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# Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: March 2010

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## **Methodology**

This *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation led by Mollyann Brodie, Ph.D., including Claudia Deane, Liz Hamel, Carolina Gutiérrez, and Sarah Cho. The survey was conducted March 10 through March 15, 2010, among a nationally representative random sample of 1,208 adults ages 18 and older. Telephone interviews conducted by landline (805) and cell phone (403, including 173 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by Princeton Survey Research Associates.

The margin of sampling error for the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. For results based on subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

Trends in this document come from surveys listed on the last page.

Values less than 0.5% are indicated by an asterisk (\*).

"VOL" indicates that a response was volunteered by respondent, not an explicitly offered choice.

Due to rounding, percentages may not add to 100.

1. As of right now, do you generally (support) or generally (oppose) the health care proposals being discussed in Congress? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES) (Is that strongly support/oppose or somewhat support/oppose?)

	03/10	02/10	01/10
Strongly support	28	24	19
Somewhat support	18	19	23
Somewhat oppose	9	11	10
Strongly oppose	33	32	31
Depends on which proposal (House/Senate, Dems/Reps) (VOL.)	3	3	n/a
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	9	12	16

2. Do you think (INSERT AND ROTATE) would be (better off) or (worse off) if the president and Congress passed health care reform, or don't you think it would make much difference? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	Better off	Worse off	Wouldn't make much <u>difference</u>	(VOL.) <u>It depends</u>	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
a. You and your family					
03/10	35	32	28	2	3
02/10	34	32	26	3	5
01/10	32	33	29	3	4
12/09	35	27	32	3	3
11/09	42	24	27	3	4
10/09	41	27	28	2	3
09/09	42	23	28	4	3
08/09	36	31	27	2	4
07/09	39	21	32	4	3
06/09	39	16	36	3	5
04/09	43	14	36	4	4
02/09	38	11	43	4	3
b. The country as a whole					
03/10	45	34	14	3	4
02/10	45	34	12	4	5
01/10	42	37	12	3	5
12/09	45	31	17	4	3
11/09	54	27	11	3	5
10/09	53	28	12	2	4
09/09	53	26	14	4	4
08/09	45	34	14	3	4
07/09	51	23	16	4	6
06/09	57	16	19	3	5
04/09	56	15	21	3	5
02/09	59	12	19	5	5

3. If the president and Congress do pass health care reform, do you think that would make (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) better, worse or would it stay about the same?

	<u>Better</u>	Worse	Would stay about the same	It depends <u>(VOL.)</u>	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
a. The quality of your own health care					
03/10	28	29	36	2	5
09/09	31	21	42	2	4
08/09	29	31	36	2	3
07/09	30	25	40	3	3
02/09	29	14	52	2	2
b. The cost of health care for you and your family					
03/10	31	32	29	2	6
09/09	37	27	30	2	5
08/09	34	30	30	2	4
07/09	35	25	32	4	5
02/09	39	16	39	2	5
c. Your ability to get and keep health insurance					
03/10	35	22	36	2	5

4.

And what if the president and Congress DO NOT pass health care reform, and things stay as they are. Do you think each of the following will get better or worse over the next several years, or will it stay about the same? How about (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)?

				It	
			Would stay	depends	DK/
	Better	Worse	about the same	<u>(VOL.)</u>	Ref
a. The quality of your own health care					
03/10	10	31	56	*	2
b. The cost of health care for you and your family					
03/10	8	48	40	1	2
c. Your ability to get and keep health insurance					
03/10	10	32	54	1	3

4d. Which statement comes closer to your view: (ROTATE ITEMS 1-3, 3-1)

		03/10
Congress h take a vote	as debated health care reform long enough and it is time for them to	42
U	hould continue with the effort to reform health care but needs to go drawing board and start over again on a new proposal	36
Congress s	hould stop talking about health care reform and move on to other topics	20
None of the	ese/Other (VOL.)	1
(DO NOT	READ) Don't know/Refused	1

5. Now, thinking about government regulation of the health care industry today... Please tell me if you think there is currently too much, not enough, or about the right amount of government regulation in each of the following areas. (First,) what about... (INSERT. READ AND RANDOMIZE).

		Too <u>much</u>	Not <u>enough</u>	Right <u>amount</u>	DK/ <u>Ref.</u>
a. The cost of health insurance					
	03/10	34	42	18	6
	10/08	23	51	20	7
b. The cost of prescription medicines					
	03/10	33	39	22	6
	10/08	22	48	24	6
c. Hospital charges					
	03/10	39	36	19	7
d. Doctor's fees					
	03/10	32	33	27	8

6. Would you support or oppose having the federal and state governments review and potentially reject some health insurance premium increases made by private insurers if they found those increases to be too high and not justified?

	<u>03/10</u>
Support	66
Oppose	26
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	8

7. How much would you say you know about how the health care reform proposals being discussed in Congress would affect you and your family personally (READ)

	03/10	10/09	<u>09/09</u>
A lot	27	26	24
A fair amount	37	35	41
Only a little or	26	28	28
Nothing at all?	8	8	5
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	2	3	2

8. As far as you know, has the independent Congressional Budget Office which analyzes the cost of legislation said the health reform legislation currently being discussed in Congress will (increase) the federal budget deficit over the next ten years, (decrease) the deficit over the next ten years, or is it not expected to have much impact on the deficit? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	03/10
Increase the deficit over the next 10 years	55
Decrease the deficit over the next 10 years	15
Is not expected to have much impact on the deficit	20
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	10

9. As far as you know, if Congress and the president did pass a health care reform bill, would most people who currently get health insurance coverage through their employers keep their existing health insurance arrangements or would most people have to change their existing health insurance arrangements?

	<u>03/10</u>	01/10
Could keep existing health insurance arrangements	48	59
Would have to change existing health insurance arrangements	41	30
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	11	11

10. I'm going to read you some possible changes to the existing health care proposals. For each, please tell me whether it would make you (more) likely to support the legislation, (less) likely to support it, or wouldn't make much difference either way. First, (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)...Would that make you (more) likely to support the legislation, (less) likely to support it, or wouldn't it make much difference either way. (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	More <u>likely</u>	Less <u>likely</u>	No <u>difference</u>	DK/ <u>Ref.</u>
a. Requiring Members of Congress to get their health insurance through the same new marketplace that is being created for everyone else that needs to get health insurance		-		
everyone else that needs to get nearth insurance 03/10	69	7	23	2
b. Setting up undercover stings to better root out fraud and abuse by health providers who receive federal dollars	07	,	23	2
03/10	64	12	21	3
c. Getting rid of the special deals that had been granted to a few states, like Nebraska, during negotiations in the Senate				
03/10	40	20	32	9
d. Including a new tax, that would begin in 2018, on health insurance companies that offer very expensive policies				
03/10	34	35	25	6

11. Does the fact that (INSERT AND ROTATE) the current health care proposals make you (more likely) to support the legislation, (less likely), or doesn't that make much difference either way? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

a. Every Republican Member of Congress opposes		More <u>likely</u>	Less <u>likely</u>	No difference	DK/ <u>Ref.</u>
	03/10	27	20	51	3
b. President Obama supports	03/10	36	21	42	2

Questions 12/13/13b and 14/15 were asked in rotated order.

12. How much have you heard about a legislative technique called budget reconciliation that might be used so that final changes to a single health care reform bill can be passed by a majority vote in both the House and the Senate... (READ)

	03/10
A lot	21
Some	18
Only a little or	31
Nothing at all?	28
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	1

13. Given what you've heard, would you say you have a positive or a negative impression of using reconciliation to aid in passing the legislation?

### Based on those who heard a lot, some, or only a little about budget reconciliation (n=888)

	03/10
Positive impression	41
Negative impression	43
Neither positive nor negative impression (VOL.)	10
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	7

### Q12/13 Summary Table based on Total

	<u>03/10</u>
Total have heard about budget reconciliation	70
Positive impression	28
Negative impression	30
Neither positive nor negative impression (VOL.)	7
DK/Ref	5
Have not heard about	28
Don't know/Refused	1

13b. As far as you know, has budget reconciliation ever been used to pass major legislation, or hasn't it been used for this purpose?

### Based on those who heard a lot, some, or only a little about budget reconciliation (n=888)

	03/10
Yes, reconciliation HAS been used to pass major legislation	39
No, reconciliation HAS NOT been used to pass major legislation	27
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	34

Q12/13b Summary Table based on Total

	<u>03/10</u>
Total have heard about budget reconciliation	70
Has been used to pass major legislation	27
Has not been used to pass major legislation	19
DK/Ref	24
Have not heard about	28
Don't know/Refused	1

14. How much have you heard about a legislative technique that might be used to stop the health care bill's passage in the Senate, called the filibuster? Would you say you have heard... (READ)

	03/10
A lot	30
Some	21
Only a little or	25
Nothing at all?	22
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	1

15. Given what you've heard, would you say you have a positive or a negative impression of using the filibuster to stop the legislation from passing?

### Based on those who heard a lot, some, or only a little about filibuster (n=975)

	03/10
Positive impression	35
Negative impression	51
Neither positive nor negative impression (VOL.)	9
Don't know/Refused	6

### Q14/15 Summary Table based on Total

	03/10
Total have heard about filibuster	77
Positive impression	27
Negative impression	39
Neither positive nor negative impression (VOL.)	7
DK/Ref	4
Have not heard about	22
Don't know/Refused	1

16. Would you say it is more important for Democrats in Congress to (pass health care reform this year, even if they can't get much Republican support), or more important to (get bipartisan, Republican support, even if that delays or stops the health care reform process for this year)? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	<u>03/10</u>	<u>10/09</u>	09/09
More important for Democrats in Congress to get bipartisan, Republican support	45	44	47
More important for Democrats in Congress to pass health care reform this year	43	42	42
(DO NOT READ) Neither/Don't want health care reform	7	8	6
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	6	6	5

18. Do you think the way the health care reform process has gone in Washington this year shows more that our policymaking process (is working as intended), or more that our policymaking process (is broken)? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	<u>03/10</u>
Policymaking process is broken	73
Policymaking process is working as intended	19
Neither/Other (VOL.)	2
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	5

D2. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time? (READ IF NECESSARY: A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or [Medicaid/Medi-CAL])?

	<u>03/10</u>
Covered by health insurance	80
Not covered by health insurance	20
Don't know/Refused	*

D2a. Which of the following is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage? Is it a plan through your employer, a plan through your spouse's employer, a plan you purchased yourself, are you covered by Medicare or (Medicaid/Medi-CAL), some other government program, or do you get your health insurance from somewhere else?

### Based on those who have health insurance (n=1,021)

	03/10
Plan through your employer	42
Plan through your spouse's employer	15
Plan you purchased yourself	13
Medicare	18
Medicaid/Medi-CAL	5
Some other government program	5
Somewhere else	3
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	1

D2b. Including all its locations and worksites, not just your own, about how many people are employed by the company or organization (you/your spouse) works for? Just stop me when I get to the right category. Are there... fewer than 25 employees, 25 to 50 employees, 50 to 100 employees, 100 to 500 employees, or more than 500 employees? [If necessary: just your best guess.]

### Based on those who get insurance through employer or spouse's employer (n=569)

	03/10
Fewer than 25 employees	7
25 to 50 employees	6
50 to 100 employees	9
100 to 500 employees	18
More than 500 employees	56
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	4

### D2a/D2b Summary Table based on Total

	<u>03/10</u>
Have insurance coverage through an employer	45
Fewer than 25 employees	3
25 to 50 employees	3
50 to 100 employees	4
100 to 500 employees	8
More than 500 employees	25
DK/Ref	2
Have insurance coverage through another source	34
Uninsured	20
Don't know/Refused	1

19. In the past year, has the total amount you pay for your family's health care, including the cost of insurance and any expenses not covered by insurance, gone up, gone down, or stayed about the same?

	03/10	03/09
Gone up	52	50
Gone down	3	2
Stayed the same	40	45
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	4	3

## 20. Did your health care costs go up a lot, or just a little?

### Based on those whose health care costs have gone up in the past year

	<u>03/10</u>	03/09
Health care costs went up a lot	50	41
Health care costs went up a little	48	57
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	2	2
	(n=672)	(n=652)

### Q19/20 Summary Table based on Total

	03/10	03/09
Health care costs have gone up in the past year	52	50
A lot	26	21
A little	25	28
Health care costs have gone down in the past year	3	2
Health care costs have stayed the same in the past year	40	45
Don't know/Refused	4	3

21. And in the past year, has the cost of your health plan ever caused you or your employer to have to switch to a less comprehensive health insurance plan – for example, one that costs less but offers fewer benefits and requires you to pay more out of pocket for your health care before your insurance kicks in – or haven't you had to switch to a less comprehensive plan for cost reasons?

#### Based on those who have health insurance (n=1,021)

	03/10
Yes, have switched to a less comprehensive plan because of cost	22
No, have not switched to a less comprehensive plan because of cost	74
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	4

### D2/21 Summary Table based on Total

	03/10
Have health insurance	80
Have switched to a less comprehensive plan in past year because of cost	18
Have not switched to a less comprehensive plan in past year because of cost	59
DK/Ref	3
Uninsured	20
Don't know/Refused	*

22. In the past 12 months, did you or another family member in your household have any problems paying medical bills, or not?

	Yes	No	DK/Ref.
03/10	30	69	*
12/09	30	70	1
11/09	31	69	*
09/09	33	67	*
08/09	24	76	*
07/09	21	79	*
06/09	26	73	1
04/09	26	73	1
02/09	22	78	1
10/08	32	68	1
09/06	25	75	*
04/05	23	77	-
04/03*	19	80	*
03/02	21	79	-

Note: slight variations in question wording \*Note: in 2003, sample included only adults ages 18-64

a. Skipped a recommended medical test or treatment	Yes	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
03/1	0 28	72	*
12/0		76	1
11/0	9 22	78	*
09/0	9 28	71	1
07/0	9 21	78	*
06/0	9 27	73	1
04/0	9 27	73	*
02/0	9 23	77	*
10/0	8 31	68	*
04/0	8 23	76	*
04/0	5 17	82	*
01/0	0 15	85	-
b. Not filled a prescription for a medicine			
03/1	0 26	74	*
12/0	9 24	76	*
11/0	9 26	74	*
09/0	9 26	73	*
07/0	9 20	80	*
06/0	9 26	74	1
04/0	9 29	71	1
02/0	9 21	78	*
10/0	8 27	72	*
04/0	8 22	78	*
04/0	5 20	79	*
01/0	0 13	87	*

## 23. In the past 12 months, have you or another family member living in your household... (READ AND RANDOMIZE) because of the COST, or not?

		Yes	<u>No</u>	DK/Ref
c. Cut pills in half or skipped doses of medicine				
	03/10	21	79	-
	12/09	18	81	1
	11/09	17	83	*
	09/09	21	78	1
	07/09	15	84	*
	06/09	19	80	1
	04/09	18	81	1
	02/09	15	85	*
	10/08	22	78	*
	04/08	18	81	*
	04/05	16	84	*
d. Had problems getting mental health care				
	03/10	10	89	1
	12/09	10	89	*
	11/09	6	92	1
	09/09	9	90	1
	07/09	7	92	1
	06/09	8	91	1
	04/09	8	90	2
	02/09	7	92	*
	10/08	12	87	2
	04/08	8	90	2
	04/05	7	93	1
	01/00	4	96	1

		Yes	<u>No</u>	DK/Ref
e. Put off or postponed getting health care you needed				
	03/10	30	69	1
	12/09	29	71	*
	11/09	30	69	1
	09/09	33	67	*
	07/09	27	72	*
	06/09	31	68	1
	04/09	33	67	*
	02/09	27	72	1
	10/08	36	64	*
	04/08	29	70	1
f. Skipped dental care or checkups				
	03/10	35	64	1
	12/09	31	69	1
	11/09	34	65	1
	09/09	35	65	*
	07/09	29	71	*
	06/09	35	64	1
	04/09	36	64	*
	02/09	34	66	*
g. Relied on home remedies or over the counter drugs instead				
of going to see a doctor	02/10	20	61	1
	03/10	39 24	61	1 *
	12/09	34	66	
	11/09	34	66	1
	09/09	44	56	*
	07/09	33	67	*
	06/09	37	63	1
	04/09	42	57	1
	02/09	35	65	1

Percent "Yes" to any in Q23

03/10	57
12/09	49
11/09	53
09/09	56
07/09	49
06/09	55
04/09	59
02/09	53

D3. Are you NOW self-employed, working full-time for an employer, working part-time for an employer, are you retired, or are you not employed for pay?

	03/10
Self-employed	11
Full-time for an employer	41
Part-time for an employer	9
Retired	20
Not employed	13
Homemaker (VOL.)	2
Student (VOL.)	2
Disabled (VOL.)	3
Don't know/Refused	*

24. Next, I'm going to read you a list of things that some people worry about and others do not. I'd like you to tell me how worried you are about each of the following things. (First/Next,) how worried are you about... (INSERT – READ AND RANDOMIZE)? READ FOR FIRST ITEM AND THEN AS NECESSARY: Are you very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?

a.

	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
Having to pay more for your health care or health insurance					
03/10	39	35	12	13	1
12/09	41	34	13	12	*
07/09	31	38	17	13	1
04/09	37	35	16	11	*
02/09	45	32	14	9	*
10/08	38	34	13	14	1
09/08	34	33	15	17	1
04/08	37	34	11	17	1
02/08	36	32	17	13	2
12/07	41	32	13	13	1
10/07	39	34	13	13	2
06/07	41	34	14	11	1
03/07	40	34	11	14	1
10/06	47	27	13	12	1
08/06	46	28	10	15	1
02/06	38	33	11	17	2
10/05	40	32	12	16	1
06/05	45	28	12	14	1
03/05	49	29	9	12	*
02/05	41	32	11	15	1
12/04	47	29	10	14	*
10/04	47	31	9	12	1
08/04	45	30	8	15	1
06/04	46	28	12	13	1
04/04	47	30	9	13	1
02/04	47	31	10	12	1

	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
b. Not being able to afford the health care services you think you need					
03/10	29	28	19	22	1
12/09	32	30	17	20	*
07/09	34	28	21	17	*
04/09	34	32	20	14	*
02/09	38	29	18	15	*
10/08	31	29	17	23	1
09/08	28	28	20	24	1
04/08	29	26	19	25	1
12/07	35	30	15	19	1
10/07	34	28	17	20	1
06/07	36	27	19	18	*
03/07	35	27	16	21	1
10/06	39	24	17	19	1
08/06	34	27	16	22	1
02/06	32	25	18	24	1
10/05	34	27	15	24	1
06/05	34	28	16	22	1
03/05	42	24	13	21	1
02/05	34	28	16	22	*
12/04	37	27	15	20	1
10/04	38	26	16	21	*
08/04	40	23	14	22	1
06/04	36	24	19	21	*
04/04	39	25	14	21	1
02/04	38	24	18	19	*

	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
c. Not being able to afford the prescription drugs you need					
03/10	28	24	19	28	1
12/09	27	29	21	24	*
07/09	27	25	25	22	1
10/08	25	24	20	31	1
09/08	27	22	20	31	*
04/08	27	23	17	32	1
12/07	31	26	19	24	*
10/07	31	25	18	26	1
06/07	33	23	22	22	*
03/07	33	26	16	24	1
10/06	37	21	15	26	1
08/06	31	25	17	27	1
02/06	28	22	18	30	1
10/05	32	21	17	30	*
06/05	35	23	15	27	*
04/05	35	25	15	25	1
02/05	31	26	17	25	*
12/04	35	22	17	26	*
10/04	35	25	16	23	1
08/04	38	24	14	23	1
06/04	34	24	16	26	*
04/04	37	21	16	25	1
02/04	36	23	18	22	1

		Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
d. Being the victim of a terrorist attack						
	03/10	21	24	25	29	1
	12/09	16	26	29	28	*
	07/09	20	29	27	23	1
	10/08	19	27	25	29	1
	09/08	18	29	25	27	1
	04/08	18	28	24	30	1
	12/07	22	29	26	23	1
	10/07	22	29	23	25	*
	06/07	25	29	25	19	1
	03/07	23	28	22	25	1
	10/06	23	27	25	24	*
	08/06	21	27	23	28	1
	02/06	21	26	22	30	*
	10/05	18	28	25	29	*
	04/05	19	23	23	34	1
	02/05	17	27	24	31	*
	12/04	22	26	23	29	1
	10/04	23	33	22	21	1
	08/04	20	29	22	28	1
	06/04	23	30	24	23	1
	04/04	20	29	23	27	1
	02/04	20	27	27	26	1

	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
e. Your income not keeping up with rising prices					
03/10	40	33	13	13	1
12/09	40	32	16	12	*
07/09	37	35	17	12	*
04/09	46	32	13	9	*
02/09	53	28	12	8	*
10/08	47	32	10	11	1
09/08	41	32	13	13	1
04/08	43	31	11	14	*
02/08	42	32	15	9	1
12/07	46	28	13	13	*
10/07	41	30	14	14	1
06/07	45	30	12	13	1
03/07	42	31	14	13	1
10/06	45	27	13	14	1
08/06	46	28	11	15	*
02/06	36	32	14	17	1
10/05	40	30	13	16	1
06/05	40	28	15	17	1
03/05	46	27	10	15	1
02/05	40	31	13	17	1
12/04	41	30	13	16	1
10/04	46	25	11	17	*
08/04	42	29	11	17	1
06/04	45	26	14	15	*
04/04	44	27	12	16	1
02/04	40	29	14	16	1

	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
f. Not being able to pay your rent or mortgage					
03/10	25	19	19	36	1
12/09	22	23	21	34	*
07/09	29	25	19	25	2
10/08	25	21	16	36	1
09/08	21	20	21	39	*
04/08	21	18	19	41	1
12/07	27	20	19	33	*
10/07	24	19	19	37	1
06/07	25	19	20	34	1
03/07	27	18	18	36	1
10/06	30	15	20	34	1
08/06	22	20	17	40	1
02/06	23	17	19	41	*
10/05	22	20	19	39	*
06/05	24	16	19	41	*
04/05	29	17	15	37	1
02/05	21	19	19	40	*
12/04	26	16	17	40	1
10/04	27	16	17	39	1
08/04	31	17	14	37	*
06/04	24	18	18	40	1
04/04	28	15	17	39	*
02/04	27	16	19	37	*

Item g based on those who are employed (n=702)	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
g. Losing your job	24	22	23	21	*
03/10	24	22		31	
12/09	26	27	27	20	
07/09	28	27	23	22	*
10/08	27	19	22	32	*
09/08	21	15	23	41	1
04/08	21	18	21	40	*
12/07	23	16	23	38	*
10/07	19	17	23	40	1
06/07	19	15	25	41	*
03/07	18	15	23	44	1
10/06	24	17	21	38	1
08/06	17	17	23	43	*
02/06	20	16	21	43	*
10/05	16	18	22	43	*
06/05	17	16	24	43	*
04/05	23	15	20	42	*
02/05	15	15	24	45	*
12/04	21	18	22	39	*
10/04	18	15	21	46	*
08/04	25	16	17	41	1
06/04	20	15	22	43	1
04/04	23	15	18	44	*
02/04	23	16	23	40	*

<i>Item h based on those who are employed and insured (n=597)</i> h. Having to stay in your current job instead of	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
taking a new job for fear of losing health benefits					
03/10	14	17	21	47	1
12/09	19	23	24	34	*
10/08	14	17	21	47	1
09/08	16	14	22	47	1
04/08	13	16	19	50	1
12/07	14	15	22	48	1
10/07	14	18	21	46	1
06/07	17	14	24	45	1
03/07	20	14	18	46	1
10/06	16	13	18	52	1
08/06	16	16	20	47	1
02/06	14	15	19	51	1
10/05	12	16	19	51	1
06/05	18	14	21	47	1
04/05	21	14	18	46	2
02/05	15	14	19	52	*
12/04	17	15	22	47	1
10/04	19	13	16	51	1
08/04	22	15	16	46	1
06/04	15	12	21	49	2
04/04	16	14	18	49	2
02/04	17	14	16	51	1

	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
Item i based on those who are insured (n=1,021)					
i. Losing your health insurance coverage					
03/10	24	24	18	32	1
12/09	26	28	20	26	*
07/09	29	23	24	22	1
04/09	30	27	22	21	*
02/09	34	20	22	24	*
10/08	29	20	19	31	1
09/08	23	20	22	35	*
04/08	26	19	19	35	1
12/07	29	22	21	27	1
10/07	29	21	19	30	1
06/07	34	20	20	25	1
03/07	29	19	19	32	1
10/06	32	18	16	33	1
08/06	30	20	19	31	*
02/06	26	19	21	34	*
10/05	27	22	19	33	*
06/05	30	19	18	33	*
03/05	35	17	17	30	1
02/05	26	22	19	32	*
12/04	34	20	19	27	*
10/04	29	20	18	33	*
08/04	34	17	16	32	*
06/04	29	19	20	32	*
04/04	33	19	17	30	1
02/04	32	19	19	29	*
j. Not having enough money for retirement					
03/10	39	29	14	17	1
12/09	37	28	17	17	1
07/09	35	31	17	16	1
04/09	43	30	14	12	1

Finally, I have just a few questions we will use to describe the people who took part in our survey...

D1. RECORD RESPONDENT'S SEX

Male	49
Female	51

D4. In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, only fair, or poor?

Excellent	16
Very good	32
Good	33
Only fair	14
Poor	5
Don't know/Refused	1

### D5. What is your age? [ENTER AGE] / ASK IF REFUSED:

D6. Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of (READ)

18-29	20
30-49	36
50-64	26
65 and older	17
Undesignated	*

D7. Are you currently married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

Married	56
Living with a partner	7
Widowed	6
Divorced	8
Separated	2
Never been married	20
Don't know/Refused	1

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

Republican	20
Democratic	36
Independent	35
Or What? (Other and None included here)	5
Don't know/Refused	3

D9. Would you say your views in most political matters are liberal, moderate or conservative?

Liberal	23
Moderate	38
Conservative	36
Don't know/Refused	4

D10. Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you currently registered to vote at your present address?

Yes	80
No	20
Don't know/Refused	*

D10b How often would you say you vote in mid-term elections, when there is an election for Congress but not for president...always, nearly always, part of the time, or seldom?

### Based on those who are registered to vote (n=1,034)

Always	51
Nearly always	21
Part of the time	14
Seldom	10
Never vote (VOL.)	2
Other (VOL.)	*
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	1

D10/10b Summary table based on total

Yes, registered	80
Always vote in mid-term elections	41
Nearly always vote in mid-term elections	17
Vote part of the time in mid-term elections	11
Seldom vote in mid-term elections	8
Never vote/Other/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3
Not registered	20
Don't know/Refused	*

D11. What is the LAST grade or class that you COMPLETED in school? (DO NOT READ)

None, or grade 1-8	2
High School incomplete (grade 9-11)	11
High School graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)	30
Technical, trade or vocational school AFTER high school	5
Some college, no four-year degree (includes associate degree)	25
College graduate (B.S., B.A., or other four-year degree)	18
Post-graduate or professional schooling after college (e.g.,	11
towards a Master's degree or Ph.D; law or medical school)	11
Don't know/Refused	*

- D12. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?
- D13. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian or some other race? (IF RESPONDENT SAYS HISPANIC ASK: Do you consider yourself a white Hispanic or a black Hispanic?

White, non-Hispanic	69
Total non-White	29
Black or African-American	11
Hispanic	13
Asian	4
Other mixed race	1
Undesignated	1

D14. Last year -- that is, in 2009 -- what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. (READ)

Less than \$20,000	15
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	14
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	12
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	11
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	13
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	7
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	3
\$100,000 or more	12
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	12

Trend Information:

- 02/10: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Tracking Poll (February 11-15, 2010)
- 01/10: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Tracking Poll (January 7-12, 2010)
- 12/09: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Tracking Poll (December 7-13, 2009)
- 11/09: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Tracking Poll (November 5-12, 2009)
- 10/09: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Tracking Poll (October 8-15, 2009)
- 09/09: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Tracking Poll (September 11-18, 2009)
- 08/09: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Tracking Poll (August 4-11, 2009)
- 07/09: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Tracking Poll (July 7-14, 2009)
- 06/09: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Tracking Poll (June 1-8, 2009)
- 04/09: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Tracking Poll (April 2-8, 2009)
- 03/09: National Public Radio/Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health *The Public* and the Health Care Delivery System (March 12-22, 2009)
- 02/09: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Tracking Poll (February 3-12, 2009)
- 10/08: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008 (October 8-13, 2008)
- 09/08: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008 (September 8-13, 2008)
- 04/08: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008 (April 3-13, 2008)
- 02/08: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008 (February 7-16, 2008)
- 12/07: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* (November 28-December 9, 2007)
- 10/07: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008 (October 1-10, 2007)
- 06/07: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008 (May 31-June 5, 2007)
- 03/07: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008 (March 8-13, 2007)
- 10/06: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Poll Report (October 5-10, 2006)
- 09/06: ABC News/Kaiser Family Foundation/USA Today *Health Care in America 2006 Survey* (September 7-12, 2006)
- 08/06: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Poll Report (August 3-8, 2006)
- 02/06: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Poll Report (February 2-7, 2006)
- 10/05: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Poll Report (October 4-9, 2005)
- 06/05: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Poll Report (June 2-5, 2005)
- 04/05: USA Today/Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard University Health Care Costs Survey (April 25-June 9, 2005)
- 03/05: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Poll Report (March 31-April 3, 2005)
- 02/05: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Poll Report (February 3-6, 2005)
- 12/04: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Poll Report (December 2-5, 2004)
- 10/04: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Poll Report (October 14-17, 2004)
- 08/04: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Poll Report (August 5-8, 2004)
- 06/04: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Poll Report (June 4-8, 2004)
- 04/04: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Poll Report (April 1-5, 2004)
- 02/04: Kaiser Family Foundation Kaiser Health Poll Report (February 5-8, 2004)
- 04/03: Kaiser Family Foundation Health Insurance Survey (April 30-July 20, 2003)
- 03/02: National Public Radio/Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government *National Survey on Health Care* (March 28-May 1, 2002)
- 01/00: The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer/Kaiser Family Foundation National Survey of the Uninsured (January 10-February 9, 2000)



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