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CUR1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

	10/29/09-11/9/09
Right direction	38
Wrong direction	57
Don't know	5
Refused	*

Based on:

N=1,502

CUR2./

CUR3. Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president.

IF "APPROVE," ASK: Is that strongly approve or somewhat approve?

IF "DISAPPROVE," ASK: Is that strongly disapprove or somewhat disapprove?

IF "NEITHER," ASK: If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	10/29/09-11/9/09
Total Approve	53
Strongly approve	27
Somewhat approve	19
Lean approve	7
[VOL] Neither—don't lean	1
Total Disapprove	46
Lean disapprove	5
Somewhat disapprove	9
Strongly disapprove	32
Don't know	1
Refused	*

Based on:

N=1,502

CURX1. How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about...
[READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

The Economy...	10/29/09- 11/8/09
Extremely/Very Important	91
Extremely important	49
Very important	41
Moderately important	6
Slightly/Not at All Important	4
Slightly important	2
Not at all important	1
Don't know	*
Refused	-

Based on:

N=1,502

Health care...	10/29/09- 11/8/09
Extremely/Very Important	81
Extremely important	45
Very important	36
Moderately important	13
Slightly/Not at All Important	6
Slightly important	4
Not at all important	2
Don't know	*
Refused	*

Based on:

N=1,502

Continues...

CURX1. (Continued) How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about... [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

Terrorism...	10/29/09-11/8/09
Extremely/Very Important	73
Extremely important	41
Very important	32
Moderately important	18
Slightly/Not at All Important	8
Slightly important	6
Not at all important	2
Don't know	1
Refused	-

Based on:

N=1,502

CURX2. And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about...
[PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b.[IF DK OR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

The economy...	10/29/09-11/8/09
Total Approve	49
Strongly approve	23
Somewhat approve	25
Lean approve	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	6
Total Disapprove	45
Lean disapprove	*
Somewhat disapprove	10
Strongly disapprove	35
Don't know	*
Refused	*

Based on:

N=1,502

Continues...

CURX2. (Continued) And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about... [PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b.[IF DK OR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Health care...	10/29/09- 11/8/09
Total Approve	47
Strongly approve	23
Somewhat approve	24
Lean approve	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	5
Total Disapprove	47
Lean disapprove	*
Somewhat disapprove	12
Strongly disapprove	36
Don't know	*
Refused	*

Based on:

N=1,502

Terrorism...	10/29/09- 11/8/09
Total Approve	49
Strongly approve	20
Somewhat approve	29
Lean approve	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	11
Total Disapprove	39
Lean disapprove	1
Somewhat disapprove	16
Strongly disapprove	22
Don't know	1
Refused	-

Based on:

N=1,502

- HC1. In general, do you support, oppose or neither support nor oppose the health care reform plans being discussed in Congress? (IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE Is that strongly support/oppose or somewhat support/oppose?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Total Support	41
Strongly support	23
Somewhat support	18
Neither support nor oppose	11
Total Oppose	43
Somewhat oppose	9
Strongly oppose	35
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	4
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

- HC2. How much, if at all, should the health care system in the United States be CHANGED? Would you say it should be changed...

	10/29/09-11/8/09
A Great Deal/A Lot	56
A great deal	36
A lot	20
A moderate amount	28
A Little/Not at All	16
A little	12
Not at all	4
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

(SOME QUESTIONS HELD FOR LATER RELEASE)

PR6a. Would you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose a law that would require every person to have health insurance, and pay money to the government as a penalty if they do not, unless the person is very poor?

	10/29/09- 11/8/09
Total Favor	28
Strongly favor	13
Somewhat favor	14
Neither favor nor oppose	7
Total Oppose	64
Somewhat oppose	14
Strongly oppose	50
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	2
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

PR6b. Would you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose a law that would require most medium-size and large companies to offer health insurance to their employees or pay money to the government as a penalty if they don't?

	10/29/09- 11/8/09
Total Favor	52
Strongly favor	33
Somewhat favor	19
Neither favor nor oppose	7
Total Oppose	41
Somewhat oppose	11
Strongly oppose	30
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

PR6c. Would you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose reducing the amount of federal income taxes that people would have to pay, but only if they buy health insurance?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Total Favor	44
Strongly favor	20
Somewhat favor	25
Neither favor nor oppose	11
Total Oppose	41
Somewhat oppose	13
Strongly oppose	28
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	3
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

PR6d. Would you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose reducing the income taxes paid by small companies if they offer health insurance to their workers?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Total Favor	73
Strongly favor	43
Somewhat favor	29
Neither favor nor oppose	7
Total Oppose	19
Somewhat oppose	7
Strongly oppose	12
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

- PR7. Today, insurance companies can decide not to sell health insurance to a person who is currently sick or has had a serious illness in the past. A law could require companies to sell health insurance to these people. This law would probably cause most people to pay more for health insurance. Would you favor such a law, oppose it, or neither favor nor oppose it?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Total Favor	43
Strongly favor	23
Somewhat favor	19
Neither favor nor oppose	26
Total Oppose	31
Somewhat oppose	11
Strongly oppose	20
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

- PR8. Today, if a person has health insurance and then gets a serious illness, insurance companies can decide not to renew the person's health insurance. A law could require companies to continue to sell health insurance to these people. This law would also probably cause most people to pay more for health insurance. Would you favor such a law, oppose it, or neither favor nor oppose it?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Total Favor	57
Strongly favor	34
Somewhat favor	23
Neither favor nor oppose	20
Total Oppose	22
Somewhat oppose	8
Strongly oppose	15
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

PR8a. Today, if a person gets a serious illness, insurance companies can increase the amount of money the person has to pay for health insurance. A law could prevent companies from increasing health insurance costs for people who get sick. This law would probably cause most people who are healthy to pay more for health insurance. Would you favor such a law, oppose it, or neither favor nor oppose it?

	10/29/09- 11/8/09
Total Favor	41
Strongly favor	20
Somewhat favor	21
Neither favor nor oppose	27
Total Oppose	31
Somewhat oppose	12
Strongly oppose	20
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

- PR9. If the government does things to reduce the cost of health insurance for some Americans or to help more people get health insurance, it would cost the government money. The government could get the money to pay for this in a number of different ways. Next, I'll read you a list of some ways the government could get the money. After I read you the whole list, I'll read them one at a time so you can tell me whether you would favor or oppose each one. Here's the list.

Taxing companies on the money they spend to offer health insurance to their employees	10/29/09-11/8/09
Total Favor	17
Strongly favor	6
Somewhat favor	11
Neither favor nor oppose	8
Total Oppose	74
Somewhat oppose	26
Strongly oppose	48
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

Increasing income taxes paid by people who earn more than \$250,000 a year	10/29/09-11/8/09
Total Favor	57
Strongly favor	37
Somewhat favor	20
Neither favor nor oppose	6
Total Oppose	36
Somewhat oppose	11
Strongly oppose	25
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Based on:

N=1,502

Continues...

- PR9. (Continued) If the government does things to reduce the cost of health insurance for some Americans or to help more people get health insurance, it would cost the government money. The government could get the money to pay for this in a number of different ways. Next, I'll read you a list of some ways the government could get the money. After I read you the whole list, I'll read them one at a time so you can tell me whether you would favor or oppose each one. Here's the list.

Increasing income taxes paid by all Americans no matter how much they earn	10/29/09-11/8/09
Total Favor	19
Strongly favor	6
Somewhat favor	13
Neither favor nor oppose	6
Total Oppose	75
Somewhat oppose	16
Strongly oppose	59
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Based on:

N=1,502

Taxing very expensive health insurance that pays for a great deal of health care	10/29/09-11/8/09
Total Favor	29
Strongly favor	15
Somewhat favor	14
Neither favor nor oppose	13
Total Oppose	56
Somewhat oppose	23
Strongly oppose	33
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	2
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

Continues...

- PR9. (Continued) If the government does things to reduce the cost of health insurance for some Americans or to help more people get health insurance, it would cost the government money. The government could get the money to pay for this in a number of different ways. Next, I'll read you a list of some ways the government could get the money. After I read you the whole list, I'll read them one at a time so you can tell me whether you would favor or oppose each one. Here's the list.

Taxing sugary soft drinks	10/29/09-11/8/09
Total Favor	44
Strongly favor	26
Somewhat favor	18
Neither favor nor oppose	6
Total Oppose	49
Somewhat oppose	12
Strongly oppose	38
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Based on:

N=1,502

Increasing the taxes paid by companies that sell prescription drugs and medical equipment	10/29/09-11/8/09
Total Favor	41
Strongly favor	23
Somewhat favor	18
Neither favor nor oppose	8
Total Oppose	51
Somewhat oppose	19
Strongly oppose	32
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Based on:

N=1,502

Continues...

- PR9. (Continued) If the government does things to reduce the cost of health insurance for some Americans or to help more people get health insurance, it would cost the government money. The government could get the money to pay for this in a number of different ways. Next, I'll read you a list of some ways the government could get the money. After I read you the whole list, I'll read them one at a time so you can tell me whether you would favor or oppose each one. Here's the list.

Increasing the taxes paid by all health insurance companies	10/29/09-11/8/09
Total Favor	42
Strongly favor	21
Somewhat favor	21
Neither favor nor oppose	9
Total Oppose	48
Somewhat oppose	20
Strongly oppose	28
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

Borrowing the money, which would increase the federal government's debt	10/29/09-11/8/09
Total Favor	6
Strongly favor	3
Somewhat favor	4
Neither favor nor oppose	5
Total Oppose	88
Somewhat oppose	14
Strongly oppose	74
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

HP1. Would you say that the quality of health care most Americans can get today is...

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Excellent/Good	51
Excellent	18
Good	33
Fair	32
Poor/Very Poor	17
Poor	11
Very poor	6
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

HP1A. How many Americans would you say do not have enough health insurance to pay for all the medical care they need? Is it...

	10/29/09-11/8/09
All/most	27
All	24
Most	3
About half	34
Some/None	38
Some	1
None	36
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	2
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

HP5. Do you think the COST of health care in the United States is...

	10/29/09-11/8/09
HIGHER than it should be	77
LOWER than it should be, or	3
ABOUT what it should be	19
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

HP6. Is the COST of prescription drugs in the United States...

	10/29/09-11/8/09
HIGHER than it should be	76
LOWER than it should be, or	2
ABOUT what it should be	20
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

HP8. Do you think most DOCTORS in the United States make...

	10/29/09-11/8/09
To much money OR	31
Not enough money OR	9
About the right amount of money	57
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	3
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

HP9. Do you think most HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES in the United States make...

	10/29/09-11/8/09
To much profit OR	72
Not enough profit OR	2
About the right amount of profit	23
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	4
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

HP10. Do you think most COMPANIES that make PRESCRIPTION DRUGS in the United States make...

	10/29/09-11/8/09
To much profit OR	74
Not enough profit OR	2
About the right amount of profit	21
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	3
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

(SOME QUESTIONS HELD FOR LATER RELEASE)

HP13. In general, do you favor, oppose or neither favor nor oppose each of the following goals for changing the health care system? First/Next...

Making sure that all Americans can get the health care they need	10/29/09-11/8/09
Total Favor	86
Strongly favor	68
Somewhat favor	18
Neither favor nor oppose	4
Total Oppose	9
Somewhat oppose	4
Strongly oppose	5
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

Continues...

HP13. (Continued) In general, do you favor, oppose or neither favor nor oppose each of the following goals for changing the health care system? First/Next...

Reducing the amount of money that patients and insurance companies pay for health care	10/29/09-11/8/09
Total Favor	74
Strongly favor	41
Somewhat favor	33
Neither favor nor oppose	11
Total Oppose	13
Somewhat oppose	6
Strongly oppose	7
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	2
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

Reducing the amount of money that people and companies pay for health insurance	10/29/09-11/8/09
Total Favor	77
Strongly favor	48
Somewhat favor	29
Neither favor nor oppose	10
Total Oppose	13
Somewhat oppose	7
Strongly oppose	6
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

Continues...

HP13. (Continued) In general, do you favor, oppose or neither favor nor oppose each of the following goals for changing the health care system? First/Next...

Requiring that everyone has at least some health insurance	10/29/09-11/8/09
Total Favor	67
Strongly favor	47
Somewhat favor	20
Neither favor nor oppose	6
Total Oppose	27
Somewhat oppose	11
Strongly oppose	17
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

Requiring that all companies give their employees at least some health insurance	10/29/09-11/8/09
Total Favor	73
Strongly favor	50
Somewhat favor	23
Neither favor nor oppose	6
Total Oppose	21
Somewhat oppose	10
Strongly oppose	11
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

Continues...

HP13. (Continued) In general, do you favor, oppose or neither favor nor oppose each of the following goals for changing the health care system? First/Next...

Making it harder to sue doctors and hospitals for making mistakes taking care of patients	10/29/09-11/8/09
Total Favor	54
Strongly favor	30
Somewhat favor	24
Neither favor nor oppose	13
Total Oppose	32
Somewhat oppose	13
Strongly oppose	19
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	2
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Based on:

N=1,502

DM1. What is your marital status? Are you...

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Married/Living as Married/Co-Habiting	66
Separated	1
Divorced	8
Widowed	7
Never Married	18
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

EM1. Are you, yourself, currently employed... [READ LIST. RECORD ONLY ONE RESPONSE]

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Full-time	47
Part-time	17
Not employed	37
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	-
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

EM2. [IF "NOT EMPLOYED" IN EM1, ASK:] Are you... [READ LIST. RECORD ONLY ONE RESPONSE]

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Retired	46
Homemaker	16
Student	9
Temporarily unemployed	22
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	7
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Based on: Not employed

N=572

EM3. Is your spouse or partner currently employed... [READ LIST. RECORD ONLY ONE RESPONSE]

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Full-time	57
Part-time	8
Not employed	35
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on: Married

N=955

DMUNION. Are you or is anyone in your family a member of a labor union, or are there no union members in your family?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Yes, self or family member in labor union	16
No, not in labor union	84
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on :

N=1,502

HI1. Now I'd like to ask you some questions about yourself. First, do you have to pay for ALL of your own medical care and prescription drugs, or would an insurance company or some other organization pay for part or all of those costs for you?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Pay for all of own medical care and prescription drugs	20
An insurance company or other organization would pay part or all	80
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

- HI2. Would any of your medical care and prescription drug costs be paid for by Medicare, which is the government insurance program for older people and people with certain disabilities, or would Medicare not pay for any of those costs for you?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Medicare would pay	24
Medicare would not pay	75
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	2
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Based on Insured:

N=1,262

- HI3. Would any of your medical care and prescription drug costs be paid for by Medicaid, which is the government health insurance program for low-income families, or would Medicaid not pay for any of those costs for you?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Medicaid would pay	9
Medicaid would not pay	90
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on Insured:

N=1,262

- HI4. Would any of your medical care and prescription drug costs be paid for by a government program for military veterans, such as TRICARE, or VA or Veterans Administration insurance, or would programs for military veterans not pay any of these costs for you?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Military veterans would pay	10
Military veterans would not pay	89
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on Insured:

N=1,262

- HI5. Would any of your medical care and prescription drug costs be paid for by an insurance company, or would these costs not be paid by any an insurance company?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
An insurance company would pay	80
An insurance company would not pay	19
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on Insured:

N=1,262

- HI7. Would any of your medical care and prescription drug costs be paid for by someone, other than the organizations I've asked you about so far, or is there no one else who would pay for your medical care and prescription drug costs?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Other (specify)	8
No others	92
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on Insured:

N=1,262

- HI8. Does your employer pay for any part of your health insurance, or do they not do that?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Employer pays part of insurance	65
Employer does not pay part of insurance	33
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	2
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Based on: Employed

N=792

HI8A. Does your union pay for any part of your health insurance, or do they not do that?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Union pays part of insurance	18
Union does not pay part of insurance	81
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	1

Based on: Union Member

N=247

HI8B. Does your (FILL: SPOUSE/PARTNER)'s employer pay for any part of your health insurance, or do they not do that?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Spouse's employer pays part of premium	46
Spouse's employer does not pay part of premium	50
Spouse not employed	1
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	2
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on: Spouse Employed

N=613

HI9. During the last 12 months, since October 2008, have you always had insurance to pay for some or all of your medical care, or was there a time when you did not have insurance to pay for some or all of your medical care?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Always had some way of paying other than from own pocket	74
Times when would have to pay full cost of medical care from your own pocket	25
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

HI10. Do you have insurance that pays for...

The cost of prescription drugs	10/29/09-11/8/09
Yes	76
No	23
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

The cost of hospital bills for a private or semi-private room	10/29/09-11/8/09
Yes	66
No	27
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	8
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Based on:

N=1,502

The cost of eye glasses or contact lenses	10/29/09-11/8/09
Yes	45
No	54
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	2
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Based on:

N=1,502

The cost of mental health treatments from a psychiatrist	10/29/09-11/8/09
Yes	52
No	36
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	12
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

HI11. Does your health insurance require you to pay for part of the bill for visits to a doctor, or does your health insurance pay the whole bill?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Insurance requires you to pay part	81
Insurance pays for the whole bill	17
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on: Have Insurance

N=1,262

HI13. Overall, how would you rate the health insurance you have from (INSERT SOURCE ABOVE)? Would you say it is...

Medicare	10/29/09-11/8/09
Excellent/Good	76
Excellent	30
Good	46
Fair	23
Poor/Very Poor	1
Poor	1
Very poor	*
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	-
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Based on: Have Medicare

N=335

Continues...

HI13. (Continued) Overall, how would you rate the health insurance you have from (INSERT SOURCE ABOVE)? Would you say it is...

Medicaid	10/29/09-11/8/09
Excellent/Good	49
Excellent	22
Good	27
Fair	40
Poor/Very Poor	11
Poor	5
Very poor	6
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	-
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Based on: Have Medicaid

N=89

Your insurance plan for military veterans	10/29/09-11/8/09
Excellent/Good	76
Excellent	46
Good	30
Fair	17
Poor/Very Poor	7
Poor	6
Very poor	1
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	-
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Based on: Have Veterans Insurance

N=126

Continues...

HI13. (Continued) Overall, how would you rate the health insurance you have from (INSERT SOURCE ABOVE)? Would you say it is...

Your insurance company	10/29/09-11/8/09
Excellent/Good	72
Excellent	28
Good	44
Fair	20
Poor/Very Poor	8
Poor	6
Very poor	2
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	-
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Based on: Have Insurance Company N=1,049

HI14. Please tell me whether you would rate each of the following aspects of your health insurance as excellent, good, fair, poor, or very poor. How about...

The types of medical care paid for by your health insurance	10/29/09-11/8/09
Excellent/Good	75
Excellent	27
Good	48
Fair	20
Poor/Very Poor	3
Poor	3
Very poor	1
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on: Have Insurance Company N=1,049

Continues...

HI14. (Continued) Please tell me whether you would rate each of the following aspects of your health insurance as excellent, good, fair, poor, or very poor. How about...

The amount of money you have to pay for you health insurance	10/29/09-11/8/09
Excellent/Good	50
Excellent	18
Good	31
Fair	30
Poor/Very Poor	20
Poor	15
Very poor	5
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on: Have Insurance Company N=1,049

The amount of MONEY you have to pay for doctor visits and hospital visits	10/29/09-11/8/09
Excellent/Good	61
Excellent	22
Good	39
Fair	29
Poor/Very Poor	10
Poor	7
Very poor	3
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Based on: Have Insurance Company N=1,049

Continues...

HI14. (Continued) Please tell me whether you would rate each of the following aspects of your health insurance as excellent, good, fair, poor, or very poor. How about...

The choice of doctors that you have under your health insurance	10/29/09-11/8/09
Excellent/Good	81
Excellent	36
Good	45
Fair	14
Poor/Very Poor	4
Poor	3
Very poor	1
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Based on: Have Insurance Company N=1,049

The choice of hospitals that you have under your health insurance	10/29/09-11/8/09
Excellent/Good	80
Excellent	33
Good	47
Fair	14
Poor/Very Poor	4
Poor	3
Very poor	1
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	2
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Based on: Have Insurance Company N=1,049

Continues...

HI14. (Continued) Please tell me whether you would rate each of the following aspects of your health insurance as excellent, good, fair, poor, or very poor. How about...

Your ability to get medical services paid for if you have a problem that isn't life-threatening	10/29/09-11/8/09
Excellent/Good	75
Excellent	30
Good	45
Fair	17
Poor/Very Poor	5
Poor	4
Very poor	1
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	4
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on: Have Insurance Company N=1,049

Your ability to get medical services paid for if you have a problem that is life-threatening	10/29/09-11/8/09
Excellent/Good	75
Excellent	31
Good	44
Fair	11
Poor/Very Poor	4
Poor	2
Very poor	1
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	11
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on: Have Insurance Company N=1,049

Continues...

HI14. (Continued) Please tell me whether you would rate each of the following aspects of your health insurance as excellent, good, fair, poor, or very poor. How about...

The customer service you receive from your health insurance company when you need help	10/29/09-11/8/09
Excellent/Good	71
Excellent	26
Good	45
Fair	21
Poor/Very Poor	6
Poor	5
Very poor	2
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	2
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on: Have Insurance Company N=1,049

The way your health insurance company pays your health care bills	10/29/09-11/8/09
Excellent/Good	76
Excellent	29
Good	47
Fair	16
Poor/Very Poor	7
Poor	5
Very poor	2
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Based on: Have Insurance Company N=1,049

HI15. During the last month, how worried have you been that you will lose your health insurance coverage? Would you say...

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Extremely/Very	14
Extremely worried	8
Very worried	6
Moderately worried	13
Slightly/Not at all	73
Slightly worried	17
Not at all worried	56
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on: Have insurance

N=1,262

HI16. How likely do you think it is that the following things will happen to you in the next 12 months?

You or a family member's employer might stop providing health insurance to its employees	10/29/09-11/8/09
Total Likely	20
Very likely	3
Somewhat Likely	18
Total Unlikely	79
Not too likely	27
Not at all likely	52
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Based on: Employer/spouse's employer pays for some health insurance

N=326

Continues...

HI16. (Continued) How likely do you think it is that the following things will happen to you in the next 12 months?

You will lose your job	10/29/09 -11/8/09
Total Likely	26
Very likely	6
Somewhat Likely	20
Total Unlikely	74
Not too likely	32
Not at all likely	42
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Based on: Employed

N=930

A family member will lose a job	10/29/09- 11/8/09
Total Likely	41
Very likely	13
Somewhat Likely	27
Total Unlikely	58
Not too likely	27
Not at all likely	31
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on: Spouse/partner employed

N=613

You might get a new job that does not offer health insurance benefits	10/29/09 -11/8/09
Total Likely	28
Very likely	12
Somewhat Likely	15
Total Unlikely	71
Not too likely	17
Not at all likely	54
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

Continues...

HI16. (Continued) How likely do you think it is that the following things will happen to you in the next 12 months?

You will not be able to afford to pay your health insurance costs	10/29/09 -11/8/09
Total Likely	34
Very likely	15
Somewhat Likely	20
Total Unlikely	64
Not too likely	23
Not at all likely	41
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

HI17. How difficult was it for you to get by during the times when you didn't have any health insurance?

	10/29/09- 11/8/09
Extremely/Very	45
Extremely difficult	24
Very difficult	21
Moderately difficult	21
Slightly/Not at all	32
Slightly difficult	17
Not at all difficult	16
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	2
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on: Had interrupted coverage

N=299

If the government reduces the cost of health insurance for some Americans or helps most people get health insurance, that will probably cause other things to happen as a result.

CST1. If the government makes these changes to health insurance, would that probably cause you to pay more for your own health care, cause you to pay less for your own health care, or not change the amount you pay for your own health care?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Pay More	49
Cause you to pay a lot more for health care	29
Cause you to pay a little more for health care	20
Pay Less	12
Cause you to pay a little less for health care	7
Cause you to pay a lot less for health care	5
Not change the amount you pay for health care	32
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	8
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

CST3. If the government makes these changes to health insurance, would that probably cause most people to get medical care that prevents them from getting sick in the future, or would it not do that?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Cause more people to get medical care that prevents them from getting sick in the future	46
Will not do that	46
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	8
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

CST5. If the government makes these changes to health insurance, would that probably cause YOU to pay more for things other than health care, cause YOU to pay less for those things, or not change how much you pay for those things?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Pay More	49
Cause YOU to pay a lot more for things other than health care	27
Cause YOU to pay a little more for things other than health care	22
Pay Less	7
Cause YOU to pay a little less for things other than health care	5
Cause YOU to pay a lot less for things other than health care	2
Not change how much you pay for things	39
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	5
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

CST7. If the government makes these changes to health insurance, would that probably cause the U.S. economy to get better, get worse, or not change the U.S. economy?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Get Better	28
Cause the U.S. economy to get a lot better	11
Cause the U.S. economy to get a little better	17
Get Worse	42
Cause the U.S. economy to get a little worse	14
Cause the U.S. economy to get a lot worse	28
Not change the U.S. economy	26
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	4
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

WR1. If the government makes these changes to health insurance, do you think it will probably cause you to get better health care, cause you to get worse health care, or not change the quality of health care you get?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Better health care	22
Cause you to get a lot better health care	11
Cause you to get a little better health care	12
Worse health care	34
Cause you to get a little worse health care	11
Cause you to get a lot worse health care	23
Not change the quality of health care you get	41
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	2
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

WR2. If the government makes these changes to health insurance, do you think it will probably reduce the number of doctors and hospitals you can get medical care from, or do you think that will not happen?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Will reduce the number of doctors and hospitals who give you medical care	46
This will not happen	51
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	3
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

- WR3. If the government makes these changes to health insurance, do you think it will probably cause you or someone you care about not to be able to get some tests or treatment that they could get today, or do you think that will not happen?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Will reduce you or someone you care about not to be able to get some tests or treatments	44
This will not happen	54
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	2
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

- WR4. If the government makes these changes to health insurance, do you think it would probably cause some people to decide that they don't need to earn as much money and would work less as a result, or do you think this wouldn't happen?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Would cause some people to decide that they don't need to earn as much money	29
This wouldn't happen	66
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	5
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

- WR5. If the government makes these changes to health insurance, do you think that would probably cause illegal immigrants in the U.S. to get more health care than they get today, or do you think this wouldn't happen?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Would cause illegal immigrants to get more health care	57
This wouldn't happen	38
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	5
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

- WR6. If the government makes these changes to health insurance, do you think that would probably cause most black Americans to get better health care than they get today, or do you think this wouldn't happen?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Would cause most black Americans to get better health care	50
This wouldn't happen	42
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	7
Refused (DO NOT READ)	1

Based on:

N=1,502

- WR7. If the government makes these changes to health insurance, do you think that would probably cause most Hispanic Americans to get better health care than they get today, or do you think this wouldn't happen?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Would cause most Hispanic Americans to get better health care	56
This wouldn't happen	37
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	6
Refused (DO NOT READ)	1

Based on:

N=1,502

- WR8. If the government makes these changes to health insurance, do you think that would probably cause most white Americans to get better health care than they get today, or do you think this wouldn't happen?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Would cause most white Americans to get better health care	41
This wouldn't happen	52
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	6
Refused (DO NOT READ)	1

Based on:

N=1,502

- WR9. If the government does NOT make these changes to health insurance, in 5 years, do you think the quality of health care you can get will probably be better than you can get now, worse than you can get now, or about the same as you can get now?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Total Better	12
A lot better	6
A little better	6
Total Worse	29
A little worse	10
A lot worse	19
About the same	58
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Based on:

N=1,502

- CST8. If the government does NOT make these changes to health insurance, in 5 years, do you think you would have to pay more for your own health care, you would have to pay less for your own health care, or will what you have to pay for your own health care not change?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Total More	65
A lot more	34
A little more	31
Total Less	3
A little less	2
A lot less	2
No change	29
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	3
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

HS1. Would you say that in general, your health is excellent, good, fair, poor, or very poor?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Excellent/Good	77
Excellent	31
Good	47
Fair	16
Poor/Very Poor	7
Poor	4
Very poor	3
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,502

HS2. Now I'm going to read you a list of things that might have happened to you (CONDITIONAL TEXT: IF MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN HOUSEHOLD ADD "or someone in your family living with you") during the last 12 months. For each one, please tell me if this happened or did not happen to you [CONDITIONAL BASED ON IF LIVING WITH SOMEONE: or someone in your family living there] during the last 12 months. How about...

Someone thought they should go to a doctor for medical care but didn't go	10/29/09-11/8/09
Happened during the last 12 months	31
Did not happen during the last 12 months	69
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Based on:

N=1,502

Someone thought they should get a medical test but didn't get it	10/29/09-11/8/09
Happened during the last 12 months	23
Did not happen during the last 12 months	77
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Based on:

N=1,502

Continues...

- HS2. (Continued) Now I'm going to read you a list of things that might have happened to you (CONDITIONAL TEXT: IF MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN HOUSEHOLD ADD "or someone in your family living with you") during the last 12 months. For each one, please tell me if this happened or did not happen to you [CONDITIONAL BASED ON IF LIVING WITH SOMEONE: or someone in your family living there] during the last 12 months. How about...

Someone was given a prescription for a drug but didn't buy it	10/29/09-11/8/09
Happened during the last 12 months	27
Did not happen during the last 12 months	73
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,502</i>

Someone thought they should get mental health counseling but didn't get it	10/29/09-11/8/09
Happened during the last 12 months	10
Did not happen during the last 12 months	90
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Based on:

N=1,502

- HS3. During the last 12 months, did you or a family member living with you ever not have enough money to pay a bill from a doctor, hospital, nursing home, or for home health care by the time the bill was due, or did this never happen?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Did happen	30
Did not happen	70
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Based on:

N=1,502

HE1/HE2 During the last 5 years, how many times did you get health care at a hospital?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
0	26
1	15
2	13
3	8
4	6
5	9
6-10	8
11-24	6
25+	7
Median	3.5
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	2
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,496

HE7. How would you rate the QUALITY of MEDICAL care you received from your hospital visit(s)? Were they...

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Excellent/Good	79
Excellent	42
Good	37
Fair	16
Poor/Very Poor	5
Poor	3
Very poor	2
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Based on: Was in hospital in last 5 years

N= 1,091

(SOME QUESTIONS HELD FOR LATER RELEASE)

HE11/HE12. During the last five years, how many times did you get medical care from a doctor OUTSIDE of a hospital? You can answer however is easiest for you, in terms of number of times per week, month, year or over the entire five year period.

	10/29/09-11/8/09
0	16
1	3
2	5
3	5
4	2
5	10
6-9	4
10-14	16
15-19	8
20-24	9
25-29	4
30-49	6
50+	11
Median	10.9
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	3
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,497</i>

HE14. How would you rate the QUALITY of care you received from your doctors during the last 5 years? Was it...

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Excellent/Good	86
Excellent	45
Good	41
Fair	12
Poor/Very Poor	2
Poor	2
Very poor	1
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-
<i>Based on: received any services from doctor</i>	<i>N=1,277</i>

(SOME QUESTIONS HELD FOR LATER RELEASE)

HE32. During the last five years, did a health insurance company ever refuse to pay all or part of your medical bills that you think they should have paid, or did this not happen?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
An insurance company refused to pay all or part of a bill	21
Has not happened	79
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,502</i>

TR1. How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right – just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Just about always	4
Most of the time	20
Only some of the time	65
[DO NOT READ] None of the time/Never	11
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	1
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,502</i>

GV1. If you had to choose, would you favor a smaller government providing fewer services, or a bigger government providing more services?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Smaller government providing fewer services	55
Bigger government providing more services	39
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	5
Refused (DO NOT READ)	1
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,502</i>

PID1/

PID2.

Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or none of these?

	10/29/09- 11/8/09
Total Democrat	45
Democrat – strong	11
Democrat – moderate	19
Independent – lean Democratic	14
None – lean Democratic	*
Total Republican	37
Republican – strong	10
Republican – moderate	11
Independent – lean Republican	16
None – lean Republican	*
[VOL] Independent – don't lean	14
[VOL] None – don't lean	-
[VOL] Other	2
Don't know	-
Refused	-
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,502</i>

ID1. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself liberal, moderate or conservative?

	10/29/09-11/8/09
Liberal	19
Extremely liberal	2
Very liberal	5
Somewhat liberal	12
Moderate	36
Conservative	40
Somewhat conservative	22
Very conservative	12
Extremely conservative	6
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	3
Refused (DO NOT READ)	2

Based on:

N=1,502

CUR38. Thinking of the last 6 months, that is since April of this year, have you or someone in your family lost a job as a result of economic conditions, or not?

Yes (self lost job)	10
Yes (someone in family)	21
No	67
Both (self and family member) [DO NOT READ]	2
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1

Based on:

N=1,502

CUR39. And thinking of the last 6 months, that is since April of this year, has someone you know personally, other than a family member, lost a job as a result of economic conditions, or not?

Yes	65
No	34
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1

Based on:

N=1,502

The following questions are for classification purposes only. Be assured that your responses will be aggregated with those of other participants to this survey.

DM2. What is the last grade of school you completed?

Less than high school graduate	10
High school graduate	31
Technical/trade school	5
Some college	24
College graduate	16
Some graduate school	2
Graduate degree	9
Don't know	*
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,502

DM4. In what year were you born?

Age group:

18-29	19
30-49	39
50-64	22
65+	18
Refused	3

Based on:

N=1,502

DM5. Which one of the following best describes where you live?

Urban area	24
Suburban area	40
Rural area	33
Don't know	2
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,502

DM6. Do you currently own your home, rent it, or do you have some other arrangement?

Own	65
Rent	22
Other arrangement	11
Don't know	*
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,502

DM7. Are you the parent or guardian of one or more children under the age of 18, or not?

Yes	36
No	63
Don't know	*
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,502

DM9. And on how many different cell-phone numbers, if any, could I have reached you for this call?

None	18
One	62
Two	14
Three or more	4
Don't know	*
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,502

DM8. How many different landline telephone numbers, if any, are there in your home that I could have reached you on for this call? This includes listed or unlisted numbers. To answer this question, please don't count cell phones or landlines used ONLY for faxes or modems.

No lines	23
One Line	71
Two lines	3
Three or more lines	1
Don't know	*
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,502

DM10. [IF BOTH LAND AND CELLPHONE, ASK:] Generally speaking, would you say you use your landline phone most of the time, your cell phone most of the time, or would you say you use both about equally?

Landline	28
Cell phone	33
Both equally	39
Don't know	-
Refused	-

Based on:

N=951

DM10a. [ASK CELL-PHONE SAMPLE ONLY] How many adults, in addition to you, carry and use this cell phone at least once a week or more?

None	55
One	30
Two	9
Three or more	4
Don't know	2
Refused	1

Based on:

N=450

DM12. Do you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes, born-again/evangelical	38
No	59
Don't know	1
Refused	3

Based on:

N=1,502

DM13. What is your religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Mormon, Jewish, Muslim, some other religion, or don't you belong to any religious denomination?

Protestant	27
Catholic	24
Mormon	1
Jewish	1
Muslim	*
Other religion [SPECIFY]	21
Don't belong to religious denomination	23
Don't know	*
Refused	3

Based on:

N=1,502

DM14. [IF "OTHER RELIGION" IN DM13, ASK:] Do you consider yourself a Christian, or not?

Yes, a Christian	86
No, not a Christian	13
Don't know	-
Refused	1

Based on:

N=261

DM15. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services? Would you say more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, less often than a few times a year, or never?

Never	16
Less often than a few times a year	11
A few times a year	24
Once or twice a month	11
Once a week	25
More than once a week	11
Don't know	*
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,502

DM16. [ASK EVERYONE] Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino?

Yes	12
No	86
Don't know	*
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,502

DM17. [IF SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO [D16=1], ASK:] In addition to being Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino, what race or races do you consider yourself to be? [DO NOT READ. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]

DM18. [IF NOT SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO [D16=2], ASK:] What race or races do you consider yourself to be? [DO NOT READ. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]

White	72
Black, African-American, or Negro	11
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Asian Indian	1
Native Hawaiian	*
Chinese	*
Guamanian or Chamorro	-
Filipino	-
Samoan	-
Japanese	-
Korean	*
Vietnamese	-
Other Asian	*
Other Pacific Islander	-
Some other race [SPECIFY]	5
Multiple races [DO NOT READ]	1
Don't know	1
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,502

DM19. Does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall below \$50,000 dollars, or is it \$50,000 or higher? [READ LIST]

Below \$50,000	49
\$50,000+	45
Don't know	1
Refused	5

Based on:

N=1,502

DM20. And in which group does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall?
[READ LIST]

Under \$10,000	9
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	10
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	11
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	17
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	12
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	12
\$150,000 or more	6
Don't know	2
Refused	3

Based on: Did not refuse to divulge income in DM19 *N=1,414*

DM25. INTERVIEWER RECORD Respondent's Gender:

Male	49
Female	52

Based on: N=1,502

REGION:

Northeast	19
Midwest	23
South	36
West	22

Based on: N=1,502

AP-GfK Poll Methodology

The Associated Press Poll was conducted by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Media – a division of GfK Custom Research North America – for Stanford University. Stanford University's participation in this project was made possible by a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. This telephone poll is based on a nationally-representative probability sample of 1,502 adults age 18 or older. The interviews were conducted October 29th- November 9th, 2009, with 1,052 respondents on landlines and 450 on cellular telephones. Both the landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. The survey sample included the contiguous 48 states, Alaska and Hawaii. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish.

The combined landline and cell phone data were weighted to account for probabilities of selection, as well as age, sex, education and race, using targets from the March 2008 supplement of the Current Population Survey. In addition to these factors, the weighting takes into account the patterns of land and cell phone usage by region from the 2008 Spring estimates provided by Mediamark Research Inc.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 2.5 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total significantly more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.

Trend data are displayed for selected questions from previous AP-GfK Polls that also consisted of telephone interviews with nationally-representative probability samples of adults age 18 or older. Details about all AP-GfK Polls are available at <http://www.ap-gfkipoll.com>.