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## **Methodology**

The Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health Survey, *Health Care Agenda for the New Congress*, was designed and analyzed by researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation and Harvard School of Public Health. The Kaiser/Harvard survey research team included Drew E. Altman, Ph.D., Mollyann Brodie, Ph.D., and Elizabeth Hamel from the Kaiser Family Foundation; and Professor Robert Blendon, Sc.D., and John Benson, M.A. of the Harvard School of Public Health.

Fieldwork was conducted by telephone by ICR/International Communications Research between November 4 and November 28, 2004, among a nationally representative sample of 1,396 respondents ages 18 and over. The survey included an oversample of respondents ages 65 and over (a total of 407 respondents in this age group were interviewed). Results for all groups have been weighted to reflect the actual distribution in the nation.

The margin of sampling error for the survey is plus or minus 4 percentage points for total respondents; for respondents age 65 and older it is plus or minus 8 percentage points. For results based on subsets of respondents the margin of error is higher. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

In order to get additional data, several questions were added to an omnibus survey conducted between November 12 and November 16, 2004 among a nationally representative sample of 1,014 adults 18 years of age and older. Fieldwork was conducted by ICR/International Communications Research. The margin of sampling error for the survey is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Values less than 0.5% are indicated by an asterisk (\*). "Vol." indicates that a response was volunteered by respondent, not an explicitly offered choice. Percentages may not always add up to 100% due to rounding.

S1. Would you say you are under 65 or 65 or older?

|          | Under 65 | 65 or older | Refused |
|----------|----------|-------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 83       | 17          | *       |

VOTING

1. Are you registered to vote at your present address?

|          | Yes | No | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-----|----|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 81  | 19 | *          | --      |

(Asked of total registered voters; n = 1199)

2. My next question is about the presidential election that took place (this past Tuesday/on Tuesday, November 2nd). Did you happen to vote in the presidential election, including voting by mail, early voting, or absentee ballot before the election, or did things come up that kept you from voting?

|          | Voted in the presidential election | Things came up that kept you from voting | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|------------------------------------|--|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 89                                 | 11                                       | --         | --      |

1/2. Combo Table

|          | Registered to vote |       |              | Not registered to vote | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|--------------------|-------|--------------|------------------------|------------|---------|
|          | NET                | Voted | Did not vote |                        |            |         |
| 11/28/04 | 81                 | 72    | 9            | 19                     | *          | --      |

(Asked of total voters; n = 1126)

3. Was this the first time you have voted in a presidential election, or have you voted in a presidential election before?

|          | First time voter | Voted before | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|------------------|--------------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 11               | 89           | --         | --      |

1/2/3. Combo Table

|          | -----VOTED----- |                  |              | Did not vote or not registered | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|------------|---------|
|          | NET             | First time voter | Voted before |                                |            |         |
| 11/28/04 | 72              | 8                | 64           | 28                             | *          | --      |

(Asked of total voters; n =1126 )

4. For PRESIDENT, did you happen to vote for...?

|          | <b>John Kerry,<br/>the Democrat</b> | <b>George W. Bush,<br/>the Republican</b> | <b>Ralph Nader, the<br/>independent</b> | <b>Someone<br/>else</b> | <b>Don't<br/>know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|-------------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 42                                  | 47  | 1                                       | 1                       | 1                     | 8              |

(Asked of total voters; n = 1126)

5. I'm going to read you two things that might have influenced your vote in the presidential election. Please tell me which of the following was MOST important when you decided who to vote for. Was it...?

|          | <b>The candidates'<br/>stands on the<br/>issues</b> | <b>Your perception of the candidates'<br/>leadership abilities, character, values,<br/>and experience</b> | <b>Don't<br/>know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|---|---|-----------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 40  | 53  | 5                     | 2              |

(Asked of total voters; n =1126 )

6. In the November election, people also voted to elect their representatives in the U.S. CONGRESS. In the election for the U.S. House of Representatives in your district, did you happen to vote for...?

|          | <b>The<br/>Democratic<br/>candidate</b> | <b>The<br/>Republican<br/>candidate</b> | <b>Some other<br/>candidate</b> | <b>Did you choose<br/>NOT to vote for<br/>Congress</b> | <b>Don't<br/>know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|---|---|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 39                                      | 43                                      | 2                               | 7  | 4                     | 4              |

PRIORITIES FOR NEW CONGRESS

7. Now I have some questions about what the President and the new Congress should try to accomplish in the next year. What do you think is the single MOST important issue or problem they should deal with?

|  | 11/28/04  |
|--|-----------|
| <b>WAR IN IRAQ (NET)</b>                       | <b>27</b> |
| The Conflict In Iraq/End The War               | 27        |
| <b>ECONOMICAL (NET)</b>                        | <b>17</b> |
| The Economy                                    | 6         |
| Unemployment/Create More Jobs                  | 6         |
| Poverty/More Help For The Poor/Homeless        | 2         |
| Outsourcing Jobs To Other Countries            | 2         |
| Better Wages/Increase Minimum Wage             | *         |
| Welfare/Welfare Reform                         | *         |
| Housing/Better Housing For Low Income          | *         |
| Other Economical                               | 1         |
| <b>HEALTH CARE (NET)</b>                       | <b>10</b> |
| Healthcare/Healthcare Reform                   | 7         |
| Health Insurance                               | 2         |
| Medicare                                       | 1         |
| Prescription Drug Cost Are Too High            | 1         |
| Medical/Medicine/Health Issues                 | *         |
| Other Health Care                              | *         |
| <b>TERRORISM/NATIONAL SECURITY (NET)</b>       | <b>10</b> |
| War On Terrorism/How To Combat Terrorist       | 5         |
| National Security                              | 4         |
| Terrorism/Resolve Terrorism/Sept. 11th Attacks | 1         |
| Kill/Find Osama Bin Laden                      | *         |
| Other Security/Safety Concerns                 | *         |
| <b>EDUCATION (NET)</b>                         | <b>5</b>  |
| Education/School System/Better Schooling       | 5         |
| <b>OTHER WAR/FOREIGN POLICY (NET)</b>          | <b>4</b>  |
| Foreign Policy/Foreign Relations               | 2         |
| World Peace/Peace In The Middle East           | 1         |
| War In Afghanistan                             | *         |
| Other War Mentions                             | 1         |
| <b>IMMIGRATION ISSUES (NET)</b>                | <b>3</b>  |
| Immigration/Illegal Alien Issues (General)     | 3         |

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|  | <b>11/28/04</b> |
|--|-----------------|
| <b>FEDERAL BUDGET DEFICIT (NET)</b>                                | <b>3</b>        |
| National Budget/Deficit/Reducing The Nation's Deficit              | 3               |
| <b>TAXES (NET)</b>   | <b>3</b>        |
| Taxes/Tax Reform   | 3               |
| <b>SOCIAL SECURITY (NET)</b>                                       | <b>2</b>        |
| Social Security  | 2               |
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS (NET)</b>   | <b>14</b>       |
| Abortion Issues  | 2               |
| Drug Problems  | 1               |
| Energy Crisis  | 1               |
| Environmental Issues/Lack Of Concern For The Environment/Pollution | 1               |
| Moral/Religious Values   | 1               |
| Racism/Civil Rights  | 1               |
| Same Sex Marriages   | 1               |
| Senior Citizens/More Help For The Elderly                          | 1               |
| Unifying The Nation/Parties  | 1               |
| Children's Rights And Protection/Child Abuse                       | *               |
| Crime/Violence   | *               |
| Gun Control/Gun Laws   | *               |
| Honesty In Government  | *               |
| Next Supreme Court Justice   | *               |
| Separation Of Church And State (Prayer In Schools)                 | *               |
| Size Of Government Is Too Large                                    | *               |
| Utility Rates/Gas, Electric, And Oil Rates                         | *               |
| Other Governmental/Political Issues                                | 2               |
| Other  | 3               |
| Nothing/No issues  | 2               |
| Don't Know/Refused   | 6               |

(Items a-e asked of one-half of total respondents; n = 700)

(Items f-j asked of one-half of total respondents; n = 696)

8. As you may know, the federal government has a budget deficit this year, so there will be only a limited amount of money for expanding things the government does. I'm going to read you a list of some different things the President and Congress might try to act on this year, some of which will cost money to do and some will not. As I read each one, tell me if you think it should be one of their TOP priorities, important but not a top priority, not too important, or should not be done at all. What about (INSERT)? Should this be one of their TOP priorities, important but not a top priority, not too important, or should not be done at all?

a. Increasing federal spending for public education

|          | Top priority | Important, but not a top priority | Not too important | Should not be done at all | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 51           | 33                                | 8                 | 8                         | *          | *       |

b. Rolling back some of the recent tax cuts to have more money to spend on other priorities

|          | Top priority | Important, but not a top priority | Not too important | Should not be done at all | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 20           | 35                                | 19                | 23                        | 3          | *       |

c. Fighting terrorism

|          | Top priority | Important, but not a top priority | Not too important | Should not be done at all | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 60           | 28                                | 5                 | 4                         | 2          | --      |

d. Making changes to the Social Security system

|          | Top priority | Important, but not a top priority | Not too important | Should not be done at all | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 35           | 38                                | 10                | 14                        | 2          | *       |

e. Dealing with health care costs

|          | Top priority | Important, but not a top priority | Not too important | Should not be done at all | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 60           | 34                                | 4                 | 1                         | *          | --      |

f. Doing more to protect the environment

|          | Top priority | Important, but not a top priority | Not too important | Should not be done at all | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 33           | 46                                | 15                | 5                         | 1          | *       |

g. Cutting taxes

|          | <b>Top priority</b> | <b>Important, but not a top priority</b> | <b>Not too important</b> | <b>Should not be done at all</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|---------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 28                  | 32                                       | 19                       | 20                               | 1                 | *              |

h. Dealing with Iraq

|          | <b>Top priority</b> | <b>Important, but not a top priority</b> | <b>Not too important</b> | <b>Should not be done at all</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|---------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 65                  | 17                                       | 6                        | 9                                | 2                 | *              |

i. Reducing the federal budget deficit

|          | <b>Top priority</b> | <b>Important, but not a top priority</b> | <b>Not too important</b> | <b>Should not be done at all</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|---------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 42                  | 46                                       | 7                        | 3                                | 2                 | *              |

j. Expanding health insurance coverage for people who are uninsured

|          | <b>Top priority</b> | <b>Important, but not a top priority</b> | <b>Not too important</b> | <b>Should not be done at all</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|---------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 50                  | 39                                       | 8                        | 3                                | *                 | *              |

(Items a-f asked of one-half of total respondents; n = 700)

(Items g-l asked of one-half of total respondents; n = 696)

9. Now thinking specifically about health care - I'm going to read you a list of health care issues the President and Congress might try to act on this year. As I read each one, tell me if you think it should be one of their TOP priorities, important but not a top priority, not too important, or should not be done at all. What about (INSERT, RANDOMIZE)? Should this be one of their TOP priorities, important but not a top priority, not too important, or should not be done at all?

a. Reducing the number and size of jury awards in medical malpractice lawsuits

|          | <b>Top priority</b> | <b>Important, but not a top priority</b> | <b>Not too important</b> | <b>Should not be done at all</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|---------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 26                  | 35                                       | 20                       | 13                               | 6                 | --             |

b. Improving the Medicare prescription drug law that was enacted last year

|          | <b>Top priority</b> | <b>Important, but not a top priority</b> | <b>Not too important</b> | <b>Should not be done at all</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|---------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 38                  | 35                                       | 13                       | 5                                | 8                 | *              |

c. Increasing the number of Americans covered by health insurance

|          | <b>Top priority</b> | <b>Important, but not a top priority</b> | <b>Not too important</b> | <b>Should not be done at all</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|---------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 57                  | 34                                       | 6                        | 2                                | 1                 | *              |



d. Improving the nation's ability to respond to bioterrorist attacks

|          | <b>Top priority</b> | <b>Important, but not a top priority</b> | <b>Not too important</b> | <b>Should not be done at all</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|---------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 50                  | 34                                       | 9                        | 3                                | 4                 | --             |

e. Spending more on medical research

|          | <b>Top priority</b> | <b>Important, but not a top priority</b> | <b>Not too important</b> | <b>Should not be done at all</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|---------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 28                  | 50                                       | 11                       | 7                                | 3                 | *              |

f. Protecting patients' rights in HMOs and managed care plans

|          | <b>Top priority</b> | <b>Important, but not a top priority</b> | <b>Not too important</b> | <b>Should not be done at all</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|---------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 38                  | 47                                       | 10                       | 3                                | 2                 | *              |

g. Allowing prescription drugs to be imported from Canada

|          | <b>Top priority</b> | <b>Important, but not a top priority</b> | <b>Not too important</b> | <b>Should not be done at all</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|---------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 31                  | 40                                       | 16                       | 9                                | 3                 | *              |

h. Making Medicare more financially sound for the future

|          | <b>Top priority</b> | <b>Important, but not a top priority</b> | <b>Not too important</b> | <b>Should not be done at all</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|---------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 58                  | 35                                       | 4                        | 2                                | 1                 | *              |

i. Lowering the cost of health care and health insurance

|          | <b>Top priority</b> | <b>Important, but not a top priority</b> | <b>Not too important</b> | <b>Should not be done at all</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|---------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 63                  | 26                                       | 6                        | 3                                | 1                 | *              |

j. Strengthening the system that provides flu vaccinations to the public

|          | <b>Top priority</b> | <b>Important, but not a top priority</b> | <b>Not too important</b> | <b>Should not be done at all</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|---------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 27                  | 47                                       | 20                       | 5                                | 1                 | *              |

k. Improving the quality of medical care and reducing the number of medical errors

|          | <b>Top priority</b> | <b>Important, but not a top priority</b> | <b>Not too important</b> | <b>Should not be done at all</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|---------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 53                  | 33                                       | 10                       | 3                                | 1                 | --             |

l. Increasing federal funding for stem cell research

|          | <b>Top priority</b> | <b>Important, but not a top priority</b> | <b>Not too important</b> | <b>Should not be done at all</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|---------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 21                  | 32                                       | 19                       | 23                               | 5                 | *              |

NEW MEDICARE LAW

Now, on another topic...

**(Asked of total age 65+; n = 407)**

10. As you may know, at the end of 2003 President Bush and the U.S. Congress approved a new Medicare law that includes some coverage of prescription drug costs for seniors. How well would you say you understand this new law? Would you say you understand it very well, somewhat well, not too well, or not well at all?

|          | WELL |      |          | NOT WELL |         |            | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|------|------|----------|----------|---------|------------|------------|---------|
|          | NET  | Very | Somewhat | NET      | Not too | Not at all |            |         |
| 11/28/04 | 44   | 21   | 23       | 54       | 29      | 25         | *          | 1       |

**(Asked of total age 65+; n = 407)**

11. Given what you know about it, in general, do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of this new Medicare law?

|          | Favorable | Unfavorable | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 29        | 46          | 25         | *       |

**(Asked of one half of total age 65+; n = 204)**

12. Which of the following comes closest to how you personally feel about the new Medicare law? Are you enthusiastic, satisfied but not enthusiastic, dissatisfied but not angry, or angry?

|          | ENTHUSIASTIC/SATISFIED |              |                                | DISSATISFIED/ANGRY |                            |       | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-------|------------|---------|
|          | NET                    | Enthusiastic | Satisfied but not enthusiastic | NET                | Dissatisfied but not angry | Angry |            |         |
| 11/28/04 | 35                     | 6            | 29                             | 48                 | 39                         | 9     | 17         | *       |

**(Asked of one half of total age 65+; n = 203)**

13. Which of the following comes closest to your view of what lawmakers in Washington should do with the new Medicare law?

|          | They should leave the law as it is | They should work to fix problems in the law | They should repeal the law | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 16                                 | 70  | 12                         | 3          | *       |

(Asked of total age 65+; n = 407)

14. How helpful do you think the new Medicare law will be for the following people?  
 (First/Next), how helpful do you think the law will be for (READ ITEM)? Will it be very helpful, somewhat helpful, not too helpful, or not at all helpful?

a. A typical person on Medicare

|          | HELPFUL |      |          | NOT HELPFUL |         |            | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|---------|------|----------|-------------|---------|------------|------------|---------|
|          | NET     | Very | Somewhat | NET         | Not too | Not at all |            |         |
| 11/28/04 | 58      | 16   | 42       | 30          | 21      | 9          | 13         | --      |

b. Low-income people on Medicare

|          | HELPFUL |      |          | NOT HELPFUL |         |            | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|---------|------|----------|-------------|---------|------------|------------|---------|
|          | NET     | Very | Somewhat | NET         | Not too | Not at all |            |         |
| 11/28/04 | 62      | 24   | 38       | 26          | 17      | 9          | 12         | *       |

c. People on Medicare with very high prescription drug costs

|          | HELPFUL |      |          | NOT HELPFUL |         |            | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|---------|------|----------|-------------|---------|------------|------------|---------|
|          | NET     | Very | Somewhat | NET         | Not too | Not at all |            |         |
| 11/28/04 | 58      | 27   | 31       | 27          | 19      | 8          | 15         | *       |

d. People on Medicare who currently have no drug coverage

|          | HELPFUL |      |          | NOT HELPFUL |         |            | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|---------|------|----------|-------------|---------|------------|------------|---------|
|          | NET     | Very | Somewhat | NET         | Not too | Not at all |            |         |
| 11/28/04 | 64      | 27   | 37       | 23          | 13      | 10         | 13         | --      |

e. You personally

|          | HELPFUL |      |          | NOT HELPFUL |         |            | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|---------|------|----------|-------------|---------|------------|------------|---------|
|          | NET     | Very | Somewhat | NET         | Not too | Not at all |            |         |
| 11/28/04 | 38      | 21   | 17       | 54          | 22      | 32         | 8          | *       |

(Asked of total age 65+; n = 407)

15. I'm going to read you a list of things some people say are problems with the new Medicare law that need to be fixed. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with each. (First,) some people have said the new law (INSERT). Do you agree or disagree?

a. Will cost the government too much in the long run

|          | Agree | Disagree | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-------|----------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 43    | 40       | 17         | --      |

b. Does not provide people on Medicare enough help with their prescription drug costs

|          | Agree | Disagree | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-------|----------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 78    | 11       | 10         | *       |

c. Is too complicated for people on Medicare to understand

|          | Agree | Disagree | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-------|----------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 81    | 13       | 7          | --      |

d. Will benefit private health plans and pharmaceutical companies too much

|          | Agree | Disagree | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-------|----------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 55    | 32       | 14         | *       |

e. Does not do enough to lower prescription drug prices

|          | Agree | Disagree | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-------|----------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 78    | 13       | 9          | *       |

PRESCRIPTION DRUG ISSUES

(Asked of one-half of total respondents; n = 700)

16. Do you favor or oppose Congress changing the law to allow Americans to buy prescription drugs imported from Canada if they think they can get a lower price?

|          | Favor | Oppose | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-------|--------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 73    | 21     | 5          | *       |

(Asked of one-half of total respondents; n = 700)

17. I'm going to read you a list of things some people have said about allowing Americans to buy prescription drugs imported from Canada, and I'd like you to tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of these statements. Some people say that allowing Americans to buy prescription drugs imported from Canada (INSERT). Do you agree or disagree?

a. Will expose Americans to unsafe medicines from other countries

|          | Agree | Disagree | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-------|----------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 37    | 57       | 6          | *       |

b. Will lead U.S. drug companies to do less research and development

|          | Agree | Disagree | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-------|----------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 25    | 70       | 5          | --      |

c. Will make medicines more affordable without sacrificing safety or quality

|          | Agree | Disagree | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-------|----------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 69    | 24       | 6          | *       |

**(Asked of one-half of total respondents; n = 700)**

18. If Congress changed the law to allow Americans to buy prescription drugs imported from Canada, how much do you think this would help in reducing prescription drug costs in the U.S.? Would it help a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

|          | A LOT/SOME |       |      | NOT MUCH/NOT AT ALL |          |            | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|------------|-------|------|---------------------|----------|------------|------------|---------|
|          | NET        | A lot | Some | NET                 | Not much | Not at all |            |         |
| 11/28/04 | 77         | 33    | 44   | 18                  | 11       | 7          | 5          | --      |

**(Asked of one-half of total respondents; n = 696)**

19. Do you favor or oppose Congress changing the law to allow the federal government to use its buying power to negotiate with drug companies to try to get a lower price for prescription drugs for people on Medicare?

|          | Favor | Oppose | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-------|--------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 80    | 13     | 7          | *       |

**(Asked of one-half of total respondents; n = 696)**

20. I'm going to read you a list of things some people have said about allowing the federal government to use its buying power to negotiate with drug companies to try to get a lower price for prescription drugs for people on Medicare, and I'd like you to tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of these statements. Some people say that allowing the federal government to negotiate with drug companies for lower prices (INSERT). Do you agree or disagree?

- a. Will mean government price controls on prescription drugs

|          | Agree | Disagree | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-------|----------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 54    | 40       | 6          | --      |

- b. Will lead U.S. drug companies to do less research and development

|          | Agree | Disagree | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-------|----------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 29    | 64       | 7          | *       |

- c. Will make medicines more affordable for people on Medicare

|          | Agree | Disagree | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-------|----------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 77    | 16       | 7          | *       |

- d. Makes sense because the government already negotiates lower prices for the Defense Department and Veterans Administration

|          | Agree | Disagree | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-------|----------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 67    | 25       | 8          | *       |

(Asked of one-half of total respondents; n = 696)

21. If Congress changed the law to allow the federal government to negotiate with drug companies to try to get a lower price on prescription drugs for people on Medicare, how much do you think this would help in reducing prescription drug costs in the U.S.? Would it help a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

|          | A LOT/SOME |       |      | NOT MUCH/NOT AT ALL |          |            | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|------------|-------|------|---------------------|----------|------------|------------|---------|
|          | NET        | A lot | Some | NET                 | Not much | Not at all |            |         |
| 11/28/04 | 81         | 28    | 53   | 17                  | 11       | 6          | 3          | --      |

THE UNINSURED

23. I'm going to read you some different ways to increase the number of Americans covered by health insurance. As I read each one, please tell me whether you would favor it or oppose it. Here's the (first/next) one – (INSERT). Do you favor or oppose this?

- a. A national health plan, financed by taxpayers, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan

|          | Favor | Oppose | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-------|--------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 37    | 55     | 8          | *       |

- b. Requiring businesses to offer private health insurance for their employees

|          | Favor | Oppose | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-------|--------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 70    | 27     | 3          | *       |

- c. Offering uninsured Americans income tax deductions, tax credits, or other financial assistance to help them purchase private health insurance on their own

|          | Favor | Oppose | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-------|--------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 73    | 24     | 3          | *       |

- d. Expanding Medicare to cover people between the ages of 55 and 64 who do not have health insurance

|          | Favor | Oppose | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-------|--------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 74    | 23     | 2          | *       |

- e. Expanding state government programs for low-income people, such as Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, to provide coverage for people without health insurance

|          | Favor | Oppose | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-------|--------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 80    | 18     | 2          | --      |

- f. Offering businesses tax deductions, tax credits, or other financial assistance to help them provide health insurance to their employees

|          | <b>Favor</b> | <b>Oppose</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 88           | 10            | 1                 | *              |

- 23a. Of those options you just said you favored, which ONE do you MOST prefer?

**Note: Also includes those who said “favor” to only one option**

|   | <b>11/28/04</b> |
|---|-----------------|
| Offering business tax deductions or other financial assistance to help them provide health insurance to their employees | 23              |
| Offering tax deductions or other financial assistance to help the uninsured pay for private insurance                   | 17              |
| Expanding state government programs, such as Medicaid to provide coverage for people without health insurance           | 17              |
| A single payer government plan to provide health insurance for all Americans  | 15              |
| Expanding Medicare to cover people under age 65 who do not have health insurance  | 13              |
| Requiring businesses to offer health insurance for their employees  | 12              |
| Don't favor any option  | 1               |
| Don't know  | 2               |
| Refused   | *               |

24. Would you be willing to pay more—either in higher health insurance premiums or higher taxes—in order to increase the number of Americans who have health insurance, or not?

|          | <b>Yes, would be willing to pay more</b> | <b>No, would not be willing to pay more</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|--|---|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 45                                       | 51  | 4                 | *              |

### HEALTH INSURANCE

25. 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])?

|          | <b>Yes, covered</b> | <b>No, not covered</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 85                  | 15                     | *                 | *              |

(Asked of total who are covered by health insurance; n = 1252)

26. Which type of health insurance do you now have? 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?

**Note: Adds up to more than 100 percent due to multiple responses.**

|   | 11/28/04 |
|---|----------|
| Private plan through employer/spouse's employer                 | 64       |
| Plan purchased yourself   | 16       |
| Medicare  | 19       |
| Medicaid  | 7        |
| Some other government program                                   | 6        |
| Covered through parents/family plan                             | 2        |
| Retiree benefits from a former employer/retiree health benefits | *        |
| Somewhere else  | 1        |
| Don't know  | *        |
| Refused   | *        |

25/26. Combo Table

|   | 11/28/04 |
|---|----------|
| Covered by insurance (NET)                                      | 85       |
| Private plan through employer/spouse's employer                 | 55       |
| Plan purchased yourself   | 13       |
| Medicare  | 16       |
| Medicaid  | 6        |
| Some other government program                                   | 5        |
| Covered through parents/family plan                             | 2        |
| Retiree benefits from a former employer/retiree health benefits | *        |
| Somewhere else  | 1        |
| Not covered by any insurance                                    | 15       |
| Don't know  | *        |
| Refused   | *        |



27. Next, I'd like to ask your familiarity with the term "health savings account." Have you heard the term and you know what it means, have you heard it but you don't know what it means, or have you not heard the term "health savings account"?

|          | <b>Heard the term and know what it means</b> | <b>Heard the term but don't know what it means</b> | <b>Have not heard the term</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|--|--|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 30   | 17   | 53                             | *                 | --             |

(Asked of total who have heard the term "health savings account" and know what it means; n = 494)

28. Are you currently enrolled in a health savings account, or not?

|          | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|------------|-----------|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 13         | 87        | *                 | --             |

27/28. Combo Table

|          | <b>Heard the term and know what it means</b> |                           |                               | <b>Heard term but don't know what it means</b> | <b>Have not heard term</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|--|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
|          | <b>NET</b>                                   | <b>Currently enrolled</b> | <b>Not currently enrolled</b> |  |                            |                   |                |
| 11/28/04 | 30   | 4                         | 26                            | 17   | 53                         | *                 | --             |

(Asked of total who have a private insurance plan through employer; n = 802)

29. Would you prefer to have your employer or your spouse's employer pay for all or part of your health insurance at work, or would you rather buy health insurance yourself, with the employer giving you the cash amount they would have contributed – or doesn't it make much difference to you?

|          | <b>Prefer to have your or your spouse's employer pay for all or part</b> | <b>Would rather buy health insurance yourself</b> | <b>Doesn't make much difference</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|--|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 50   | 8   | 40                                  | 2                 | *              |

(Asked of total who have a private insurance plan through employer; n = 802)

30. What if the employer gave you the cash amount they would have contributed to your policy, and you had to buy health insurance on your own - Do you think purchasing your own coverage would make it EASIER or HARDER for you to (INSERT), or wouldn't it make much difference?

a. Get a good price for health insurance

|          | <b>Easier</b> | <b>Harder</b> | <b>Wouldn't make much difference</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 7             | 77            | 14                                   | 1                 | *              |

b. Find a plan that matches your needs well

|          | <b>Easier</b> | <b>Harder</b> | <b>Wouldn't make much difference</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 14            | 55            | 27                                   | 4                 | *              |

c. Find or keep health insurance if you are sick

|          | <b>Easier</b> | <b>Harder</b> | <b>Wouldn't make much difference</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 4             | 70            | 22                                   | 3                 | *              |

d. Handle administrative issues, such as filing a claim or signing up for a policy

|          | <b>Easier</b> | <b>Harder</b> | <b>Wouldn't make much difference</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 5             | 63            | 29                                   | 3                 | *              |

31. Do you think most people would be better off if they got their health insurance policy from the place where they work, or if they purchased their own health insurance policy?

|          | <b>Better off if they got it from where they work</b> | <b>Better off if they purchased their own policy</b> | <b>No difference (Vol.)</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|---|--|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/28/04 | 75  | 17   | 2                           | 6                 | *              |

HEALTH CARE COSTS

(Asked of one-half of total respondents; n = 700)

32. Now, on another topic... A number of factors have been suggested as possible reasons for rising **health care costs**. For each factor I mention, please tell me whether you feel it is very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all in causing higher **health care costs**. If you do not know enough about some of these factors to have an opinion, just let me know. How important is (INSERT) as a factor in causing rising **health care costs**? (Next,) How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)?

a. High profits made by drug companies and insurance companies

|          | IMPORTANT |      |          | NOT IMPORTANT |         |            | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-----------|------|----------|---------------|---------|------------|------------|---------|
|          | NET       | Very | Somewhat | NET           | Not too | Not at all |            |         |
| 11/28/04 | 89        | 66   | 23       | 8             | 5       | 3          | 3          | --      |

b. The number of malpractice lawsuits

|          | IMPORTANT |      |          | NOT IMPORTANT |         |            | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-----------|------|----------|---------------|---------|------------|------------|---------|
|          | NET       | Very | Somewhat | NET           | Not too | Not at all |            |         |
| 11/28/04 | 81        | 60   | 21       | 12            | 8       | 4          | 7          | *       |

c. The amount of greed and waste that occurs in the health care system

|          | IMPORTANT |      |          | NOT IMPORTANT |         |            | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-----------|------|----------|---------------|---------|------------|------------|---------|
|          | NET       | Very | Somewhat | NET           | Not too | Not at all |            |         |
| 11/28/04 | 80        | 57   | 23       | 10            | 8       | 2          | 9          | *       |

d. The aging of the population

|          | IMPORTANT |      |          | NOT IMPORTANT |         |            | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-----------|------|----------|---------------|---------|------------|------------|---------|
|          | NET       | Very | Somewhat | NET           | Not too | Not at all |            |         |
| 11/28/04 | 84        | 49   | 35       | 13            | 9       | 4          | 3          | --      |

e. The use of expensive, high-tech medical equipment and expensive new drugs

|          | IMPORTANT |      |          | NOT IMPORTANT |         |            | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-----------|------|----------|---------------|---------|------------|------------|---------|
|          | NET       | Very | Somewhat | NET           | Not too | Not at all |            |         |
| 11/28/04 | 77        | 40   | 37       | 18            | 12      | 6          | 5          | --      |

f. The fact that most people with health insurance have little incentive to look for lower-priced doctors and services

|          | IMPORTANT |      |          | NOT IMPORTANT |         |            | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-----------|------|----------|---------------|---------|------------|------------|---------|
|          | NET       | Very | Somewhat | NET           | Not too | Not at all |            |         |
| 11/28/04 | 63        | 26   | 37       | 29            | 20      | 9          | 8          | *       |

g. Doctors making too much money

|          | IMPORTANT |      |          | NOT IMPORTANT |         |            | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-----------|------|----------|---------------|---------|------------|------------|---------|
|          | NET       | Very | Somewhat | NET           | Not too | Not at all |            |         |
| 11/28/04 | 60        | 31   | 29       | 37            | 23      | 14         | 3          | *       |

32a. Of those factors you said are very important in causing rising health care costs, which one do you think is the MOST important reason health care costs are rising?

**Note: Also includes those who said “very important” to only one factor**

|   | 11/28/04 |
|---|----------|
| High profits made by drug companies and insurance companies   | 29       |
| The number of malpractice lawsuits  | 22       |
| The amount of greed and waste that occurs in the health care system   | 15       |
| The aging of the population   | 9        |
| The use of expensive, high-tech medical equipment and expensive new drugs   | 7        |
| Doctors making too much money   | 5        |
| The fact that most people with health insurance have little incentive to look for lower-priced doctors and services | 4        |
| Other reason is most important  | 1        |
| None of these very important  | 5        |
| All same/equally important  | 1        |
| Don't know  | 1        |
| Refused   | --       |

MALPRACTICE REFORM

33. Now, switching to the topic of medical malpractice. First, do you think patients bring (too many), about the right amount, or (too few) lawsuits against doctors?

|          | Too many | Too few | About the right amount | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|----------|---------|------------------------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 61       | 10      | 18                     | 12         | *       |

34. Do you think the amount of money awarded to patients by juries in malpractice suits is usually (too much), (not enough), or about right?

|          | Too much | Not enough | About right | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|----------|------------|-------------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 49       | 9          | 30          | 11         | *       |

35. When medical malpractice occurs, juries usually award patients money to compensate them for their unpaid medical bills and other financial losses they may have suffered. In addition to these awards, do you approve or disapprove of juries making large monetary awards in malpractice cases as a way to (INSERT)?

|   | Approve | Disapprove | Don't know | Refused |
|---|---------|------------|------------|---------|
| a. Compensate individuals for pain and suffering  | 51      | 41         | 8          | *       |
| b. Punish doctors for negligence and carelessness | 38      | 54         | 7          | *       |

36. Would you favor or oppose a new law that would put a limit on the amount of money that can be awarded to someone suing a doctor for malpractice for damages for pain and suffering?

|          | Favor | Oppose | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-------|--------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 63    | 33     | 4          | *       |

(Asked of total who would favor putting a limit on the amount of money awarded for pain and suffering; n = 963)

37. Do you think such awards for pain and suffering should be limited to \$1 million; \$500,000; \$250,000; or should the limit be lower than \$250,000?

|          | \$1 million | \$500,000 | \$250,000 | Lower than \$250,000 | Higher than \$1 million (vol.) | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 29          | 23        | 16        | 15                   | 1                              | 16         | 1       |

36/37. Combo Table

|  | 11/28/04 |
|--|----------|
| Favor pain and suffering award limits  | 63       |
| Limited to \$1M                        | 18       |
| Limited to \$500K                      | 14       |
| Limited to \$250K                      | 10       |
| Limited to lower than \$250K           | 9        |
| Limited to higher than \$1M (Vol.)     | 1        |
| Don't know                             | 10       |
| Refused                                | 1        |
| Oppose pain and suffering award limits | 33       |
| Don't know                             | 4        |
| Refused                                | *        |

38. If a law were passed that did limit the amount of money patients can receive for pain and suffering, how much do you think this would help in reducing the overall cost of health care in the U.S.? Do you think it would help a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

|          | A LOT/SOME |       |      | NOT MUCH/NOT AT ALL |          |            | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|------------|-------|------|---------------------|----------|------------|------------|---------|
|          | NET        | A lot | Some | NET                 | Not much | Not at all |            |         |
| 11/28/04 | 69         | 32    | 37   | 25                  | 14       | 11         | 5          | *       |

39. Would you favor or oppose a new law that would prohibit individuals from filing medical malpractice lawsuits unless a qualified independent medical specialist reviewed the claim and thought it was reasonable?

|          | Favor | Oppose | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-------|--------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 72    | 23     | 5          | *       |

40. If a law were passed that did prohibit individuals from filing malpractice lawsuits unless an independent medical specialist reviewed the claim and thought it was reasonable, how much do you think this would help in reducing the overall cost of health care in the U.S.? Do you think it would help a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

|          | A LOT/SOME |       |      | NOT MUCH/NOT AT ALL |          |            | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|------------|-------|------|---------------------|----------|------------|------------|---------|
|          | NET        | A lot | Some | NET                 | Not much | Not at all |            |         |
| 11/28/04 | 75         | 32    | 43   | 23                  | 13       | 10         | 3          | *       |

(Asked of one-half of total respondents; n = 696)

41. A number of factors have been suggested as possible reasons for the increasing cost of **medical malpractice insurance**. For each factor I mention, please tell me whether you feel it is very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all in causing higher **malpractice insurance costs**. If you do not know enough about some of these factors to have an opinion, just let me know. How important is (INSERT) as a factor in causing rising **malpractice insurance costs**? (Next,) How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)?  
(REPEAT CATEGORIES AS NECESSARY: Is this factor very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?)

- a. Too many doctors making mistakes in treating patients

|          | IMPORTANT |      |          | NOT IMPORTANT |         |            | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-----------|------|----------|---------------|---------|------------|------------|---------|
|          | NET       | Very | Somewhat | NET           | Not too | Not at all |            |         |
| 11/28/04 | 76        | 43   | 33       | 14            | 13      | 1          | 9          | *       |

- b. Too many patients making unwarranted claims against doctors

|          | IMPORTANT |      |          | NOT IMPORTANT |         |            | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-----------|------|----------|---------------|---------|------------|------------|---------|
|          | NET       | Very | Somewhat | NET           | Not too | Not at all |            |         |
| 11/28/04 | 76        | 53   | 23       | 15            | 9       | 6          | 9          | *       |

- c. Too many lawyers filing unwarranted lawsuits

|          | IMPORTANT |      |          | NOT IMPORTANT |         |            | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-----------|------|----------|---------------|---------|------------|------------|---------|
|          | NET       | Very | Somewhat | NET           | Not too | Not at all |            |         |
| 11/28/04 | 82        | 60   | 22       | 12            | 6       | 6          | 6          | *       |

- d. Too many juries making larger awards than are justified

|          | IMPORTANT |      |          | NOT IMPORTANT |         |            | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-----------|------|----------|---------------|---------|------------|------------|---------|
|          | NET       | Very | Somewhat | NET           | Not too | Not at all |            |         |
| 11/28/04 | 72        | 42   | 30       | 15            | 8       | 7          | 13         | --      |

- e. High profits made by insurance companies selling malpractice insurance

|          | IMPORTANT |      |          | NOT IMPORTANT |         |            | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-----------|------|----------|---------------|---------|------------|------------|---------|
|          | NET       | Very | Somewhat | NET           | Not too | Not at all |            |         |
| 11/28/04 | 77        | 49   | 28       | 10            | 5       | 5          | 12         | --      |

41a. Of those factors you said are very important in causing rising malpractice insurance costs, which one do you think is the MOST important reason these costs are rising?

**Note: Also includes those who said “very important” to only one reason**

|  | 11/28/04 |
|--|----------|
| Too many lawyers filing unwarranted lawsuits                           | 32       |
| High profits made by insurance companies selling malpractice insurance | 15       |
| Too many patients making unwarranted claims against doctors            | 14       |
| Too many doctors making mistakes in treating patients                  | 11       |
| Too many juries making larger awards than are justified                | 9        |
| Other reason is most important   | *        |
| All same/equally important   | 2        |
| None of these very important   | 17       |
| Don't know   | *        |
| Refused  | *        |

#### DEMOGRAPHICS

**(Asked of total who do not have Medicare; n = 1039)**

42. Medicare is the program that provides health insurance for people over age 65 and some disabled people. Is anyone in your household now receiving Medicare benefits?

|          | Yes | No | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-----|----|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 10  | 89 | 1          | *       |

26/42. Combo Table

|          | Someone in household has Medicare | No one in household has Medicare |
|----------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 11/28/04 | 25                                | 75                               |

**(Asked of total who have Medicare; n = 133)**

42a. Is that you or someone else?

|          | You | Someone else | Both you and someone else | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-----|--------------|---------------------------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 18  | 72           | 11                        | --         | *       |



26/42/42a. Combo Table

|          | Someone in household has Medicare |            |              |                                  | No one in household has Medicare |
|----------|-----------------------------------|------------|--------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|          | NET                               | Respondent | Someone else | Both respondent and someone else |                                  |
| 11/28/04 | 25                                | 18         | 6            | 1                                | 75                               |

D1. What is your age?

|          | 18-29 | 30-49 | 50-64 | 65+ | Refused |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-----|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 21    | 36    | 25    | 16  | 2       |

D2. In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

|          | Republican | Democrat | Independent | Something else | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|------------|----------|-------------|----------------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 31         | 31       | 21          | 8              | 3          | 5       |

(Asked of total Republicans/Democrats; n = 919)

D3. Do you consider yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or not a very strong (Republican/ Democrat)?

D2/D3. Combo Table

|          | REPUBLICAN |        |            | DEMOCRAT |        |            | Independent | Something else | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|------------|--------|------------|----------|--------|------------|-------------|----------------|------------|---------|
|          | NET        | Strong | Not strong | NET      | Strong | Not strong |             |                |            |         |
| 11/28/04 | 31         | 21     | 10         | 31       | 20     | 10         | 21          | 8              | 3          | 5       |

(Asked of total independents; n = 310)

D4. Do you consider yourself closer to the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

D2/D4. Combo Table – Leaned Party

|          | Republican + Lean Rep. | Democrat + Lean Dem. | Non-lean Independent | Something else | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 39                     | 41                   | 5                    | 8              | 3          | 5       |

D5. Would you say your views in most political matters are liberal, moderate or conservative?

|          | Liberal | Moderate | Conservative | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|---------|----------|--------------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 21      | 37       | 36           | 5          | 2       |

D6. Are you currently married, living with a partner, separated, divorced, widowed, or have you never been married?

|          | Married | Living w/a partner | Separated | Divorced | Widowed | Never been married | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|---------|--------------------|-----------|----------|---------|--------------------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 55      | 5                  | 3         | 11       | 8       | 19                 | *          | 1       |

D7. Including yourself, how many adults age 18 or older live in your household?

|          | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4 | 5 | 6+ | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|----|----|----|---|---|----|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 25 | 57 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 1  | --         | 1       |

D8. How many people living in your household are under the age of 18?

|          | 1  | 2  | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6+ | None | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|----|----|---|---|---|----|------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 17 | 18 | 5 | 3 | 1 | *  | 55   | --         | 1       |

D9. What is your religious preference? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, some other religion or no religion?

|          | Protestant | Roman Catholic | Jewish | Some other religion | No religion | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|------------|----------------|--------|---------------------|-------------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 35         | 28             | 2      | 22                  | 10          | *          | 2       |

(Asked of total who are some other religion; n = 300)

D10. Do you consider yourself a Christian or not?

|          | Yes | No | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-----|----|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 86  | 13 | --         | 1       |

(Asked of total Christians/Protestants/Catholics; n = 1148)

D11. Do you consider yourself a born-again or Evangelical Christian, or not?

|          | Yes | No | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-----|----|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 43  | 53 | 3          | 1       |

D9/10. Religion Summary Table #1

|   | <b>11/28/04</b> |
|---|-----------------|
| Protestant/Catholic/Other Christian (NET) | 82              |
| Protestant                                | 35              |
| Catholic                                  | 28              |
| Other Christian                           | 19              |
| Jewish                                    | 2               |
| Some other religion/not Christian         | 3               |
| No religion                               | 10              |
| Don't know                                | *               |
| Refused                                   | 2               |

D9/D10/D11. Religion Summary Table #2

|   | <b>11/28/04</b> |
|---|-----------------|
| Protestant/Catholic/Other Christian (NET) | 82              |
| Born Again                                | 35              |
| Not Born Again                            | 47              |
| Jewish                                    | 2               |
| Some other religion/not Christian         | 3               |
| No religion                               | 10              |
| Don't know                                | *               |
| Refused                                   | 2               |

D12. What is the last grade or class that you COMPLETED in school?

|   | <b>11/28/04</b> |
|---|-----------------|
| High school graduate or less (NET)      | 46              |
| Less than high school graduate (SUBNET) | 20              |
| None, or grade 1-8                      | 14              |
| High school incomplete                  | 7               |
| High school graduate + (SUBNET)         | 26              |
| High school graduate                    | 23              |
| Business, technical/vocational school   | 3               |
| Some college or more (NET)              | 53              |
| Some college, no 4 year degree          | 18              |
| College graduate + (SUBNET)             | 35              |
| College graduate                        | 20              |
| Post-graduate training                  | 15              |
| Don't Know                              | *               |
| Refused                                 | 1               |

D13. Are you, or are any other adults living in your household, a member of a labor union?

|          | Yes | No | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-----|----|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 15  | 84 | 1          | *       |

(Asked of total labor union members; n = 191)

D13a. Is that you or someone else?

|          | You | Someone else | Both you and someone else | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-----|--------------|---------------------------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 42  | 50           | 7                         | --         | --      |

D13/D13a. Combo Table

|          | Labor union member in household |            |              |                                  | No labor union member in household | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|---------------------------------|------------|--------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|---------|
|          | NET                             | Respondent | Someone else | Both respondent and someone else |                                    |            |         |
| 11/28/04 | 15                              | 6          | 7            | 1                                | 84                                 | 1          | *       |

D14. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Latin American background?

|          | Yes | No | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-----|----|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 13  | 85 | *          | 2       |

D15. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian or some other race?

|          | White | Black | Asian | Some other race | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 78    | 12    | 1     | 5               | *          | 3       |

Race Summary Table

|          | White Non-Hispanic | Black or African American Non-Hispanic | Hispanic | Asian | Some other race | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|--------------------|--|----------|-------|-----------------|------------|---------|
| 11/28/04 | 70                 | 11                                     | 13       | 1     | 2               | *          | 2       |

D16. Last year, that is in 2003, what was your total family income from all sources, BEFORE taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

|                                  | 11/28/04 |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| LESS THAN \$20,000               | 16       |
| \$20,000 BUT LESS THAN \$30,000  | 13       |
| \$30,000 BUT LESS THAN \$40,000  | 12       |
| \$40,000 BUT LESS THAN \$50,000  | 10       |
| \$50,000 BUT LESS THAN \$60,000  | 8        |
| \$60,000 BUT LESS THAN \$75,000  | 8        |
| \$75,000 BUT LESS THAN \$100,000 | 9        |
| \$100,000 OR MORE                | 12       |
| Don't know                       | 6        |
| Refused                          | 7        |

D18. GENDER

|          | Male | Female |
|----------|------|--------|
| 11/28/04 | 48   | 52     |

D20. What language was this interview conducted in?

|          | All Spanish | Mostly Spanish | Part Spanish/Part English | Mostly English | All English |
|----------|-------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| 11/28/04 | 8           | --             | --                        | *              | 92          |

Region

|          | Northeast | North Central | South | West |
|----------|-----------|---------------|-------|------|
| 11/28/04 | 19        | 23            | 36    | 22   |

Metro Status

|          | Urban | Suburban | Rural |
|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| 11/28/04 | 32    | 45       | 23    |

## OMNIBUS QUESTIONS

*The following questions were part of an omnibus survey conducted by telephone from November 12 through November 16, 2004 among a nationally representative random sample of 1,014 adults 18 years of age and older. Fieldwork was conducted by ICR/International Communications Research.*

Next, I'm going to read you a list of some specific DISEASES AND HEALTH CONDITIONS the President and Congress might try to do something about this year. As I read each one, tell me if you think doing something about this disease should be one of their TOP priorities, important but not a top priority, not too important, or should not be done at all. What about (INSERT, RANDOMIZE)? Should this be one of their TOP priorities, important but not a top priority, not too important, or should not be done at all?

a. HIV/AIDS

|          | Top priority | Important, but not a top priority | Not too important | Should not be done at all | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------|---------|
| 11/16/04 | 59           | 33                                | 6                 | 2                         | *          | --      |

b. Obesity

|          | Top priority | Important, but not a top priority | Not too important | Should not be done at all | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------|---------|
| 11/16/04 | 30           | 41                                | 20                | 7                         | 2          | *       |

c. Alzheimer's disease

|          | Top priority | Important, but not a top priority | Not too important | Should not be done at all | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------|---------|
| 11/16/04 | 52           | 40                                | 6                 | 1                         | 1          | *       |

d. Cancer

|          | Top priority | Important, but not a top priority | Not too important | Should not be done at all | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------|---------|
| 11/16/04 | 70           | 26                                | 2                 | 1                         | *          | *       |

e. Heart disease

|          | Top priority | Important, but not a top priority | Not too important | Should not be done at all | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------|---------|
| 11/16/04 | 59           | 36                                | 4                 | 1                         | 1          | *       |

f. Diabetes

|          | Top priority | Important, but not a top priority | Not too important | Should not be done at all | Don't know | Refused |
|----------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------|---------|
| 11/16/04 | 49           | 43                                | 7                 | 1                         | 1          | *       |

g. Mental health

|          | <b>Top priority</b> | <b>Important, but not a top priority</b> | <b>Not too important</b> | <b>Should not be done at all</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|---------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/16/04 | 41                  | 48                                       | 9                        | 1                                | *                 | *              |

h. Infectious diseases such as the flu and SARS

|          | <b>Top priority</b> | <b>Important, but not a top priority</b> | <b>Not too important</b> | <b>Should not be done at all</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|---------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/16/04 | 32                  | 54                                       | 12                       | 2                                | 1                 | *              |

i. Drug and alcohol abuse

|          | <b>Top priority</b> | <b>Important, but not a top priority</b> | <b>Not too important</b> | <b>Should not be done at all</b> | <b>Don't know</b> | <b>Refused</b> |
|----------|---------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 11/16/04 | 37                  | 46                                       | 11                       | 5                                | 1                 | *              |



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