Strongly oppose | 31 |
| Don't know/Refused | 6 |

20. What if this meant that seniors, low-income people, and others covered by federal health programs would have to pay more for their health care in the future, and some may have to go without care they can't afford? Would you still favor setting a cap on federal health spending, or would you now oppose it?

Based on those who favor setting a cap on federal health spending (n=459)

| | 04/11 |
|--|-------|
| Still favor setting a cap on federal health spending | 49 |
| Now oppose setting a cap on federal health spending | 47 |
| Don't know/Refused | 4 |

Summary of Q19 and Q20 based on total

| | 04/11 |
|--|-------|
| Still favor setting a cap on federal health spending | 19 |
| Oppose setting a cap on federal health spending | 73 |
| Originally | 55 |
| Once heard argument | 19 |
| Don't know/Refused | 7 |

21. What if this meant that health care costs would continue to consume a growing share of the federal budget and add to future deficits, shifting the financial burden to future generations? Would you still oppose setting a cap on federal health spending, or would you now favor it?

Based on those who oppose setting a cap on federal health spending (n=680)

| | 04/11 |
|---|-------|
| Still oppose setting a cap on federal health spending | 69 |
| Now favor setting a cap on federal health spending | 22 |
| Don't know/Refused | 9 |

Summary of Q19 and Q21 based on total

| | 04/11 |
|---|-------|
| Still oppose setting a cap on federal health spending | 38 |
| Favor setting a cap on federal health spending | 52 |
| Originally | 40 |
| Once heard argument | 12 |
| Don't know/Refused | 10 |

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 | 22 |
| | Very good | 34 |
| | Good | 27 |
| | Only fair | 12 |
| | Poor | 5 |
| | Don't know/Refused | * |
| D3. | What best describes your employment situation today? (READ IN ORDER) | |
| | Employed full-time | 44 |
| | Employed part-time | 11 |
| | Unemployed and currently seeking employment | 6 |
| | Unemployed and not seeking employment | 2 |
| | A student | 5 |
| | Retired | 18 |
| | On disability and can't work | 7 |
| | Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent? | 6 |
| | 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 | 82 |
| | Not covered by health insurance | 18 |
| | Don't know/Refused | * |
| 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? | |
| | <i>Based on those who are insured (n=1,031)</i> | |
| | Plan through your/your spouse's employer | 53 |
| | Plan you purchased yourself | 11 |
| | Medicare | 19 |
| | Medicaid/Medi-CAL | 5 |
| | Some other government program | 6 |
| | Somewhere else (SPECIFY) | 4 |
| | Don't know/Refused | 1 |
| D4b. | [IF NOT INSURED OR DID NOT NAME MEDICARE IN D4a] Do you or does anyone else in your household currently get any of your health care coverage from Medicare? | |
| | Summary of D4, D4a and D4b based on total | |
| | Medicare household | 33 |
| | Not Medicare household | 67 |

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 | 20 |
| 30-49 | 34 |
| 50-64 | 28 |
| 65 and older | 18 |
| Don't know/Refused | * |

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

| | |
|---|----|
| Republican | 21 |
| Democrat | 33 |
| Independent | 37 |
| Or what (<i>Other</i> and <i>None</i> included here) | 5 |
| Don't know/Refused | 3 |

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

D8/D8a. Combo Table based on total

| | |
|-----------------------------|----|
| Republican/Lean Republican | 34 |
| Democrat/Lean Democratic | 49 |
| Other/Don't lean/Don't know | 17 |

Five-Point Party ID

| | |
|-----------------------------|----|
| Democrat | 33 |
| Independent Lean Democratic | 15 |
| Independent/Don't lean | 17 |
| Independent Lean Republican | 13 |
| Republican | 21 |
| Undesignated | 1 |

D8b. Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or not?

| | |
|---|----|
| Yes, supporter of Tea Party movement | 23 |
| No, not a supporter of Tea Party movement | 69 |
| Don't know/Refused | 8 |

D9. Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you currently registered to vote at your present address?

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Yes | 80 |
| No | 19 |
| Don't know/Refused | 1 |

D10. How often would you say you vote...always, nearly always, part of the time, or seldom?

Based on registered voters (n=1,018)

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Always | 56 |
| Nearly always | 27 |
| Part of the time | 10 |
| Seldom | 4 |
| Never vote (Vol.) | 2 |
| Other (Vol.) | * |
| Don't know/Refused | * |

Summary of D9 and D10 based on total

| | |
|-------------------------|----|
| Yes, registered to vote | 80 |
| Always | 45 |
| Nearly always | 22 |
| Part of the time | 8 |
| Seldom | 4 |
| Never vote (Vol.) | 1 |
| Other (Vol.) | * |
| Don't know how often | * |
| No, not registered | 19 |
| 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) | 8 |
| High school graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate) | 32 |
| Technical, trade or vocational school AFTER high school | 4 |
| Some college, no four-year degree (includes associate degree) | 24 |
| 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 |
| 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 | 13 |
| Asian, non-Hispanic | 3 |
| Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic | 1 |
| Undesignated | 2 |

D14. Last year – that is, in 2010 – 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 | 15 |
| \$20,000 to less than \$30,000 | 11 |
| \$30,000 to less than \$40,000 | 11 |
| \$40,000 to less than \$50,000 | 11 |
| \$50,000 to less than \$75,000 | 13 |
| \$75,000 to less than \$90,000 | 7 |
| \$90,000 to less than \$100,000 | 4 |
| \$100,000 or more | 13 |
| Don't know/Refused | 14 |

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

TREND INFORMATION:

- 03/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (March 8-13, 2011)
- 02/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (February 8-13, 2011)
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