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## ***Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: February 2012***

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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 February 13-19, 2012, among a nationally representative sample of 1,519 adults ages 18 and older living in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii (note: persons without a telephone could not be included in the random selection process). Computer-assisted telephone interviews conducted by landline (1,037) and cell phone (482, including 268 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by Braun Research, Inc. under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI).

The bulk of the interviews were conducted with respondents from random digit dial (RDD) landline (N=951) and cell phone (N=468) samples. Both the landline and cell phone RDD samples were provided by Survey Sampling International, LLC to PSRAI. For the landline RDD sample, respondents were selected by asking for the youngest adult male or female currently at home based on a random rotation. If no one of that gender was available, interviewers asked to speak with the youngest adult of the opposite gender. For the cell phone sample, interviews were conducted with the person who answered the phone. In order to obtain additional interviews with seniors, an additional 100 interviews (86 landline, 14 cell) were conducted with respondents ages 65+ who previously completed Kaiser Family Foundation surveys between December 2010 and March 2011. The previous surveys were also conducted with RDD samples that used similar methodology to the current survey.

The combined RDD landline, RDD cell phone, and callback sample was weighted to balance the sample demographics to match census estimates for the national population data from the Census Bureau's 2011 Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC) on sex, age, education, race, Hispanic origin, and region along with data from the 2000 Census on population density. The sample was also weighted to match current patterns of telephone use using data from the January-June 2011 National Health Interview Survey. The weight takes into account the fact that respondents with both a landline and cell phone have a higher probability of selection in the combined sample and also adjusts for the household size for the landline sample. All statistical tests of significance account for the effect of weighting. Weighted and unweighted values for key demographic variables are shown in the table below.

<u>Sample Demographics</u>			
		Unweighted	Weighted
<u>Gender</u>			
	Male	50.6%	49.5%
	Female	49.4%	50.5%
<u>Age</u>			
	18-24	6.8%	12.8%
	25-34	9.2%	15.7%
	35-44	11.7%	17.9%
	45-54	18.7%	18.1%
	55-64	20.5%	16.5%
	65+	31.1%	17.1%
<u>Education</u>			
	Less than high school	6.8%	11.7%
	High school graduate	30.1%	34.5%
	Some college	24.5%	24.7%
	College graduate	38.0%	28.6%
<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>			
	White, non-Hispanic	75.0%	67.5%
	Black, non-Hispanic	8.8%	10.9%
	Hispanic	11.0%	14.2%
	Other	1.6%	6.1%
<u>Party identification</u>			
	Republican	26.8%	25.3%
	Democrat	32.7%	32.5%
	Independent	34.8%	35.7%
	Other/No answer	5.8%	6.5%

See table below for information on the margin of sampling error including the design effect. For results based on subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Sample sizes and margin of sampling errors for other subgroups are available by request. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

Population	Number interviewed	Margin of sampling error
Full sample	1,519	± 3 percentage points
Women	750	± 4 percentage points
Seniors (age 65 or older)	482	± 5 percentage points

The response rate calculated based on the American Association of Public Opinion Research's Response Rate 3 formula was 26 percent for the landline RDD sample, 20 percent for the cell phone RDD sample, and 20 percent for the callback sample.

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 about the campaign for the presidential election in November, what two issues would you most like to hear the presidential candidates talk about? IF RESPONDENT GIVES ONE ISSUE PROBE FOR SECOND: Is there another issue you'd like to hear about? (OPEN-ENDED. RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE IN ORDER OF MENTION. ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES)

	02/12
Economy/Jobs (NET)	60
Economy	35
Jobs/Unemployment	32
Moving jobs from overseas	1
Health care (NET)	22
Health care	15
Health reform/Obamacare	3
Health insurance	3
Medicare	1
Medicaid	*
Debt/Deficit/Budget/Government spending	12
Education	8
Taxes	8
Immigration/Border control	7
Security/War (NET)	6
Wars/Afghanistan/Military/Vets/Troops/Defense/Peace	5
National security	1
Foreign Policy (NET)	6
Foreign affairs/foreign aid/Foreign policy	4
Iran	1
Middle East	*
Israel	*
Social issues (NET)	5
Social issues – general or other	2
Abortion	1
Gay marriage	1
Morals/Values	1
Social security	3
Election related (Get rid of Obama/Republican primaries)	3
Smaller government/Less partisan/Reduce corruption/Fix Congress	3
Crime/violence	2
Gas/oil prices	2
Housing/mortgages	2
Environment/Energy (NET)	2
Energy/Oil	1
Environment/Climate change	1
Other entitlements (welfare, disability, general)	2
Seniors issues (general)	1
Getting America back on track	1
Women's rights	*
Other issue/comment	8
Nothing/Don't care	2
Don't know/Refused	7

*Percentages will add to more than 100 due to multiple responses.*

Q2 AND Q3 ASKED IN RANDOM ORDER

2. Next, I'm going to read you a list of specific HEALTH CARE issues the presidential candidates may be talking about this year. For each, tell me how important the issue will be to your vote. (First,) (INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE). (READ AS NECESSARY) Would you say this issue will be extremely important to your vote for president, very important, somewhat important, or not too important to your vote?

	Extremely important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	(VOL.) Not at all imp.	Don't know/Refused
a. The cost of health care and health insurance	36	46	13	4	*	*
b. Providing health coverage for the uninsured	28	38	21	11	1	1
c. Medicare, the government health program for people 65 and older	35	42	17	5	*	1
d. The 2010 health care law	24	40	19	8	1	7
e. Medicaid, the government health insurance and long term care program for certain low-income adults and children	27	41	23	8	1	1
f. Reproductive health care services for women including birth control	24	35	21	18	2	1
g. Abortion	21	27	21	24	3	2

3. As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010. Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? [GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that a very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) opinion?] [ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES]

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/Refused
02/12	17	25	16	27	15
01/12	18	19	14	30	19
12/11 <sup>1</sup>	19	22	15	28	17
11/11	17	20	15	29	19
10/11	12	22	20	31	15
09/11	18	23	14	29	16
08/11	16	23	17	27	17
07/11	20	22	12	31	15
06/11	15	27	16	30	12
05/11	19	23	15	29	14
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 <sup>2</sup>	23	23	10	30	14

<sup>1</sup> May 2010 through December 2011 trend wording was "As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law early last year..."

<sup>2</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?)"

4. 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					
02/12	27	25	41	--	7
01/12	26	33	35	--	6
12/11	26	31	39	--	5
11/11	23	31	41	--	5
10/11	18	31	44	--	6
09/11	27	32	34	--	7
08/11	24	33	37	--	6
07/11	27	29	39	--	5
06/11	24	34	35	--	7
05/11	28	28	38	--	6
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 <sup>3</sup>	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

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<sup>3</sup> 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?"

Q4 continued

		Better off	Worse off	Not much difference	(VOL.) Depends	Don't know/ Refused
b.	The country as a whole					
	02/12	39	32	22	--	7
	01/12	37	36	19	--	8
	12/11	37	37	19	--	7
	11/11	35	36	22	--	7
	10/11	28	36	29	--	7
	09/11	38	36	18	--	8
	08/11	33	37	21	--	9
	07/11	39	35	20	--	6
	06/11	35	39	20	--	6
	05/11	37	38	19	--	6
	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.	Seniors, that is those ages 65 and older					
	02/12	36	31	22	--	10
	11/11	32	36	21	--	11
	07/11	34	37	19	--	10
	06/11	31	41	19	--	9
	05/11	35	36	22	--	8
	02/11	31	42	22	--	5
	01/11	32	39	21	--	8
	09/10	38	35	18	--	9
	07/10	36	36	18	--	10
	04/10	36	33	20	--	12
	12/09	40	31	21	4	4
	11/09	43	29	19	4	6
	10/09	44	29	20	2	6
	09/09	46	25	20	3	6

5. What would you like to see Congress do when it comes to the health care law? They should expand the law, they should keep the law as is, they should repeal the law and replace it with a Republican-sponsored alternative, (or) they should repeal the law and not replace it? (READ AND ROTATE 1-4, 4-1. ENTER ONE ONLY)

	Expand law	Keep law as is	Repeal and replace with Republican alternative	Repeal and NOT replace	Don't know/ Refused
02/12	35	19	18	19	9
01/12	31	19	18	22	11
12/11	30	20	16	22	11
11/11	32	18	15	24	11
09/11	33	19	16	21	12
07/11	33	20	16	21	10
06/11	31	20	19	19	12
05/11	30	21	19	19	10
04/11	33	19	15	20	14
03/11	30	21	18	21	10
02/11	30	20	19	20	10
01/11	28	19	23	20	10

6. Thinking about how the issue of the 2010 health care law might affect your vote for president: (READ LIST. ROTATE 1-3, 3-1. ENTER ONE ONLY)

	02/12
Would you only vote for a candidate who shares your views on the health care law	25
Would you consider a candidate's position on the health care law as just one of many important factors	58
Do you not see the health care law as a major factor in your vote	14
Don't know/Refused	4

7. Thinking about how the issue of Medicare might affect your vote for president: (READ LIST. ROTATE 1-3, 3-1. ENTER ONE ONLY)

	02/12
Would you only vote for a candidate who shares your views on Medicare	23
Would you consider a candidate's position on Medicare as just one of many important factors	62
Do you not see Medicare as a major factor in your vote	14
Don't know/Refused	2



READ: Moving onto another topic...

8. In order to reduce the federal budget deficit, Congress may decide to reduce federal spending in certain areas. 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 AND RANDOMIZE)? How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? [IF NECESSARY: To reduce the deficit, would you support major reductions, minor reductions, or no reductions to spending on (INSERT)]?

		Major reductions	Minor reductions	No reductions	Don't know/Refused
a. Medicare	02/12	13	36	50	2
	05/11	10	29	59	2
	04/11 <sup>4</sup>	10	32	57	2
	01/11	8	35	56	1
b. Social Security	02/12	12	28	58	2
	05/11	10	22	66	2
	04/11	9	27	62	1
	01/11	8	27	64	1
c. Medicaid	02/12	15	40	43	2
	05/11	13	30	53	3
	04/11	12	35	50	3
	01/11	13	39	47	1
d. The 2010 health reform law	02/12	32	29	30	8

Q9 and Q10 asked together for each item.

9. Thinking about proposals to change the Medicare program, how familiar are you with the term (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? 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	02/12	10	27	63	1
	04/11	12	28	58	2
b. Voucher	02/12	27	37	34	2
	04/11	30	36	32	2

10. [IF HEARD OF TERM OR KNOW WHAT IT MEANS: And still thinking in the context of Medicare, do you have/IF NEVER HEARD OF TERM OR DON'T KNOW: Even though you're not familiar with this term in the context of Medicare, would you say you have] a positive or negative reaction to the term (INSERT ITEM FROM Q9)? (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	02/12	7	28	17	8	22	17
	04/11	7	24	16	8	25	21
b. Voucher	02/12	8	27	22	14	18	12
	04/11	10	23	19	12	22	14

<sup>4</sup> January 2011 and April 2011 question introduction was "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."

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

	02/12
OPTION A: Medicare should continue as it is today, with the government guaranteeing seniors health insurance and making sure that everyone gets the same defined set of benefits	70
OPTION B: Medicare should be changed to a system in which the government would guarantee each senior a fixed amount of money to put toward health insurance. Seniors would purchase that coverage either from traditional Medicare or from a list of private health plans.	25
Other (VOL.)	2
Don't know/Refused	3

12. I'd like to read you some arguments FOR changing Medicare to a system where the government would guarantee each senior a fixed amount of money to put toward health insurance. First, what if you heard that (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? READ FOR FIRST ITEM THEN AS NECESSARY: Would that make you more interested in making this change to Medicare, or would you still want to keep Medicare as it is? How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)?

*Based on those who think Medicare should continue as it is today (n=1,069)*

	More interested in making change	Keep Medicare as is	Don't know/ Refused
a. Today's seniors won't be subject to these proposed changes	34	62	5
b. Under this proposal, private plans will compete for seniors' business and seniors will be able to choose plans based on cost, benefits, and quality	41	55	4
c. Without this change, Medicare's costs will be unsustainable and the program will go bankrupt	51	43	6

Summary of Q11 and Q12a based on total

Originally want to change Medicare to a system with private plans	25
Now more interested in making change after hearing "Today's seniors won't be subject to these proposed changes"	24
Still want to keep Medicare as it is today	43
Other (VOL.)	2
Don't know/Refused	6

Summary of Q11 and Q12b based on total

Originally want to change Medicare to a system with private plans	25
Now more interested in making change after hearing "Under this proposal, private plans will compete for seniors' business and seniors will be able to choose plans based on cost, benefits, and quality"	28
Still want to keep Medicare as it is today	39
Other (VOL.)	2
Don't know/Refused	6

Summary of Q11 and Q12c based on total

Originally want to change Medicare to a system with private plans	25
Now more interested in making change after hearing "Without this change, Medicare's costs will be unsustainable and the program will go bankrupt"	35
Still want to keep Medicare as it is today	30
Other (VOL.)	2
Don't know/Refused	7

13. I'd like to read you some arguments AGAINST changing Medicare to a system where the government would guarantee each senior a fixed amount of money to put toward health insurance. First, what if you heard that (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? READ FOR FIRST ITEM THEN AS NECESSARY: Would that make you less interested in making this change to Medicare, or would you still want to make this change to Medicare? How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)?

*Based on those who think Medicare should be changed to a system with private plans (n=362)*

	Less interested in making change	Still want to make change	Don't know/Refused
a. If this change is made, Medicare as we know it will no longer exist	41	50	9
b. The proposed change saves the federal government money by shifting costs onto seniors	53	39	7
c. The proposal will turn Medicare into a voucher program and give the insurance industry too much influence over seniors' health care	58	36	6

Summary of Q11 and Q13a based on total

Originally want to keep Medicare as it is	70
Now less interested in making change to Medicare after hearing "If this change is made, Medicare as we know it will no longer exist"	10
Still want to change Medicare to a system with private plans	12
Other (VOL.)	2
Don't know/Refused	5

Summary of Q11 and Q13b based on total

Originally want to keep Medicare as it is	70
Now less interested in making change to Medicare after hearing "The proposed change saves the federal government money by shifting costs onto seniors"	13
Still want to change Medicare to a system with private plans	10
Other (VOL.)	2
Don't know/Refused	5

Summary of Q11 and Q13c based on total

Originally want to keep Medicare as it is	70
Now less interested in making change to Medicare after hearing "The proposal will turn Medicare into a voucher program and give the insurance industry too much influence over seniors' health care"	14
Still want to change Medicare to a system with private plans	9
Other (VOL.)	2
Don't know/Refused	4

14. I'm going to read you some other changes to the Medicare program that have been discussed 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	02/12	21	26	15	35	2
	04/11	24	23	16	35	3
b. Requiring all seniors to pay higher Medicare premiums	02/12	5	11	23	59	2
	04/11	4	9	25	59	3
c. Requiring only high income seniors to pay higher Medicare premiums	02/12	28	26	19	24	2
	04/11	27	27	16	26	3

- 15F1. Would you consider an individual senior with an income of (INSERT IN ORDER) a year to be a "high income senior"? How about (INSERT NEXT AMOUNT)? Would you consider an individual senior with an income of (INSERT AMOUNT) a year to be a "high income senior"? PROGRAMMER: IF 'YES' TO AN ITEM, DO NOT ASK REMAINING ITEMS

*Based on half sample A (n=772)*

	Yes	No	Don't know/Refused
a. \$50,000	33	66	2
b. \$85,000	77	22	1
c. \$150,000	95	5	*
d. \$250,000	98	2	*

- 15F2. Would you consider an individual senior with an income of (INSERT IN ORDER) a year to be a "high income senior"? How about (INSERT NEXT AMOUNT)? Would you consider an individual senior with an income of (INSERT AMOUNT) a year to be a "high income senior"? PROGRAMMER: IF 'NO' TO AN ITEM, DO NOT ASK REMAINING ITEMS

*Based on half sample B (n=747)*

	Yes	No	Don't know/Refused
a. \$250,000	83	16	1
b. \$150,000	69	31	1
c. \$85,000	39	61	1
d. \$50,000	11	88	1

16. As far as you know, do wealthier seniors currently pay higher premiums than other seniors for their Medicare coverage, or not?

	02/12
Yes, wealthier seniors pay higher premiums for Medicare	14
No, wealthier seniors do not pay higher premiums	54
Don't know/Refused	32

17. Overall, which party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans), do you trust to do a better job (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? (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 (INSERT ITEM)?”]

		Democrats	Republicans	(VOL.) Both	(VOL.) Neither	Don't know/ Refused
a. Dealing with the future of the 2010 health care law	02/12	46	34	2	12	6
b. Handling the Medicare program	02/12	47	33	2	14	5
	06/11 <sup>5</sup>	46	35	2	13	4
	02/11	44	30	5	16	5
	10/10	44	31	2	14	9
	09/10	48	32	2	13	5
c. Lowering health care costs for people like you	02/12	47	33	1	14	5
	06/11	45	35	2	14	5
d. Handling the Medicaid program	02/12	47	32	2	13	6
	06/11 <sup>6</sup>	48	33	2	12	5
e. Making decisions about insurance coverage of reproductive health care services for women including birth control	02/12	49	32	2	12	5

18. How much do you trust each of the following to make the right decisions about the future of the MEDICARE PROGRAM? First (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE). Would you say you trust (ITEM) a lot, somewhat, not too much, or not at all when it comes to making the right decisions about the future of Medicare? How about (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)?

	A lot	Somewhat	Not too much	Not at all	(VOL.) Never heard of	Don't know/ Refused
a. Barack Obama	31	27	11	30	--	1
b. Mitt Romney	7	34	17	35	2	5
c. Newt Gingrich	6	25	16	44	3	5
d. Rick Santorum	11	30	14	31	6	7
e. Ron Paul	10	29	16	33	5	7

19. How much do you trust each of the following to make the right decisions about the future of the HEALTH CARE LAW? First (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE). Would you say you trust (ITEM) a lot, somewhat, not too much, or not at all when it comes to making the right decisions about the future of the health care law? How about (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)?

	A lot	Somewhat	Not too much	Not at all	(VOL.) Never heard of	Don't know/ Refused
a. Barack Obama	32	26	9	30	*	2
b. Mitt Romney	7	35	17	35	1	5
c. Newt Gingrich	7	26	16	44	2	5
d. Rick Santorum	12	31	14	32	5	7
e. Ron Paul	9	34	16	33	3	6
f. The Supreme Court	14	45	16	21	*	5

<sup>5</sup> September 2010 through June 2011 trend wording was “Handling Medicare”.

<sup>6</sup> June 2011 trend wording was “Handling Medicaid”.

READ: On another subject...

20. In general, do you support or oppose the new federal requirement that private health insurance plans cover the cost of birth control?

	02/12
Support	63
Oppose	33
Don't know/Refused	4

21. How much, if anything, have you heard about the debate over whether certain categories of religiously affiliated employers, such as Catholic hospitals or universities, should be required to include birth control in their health insurance coverage? Have you heard a lot about this, some, only a little, or nothing at all?

	02/12
A lot	37
Some	23
Only a little	16
Nothing at all	24
Don't know/Refused	1

22. Do you personally see this debate (more as an issue of religious freedom from government rules) or (more as an issue of women's rights), or both? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

*Based on those who heard about the debate (n=1,244)*

	02/12
More as an issue of religious freedom	31
More as an issue of women's rights	32
Both	35
Don't know/Refused	2

Summary of Q21 and Q22 based on total

Total heard about the contraceptives debate	76
More as an issue of religious freedom	23
More as an issue of women's rights	24
Both	26
Don't know	2
Did not hear about debate	24
Don't know/Refused	1

23. And do you think this would have been a major debate in any year, or do you think it is mostly being driven by election year politics?

*Based on those who heard about the debate (n=1,244)*

	02/12
Major debate in any year	31
Driven by election year politics	66
Don't know/Refused	3

Summary of Q21 and Q23 based on total

Total heard about the contraceptives debate	76
Major debate in any year	24
Driven by election year politics	50
Don't know	2
Did not hear about debate	24
Don't know/Refused	1

## 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

### D3. What best describes your employment situation today? (READ IN ORDER)

Employed full-time	46
Employed part-time	10
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	6
Unemployed and not seeking employment	2
A student	7
Retired	19
On disability and can't work	6
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent?	5
Don't know/Refused	*

### 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	19
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?

*Based on those who are insured (n=1,296)*

Plan through your/your spouse's employer	54
Plan you purchased yourself	11
Medicare	17
Medicaid/Medi-CAL	6
Some other government program	4
Somewhere else (SPECIFY)	2
Plan through your parents/mother/father (VOL.)	5
Don't know/Refused	*

#### Summary of D4 and D4a based on total

Covered by health insurance	81
Employer or spouse's employer	44
Self-purchased plan	9
Medicare	14
Medicaid/Medi-CAL	5
Other government program	3
Somewhere else	2
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	4
Don't know/Refused	*
Not covered by health insurance	19
Don't know/Refused	1

D5.	What is your age? (RECORD EXACT AGE AS TWO-DIGIT CODE.)	
D6.	(ASK IF DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED AGE) Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of (READ LIST)...	
	18-29	21
	30-49	34
	50-64	27
	65 and older	18
	Don't know/Refused	1
D7c.	Aside from weddings and funerals how often do you attend religious services – more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom or never?	
	More than once a week	12
	Once a week	28
	Once or twice a month	16
	A few times a year	16
	Seldom	16
	Never	12
	Don't know/Refused	1
D7.	What is your religion – Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?	
	Protestant (Baptist, Christian, Episcopalian, Jehovah's Witness, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, etc.)	54
	Roman Catholic/Catholic	26
	Jewish	2
	Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints)	1
	Orthodox Church (Greek Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, etc.)	*
	Islam/Muslim	1
	Buddhist	1
	Hindu	1
	Other religion (SPECIFY)	1
	No religion/Atheist/Agnostic	11
	Don't know/Refused	2
D7a.	Do you think of yourself as Christian, or not?	
	<i>Based on other religion, don't know religion, or refused (n=48)</i>	
	Yes, Christian	49
	No, not Christian	27
	Don't know/Refused	24



D7b. Do you happen to be a born-again or Evangelical Christian, or not?

*Based on Protestants and Christians (n=883)*

Yes, born-again or Evangelical	49
No, not born-again or Evangelical	48
Don't know/Refused	3

Summary of D7, D7a, and D7b Based on Total

Total Protestant/Christian	56
Born-Again/Evangelical	27
Not Born-Again/Evangelical	27
Don't know/Refused	2
Roman Catholic/Catholic	26
Jewish	2
Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints)	1
Orthodox Church (Greek or Russian Orthodox, etc.)	*
Islam/Muslim	1
Buddhist	1
Hindu	1
Other religion	1
No religion/Atheist/Agnostic	11
Don't know/Refused	1

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

Republican	25
Democrat	32
Independent	36
Or what/Other/None/No preference/Other party	4
Don't know/Refused	2

D8a. Do you LEAN more towards the [ROTATE: Republican Party or the Democratic Party/Democratic Party or the Republican Party]?  
[ROTATE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS D8]

D8/D8a. Combo Table based on total

Republican/Lean Republican	39
Democrat/Lean Democratic	49
Other/Don't lean/Don't know	13

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Democrat	32
Independent Lean Democratic	16
Independent/Don't lean	12
Independent Lean Republican	14
Republican	25
Undesignated	*

D8b. Would you say your views in most political matters are liberal, moderate or conservative?

Liberal	24
Moderate	35
Conservative	37
Don't know/Refused	4

D8c. Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or not?

Yes, supporter of Tea Party movement	24
No, not a supporter of Tea Party movement	69
Don't know/Refused	7

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=1,310)*

Always	59
Nearly always	26
Part of the time	8
Seldom	5
Never vote (VOL.)	1
Other (VOL.)	*
Don't know/Refused	*

Summary of D9 and D10 based on total

Yes, registered to vote	80
Always vote	47
Nearly always vote	20
Vote part of the time	7
Seldom vote	4
Never vote (VOL.)	1
Other (VOL.)	*
Don't know how often	*
No, not registered	19
Don't know/Refused	1

D10a. How likely are you to vote in the REPUBLICAN presidential primary or caucus in your state? Very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

*Based on registered voters (n=1,310)*

Very likely	41
Somewhat likely	13
Not too likely	10
Not at all likely	33
Already voted (VOL.)	1
Don't know/Refused	2

Summary of D10 and D10a based on total

Yes, registered to vote	80
Very likely	32
Somewhat likely	10
Not too likely	8
Not at all likely	26
Already voted (VOL.)	1
Don't know/Refused	2
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)	9
High school graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)	31
Technical, trade or vocational school AFTER high school	4
Some college, no four-year degree (includes associate degree)	25
College graduate (B.S., B.A., or other four-year degree)	18
Post-graduate or professional schooling after college (e.g., toward a Master's degree or Ph.D; law or medical school)	10
Don't know/Refused	*

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	31
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	11
Hispanic	14
Asian, non-Hispanic	2
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	4
Undesignated	1

D12a. Were you born in the United States, on the island of Puerto Rico, or in another country?

*Based on Hispanics (n=167)*

U.S.	48
Puerto Rico	2
Another country	49
Don't know/Refused	*

D15. Are you currently married, living with a partner, divorced, separated, widowed, or have you never been married?

Married	55
Living with a partner	6
Divorced	9
Separated	2
Widowed	7
Never been married	21
Don't know/Refused	1

D14. Last year—that is, in 2011—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	16
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	12
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	12
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	14
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	8
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	5
\$100,000 or more	16
Don't know/Refused	9

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

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