

Methodology

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**THE KAISER/HARVARD NATIONAL SURVEY ON
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FINAL TOTAL ADULTS & REGISTERED VOTER TOPLINE

NOTE: Some results will not add to 100% because of rounding

Total = Total Adults

Reg. Voters = Registered Voters

- 1a. I'm going to start by reading you a list of four things that might influence your vote in next year's presidential election. Please tell me which ONE of them you think will be MOST important when you decide who to vote for. Will it be...

Total Reg. Voters

34	36	The candidates' stands on the issues
24	24	The candidates' leadership abilities
24	24	The candidates' character and moral values
11	10	The candidates' experience
2	1	Not interested in politics/Don't plan to vote (VOL.)
1	1	None of these/Other factor (VOL.)
4	4	Don't know/Refused

- 1b. And which of these will be NEXT MOST important in deciding your vote for president?

Total Reg. Voters

29	29	The candidates' leadership abilities
23	24	The candidates' stands on the issues
21	21	The candidates' character and moral values
18	18	The candidates' experience
2	2	None of these/Other factor (VOL.)
1	1	Don't know/Refused
6	5	Named no/other first most important factor

- 1a. Please tell me which ONE of them you think will be MOST important when you decide who to vote for. Will it be...
- 1b. And which of these will be NEXT MOST important in deciding your vote for president?

First or Second Most Important Factor

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
56	60	The candidates' stands on the issues
54	53	The candidates' leadership abilities
46	46	The candidates' character and moral values
29	28	The candidates' experience

2. Now I'm going to read you a short list of issues that might be discussed during next year's presidential campaign. After I read them all, tell me which one or two will be MOST important in deciding your vote for president. Here are the choices...

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
30	29	Education
20	20	Health care, other than Medicare
19	19	The economy and jobs
18	17	Social Security
16	17	Taxes
13	13	Crime and violence
12	12	Gun control
10	10	Moral values
9	9	Foreign policy
9	9	Medicare
7	6	Drugs
1	1	Other issue (VOL.)
1	1	None/Issues will not be important (VOL.)
2	2	Don't know/Refused
<i>Total exceeds 100% due to multiple responses</i>		

3. What MEDICARE issue or concern, in particular, do you think will be MOST important in deciding your vote? (**OPEN-ENDED; RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. IF RESPONDENT GIVES ONLY ONE ANSWER, ASK:**) Is there any other Medicare issue or concern that will be almost as important?

Based on those who say Medicare is a deciding issue; n=133 for total and n=108 for registered voters

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
15	17	Continued Medicare availability
10	10	Improvement of Medicare program
9	7	Lack of coverage for seniors
6	7	Cutting Medicare benefits
10	6	Prescription coverage
20	23	Other ¹
32	32	Don't know/Refused
<i>Total exceeds 100% due to multiple responses</i>		

4. What HEALTH CARE issue or concern – other than Medicare – do you think will be MOST important in deciding your vote? (**OPEN-ENDED; RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. IF RESPONDENT GIVES ONLY ONE ANSWER, ASK:**) Is there any other health care issue or concern that will be almost as important?

Based on those who say health care other than Medicare is a deciding issue; n=249 for registered voters and n=298 for total

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
23	23	Cost of health care
21	23	Uninsured/Lack of insurance
11	10	HMO/Managed Care
6	7	Medicare/Seniors
4	4	Quality of health care
18	18	Other ²
26	23	Don't know/Refused
<i>Total exceeds 100% due to multiple responses</i>		

- 5a. Now I have a question about next year's election for U.S. CONGRESS. If the election for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for the...for Congress in your district?
- 5b. As of TODAY, do you LEAN more toward...?
2000 Congressional Preference

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
40	42	Total Republican
34	36	Republican
6	6	Lean Republican
45	44	Total Democrat
39	38	Democrat

¹ In question 3, all responses mentioned by fewer than five percent are included under "Other."

² In question 4, all responses mentioned by fewer than four percent are included under "Other."

- 6 6 Lean Democrat
 16 14 Total undecided/Don't know
6. As you may know, the federal government has a budget SURPLUS this year. I'm going to read you a list of some things that might be done with the available money. As I read each one, please tell me if you think it should be a TOP priority, OR important but a LOWER priority, OR not too important, OR if you think this should not be done.

		<u>A top priority</u>	<u>Important but lower priority</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Should not be done</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
a.	To cut taxes					
	Total	43	32	15	8	2
	Reg. Voters:	42	33	16	8	2
b.	To pay off the national debt more quickly					
	Total	34	36	21	7	2
	Reg. Voters:	35	35	21	7	2
c.	To increase spending to improve public schools					
	Total	57	27	9	6	1
	Reg. Voters:	57	26	10	7	1
d.	To provide health insurance to people who are currently uninsured					
	Total	46	34	12	6	2
	Reg. Voters:	45	34	13	6	2
e.	To make the Social Security program financially sound					
	Total	64	25	6	3	1
	Reg. Voters:	63	26	6	4	1
f.	To make the Medicare program financially sound					
	Total	55	32	9	3	2
	Reg. Voters:	54	31	9	4	1
g.	To increase spending on national defense					
	Total	26	35	23	14	2
	Reg. Voters:	27	35	22	14	2
h.	To provide coverage for prescription medicines for the elderly					
	Total	55	29	10	4	1
	Reg. Voters:	54	30	10	4	1

- 6/7. You said the following should be TOP priorities for using the federal budget surplus.... Which ONE of these do you think should be the MOST important priority?

Top Priority

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
22	22	To increase spending to improve public schools
18	19	To make the Social Security program financially sound
12	12	To cut taxes
11	10	To provide health insurance to people who are currently uninsured
10	10	To provide coverage for prescription medicines for the elderly
9	10	To pay off the national debt more quickly
6	5	To make the Medicare program financially sound
5	5	To increase spending on national defense
7	7	No top priorities named/Don't know

8. Now I'm going to read you a list of health care issues you might consider in deciding who to vote for in next year's presidential election. As I read each one, please tell me if you think it will be very important in deciding your vote for president, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important. How important will this issue be in deciding your vote...?

		<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
a.	Protecting consumer rights in HMOs and managed care plans					
	Total	44	33	14	6	3
	Reg. Voters:	44	34	14	6	2
b.	Providing coverage for prescription medicines for the elderly					
	Total	51	33	12	4	1
	Reg. Voters:	50	33	13	4	1
c.	Making Medicare financially sound					
	Total	52	35	9	3	1
	Reg. Voters:	52	34	9	3	1
d.	Helping the uninsured get health insurance coverage					
	Total	47	33	13	5	2
	Reg. Voters:	46	33	14	5	1

- 8/9. You said the following issues will be very important... Which ONE of these do you think will be MOST important in deciding your vote?

Most Important Issue

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
23	22	Helping the uninsured get health insurance coverage
20	20	Making Medicare financially sound
16	17	Protecting consumer rights in HMOs and managed care plans
18	17	Providing coverage for prescription medicines for the elderly
24	24	No issues very important/Don't know

10. Now, I have a few more questions about politics... I'm going to read you the names of 10 candidates who say they are running for president in the year 2000. Regardless of who you might vote for, please tell me which ONE of these candidates you think would do the best job handling health care issues. The candidates are...

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
27	28	George W. Bush
22	21	Al Gore
11	12	Bill Bradley
7	7	John McCain
3	2	Pat Buchanan
2	2	Steve Forbes
2	2	Orrin Hatch
1	2	Gary Bauer
2	2	Donald Trump
1	1	Alan Keyes
2	2	Other candidate (VOL.)
3	3	None would do a good job (VOL.)
17	15	Don't know/Refused

11. Do you approve or disapprove of the way... (is/are) handling health care issues?

		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a.	Republicans in Congress			
	Total	25	50	24
	Reg. Voters:	25	53	22
b.	Democrats in Congress			
	Total	35	42	22
	Reg. Voters:	35	45	20
c.	President Clinton			
	Total	45	39	16
	Reg. Voters:	44	43	13

12. Now I'd like to know which party you think generally does a better job of dealing with each of the following issues. Which party do you think does a better job of dealing with...the Republican Party, the Democratic Party, both parties about the same, or do you think neither party does a good job?

		<u>Rep. Party</u>	<u>Dem. Party</u>	<u>Both about the same</u>	<u>Neither party</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
a.	Patient rights in HMOs and managed care plans					
	Total	17	32	17	15	19
	Reg. Voters:	18	32	16	16	18
b.	Social Security					
	Total	24	34	17	12	13
	Reg. Voters:	26	34	17	12	11
c.	Medicare					
	Total	19	37	18	12	14
	Reg. Voters:	20	37	18	12	12
d.	Taxes					
	Total	34	28	13	12	12
	Reg. Voters:	37	28	13	12	11
e.	Health insurance for the uninsured					
	Total	14	40	14	16	16
	Reg. Voters:	14	41	14	17	14
f.	Prescription medicine coverage for the elderly					
	Total	16	33	18	16	18
	Reg. Voters:	16	33	17	16	17

13. Now I have a few questions about some recent news stories ... You might recall news reports about a change in health coverage policies by one of the nation's largest health insurers, the UnitedHealth Group. From what you've seen or heard, which ONE of the following changes in policy did the UnitedHealth Group recently announce? Did the company say it...or don't you know enough to say?

Total Reg. Voters

6	7	Will no longer offer coverage to seniors in the Medicare program
29	32	Will give physicians the final word on decisions about whether patient treatments are necessary (<i>correct answer</i>)
3	3	Will increase the amount they pay to doctors
57	54	Don't know enough to say
4	3	Refused

14. Now I'm going to read you a list of some stories covered by news organizations in the last month or so. As I read each one, tell me if you happened to follow this news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely. How closely did you follow this story...?

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
a. Controversies surrounding the World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle					
Total	29	27	19	20	4
Reg. Voters:	32	28	19	18	3
b. The crash of EgyptAir flight 990 and the continuing investigation of its cause					
Total	39	34	16	8	3
Reg. Voters:	41	35	15	7	2
c. Debates involving the Republican and Democratic candidates for president in New Hampshire					
Total	16	18	21	39	5
Reg. Voters:	18	20	21	38	4
d. President Clinton's proposal for protecting the privacy of patient's medical information					
Total	21	22	23	29	5
Reg. Voters:	22	24	23	28	4
e. A report by the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences about medical errors in hospitals					
Total	26	25	21	24	4
Reg. Voters:	29	26	21	21	3
f. Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore's proposal to provide health insurance to people currently uninsured					
Total	17	21	26	31	5
Reg. Voters:	18	22	25	30	4
g. Democratic presidential candidate Bill Bradley's proposal to provide health insurance to people currently uninsured					
Total	14	20	26	35	6
Reg. Voters:	15	21	25	34	5

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Question 14 continued...

		<u>Very Closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
h.	The UnitedHealth Group's announcement of a new policy allowing doctors to have the final decision on whether patient treatments are necessary.					
	Total	24	24	21	27	4
	Reg. Voters:	26	24	21	26	3
i.	A research study's findings about the amount of time children spend watching television and using other media					
	Total	25	25	20	26	4
	Reg. Voters:	26	26	20	25	3
j.	A research study's findings about employers' costs of providing health insurance to their workers					
	Total	15	21	24	34	5
	Reg. Voters:	16	22	25	33	5
15.	Recently the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences delivered a report about medical errors in hospitals. To the best of your knowledge, did this report say that these medical errors were...					

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
42	46	A big problem that causes a lot of deaths (<i>correct answer</i>)
12	13	A small problem that causes relatively few deaths
43	40	Don't know enough to say
2	1	Refused

16. And to the best of your knowledge, did this report call for each of the following actions, or not?

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a.	A new government agency to protect patients against medical errors in hospitals?			
	Total	32	19	49
	Reg. Voters:	32	20	48
b.	More severe punishments of doctors and nurses who commit medical errors?			
	Total	29	22	49
	Reg. Voters:	29	22	48
c.	Tougher malpractice laws against doctors and hospitals who commit medical errors?			
	Total	32	20	47
	Reg. Voters:	33	21	46

Correct answers: a=yes, b=no, c=no

17. Democratic presidential candidates Al Gore and Bill Bradley have each proposed health care reform to expand health insurance coverage for Americans who currently go without. Whose proposal do you think...: Al Gore's or Bill Bradley's, or do you not know enough about their proposals to say?

		<u>Gore's proposal</u>	<u>Bradley's proposal</u>	<u>About the same</u>	<u>Don't know enough to say</u>	<u>Ref.</u>
a.	Would cover more people					
	Total	21	15	4	57	3
	Reg. Voters:	21	17	4	56	3
b.	Has a bigger price tag					
	Total	22	15	3	58	2
	Reg. Voters:	23	16	3	56	2

18. Which ONE of the following three statements comes closest to your opinion about what the government should do for people who don't have health insurance? Do you think the government should...

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
11	12	Keep things the way they are now
43	43	Make a LIMITED effort to provide health insurance for some of the uninsured, which would not require a tax increase
39	39	Make a MAJOR effort to provide health insurance for nearly all uninsured Americans,

- 7 which would require a tax increase
 6 Don't know/Refused

19. Which of the following two options do you think would be the better way to guarantee health insurance coverage for Americans?

Total Reg. Voters

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|----|----|--|
| 43 | 43 | Building on the current system in which most working people get health coverage through an employer, and the government covers the cost of insurance for the poor and unemployed |
| 38 | 38 | Switching to a system in which all individuals would buy their own health insurance but would receive a tax credit or subsidy to help them with the cost of the plan |
| 11 | 11 | Neither (VOL.) |
| 9 | 8 | Don't know/Refused |

- 20a. Would you be willing to pay FIFTY DOLLARS more per month--either in higher health insurance premiums or higher taxes--in order to increase the number of Americans who have health insurance coverage, or not?
- 20b. Would you be willing to pay an extra THIRTY DOLLARS a month, or not?
- 20c. Would you be willing to pay an extra FIVE DOLLARS a month, or not?

Total Reg. Voters

- | | | |
|----|----|---------------------------|
| 74 | 73 | Total willing to pay more |
| 39 | 40 | Willing to pay \$50 |
| 13 | 13 | Willing to pay \$30 |
| 22 | 20 | Willing to pay \$5 |
| 22 | 24 | Not willing to pay more |
| 4 | 3 | Don't know |

21. I'm going to read you some different ways to guarantee health insurance for more Americans. As I read each one, please tell me whether you would favor it or oppose it.

- | | | <u>Favor</u> | <u>Oppose</u> | <u>DK/Ref.</u> |
|----|--|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| a. | A national health plan, financed by taxpayers, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan. | | | |
| | Total | 39 | 51 | 10 |
| | Reg. Voters: | 39 | 52 | 9 |
| b. | Requiring businesses to offer private health insurance for their employees | | | |
| | Total | 74 | 19 | 7 |
| | Reg. Voters: | 74 | 20 | 6 |
| c. | Offering uninsured Americans income tax deductions, tax credits, or other financial assistance to help them purchase private health insurance on their own | | | |

Total	69	23	9	13
Reg. Voters:	69	23	8	

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Question 21 continued...

- d. Expanding Medicare to cover people under age 65 who do not have health insurance

Total	57	34	9
Reg. Voters:	56	36	8

- 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

Total	70	23	7
Reg. Voters:	70	25	6

21/22. Which ONE of these ways to guarantee health insurance would you MOST prefer?

Most Preferred Option

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
25	25	Requiring businesses to offer health insurance for their employees
21	21	Expanding state government programs for low-income people to provide coverage for people without health insurance
19	20	Offering tax deductions or other financial assistance to help the uninsured pay for private insurance
16	17	A single government plan to provide health insurance for all Americans
8	8	Expanding Medicare to cover people under age 65 who do not have health insurance
11	10	Do not favor any/Don't know

- 23a. I'd like your opinion of a proposal to deal with the problem of uninsured children... Under this proposal, ALL parents would be required to buy health insurance for their children. Low- and moderate-income parents would receive some government assistance to help them pay for it. Keeping in mind that this would cost the government and taxpayers money, would you favor or oppose requiring all parents to buy health insurance for their children?

- 23b. Do you (favor/oppose) this requirement strongly, or only somewhat?

	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
56	56	Total favor
33	33	Strongly
23	23	Not strongly
36	37	Total oppose
18	19	Strongly

18	18	Not strongly
8	7	Don't know/Refused

24. As you may know, a few years ago, Congress passed a law to help states cover more uninsured children. What is your opinion of a proposal to extend this health insurance coverage to the parents of the eligible child as well? Keeping in mind that this would cost the government and the taxpayers money, would you favor or oppose extending this government subsidized insurance coverage to parents?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
50	50	Favor
37	38	Oppose
13	12	Don't know/Refused

25. A law has been debated in Congress that would require HMOs, other managed care plans, and health insurance companies to provide people with more information about their health plan, make it easier for people to see medical specialists, allow appeals to independent reviewers when someone is denied coverage for a particular medical treatment, and give people the right to sue their health plan. Do you favor or oppose such a law?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
71	72	Favor
18	17	Oppose
11	11	Don't know/Refused

26. If this law – sometimes called the Patient Bill of Rights – were enacted, do you think people like you would be better off, worse off, or not much affected either way?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
44	45	Better off
7	7	Worse off
37	37	Not much affected
11	11	Don't know/Refused

- 27a. If this Patient Bill of Rights were enacted, what effect—if any—do you think it would have on health insurance premiums for people like you? Do you think it would lead to health insurance premiums...

- 27b. Do you think premiums would go (up/down) a lot or only a little?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
65	66	Total go up
36	37	Go up a lot
26	26	Go up only a little/some
2	2	Don't know how much
5	5	Total go down
2	2	Go down a lot

3	3	Go down only a little/some
*	* ³	Don't know how much
21	21	Not much affected either way
10	9	Don't know/Refused

28. Would you still favor this Patient Bill of Rights if you heard it would increase the cost of health insurance premiums usually shared by employers and workers by about 20 dollars per month for a typical family – that is, a little over 200 dollars per year?

Total Reg. Voters

52	53	Would still favor
31	31	Total would oppose
18	17	Oppose initially
13	13	Switched to oppose
16	16	Don't know/Refused

29. Next, I have a few questions about Medicare, the federal program that provides health insurance primarily to people aged 65 and older. From what you know, what is the financial status today of Medicare? Would you say...

Total Reg. Voters

14	15	It is in good shape financially and no real changes are needed
31	32	It faces some financial problems and minor changes are needed
26	27	It faces serious financial problems that require major changes to the existing program
17	17	It faces so many financial problems that the whole program needs to be completely rebuilt
12	10	Don't know/Refused

30. Medicare does not currently pay for prescription medicines. Which ONE of the following three statements comes closest to your opinion about what the government should do about Medicare coverage for prescription medicines? Do you think the government should...

Total Reg. Voters

20	21	Keep things the way they are now and not add a prescription drug benefit
41	42	Expand Medicare to cover prescription medicines for only LOW-INCOME seniors - even if it means an increase in premiums or taxes to cover the costs
28	27	Guarantee prescription medicine coverage to EVERYONE on Medicare – even if it means a larger increase in premiums or taxes to cover the costs
11	10	Don't know/Refused

31. I'm going to read you two different ways Medicare might be expanded to provide prescription medicine coverage for seniors. Keeping in mind that either one would cost the taxpayers money, please tell me which, if any, you would personally prefer. Would you rather see coverage that would ...

³ An asterisk indicates values less than .5%.

Total Reg. Voters

42	43	Expand Medicare to provide prescription medicine coverage to seniors, with government subsidies to help cover their costs
27	27	Offer prescription medicine coverage under private health insurance plans to seniors, with government subsidies to help cover their costs
19	19	Do you feel neither should be done at this time
12	10	Don't know/Refused

32. In the last session of Congress, a Patient Bill of Rights was debated but was not enacted. Which ONE of the following in government do you think is MOST responsible for this legislation not being enacted?

Total Reg. Voters

13	13	President Clinton
8	9	Democrats in Congress
26	27	Republicans in Congress
25	25	All equally responsible (VOL.)
3	3	None are responsible (VOL.)
25	23	Don't know/Refused

33. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan? This would include any private insurance plan through your employer or that you purchase yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or Medicaid?

Total Reg. Voters

86	89	Yes
12	10	No
2	1	Don't know/Refused

34. What is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage? Do you have...

- 35a. Is that MediCARE, the program that provides health insurance for seniors and some disabled people, OR MediCAID, the government program that provides health insurance for low-income people, OR some OTHER government program that provides health insurance?

Based on those who are currently insured; n=1,119 for registered voters and n=1303 for total

Total Reg. Voters

66	67	Employer-provided
13	13	Self-purchased
18	18	Government program
13	14	Medicare
3	3	Medicaid
2	2	Other government program/Don't know
1	1	Other main source (VOL.)
1	1	Don't know/Refused

- 35b. Do you also have a private health insurance plan that provides additional coverage beyond

Medicare?

Based on those whose main health insurance is Medicare; n=150 for registered voters and n=165 for total

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
66	68	Yes
34	31	No
*	*	Don't know/Refused

36c. How much of a problem is it for you to pay for this additional health insurance plan? Is it...

Based on those who have additional coverage beyond Medicare; n=104 for registered voters and n=111 for total

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
23	23	A serious problem
28	27	A problem, but not too serious
41	42	Not much of a problem
6	7	I don't pay for it (VOL.)
3	1	Don't know/Refused

37. Thinking about the next six months, how worried are you that each of the following might happen to you. How worried are you that...? Are you very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?

		<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Somewhat worried</u>	<u>Not too worried</u>	<u>Not at all worried</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>	<u>Currently uninsured</u>
a.	You might not be able to get the health care services you think you need						
	Total	24	19	18	37	3	NA
	Reg. Voters:	23	19	17	39	2	NA
b.	The amount you pay for your health care services or health insurance will increase						
	Total	28	24	18	26	4	NA
	Reg. Voters:	27	25	18	27	3	NA
c.	You might not be able to get the health care you think you need because you can't afford it						
	Total	25	16	18	38	3	NA
	Reg. Voters:	23	16	18	41	2	NA
d.	The quality of health care services you receive will get worse						

Total	24	21	18	34	3	NA
Reg. Voters:	23	21	18	36	2	NA

- e. You will have to stay in your current job instead of taking a new job for fear of losing health benefits

Total	17	8	12	44	4	14
Reg. Voters:	17	8	12	46	5	11

Continued...

Question 37 continued...

- f. You might lose your health insurance coverage

Total	18	9	16	42	1	14
Reg. Voters:	18	10	17	44	1	11

- g. Your HEALTH PLAN would be more concerned about saving money for the plan than about what is the best treatment for you

Total	24	21	15	23	3	14
Reg. Voters:	25	21	15	24	3	11

38. How much of a problem is it for you to pay for prescription medicines that you need? Is it....

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
19	19	A serious problem
18	18	A problem, but not serious
60	62	Not much of a problem
3	2	Don't know/Refused

DEMOGRAPHICS:

- D1. Sex

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
48	47	Male
52	53	Female

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

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
30	33	Republican
30	30	Democrat

34	32	Independent
3	2	No preference/Not interested in politics (VOL.)
1	1	Other party (VOL.)
1	1	Don't know
2	1	Refused

- D3. Which Democratic presidential candidate do you think would do a better job handling health care issues...?

Based on those who consider themselves Democrats; n=366 for registered voters and n=433 for total

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
48	47	Al Gore
24	23	Bill Bradley
8	9	Both the same (VOL.)
4	4	Neither would do a good job (VOL.)
16	17	Don't know/Refused

- D4. In general, would you describe your political views as...

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
11	12	Very conservative
27	28	Conservative
40	40	Moderate
12	12	Liberal
5	5	Very liberal
4	2	Don't know/Refused

- D5. Many people are not registered to vote because they're too busy or move around too often... Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
81	99	Yes, registered
16	0	No, not registered
1	1	Don't have to register (VOL.)
2	0	Don't know/Refused

- D6a. Thinking back to the last election for U.S. Congress in November 1998, did things come up to keep you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
66	76	Yes, voted
30	21	No, did not vote
1	1	Too young to vote in 11/98 (VOL.)
2	2	Don't remember if voted
1	*	Refused

D6b. Did you happen to vote for the Republican Party's candidate or the Democratic Party's candidate for Congress in your district?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
29	33	Republican
28	32	Democrat
3	4	Other party/Independent candidate (VOL.)
4	5	Don't remember which candidate
2	2	Refused
34	24	Did not vote

D7a. How likely is it that you will vote in your state's primary election for president next year -- or attend a caucus in your state to support a particular presidential candidate? Would you say it is...

D7b. Are you ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN you will vote in a presidential primary or attend a caucus, or is there a chance that something might come up to keep you from participating?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
72	81	Very likely
66	75	Absolutely certain
6	6	Not absolutely certain
12	9	Somewhat likely
7	4	Not too likely
6	4	Not at all likely
3	2	Don't know/Refused

D8. Are you the parent of any children BETWEEN THE AGES OF 10 TO 17?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
26	27	Yes
73	72	No
1	*	Don't know/Refused

D9. What is the LAST grade or class that you COMPLETED in school?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
16	14	Less than high school graduate
36	35	High school graduate
23	24	Some college
23	27	College graduate or higher
1	1	Don't Know/Refused

D10. What is your age?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
22	19	18-29
40	41	30-49
20	21	50-64

16	18	65+
2	1	Don't know/Refused

- D11. What is your religious preference -- Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Mormon, an Orthodox Church such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, some other religion, or no religion?
- D12. Do you think of yourself as a Christian, or not?
- D13. Would you describe yourself as a born-again or Evangelical Christian, or not?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
60	61	Total Protestant/Christian
32	33	Evangelical
28	28	Non-evangelical
22	22	Catholic
1	1	Jewish
2	2	Mormon
*	*	Orthodox Church
3	3	Other religion
8	8	No religion
3	2	Don't know/Refused

- D14. Last year -- that is, in 1998 -- what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
18	16	Under \$20,000
13	13	\$20,000 to under \$30,000
22	23	\$30,000 to under \$50,000
14	15	\$50,000 to under \$75,000
13	14	\$75,000+
20	19	Don't know/Refused

- D15. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or other Latin American background?
- D16. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race? Do you consider yourself a WHITE Hispanic/Latino or a BLACK Hispanic/Latino?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg. Voters</u>	
76	78	White, non-Hispanic
22	21	Total minority
10	10	Black/African-American
10	9	Hispanic
1	1	Asian
1	1	Other/Mixed race
2	1	Don't know/Refused