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

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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 October 18-23, 2012, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,215 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 (704) and cell phone (511, including 282 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). Both the landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International, LLC. For the landline 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.

The combined landline and cell phone sample was weighted to balance the sample demographics to match 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, nativity (for Hispanics only), 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 July-December 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.

Sample Demographics		
	Unweighted	Weighted
<b>Gender</b>		
Male	49.6%	49.0%
Female	50.4%	51.0%
<b>Age</b>		
18-24	6.7%	11.5%
25-34	10.3%	16.3%
35-44	13.9%	16.9%
45-54	20.1%	18.9%
55-64	21.2%	16.7%
65+	25.6%	17.8%
<b>Education</b>		
Less than HS Grad.	5.3%	10.5%
HS Grad.	28.5%	34.2%
Some College	21.8%	24.7%
College Grad.	43.4%	29.7%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
White/not Hispanic	74.9%	67.2%
Black/not Hispanic	9.8%	11.0%
Hisp - US born	5.8%	6.6%
Hisp - born outside	3.2%	6.2%
Other/not Hispanic	3.3%	5.9%
<b>Party Identification</b>		
Democrat	33.3%	34.2%
Independent	30.2%	31.3%
Republican	30.3%	26.7%
Other	4.0%	4.7%

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	1,215	± 3 percentage points
Registered Voters (RVs)	1,087	± 4 percentage points
Likely Voters (LVs) <sup>1</sup>	1,025	± 4 percentage points

The response rate calculated based on the American Association of Public Opinion Research's Response Rate 3 formula was 12 percent for the landline sample and 9 percent for the cell phone sample.

<sup>1</sup> Likely voters are defined as those that reported being registered to vote and either 'absolutely certain' or 'probably' planning to vote.

1. Thinking ahead to the November election, please tell me how important each of the following will be in your vote for President. The first is (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE). Will that be extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or less important than that? How about (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE NEXT ITEM)? [READ AS NECESSARY: In your vote for President, will that be extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or less important than that?]

Based on half sample A (n=607) / half sample A RVs (n=551)

		Extremely important	Very important	Somewhat important	Less important	Don't know/ Refused
a.	The economy and jobs					
	10/12 Total	50	44	5	1	*
	10/12 RVs	50	43	5	1	*
	09/12 Total <sup>2</sup>	49	42	5	3	1
	09/12 RVs	50	42	5	2	1
b.	Medicare, the government health insurance program for people 65 and older					
	10/12 Total	35	43	15	5	2
	10/12 RVs	34	42	16	6	1
	09/12 Total <sup>3</sup>	36	42	15	6	1
	09/12 RVs	36	43	16	5	1
c.	Medicaid, the government health insurance and long term care program for certain low-income adults and children					
	10/12 Total	31	36	23	9	2
	10/12 RVs	29	36	23	10	2
	09/12 Total	30	44	17	8	1
	09/12 RVs	29	44	18	8	1
d.	The federal budget deficit					
	10/12 Total	35	40	18	4	3
	10/12 RVs	37	39	17	5	2
	09/12 Total	41	36	15	6	2
	09/12 RVs	41	37	15	6	1
e.	The 2010 health care law					
	10/12 Total	33	36	17	7	7
	10/12 RVs	35	35	17	8	5
	09/12 Total	30	37	16	12	6
	09/12 RVs	31	38	14	12	5
f.	Taxes					
	10/12 Total	32	43	18	5	2
	10/12 RVs	34	41	19	5	2
	09/12 Total	29	43	20	7	1
	09/12 RVs	29	43	21	6	1
g.	Foreign policy					
	10/12 Total	27	38	24	8	2
	10/12 RVs	28	38	24	8	1
	09/12 Total <sup>4</sup>	24	40	24	9	3
	09/12 RVs	26	40	24	8	2
h.	Immigration					
	10/12 Total	21	35	29	13	2
	10/12 RVs	20	34	30	14	1
	09/12 Total <sup>5</sup>	23	32	30	13	2
	09/12 RVs	23	32	30	14	1
i.	Abortion					
	10/12 Total	23	33	20	22	2
	10/12 RVs	24	32	20	22	2
	09/12 Total <sup>6</sup>	20	25	21	32	3
	09/12 RVs	21	24	21	32	2

<sup>2</sup> September 2012 trend wording for item was "The economy"

<sup>3</sup> September 2012 trend wording for item was "Medicare, the government health insurance program for seniors"

<sup>4</sup> September 2012 trend wording for item was "International affairs"

<sup>5</sup> September 2012 trend wording for item was "Immigration issues"

<sup>6</sup> September 2012 trend wording for item was "Social issues such as abortion and gay marriage"

2. Thinking about the campaign for the presidential election in 2012, what is the single most important issue in your vote for president? IF RESPONDENT GIVES ONE ISSUE PROBE FOR SECOND: Is there another issue that's nearly as important? (OPEN-END. RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE IN ORDER OF MENTION. ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES)

*Based on half sample B (n=608) / half sample B RVs (n=536)*

	10/12 Total	10/12 RVs
Economy/Jobs (NET)	53	56
Economy	38	41
Jobs/Unemployment	18	19
Jobs moving overseas	1	1
Health Care (Net)	20	21
Health care (general)	13	14
Medicare	3	3
Uninsured/access to care/universal coverage	3	2
Cost of care	1	1
Medicaid	*	*
In favor of/want to keep ACA/Obamacare	1	1
Opposed to/want to repeal ACA/Obamacare	1	1
Foreign Policy (NET)	16	18
Foreign policy/World affairs	9	10
National security/Terrorism	4	4
War/Troops/Military/Veterans	4	3
Afghanistan	*	*
Presidential candidates (NET)	11	13
Candidate characteristics	6	7
For or against Obama/Romney/Change/A new president	3	4
Political philosophy/vision	3	3
Budget Deficit/Spending/national debt	7	7
Education	6	6
Taxes	5	5
Social issues/Morals (NET)	4	4
Morals/Religion/Ethics	2	2
Abortion	1	1
Gay marriage/rights	1	1
Women's issues (NET)	4	4
Women's issues (general)	3	3
Women's health	1	1
Environment/energy (NET)	3	3
Gas prices	2	3
Environment/Global warming	1	*
Energy	*	*
Immigration/Border control	2	3
Social security	2	2
Financial regulation	1	1
Cares about seniors	1	1
Cares about the middle class	1	1
Gun control	*	*
Other	8	8
Don't vote/None/No one single issue	2	1
Don't know/Refused	13	9

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

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
10/12 Total	20	18	14	29	19
10/12 RVs	23	16	14	32	16
09/12 Total	25	20	12	28	14
09/12 RVs	26	19	12	30	13
08/12 Total	21	17	13	30	19
07/12 Total	20	18	13	31	17
06/12 Total	25	16	11	30	18
05/12 Total	17	20	12	32	19
04/12 Total	20	22	9	34	15
03/12 Total	18	23	11	29	19
02/12 Total	17	25	16	27	15
01/12 Total	18	19	14	30	19
12/11 Total <sup>7</sup>	19	22	15	28	17
11/11 Total	17	20	15	29	19
10/11 Total	12	22	20	31	15
09/11 Total	18	23	14	29	16
08/11 Total	16	23	17	27	17
07/11 Total	20	22	12	31	15
06/11 Total	15	27	16	30	12
05/11 Total	19	23	15	29	14
04/11 Total	20	21	14	27	18
03/11 Total	21	21	15	31	13
02/11 Total	16	27	19	29	8
01/11 Total	19	22	16	34	9
12/10 Total	22	20	14	27	18
11/10 Total	19	23	12	28	18
10/10 Total	18	24	15	29	15
09/10 Total	19	30	15	25	11
08/10 Total	19	24	13	32	12
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>8</sup>	23	23	10	30	14

<sup>7</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>8</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					
10/12 Total	26	32	33	--	9
10/12 RVs	25	34	33	--	8
09/12 Total	31	26	33	--	9
09/12 RVs	31	29	32	--	8
08/12 Total	26	30	37	--	7
07/12 Total	25	32	37	--	6
05/12 Total	23	31	37	--	9
04/12 Total	26	32	34	--	8
03/12 Total	26	33	34	--	7
02/12 Total	27	25	41	--	7
01/12 Total	26	33	35	--	6
12/11 Total	26	31	39	--	5
11/11 Total	23	31	41	--	5
10/11 Total	18	31	44	--	6
09/11 Total	27	32	34	--	7
08/11 Total	24	33	37	--	6
07/11 Total	27	29	39	--	5
06/11 Total	24	34	35	--	7
05/11 Total	28	28	38	--	6
04/11 Total	27	28	37	--	8
03/11 Total	26	30	39	--	5
02/11 Total	28	31	38	--	3
01/11 Total	20	32	44	--	4
12/10 Total	32	33	28	--	7
11/10 Total	25	31	34	--	9
10/10 Total	31	29	32	--	7
09/10 Total	32	28	33	--	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>9</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

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<sup>9</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?"

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	Better off	Worse off	Not much difference	(VOL.) Depends	Don't know/ Refused
b. The country as a whole					
10/12 Total	34	35	21	--	10
10/12 RVs	34	38	20	--	9
09/12 Total	40	33	17	--	10
09/12 RVs	40	35	16	--	9
08/12 Total	36	37	17	--	10
07/12 Total	35	41	18	--	7
05/12 Total	34	35	20	--	11
04/12 Total	39	38	17	--	6
03/12 Total	37	38	18	--	7
02/12 Total	39	32	22	--	7
01/12 Total	37	36	19	--	8
12/11 Total	37	37	19	--	7
11/11 Total	35	36	22	--	7
10/11 Total	28	36	29	--	7
09/11 Total	38	36	18	--	8
08/11 Total	33	37	21	--	9
07/11 Total	39	35	20	--	6
06/11 Total	35	39	20	--	6
05/11 Total	37	38	19	--	6
04/11 Total	39	35	18	--	9
03/11 Total	38	35	19	--	7
02/11 Total	37	39	19	--	5
01/11 Total	34	38	22	--	5
12/10 Total	40	37	15	--	8
11/10 Total	38	36	16	--	10
10/10 Total	39	34	18	--	9
09/10 Total	42	34	15	--	9
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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	Better off	Worse off	Not much difference	(VOL.) Depends	Don't know/ Refused
c. Seniors, that is those ages 65 and older					
10/12 Total	33	35	18	--	15
10/12 RVs	32	36	18	--	13
09/12 Total	40	31	17	--	12
09/12 RVs	40	32	18	--	11
02/12 Total	36	31	22	--	10
11/11 Total	32	36	21	--	11
07/11 Total	34	37	19	--	10
06/11 Total	31	41	19	--	9
05/11 Total	35	36	22	--	8
02/11 Total	31	42	22	--	5
01/11 Total	32	39	21	--	8
09/10 Total	38	35	18	--	9
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



5. 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). Does this describe your own feelings about the health reform law, or not?

	Describes	Does not describe	Don't know/ Refused
<b>a. Confused</b>			
10/12 Total	41	54	5
10/12 RVs	41	55	4
03/12 Total	47	51	2
07/11 Total	46	52	2
03/11 Total	53	47	*
02/11 Total	50	49	1
12/10 Total	43	55	2
11/10 Total	52	46	2
10/10 Total	47	50	4
09/10 Total	53	45	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>10</sup>	48	52	*
10/09 Total	49	50	1
09/09 Total	48	51	1
08/09 Total	46	53	2
<b>b. Angry</b>			
10/12 Total	28	67	5
10/12 RVs	29	67	4
03/12 Total	31	67	3
07/11 Total	34	65	2
03/11 Total	34	66	*
02/11 Total	34	65	1
12/10 Total	30	68	2
11/10 Total	32	67	1
10/10 Total	28	68	4
09/10 Total	32	66	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>c. Enthusiastic</b>			
10/12 Total	29	65	6
10/12 RVs	29	66	5
03/12 Total	25	71	4
07/11 Total	28	70	2
03/11 Total	27	72	1
02/11 Total	31	67	2
12/10 Total	33	64	3
11/10 Total	35	62	4
10/10 Total	30	66	3
09/10 Total	30	67	3
08/10 Total	30	69	1

<sup>10</sup> August through December 2009 trend wording 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."

6. Which presidential candidate, (Barack Obama) or (Mitt Romney), do you trust to do a better job (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? How about (NEXT ITEM)? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES ACROSS INTERVIEWS, BUT NOT WITHIN SAME INTERVIEW) [READ IF NECESSARY: Do you trust (Barack Obama) or (Mitt Romney) to do a better job (INSERT ITEM)?]

	Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	(VOL.) Both	(VOL.) Neither/Other	Don't know/Refused
<b>a. Determining the future of the 2010 health care law</b>					
10/12 Total	48	36	2	6	8
10/12 RVs	47	38	1	6	8
09/12 Total	53	33	1	7	7
09/12 RVs	53	35	1	6	5
07/12 Total <sup>11</sup>	45	34	2	11	7
05/12 Total	50	31	1	10	8
<b>b. Making decisions about women's reproductive health choices and services</b>					
10/12 Total	51	29	2	9	9
10/12 RVs	50	32	1	9	8
09/12 Total	53	29	1	8	8
09/12 RVs	53	31	1	9	7
<b>c. Determining the future of the Medicare program</b>					
10/12 Total	48	37	1	7	7
10/12 RVs	47	39	1	7	7
09/12 Total	52	32	1	7	7
09/12 RVs	52	35	1	7	6
07/12 Total <sup>12</sup>	44	34	2	12	8
<b>d. Lowering health care costs for people like you</b>					
10/12 Total	49	35	1	10	6
10/12 RVs	47	38	1	10	6
09/12 Total	52	32	1	9	7
09/12 RVs	51	34	1	9	6
07/12 Total	43	33	2	14	8
<b>e. Determining the future of the Medicaid program</b>					
10/12 Total	47	35	1	9	8
10/12 RVs	45	38	1	8	7
09/12 Total	53	31	1	7	8
09/12 RVs	53	33	1	6	7
07/12 Total <sup>13</sup>	45	34	2	11	8

7. Do you think people with pre-existing health conditions would have a better chance of getting health insurance under (President Obama's) health plan or under (Governor Romney's) health plan? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	10/12 Total	10/12 RVs
President Obama	52	51
Governor Romney	26	28
Neither (VOL.)	4	4
Both (VOL.)	2	2
Don't know/Refused	15	15

<sup>11</sup> May through July 2012 trend wording for item was "Dealing with the future of the 2010 health care law"

<sup>12</sup> July 2012 trend wording for item was "Handling the Medicare program"

<sup>13</sup> July 2012 trend wording for item was "Handling the Medicaid program"

ROTATE Q8 AND Q9

8. How familiar are you with (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) plans for the Medicare program? Very familiar, somewhat familiar, not too familiar, or not at all familiar? How about (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) plans for Medicare?

		Very familiar	Somewhat familiar	Not too familiar	Not at all familiar	Don't know/Refused
a. Barack Obama's						
	10/12 Total	26	47	14	11	2
	10/12 RVs	28	47	14	9	1
	09/12 Total	24	46	16	13	2
	09/12 RVs	27	46	16	10	2
b. Mitt Romney's						
	10/12 Total	16	39	19	24	2
	10/12 RVs	17	40	19	22	2
	09/12 Total	13	37	23	26	1
	09/12 RVs	13	38	23	24	1

9. How familiar are you with (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) plans for the 2010 health care law? Very familiar, somewhat familiar, not too familiar, or not at all familiar? How about (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) plans for the 2010 health care law?

		Very familiar	Somewhat familiar	Not too familiar	Not at all familiar	Don't know/Refused
a. Barack Obama's						
	10/12 Total	32	45	11	10	3
	10/12 RVs	35	45	9	8	2
	09/12 Total	31	42	13	12	1
	09/12 RVs	34	43	13	9	1
b. Mitt Romney's						
	10/12 Total	16	39	17	24	3
	10/12 RVs	19	41	16	22	3
	09/12 Total	16	33	21	27	2
	09/12 RVs	18	35	20	24	2

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

	10/12 Total	10/12 RVs	09/12 Total	09/12 RVs	07-08/12 Total
OPTION A: Medicare should continue as it is today, with the government guaranteeing all seniors the same set of health insurance benefits (or)	60	61	55	57	58
OPTION B: Medicare should be changed to a system in which the government guarantees each senior a fixed amount of money to help them purchase coverage either from traditional Medicare or from a list of private health plans (or)	33	31	37	36	36
Other (VOL.)	2	2	2	2	1
Don't know/Refused	5	5	6	5	4

## 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

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	17
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?

*Based on those who are insured (n=1,068)*

Plan through your/your spouse's employer	56
Plan you purchased yourself	8
Medicare	19
Medicaid/Medi-CAL	6
Some other government program	5
Somewhere else (SPECIFY)	2
Plan through your parents/mother/father (VOL.)	3
Don't know/Refused	1

Summary D4 and D4a based on total

Covered by health insurance	82
Employer or spouse's employer	46
Self-purchased plan	7
Medicare	16
Medicaid/Medi-CAL	5
Other government program	4
Somewhere else	2
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	2
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	17
Don't know/Refused	*

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

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

	10/12 Total	10/12 RVs	10/12 LVs
Republican	27	28	30
Democrat	34	34	35
Independent	31	31	30
Or what/Other/None/No preference/Other party	5	4	3
Don't know/Refused	3	3	2

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

Summary D8 and D8a based on total

	10/12 Total	10/12 RVs	10/12 LVs
Republican/Lean Republican	38	40	42
Democrat/Lean Democratic	48	48	47
Other/Don't lean/Don't know	15	13	11

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	10/12 Total	10/12 RVs	10/12 LVs
Democrat	34	34	35
Independent Lean Democratic	14	13	12
Independent/Don't lean	13	11	10
Independent Lean Republican	11	12	12
Republican	27	28	30
Undesignated	2	1	1

D8e. Would you call yourself a strong (IF D8=2: Democrat/IF D8=1: Republican) or not a very strong (IF D8=2: Democrat/IF D8=1: Republican)?

Summary of D8, D8a and D8e based on total

	10/12 Total	10/12 RVs	10/12 LVs
Strong Democrat	24	25	26
Regular Democrat	10	9	9
Independent Lean Democratic	14	13	12
Pure Independent	13	11	10
Independent Lean Republican	11	12	12
Regular Republican	9	9	9
Strong Republican	18	19	21
Undesignated	2	1	1

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

Liberal	24
Moderate	38
Conservative	34
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	65
Don't know/Refused	11

D9. Are you registered to vote at your present address, or not?

Yes	84
No	15
Don't know/Refused	1

D10. I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the presidential election in November: Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

*Based on registered voters (n=1,087)*

Absolutely certain to vote	85
Probably vote	6
Chances 50-50	7
Less than that	1
Don't think will vote (VOL.)	1
Don't know/Refused	1

Summary D9 and D10 based on total

Yes, registered to vote	84
Absolutely certain to vote	72
Probably vote	5
Chances 50-50	6
Less than that	1
Don't think will vote (VOL.)	1
Don't know/Refused	*
No, not registered	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)	8
High school graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)	30
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)	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	67
Total non-White	30
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	11
Hispanic	13
Asian, non-Hispanic	3
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	3
Undesignated	3

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

*Based on Hispanics (n=110)*

U.S.	40
Puerto Rico	6
Another country	48
Don't know/Refused	6

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	14
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	14
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	14
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	7
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	4
\$100,000 or more	14
Don't know/Refused	14

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

Trend Information:

09/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (September 13-19, 2012)  
08/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (August 7-12, 2012)  
07-08/12: *The Washington Post*/Kaiser Family Foundation *Dimensions of Partisanship Survey* (July 25 – August 5, 2012)  
07/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Early Reaction to Supreme Court Decision on the ACA* (July 17-23, 2012)  
06/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (June 28-30, 2012)  
05/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (May 8-14, 2012)  
04/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (April 4-10, 2012)  
03/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (February 29 – March 5, 2012)  
02/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (February 13-19, 2012)  
01/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (January 12-17, 2012)  
12/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (December 8-13, 2011)  
11/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (November 10-15, 2011)  
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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)  
01/11: Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health *The Public's Health Care Agenda for the 112th Congress* (January 4-14, 2011)  
12/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (December 1-6, 2010)  
11/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (November 3-6, 2010)  
10/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (October 5-10, 2010)  
09/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (September 14-19, 2010)  
08/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (August 16-22, 2010)  
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