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Independent Women's Voice

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A. Gender (RECORDED BY OBSERVATION)

46% MALE
54% FEMALE

B. Age (RECORDED FROM SAMPLE)

9% 18-24
12% 25-34
19% 35-44
18% 45-54
21% 55-64
21% 65+

C. Region (RECORDED FROM SAMPLE)

31% Midwest (NET)
28% **East North Central:** IL-14, IN-08, IN-09, MI-07, OH-01, OH-06, OH-15, OH-16, OH-18, WI-8
3% **West North Central:** ND-At Large

27% South (NET)
6% **East South Central:** KY-06, TN-06
9% **West South Central:** AR-01, AR-04, TX-17
14% **South Atlantic:** NC-07, NC-11, VA-02, VA-05, VA-09

20% West (NET)
14% **Mountain:** AZ-08, CO-03, CO-04, NM-02, NV-03
6% **Pacific:** CA-18, WA-03

20% Northeast (NET)
20% **Middle Atlantic:** NJ-03, NY-20, NY-24, PA-03, PA-04, PA-08, PA-10

General Assessments of Healthcare Reform

1. How important will the issue of healthcare be in deciding which candidate to support for United States Congress in November? (READ AND ROTATED TOP TO BOTTOM AND BOTTOM TO TOP)

30% THE TOP ISSUE
52% NOT THE TOP ISSUE, BUT ONE OF THE TOP THREE ISSUES
11% NOT ONE OF THE TOP THREE ISSUES, BUT ONE OF THE TOP TEN ISSUES
4% NOT ONE OF THE TOP TEN ISSUES
2% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

2. Has what you've read, seen, or heard about healthcare reform over the last week to 10 days made you (ROTATED) more supportive or less supportive of the healthcare legislation being considered in Washington? (PROBED: And did it make you MUCH or SOMEWHAT MORE/LESS SUPPORTIVE?)

29% TOTAL MORE SUPPORTIVE (NET)

16% MUCH MORE SUPPORTIVE
13% SOMEWHAT MORE SUPPORTIVE

55% TOTAL LESS SUPPORTIVE (NET)

13% SOMEWHAT LESS SUPPORTIVE
42% MUCH LESS SUPPORTIVE

2% HAVE NOT SEEN ANYTHING (VOLUNTEERED)
9% NO DIFFERENCE (VOLUNTEERED)
5% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
* REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

3. From what you have read, seen, or heard about the proposals or legislation to change the way healthcare is covered and delivered here in the United States, and understanding that the current plan is to pass the existing legislation, then try to pass changes to it later on, which may or may not succeed, do you think that Congress should ...(READ AND ROTATED TOP TO BOTTOM AND BOTTOM TO TOP)

10% PASS CURRENT LEGISLATION AS-IS
13% PASS CURRENT LEGISLATION, BUT THEN TRY TO MAKE MAJOR CHANGES LATER ON
13% PASS CURRENT LEGISLATION, BUT THEN TRY TO MAKE MINOR CHANGES LATER ON
40% START FROM SCRATCH WITH A BIPARTISAN PROPOSAL
20% STOP WORKING ON HEALTHCARE LEGISLATION THIS YEAR
5% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOLUNTEERED)
1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

Reasons for Support of and Opposition to Healthcare Reform

Next, I will you read you some of the arguments being made about healthcare reform. For each, please tell me whether you (ROTATED) agree or disagree. (PROBED EACH: And would that be STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT AGREE/DISAGREE?) (SPLIT SAMPLED SERIES; ROTATED 4-10)

4. (ASKED OF ALL) The only way to improve the healthcare system is for the government to mandate everyone to have health insurance.

32% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

17% STRONGLY AGREE
15% SOMEWHAT AGREE

67% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

14% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
53% STRONGLY DISAGREE

2% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
* REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

5. SPLIT SAMPLE A: It is the responsibility of the federal government to mandate that everyone have government-approved health insurance and to be penalized if they do not.

N=306

22% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

11% STRONGLY AGREE
11% SOMEWHAT AGREE

76% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

12% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
64% STRONGLY DISAGREE

2% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
* REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

SPLIT SAMPLE B: It would be an unprecedented violation of individual rights for the federal government to mandate that everyone have government-approved health insurance and to be penalized if they do not.

N=324

55% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

44% STRONGLY AGREE
11% SOMEWHAT AGREE

42% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

11% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
31% STRONGLY DISAGREE

2% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
* REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

6. SPLIT SAMPLE A: Healthcare reform should focus first on bringing down the costs of healthcare and health insurance.

N=293

81% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

61% STRONGLY AGREE
20% SOMEWHAT AGREE

18% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

8% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
10% STRONGLY DISAGREE

5% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
- REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

SPLIT SAMPLE B: Health reform should focus on making sure everyone has insurance.

N=278

53% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

35% STRONGLY AGREE
18% SOMEWHAT AGREE

44% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

13% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
31% STRONGLY DISAGREE

3% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
* REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

7. We as a nation can't afford to pay for the current healthcare legislation right now.

N=630

64% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

52% STRONGLY AGREE
12% SOMEWHAT AGREE

33% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

10% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
23% STRONGLY DISAGREE

3% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
* REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

8. The current legislation gives government too big a role in the healthcare system.

N=571

63% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

53% STRONGLY AGREE

10% SOMEWHAT AGREE

32% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

11% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE

21% STRONGLY DISAGREE

5% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

- REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

9. Healthcare reform is distracting Congress from other more immediate priorities, like the economy and jobs.

N=630

69% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

52% STRONGLY AGREE

17% SOMEWHAT AGREE

30% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

10% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE

20% STRONGLY DISAGREE

2% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

* REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

10. SPLIT SAMPLE A: Americans have the right to spend their own money to have access to legal health care services, treatments, and tests.

N=293

86% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

66% STRONGLY AGREE

20% SOMEWHAT AGREE

11% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

4% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE

7% STRONGLY DISAGREE

5% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

SPLIT SAMPLE B: Americans have the right to choose to **NOT** participate in any health care system or plan **WITHOUT** the government imposing a penalty or fine or any type.

N=278

76% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

60% STRONGLY AGREE

16% SOMEWHAT AGREE

22% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

8% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE

14% STRONGLY DISAGREE

5% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

Tenets of Healthcare Legislation

I will now read you a series of statements about the current healthcare legislation being considered in Washington. For each, please tell me whether this fact alone makes you (ROTATED) more supportive or less supportive of the legislation. (PROBED: And would that be MUCH or SOMEWHAT MORE/LESS SUPPORTIVE?) (SPLIT SAMPLED SERIES; ROTATED 11-20)

11. Penalizes employers with 50 or more employees who don't provide what the government deems is sufficient health insurance for their employees, and fines them up to \$2,000 per employee for each low-income employee who purchases subsidized health insurance from the government.

<u>N=630</u>	
29%	<u>TOTAL MORE SUPPORTIVE (NET)</u>
11%	MUCH MORE SUPPORTIVE
18%	SOMEWHAT MORE SUPPORTIVE
61%	<u>TOTAL LESS SUPPORTIVE (NET)</u>
15%	SOMEWHAT LESS SUPPORTIVE
46%	MUCH LESS SUPPORTIVE
8%	DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
1%	REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

12. Mandates the purchase of insurance and penalizes individuals who do not purchase health insurance with a fine of up to 2.5 percent of their income.

<u>N=571</u>	
15%	<u>TOTAL MORE SUPPORTIVE (NET)</u>
5%	MUCH MORE SUPPORTIVE
10%	SOMEWHAT MORE SUPPORTIVE
81%	<u>TOTAL LESS SUPPORTIVE (NET)</u>
19%	SOMEWHAT LESS SUPPORTIVE
62%	MUCH LESS SUPPORTIVE
3%	DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
1%	REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

13. Creates a new middle-class entitlement that provides (**SPLIT SAMPLE: government/taxpayer**) subsidies to help purchase health insurance to some people earning up to \$96,000 for a family of four.

“Government”		“Taxpayer”	
N=293		N=278	
35%	35%	TOTAL MORE SUPPORTIVE (NET)	
15%	15%	MUCH MORE SUPPORTIVE	
20%	20%	SOMEWHAT MORE SUPPORTIVE	
59%	55%	TOTAL LESS SUPPORTIVE (NET)	
21%	16%	SOMEWHAT MORE SUPPORTIVE	
38%	39%	MUCH LESS SUPPORTIVE	
6%	8%	DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)	
1%	2%	REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)	

14. According to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, the cost of health insurance premiums in the individual market will increase on average by \$2,100 in the year 2016. This means that if the bill passes, families will pay \$15,200 per year, but \$13,100 per year if it did not pass.

<u>N=571</u>		
16%	TOTAL MORE SUPPORTIVE (NET)	
7%	MUCH MORE SUPPORTIVE	
9%	SOMEWHAT MORE SUPPORTIVE	
67%	TOTAL LESS SUPPORTIVE (NET)	
19%	SOMEWHAT LESS SUPPORTIVE	
48%	MUCH LESS SUPPORTIVE	
13%	DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)	
4%	REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)	

15. Cuts to Medicare Advantage could cause at least one-third of seniors to lose some of their health care benefits.

<u>N=630</u>		
13%	TOTAL MORE SUPPORTIVE (NET)	
6%	MUCH MORE SUPPORTIVE	
7%	SOMEWHAT MORE SUPPORTIVE	
78%	TOTAL LESS SUPPORTIVE (NET)	
19%	SOMEWHAT LESS SUPPORTIVE	
59%	MUCH LESS SUPPORTIVE	
8%	DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)	
2%	REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)	

16. According to the Congressional Budget Office, it could cause 10 million Americans who receive health insurance from their places of employment to lose their existing coverage.

N=571

12% TOTAL MORE SUPPORTIVE (NET)

- 5% MUCH MORE SUPPORTIVE
- 7% SOMEWHAT MORE SUPPORTIVE

78% TOTAL LESS SUPPORTIVE (NET)

- 16% SOMEWHAT LESS SUPPORTIVE
- 62% MUCH LESS SUPPORTIVE

- 8% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
- 3% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

17. Calls for nearly \$500 billion in new taxes on insurance companies, high-cost health insurance plans, investment income and savings, and medical goods and services.

N=630

26% TOTAL MORE SUPPORTIVE (NET)

- 12% MUCH MORE SUPPORTIVE
- 14% SOMEWHAT MORE SUPPORTIVE

62% TOTAL LESS SUPPORTIVE (NET)

- 15% SOMEWHAT LESS SUPPORTIVE
- 47% MUCH LESS SUPPORTIVE

- 10% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
- 2% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

18. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, the legislation's QUOTE "fiscal assertions are possible only because of ... fraudulent accounting and budget gimmicks...one [part of] the bill counts 10 years of taxes but only six years of spending. The real cost over a decade is about \$2.3 trillion" END QUOTE. Does knowing this make you (ROTATED) more supportive or less supportive of the legislation? (PROBE: And would that be MUCH or SOMEWHAT MORE/LESS SUPPORTIVE?)

N=571

12% TOTAL MORE SUPPORTIVE (NET)

- 7% MUCH MORE SUPPORTIVE
- 5% SOMEWHAT MORE SUPPORTIVE

75% TOTAL LESS SUPPORTIVE (NET)

- 18% SOMEWHAT LESS SUPPORTIVE
- 57% MUCH LESS SUPPORTIVE

- 11% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
- 3% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

19. According to the Chief Actuary for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the cuts to Medicare could cause one-fifth of hospitals and nursing homes to become unprofitable, meaning that they might have to reduce or limit services to seniors or even close altogether.

N=630

14% TOTAL MORE SUPPORTIVE (NET)

- 6% MUCH MORE SUPPORTIVE
- 8% SOMEWHAT MORE SUPPORTIVE

74% TOTAL LESS SUPPORTIVE (NET)

- 20% SOMEWHAT LESS SUPPORTIVE
- 54% MUCH LESS SUPPORTIVE

- 8% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
- 3% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

20. Gives the Health and Human Services Secretary unprecedented new powers, including the authority to decide what medical care is and is not covered, as well as terms of coverage and who should be eligible.

N=571

16% TOTAL MORE SUPPORTIVE (NET)

- 7% MUCH MORE SUPPORTIVE
- 9% SOMEWHAT MORE SUPPORTIVE

78% TOTAL LESS SUPPORTIVE (NET)

- 11% SOMEWHAT LESS SUPPORTIVE
- 67% MUCH LESS SUPPORTIVE

- 5% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
- 1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

21. In this legislation, the federal government requires that all individuals must obtain health insurance, but for those who receive government money to help them to them obtain health insurance that money will go directly to the health insurance companies, not to individuals. Does knowing this make you (ROTATED) more supportive or less supportive of this legislation?

33% TOTAL MORE SUPPORTIVE (NET)

- 16% MUCH MORE SUPPORTIVE
- 17% SOMEWHAT MORE SUPPORTIVE

58% TOTAL LESS SUPPORTIVE (NET)

- 17% SOMEWHAT LESS SUPPORTIVE
- 41% MUCH LESS SUPPORTIVE

- 8% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
- 2% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

22. I am now going to read you the opinions of two people. Please tell me which comes closest to your own view. (ROTATED P1/P2)

Person 1 says that insurance companies should be required to charge everyone in the same age group the same premium regardless of how healthy or unhealthy an individual is or how often he or she uses the health insurance.

Person 2 says that insurance companies should not be required to charge everyone in the same age group the same premium because it would drive younger and healthier people away from purchasing coverage.

44% TOTAL AGREE PERSON 1 (NET)

24% STRONGLY AGREE PERSON 1

20% SOMEWHAT AGREE PERSON 1

44% TOTAL AGREE PERSON 2 (NET)

20% SOMEWHAT AGREE PERSON 2

24% STRONGLY AGREE PERSON 2

9% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

2% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

23. Regardless of your personal position on abortion do you (ROTATED) support or oppose taxpayer funding of abortions as part of healthcare reform? (PROBED: And would that be STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT SUPPORT/OPPOSE?)

26% TOTAL SUPPORT (NET)

15% STRONGLY SUPPORT

11% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

67% TOTAL OPPOSE (NET)

9% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE

58% STRONGLY OPPOSE

3% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

2% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

Impacts of Healthcare Reform

(ROTATED 24-25)

24. Do you think **you and your loved ones** would be (ROTATED) better off or worse off if the President and Congress passed their current version of healthcare reform or do you think it would make no difference?

53% WORSE OFF

21% NO DIFFERENCE

19% BETTER OFF

6% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

25. Do you think **the (SPLIT SAMPLE: economy/healthcare system)** would be (ROTATED) better off or worse off if the President and Congress passed their current version of healthcare reform, or do you think it would make no difference?

<u>Economy</u>	<u>Healthcare System</u>	
N=630	N=571	
54%	55%	WORSE OFF
21%	25%	BETTER OFF
19%	14%	NO DIFFERENCE
6%	4%	DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
1%	2%	REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

The Role of Healthcare in the Elections

26. Would you be more likely to (ROTATED) vote for or vote against a candidate who **opposes** the current version of healthcare reform and wants to start over? (PROBED: And would that be DEFINITELY or PROBABLY FOR/AGAINST?)

60% TOTAL VOTE FOR (NET)

38% DEFINITELY VOTE FOR

22% PROBABLY VOTE FOR

32% TOTAL VOTE AGAINST (NET)

10% PROBABLY VOTE AGAINST

22% DEFINITELY VOTE AGAINST

7% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

27. The House of Representatives is likely to vote on the version of health care legislation that passed the U.S. Senate on Christmas Eve without any changes. That means your representative will be voting on a bill that includes hundreds of millions of dollars and special breaks for individual states or special interest lobbying groups. Would you be more likely to (ROTATED) vote for or vote against a candidate who votes for this version of healthcare reform? (PROBED: And would that be DEFINITELY or PROBABLY FOR/AGAINST?)

20% TOTAL VOTE FOR (NET)

10% DEFINITELY VOTE FOR

10% PROBABLY VOTE FOR

70% TOTAL VOTE AGAINST (NET)

17% PROBABLY VOTE AGAINST

53% DEFINITELY VOTE AGAINST

8% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

2% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

28. As you might know, the House has been asked to vote on the Senate bill as-is in order to pass it into law. However, Members of the House have been told that they will be able to change the bill later through individual amendments before it becomes the law. I will now read you the opinions of two people. Please tell me which comes closest to your own view: (ROTATED)

Person 1 thinks their Member of Congress should trust the promise of a reconciliation vote after the Senate bill is passed into law and should vote for the Senate bill as is, regardless of what happens after.

Person 2 thinks their Member of Congress should know that reconciliation is a political promise and that there will be neither incentive to keep it nor leverage to enforce it once the Senate bill is law, and therefore should vote against the Senate bill unless they agree with that bill as written.

28% TOTAL AGREE PERSON 1 (NET)

15% STRONGLY AGREE PERSON 1

13% SOMEWHAT AGREE PERSON 1

63% TOTAL AGREE PERSON 2 (NET)

13% SOMEWHAT AGREE PERSON 2

50% STRONGLY AGREE PERSON 2

7% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

2% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

(ROTATED 29-31)

29. Would you be (ROTATED) more supportive or less supportive of your Member of Congress if he or she previously voted **FOR** the healthcare bill but then now voted **AGAINST** the bill? (PROBED: And would that be MUCH or SOMEWHAT MORE/LESS SUPPORTIVE?)

49% TOTAL MORE SUPPORTIVE (NET)

23% MUCH MORE SUPPORTIVE

26% SOMEWHAT MORE SUPPORTIVE

40% TOTAL LESS SUPPORTIVE (NET)

16% SOMEWHAT LESS SUPPORTIVE

24% MUCH LESS SUPPORTIVE

5% WOULD MAKE NO DIFFERENCE (VOLUNTEERED)

5% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

30. Would you be (ROTATED) more supportive or less supportive of your Member of Congress if he or she previously voted **AGAINST** the healthcare bill but then voted **FOR** the bill? (PROBED: And would that be MUCH or SOMEWHAT MORE/LESS SUPPORTIVE?)

29% TOTAL MORE SUPPORTIVE (NET)

15% MUCH MORE SUPPORTIVE
14% SOMEWHAT MORE SUPPORTIVE

61% TOTAL LESS SUPPORTIVE (NET)

14% SOMEWHAT LESS SUPPORTIVE
47% MUCH LESS SUPPORTIVE

5% WOULD MAKE NO DIFFERENCE (VOLUNTEERED)

3% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

31. Would you be (ROTATED) more supportive or less supportive of your Member of Congress if he or she previously voted **AGAINST** the healthcare bill and again voted **AGAINST** the bill? (PROBED: And would that be MUCH or SOMEWHAT MORE/LESS SUPPORTIVE?)

58% TOTAL MORE SUPPORTIVE (NET)

45% MUCH MORE SUPPORTIVE
13% SOMEWHAT MORE SUPPORTIVE

34% TOTAL LESS SUPPORTIVE (NET)

10% SOMEWHAT LESS SUPPORTIVE
24% MUCH LESS SUPPORTIVE

4% WOULD MAKE NO DIFFERENCE (VOLUNTEERED)

4% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

32. Are your feelings on health care strong enough to make you actively work against a candidate who votes the wrong way in your opinion or for a candidate who votes the right way in your opinion? Or, are your feelings on the issue not strong enough to engage you? (ALLOWED RESPONDENTS TO ANSWER "YES" TO RESPONSES 1 AND 2, BUT NOT IN COMBINATION WITH RESPONSE 3)

35% YES, WOULD ACTIVELY WORK AGAINST A CANDIDATE WHO VOTES THE WRONG WAY
37% YES, WOULD ACTIVELY WORK ON BEHALF OF A CANDIDATE WHO VOTES THE RIGHT WAY
34% NO, FEELINGS ARE NOT STRONG ENOUGH
5% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
2% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

33. Please tell me whether you (ROTATED) agree or disagree with the following statement: “Even if it means healthcare reform is not passed this year, I would prefer that my Member of Congress vote *against* the current legislation being considered in Washington.”

64% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

54% STRONGLY AGREE
10% SOMEWHAT AGREE

32% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

8% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
24% STRONGLY DISAGREE

3% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

34. If Congress does not enact the Democrats’ version of healthcare reform this year will you feel...
(READ AND ROTATED. ACCEPTED MULTIPLE RESPONSES.)

45% RELIEVED
21% PLEASED
20% DISAPPOINTED
19% FRUSTRATED
14% ANGRY
10% ANXIOUS

4% NONE OF THE ABOVE (VOLUNTEERED)

1% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

35. By when should Congress and the President enact healthcare reform?

17% WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS
13% SOMETIME THIS YEAR
7% IN THE NEXT YEAR OR TWO
54% ONLY WHEN QUALITY LEGISLATION IS DEVELOPED, EVEN IF IT MEANS
THERE IS NO DEADLINE

5% NEVER (VOLUNTEERED)

2% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

36. Please tell me whether you (ROTATED) agree or disagree with the following statement:

SPLIT SAMPLE A: "I would prefer that Congress do healthcare reform right than do it fast."

N=630

79% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

70% STRONGLY AGREE

9% SOMEWHAT AGREE

14% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

6% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE

8% STRONGLY DISAGREE

3% IT DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)

1% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

SPLIT SAMPLE B: "I would prefer that Congress do no healthcare reform at all than do it wrong."

N=571

75% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

67% STRONGLY AGREE

8% SOMEWHAT AGREE

18% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

6% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE

12% STRONGLY DISAGREE

2% IT DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)

2% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

2% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

Alternative Healthcare Reforms

37. Some have suggested that there are additional ways to improve the current healthcare bill. Which, if any, of the following provisions that are currently not included would you like to have included in health care reform legislation? You may choose as many or as few as you wish. (READ AND ROTATED. ACCEPTED MULTIPLE RESPONSES.)

- 70% ENACTING PROVISIONS THAT ALLOW PEOPLE TO BUY HEALTH INSURANCE ON THEIR OWN WITH THE SAME TAX BENEFITS AS PEOPLE WHO GET THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE AT WORK
- 68% ALLOWING SMALL BUSINESSES TO FORM GROUPS TO BUY HEALTH INSURANCE AT LOWER RATES AND GET THE PURCHASING POWER LARGER BUSINESSES HAVE
- 61% ALLOWING PEOPLE IN ONE STATE TO PURCHASE HEALTH INSURANCE OF THEIR CHOICE AND KEEP THEIR INSURANCE WHEN THEY MOVE FROM ONE STATE TO ANOTHER
- 36% ENACTING LEGAL REFORMS TO HELP REDUCE TESTS AND TREATMENTS THAT MAY NOT BE ABSOLUTELY NEEDED.
- 5% NONE OF THE ABOVE (VOLUNTEERED)
- 4% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
- 2% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

Demographics

Finally, I would like to ask you a few confidential statistical questions for classification purposes only.

38. In most major elections in the past, would you say that you generally...(READ AND ROTATED TOP TO BOTTOM AND BOTTOM TO TOP)

28% TOTAL VOTED DEMOCRAT (NET)

- 11% ALWAYS VOTED FOR DEMOCRATS
- 17% MOSTLY VOTED FOR DEMOCRATS

32% SPLIT VOTES EVENLY BETWEEN DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS

34% TOTAL VOTED REPUBLICAN (NET)

- 27% MOSTLY VOTED FOR REPUBLICANS
- 7% ALWAYS VOTED FOR REPUBLICANS
- 2% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
- 4% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

39. Did you watch or listen to some or the 6-7 hour long healthcare summit held among President Obama and Congressional Democrats and Republicans that took place at the end of February, or did you just see or read news clips about it, or neither?

24% NO/NEITHER

73% TOTAL YES (NET)

- 35% YES, SOME OF THE SUMMIT
- 6% YES, THE ENTIRE SUMMIT
- 32% YES, BUT THROUGH NEWS CLIPS

- 1% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
- 2% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

40. Which of the following best describes your racial background...? (READ AND ROTATED)

- 77% CAUCASIAN OR WHITE
- 10% AFRICAN-AMERICAN OR BLACK
- 6% HISPANIC OR LATINO
- 1% ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER
- 1% NATIVE AMERICAN
- * MIDDLE EASTERN
- 2% MULTI-RACIAL OR OTHER (VOLUNTEERED)
- * DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
- 3% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

41. Thinking for a moment about your social, economic, and political views...Do you consider yourself to be...?

[IF CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL, ASKED] And would you consider yourself to be VERY (conservative/liberal) or just SOMEWHAT (conservative/liberal)?

48% TOTAL CONSERVATIVE (NET)

- 23% VERY CONSERVATIVE
- 25% SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE

30% MODERATE

16% TOTAL LIBERAL (NET)

- 11% SOMEWHAT LIBERAL
- 5% VERY LIBERAL

- 1% LIBERTARIAN
- 4% DO NOT KNOW/REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

42. In politics today, do you consider yourself to be a...(ROTATED) Republican, Independent or Democrat? (IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT, ASKED: "Are you a strong (Republican/Democrat) or a not-so-strong (Republican/Democrat)?" (IF "INDEPENDENT" ASKED: "Which way do you lean, or usually vote, the Democratic or Republican Party?")

40% TOTAL REPUBLICAN (NET)

17% STRONG REPUBLICAN
12% NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN
11% INDEPENDENT LEANING REPUBLICAN

23% INDEPENDENT

32% TOTAL DEMOCRAT (NET)

7% INDEPENDENT LEANING DEMOCRAT
8% NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT
17% STRONG DEMOCRAT

1% OTHER (VOLUNTEERED)
1% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
3% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

43. Do you currently have any form of health insurance coverage? IF YES, is your health insurance paid for by your employer, do you pay for it personally, or are you covered by a government sponsored health insurance program such as Medicare or Medicaid? (ACCEPTED MULTIPLE RESPONSES)

90% YES, HAVE INSURANCE (NET)

33% YES, EMPLOYER PAID
21% YES, SELF PAID
25% YES, COMBINATION EMPLOYER/SELF
24% YES, GOVERNMENT

7% NO HEALTH INSURANCE

3% DO NOT KNOW/REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

44. Are you...(READ CHOICES)

71% MARRIED
12% SINGLE
1% SEPARATED
7% DIVORCED
7% WIDOWED
2% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

45. Regarding your family's annual income...Please tell me which of the following categories best describes your family's annual income. I don't need a specific amount, a broad range will be fine.

9%	BELOW \$20,000
8%	\$20,000 TO \$29,999
10%	\$30,000 TO \$39,999
9%	\$40,000 TO \$49,999
8%	\$50,000 TO \$59,999
8%	\$60,000 TO \$69,999
7%	\$70,000 TO \$79,999
6%	\$80,000 TO \$89,999
4%	\$90,000 TO \$99,999
13%	\$100,000 TO \$249,999
1%	\$250,000 OR MORE
15%	REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

46. Do you either own or are you a partial owner of a small business, or are you self-employed or earn self-employment income?

21% TOTAL SMALL BUSINESS OWNER (NET)

8%	YES, OWNER
4%	YES, PARTIAL OWNER
9%	YES, SELF-EMPLOYED OR HAVE SELF-EMPLOYED INCOME

75% NO

3%	DO NOT KNOW/REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)
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