

**Nationwide
PFC
October 2008**

GENDER OF RESPONDENT	<i>Total</i> <i>(n=1500)</i>	<i>Men</i> <i>(n=705)</i>	<i>Women</i> <i>(n=795)</i>
Male	47	100	0
Female	53	0	100
 REGION			
New England.....	5	5	6
Middle Atlantic.....	12	13	12
East North Central.....	16	16	16
West North Central.....	7	7	7
South Atlantic.....	19	20	19
East South Central.....	6	6	6
West South Central.....	9	9	9
Mountain	7	7	7
Pacific.....	17	17	17

1. First, are you registered to vote at this address? **[IF NO, ASK FOR A FAMILY MEMBER WHO IS. IF NONE, TERMINATE AND MARK TQ1 ON SAMPLE SHEET]**

2. How likely are you to vote in the 2008 elections for President, Congress and other offices in November -- are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances about 50-50, are you probably not going to vote, or are you definitely not going to vote?

Almost certain	96	96	96
Probably	4	4	4
50-50	TERMINATE		
Probably not	TERMINATE		
Definitely not	TERMINATE		
(don't know).....	TERMINATE		

3. Generally speaking, do you feel things in this country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

Right direction	11	14	10
Wrong track.....	80	78	81
(don't know).....	9	9	9

Total Men Women

4. Now I am going to read you a list of concerns that some people have mentioned. Please tell me which one of these will be MOST important to you personally in the upcoming presidential election.

READ AND RANDOMIZE

_the economy and the crisis on Wall Street	49	50	47
_education.....	7	6	7
_terrorism and national security	7	8	6
_taxes.....	5	6	3
_Social Security and retirement security	6	5	6
_Medicare	2	2	2
_health care	7	5	8
_moral values.....	4	3	5
_immigration.....	2	2	2
_the situation in Iraq.....	4	3	5
_gasoline and home heating costs	3	4	3
_the national debt.....	3	3	4
(other vol.)	1	1	1
(don't know).....	1	1	1

5. Please tell me which one of these will be SECOND most important to you personally in the upcoming presidential election. **(READ AND RANDOMIZE, OMIT ANSWER FROM Q4)**

READ AND RANDOMIZE

_the economy and the crisis on Wall Street	16	15	17
_education.....	10	7	12
_terrorism and national security	8	10	7
_taxes.....	7	8	7
_Social Security and retirement security	10	10	11
_Medicare	3	3	3
_health care	15	15	15
_moral values.....	3	4	2
_immigration.....	5	6	3
_the situation in Iraq.....	9	10	8
_gasoline and home heating costs	7	7	8
_the national debt.....	4	4	4
(other vol.)	1	1	1
(don't know).....	2	1	2

COMBINED 4/5

_the economy and the crisis on Wall Street	64	65	64
_education.....	16	13	19
_terrorism and national security	16	18	13
_taxes.....	12	15	10
_Social Security and retirement security	16	14	17
_Medicare	5	4	5
_health care	21	20	23
_moral values.....	7	6	7
_immigration.....	7	8	5
_the situation in Iraq.....	13	13	14
_gasoline and home heating costs	11	11	10
_the national debt.....	7	7	8
(other vol.)	2	1	2
(don't know).....	1	1	1

Total Men Women

6. Now I'm going to read you some problems you and your family may face. Please listen carefully, then tell me which ONE of these you personally worry the most about? [SELECT ONE ONLY]

READ AND RANDOMIZE LIST

_affordable housing.....	7	8	7
_health care	21	19	22
_Medicare	4	2	5
_jobs.....	14	16	13
_getting government assistance like food stamps or Medicaid	1	1	2
_rising costs of gas and food	19	18	20
_schools and education	5	5	5
_crime, drugs, and gangs	3	4	3
_fear of another terrorist attack.....	4	6	2
_retirement savings.....	8	7	8
_being able to live on a fixed income.....	5	4	6
_credit card debt	1	2	1
_nursing home care	0	0	0
_the stock market.....	5	6	5
(more than one: Well, if you had to choose one?)	0	0	1
(none of the above: Well, if you had to choose one?)	0	1	0
(don't know).....	1	0	1

7. Now from the same list, please tell me which ONE of these you personally worry about second most? [SELECT ONE ONLY] **(READ AND RANDOMIZE, OMIT ANSWER FROM Q6)**

READ AND RANDOMIZE LIST

_affordable housing.....	5	6	5
_health care	17	17	18
_Medicare	6	5	6
_jobs.....	9	10	9
_getting government assistance like food stamps or Medicaid	1	1	2
_rising costs of gas and food	14	13	15
_schools and education	12	11	13
_crime, drugs, and gangs	4	5	3
_fear of another terrorist attack.....	4	4	4
_retirement savings.....	9	9	9
_being able to live on a fixed income.....	5	5	6
_credit card debt	2	1	2
_nursing home care	1	1	1
_the stock market.....	5	8	3
(more than one: Well, if you had to choose one?)	0	0	0
(none of the above: Well, if you had to choose one?)	0	0	0
(don't know).....	4	5	4

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>
COMBINED 6/7			
_affordable housing.....	13	14	12
_health care	38	36	39
_Medicare	9	8	11
_jobs.....	24	26	22
_getting government assistance like food stamps or Medicaid	3	2	3
_rising costs of gas and food	33	31	35
_schools and education	17	16	17
_crime, drugs, and gangs	7	8	6
_fear of another terrorist attack.....	8	10	6
_retirement savings.....	17	16	17
_being able to live on a fixed income.....	10	8	12
_credit card debt	3	3	3
_nursing home care	1	1	2
_the stock market.....	11	14	8
(more than one: Well, if you had to choose one?)	1	0	1
(none of the above: Well, if you had to choose one?)	1	1	0
(don't know).....	1	0	1

Total Men Women

8. And thinking specifically about health care, what are you personally worried about the MOST?

READ AND RANDOMIZE LIST

Losing your health insurance	16	13	17
Your premiums and co-pays going up	30	29	31
The quality of health care.....	14	15	13
Having care that meets your family's needs	5	4	5
Not having insurance	11	11	10
Choice of doctors	4	4	3
Ability to find a doctor.....	2	2	2
Having insurance fully cover care prescribed by your doctor	5	4	7
The cost of long term care	9	9	8
(Other)	3	4	2
(Don't know)	3	3	2

9. And what are you personally worried about the SECOND most? **(READ AND RANDOMIZE, OMIT ANSWER FROM Q8)**

READ AND RANDOMIZE LIST

Losing your health insurance	12	10	13
Your premiums and co-pays going up	18	17	19
The quality of health care.....	16	17	15
Having care that meets your family's needs	8	8	7
Not having insurance	8	10	7
Choice of doctors	7	7	6
Ability to find a doctor.....	4	4	5
Having insurance fully cover care prescribed by your doctor	8	7	9
The cost of long term care	11	10	11
(Other)	2	2	2
(Don't know)	6	7	6

COMBINED 8/9

Losing your health insurance	27	23	30
Your premiums and co-pays going up	47	45	50
The quality of health care.....	29	32	27
Having care that meets your family's needs	12	12	13
Not having insurance	19	21	17
Choice of doctors	10	11	9
Ability to find a doctor.....	6	6	6
Having insurance fully cover care prescribed by your doctor	14	11	16
The cost of long term care	19	19	19
(Other)	4	5	4
(Don't know)	3	3	2

Total Men Women

10. From the following list, please tell me who you would MOST trust on health care issues or concerns.

READ AND RANDOMIZE LIST

Doctors	64	64	64
Friends and peers	8	8	8
Nurses	5	5	5
Family members.....	11	11	10
Your church.....	5	5	5
The news.....	3	2	3
(Other)	3	3	4
(Don't know)	2	3	2

11. Please tell me how important health care is to you personally in voting in this year's presidential election. Is health care the major issue you will be voting on, one of the major issues, somewhat of an issue, not really an issue, or not at all an issue you will be voting on?

The major issue.....	23	22	24
One of the major issues	35	32	38
Somewhat of an issue.....	26	27	26
Not really an issue.....	8	10	7
Not at all an issue.....	7	9	5
(Don't know)	1	1	0
(Refused)	0	0	0

12. Thinking about your personal situation, compared to five years ago, has the quality of health care you and your family receive improved, declined or stayed about the same?

Improved	13	14	13
Declined	25	24	26
Stayed about the same	60	61	60
(Don't know)	1	1	1
(Refused)	0	0	0

13. And what about the cost of health care that you personally pay, compared to five years ago are your out of pocket health care expenses higher, lower or have they stayed about the same?

Higher.....	67	67	67
Lower	5	5	5
Stayed about the same	26	25	27
(Don't know)	2	3	2
(Refused)	0	0	0

Total Men Women

14. If you could do something to improve just one of these, which would it be **(RANDOMIZE)**
 _Do something to improve the QUALITY of health care so people receive better care _Do something to improve the COST of health care, making it more affordable _Do something about ACCESS to care, so more people have insurance and get the care they need

Quality	18	17	19
Cost	38	41	36
Access.....	32	32	32
(All equally –VOL)	10	8	12
(other – VOL)	0	0	0
(none VOL).....	0	1	0
(Don't know)	1	1	0
(Refused)	0	0	0

SPLIT SAMPLE A, GO TO Q15, SPLIT SAMPLE B, GO TO Q16

SPLIT SAMPLE A

15. Do you favor or oppose providing access to affordable, quality health care for all Americans even if it means raising your taxes? **IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK:** Do you feel strongly or not so strongly about that choice?

Strongly favor	44	42	45
Not so strongly favor	20	21	19
Not so strongly oppose	9	9	8
Strongly oppose	23	25	21
(Don't know)	4	3	6
(Refused)	1	1	1
 Favor	 64	 63	 65
Oppose.....	31	34	29

END SPLIT SAMPLE A, GO TO Q17

SPLIT SAMPLE B

16. Do you favor or oppose providing access to affordable, quality health care for all Americans even if it means a major role for the federal government? **IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK:** Do you feel strongly or not so strongly about that choice?

Strongly favor	51	49	52
Not so strongly favor	13	10	16
Not so strongly oppose	8	8	9
Strongly oppose	22	28	17
(Don't know)	5	5	5
(Refused)	0	0	1
 Favor	 64	 59	 68
Oppose.....	30	36	26

END SPLIT SAMPLE B, GO TO Q17

RESUME ASKING ALL

I'm going to read you some things that are being discussed to improve health care. For each one, please tell me if it would improve health care in America a lot, somewhat, a little, or not much at all. (RANDOMIZE)

[REPEAT PROMPT AFTER EVERY THIRD ITEM] Would this improve health care in America a lot, somewhat, a little, or not much at all?

RANDOMIZE LIST

17. encourage prevention and healthier lifestyles

A lot	58	57	59
Some	29	29	29
A little	9	9	8
Not much at all	4	4	3
(Don't know)	1	1	1
(Refused)	0	0	0
A lot /some	87	86	88
A little /not much.....	12	13	11

18. catch and treat chronic disease early

A lot	69	65	72
Some	23	25	21
A little	5	6	4
Not much at all	3	3	3
(Don't know)	1	1	1
(Refused)	0	0	0
A lot /some	92	90	93
A little /not much.....	7	9	6

19. limit insurance company profits

A lot	50	43	55
Some	25	23	27
A little	10	12	9
Not much at all	11	16	6
(Don't know)	3	4	3
(Refused)	1	1	1
A lot /some	75	67	82
A little /not much.....	21	28	15

20. lower co-payments

A lot	50	46	54
Some	28	28	28
A little	11	13	8
Not much at all	8	10	7
(Don't know)	3	2	3
(Refused)	0	1	0
A lot /some	78	74	82
A little /not much.....	19	23	16

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>
21. limit medical malpractice lawsuits			
A lot	41	39	42
Some	30	28	32
A little	13	14	12
Not much at all	12	13	10
(Don't know)	4	3	4
(Refused)	1	2	0
A lot /some	71	68	73
A little /not much.....	25	28	22
22. lower hospital charges			
A lot	56	53	59
Some	27	28	27
A little	9	11	6
Not much at all	6	7	5
(Don't know)	2	1	2
(Refused)	1	1	1
A lot /some	83	80	86
A little /not much.....	14	18	11
23. lower doctor visit charges			
A lot	49	45	53
Some	29	29	30
A little	10	14	7
Not much at all	8	10	7
(Don't know)	2	2	2
(Refused)	1	1	1
A lot /some	79	74	83
A little /not much.....	19	24	14
24. develop an affordable long-term care system			
A lot	57	52	61
Some	27	28	26
A little	9	10	8
Not much at all	4	6	3
(Don't know)	2	3	2
(Refused)	1	1	0
A lot /some	84	81	87
A little /not much.....	13	16	11
25. work to cover the uninsured			
A lot	47	43	50
Some	32	33	30
A little	11	12	9
Not much at all	8	9	6
(Don't know)	2	2	3
(Refused)	1	1	0
A lot /some	79	76	81
A little /not much.....	18	21	16

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>
26. invest in medical technology and equipment			
A lot	46	47	46
Some	34	34	34
A little	11	11	11
Not much at all	6	6	6
(Don't know)	2	2	2
(Refused)	1	0	1
A lot /some	80	81	79
A little /not much.....	17	17	17
27. go after fraud in the Medicare and Medicaid systems			
A lot	62	60	64
Some	24	24	24
A little	9	11	7
Not much at all	3	4	3
(Don't know)	2	1	2
(Refused)	0	0	0
A lot /some	86	84	88
A little /not much.....	12	15	10
28. make health insurance portable so you can keep your insurance and doctors when you change or quit jobs			
A lot	62	57	66
Some	26	28	24
A little	7	10	5
Not much at all	3	3	3
(Don't know)	2	2	1
(Refused)	0	1	0
A lot /some	88	84	91
A little /not much.....	10	13	8
29. Create walk-in health care facilities that provide low cost health care so people with insurance don't end up in the emergency room			
A lot	61	58	64
Some	27	27	26
A little	6	9	4
Not much at all	4	4	3
(Don't know)	2	2	2
(Refused)	0	0	0
A lot /some	88	85	90
A little /not much.....	10	13	7
30. Improve preventive care for people at high risk of chronic disease			
A lot	62	59	64
Some	28	30	27
A little	6	8	5
Not much at all	3	3	3
(Don't know)	1	1	1
(Refused)	0	0	0
A lot /some	90	89	91
A little /not much.....	9	10	8

Total Men Women

31. Better fund programs to provide care to low income families

A lot	49	45	53
Some	36	37	34
A little	8	10	7
Not much at all	5	6	4
(Don't know)	1	1	1
(Refused)	0	0	0
A lot /some	85	83	87
A little /not much.....	14	16	11

32. Let small businesses pool together to purchase health insurance

A lot	56	53	58
Some	32	34	30
A little	7	7	8
Not much at all	3	4	2
(Don't know)	2	2	2
(Refused)	0	0	0
A lot /some	87	86	88
A little /not much.....	10	11	10

33. Prevent denial of coverage for preexisting conditions

A lot	52	48	55
Some	28	30	27
A little	9	12	7
Not much at all	8	7	8
(Don't know)	3	2	3
(Refused)	1	1	0
A lot /some	80	78	82
A little /not much.....	17	19	14

34. Prevent racial and gender disparities in treatment, insurance and diagnosis

A lot	53	47	57
Some	28	30	26
A little	9	10	7
Not much at all	7	7	6
(Don't know)	3	3	3
(Refused)	1	1	0
A lot /some	81	78	83
A little /not much.....	15	18	13

SPLIT SAMPLE A, GO TO Q35, SPLIT SAMPLE B, GO TO Q36

SPLIT A

35. Streamline the paperwork doctors and hospitals complete

A lot	51	49	53
Some	29	29	29
A little	10	12	8
Not much at all	5	5	5
(Don't know)	4	4	4
(Refused)	1	1	0
A lot /some	80	77	83
A little /not much.....	15	18	13

END SPLIT SAMPLE A, GO TO Q37

SPLIT B

36. Make medical records electronic Instead of paper files

A lot	44	45	42
Some	29	27	30
A little	12	14	11
Not much at all	10	10	10
(Don't know)	5	4	6
(Refused)	1	1	1
A lot /some	72	72	72
A little /not much.....	22	24	21

END SPLIT SAMPLE B, GO TO Q37

RESUME ASKING ALL

37. Are you familiar with what are defined as chronic diseases or are you not familiar with this term?

Familiar	83	82	85
Not familiar	14	16	13
(Don't know)	2	2	1
(Refused)	1	1	1

38. Chronic diseases are diseases that are long-lasting or reoccur, like Diabetes, Asthma, Heart Disease, Cancer, and High Blood Pressure. Thinking about Chronic Disease, do you think that earlier prevention and better control of chronic disease is the top priority for health care reform, one of the top priorities, somewhat of a priority, not really a priority, or not a priority at all?

The top priority	41	38	44
One of the top priorities.....	33	32	35
Somewhat of a priority	20	23	16
Not really a priority	3	3	3
Not a priority at all	1	2	1
(Don't know)	1	2	1
(Refused)	0	0	0
Top priority	74	70	79
Not priority.....	24	28	20

Total Men Women

39. Do you see these chronic diseases as preventable?

Yes, preventable	62	61	63
No, not preventable	25	24	25
(Don't know)	13	14	11
(Refused)	1	1	1

40. Has the issue of chronic disease been addressed by people running for office a lot, some, not very much, or not at all?

A lot	6	6	6
Some	27	23	30
Not very much	34	35	33
Not at all	26	28	24
(Don't know)	7	7	7
(Refused)	0	1	0
 A lot/some	 33	 29	 35
Not very much/not at all	60	63	57

41. Of the following, which do you think is the best ONE for preventing and reducing Chronic Disease? **(READ, RANDOMIZE)**

Education on prevention and treatment	36	37	35
Early diagnosis and treatment	32	30	33
Higher nutritional standards and more physical activity in schools.....	10	11	9
More nutritional information for restaurant customers	1	2	1
Making sure people take their medicine and follow up on treatment.....	4	3	4
Expand access to affordable treatment and management of chronic diseases	7	6	8
(Other VOL).....	1	1	1
(All VOL).....	8	7	8
(Don't know)	1	2	1
(Refused)	0	0	0

42. Of this same list, what is the next best way to prevent and reduce Chronic Disease? **(READ AND RANDOMIZE, OMIT ANSWER FROM Q41)**

Education on prevention and treatment	23	23	22
Early diagnosis and treatment	29	28	30
Higher nutritional standards and more physical activity in schools.....	12	11	14
More nutritional information for restaurant customers	4	4	3
Making sure people take their medicine and follow up on treatment.....	9	8	9
Expand access to affordable treatment and management of chronic diseases	13	13	12
(Other VOL).....	1	1	1
(All VOL).....	1	2	1
(Don't know)	6	6	5
(Refused)	3	4	3

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>
COMBINED 41/42			
Education on prevention and treatment	57	58	55
Early diagnosis and treatment	58	56	60
Higher nutritional standards and more physical activity in schools.....	21	21	21
More nutritional information for restaurant customers	5	6	4
Making sure people take their medicine and follow up on treatment.....	11	10	13
Expand access to affordable treatment and management of chronic diseases	19	19	19
(Other VOL).....	2	1	2
(All VOL).....	9	9	9
(Don't know)	6	7	6
(Refused)	0	0	0

I'm going to read you some statements about Chronic Disease. For each one, please tell me if the statement makes you very concerned about Chronic Disease in America, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned about Chronic Disease in America.

[REPEAT PROMPT AFTER EVERY THIRD ITEM] Does this statement make you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned about Chronic Disease in America?

RANDOMIZE LIST

43. Chronic diseases—such as heart disease, stroke, cancer, and diabetes—are the leading causes of death and disability in the United States

Very concerned	62	57	66
Somewhat concerned	32	35	29
Not too concerned.....	4	5	2
Not at all concerned	2	2	2
(Don't know)	1	1	0
(Refused)	0	0	0
Concerned.....	94	92	95
Not concerned.....	6	7	4

44. Chronic diseases affect the quality of life of 90 million Americans and are responsible for seven out of every ten deaths in the U.S.

Very concerned	60	54	65
Somewhat concerned	32	36	28
Not too concerned.....	5	6	4
Not at all concerned	2	2	1
(Don't know)	1	2	1
(Refused)	0	0	0
Concerned.....	91	90	93
Not concerned.....	7	8	6

Total Men Women

45. Chronic diseases kill more than 1.7 million Americans every year			
Very concerned	60	54	65
Somewhat concerned	30	33	26
Not too concerned.....	6	7	6
Not at all concerned	2	2	2
(Don't know)	1	2	1
(Refused)	0	1	0
Concerned.....	90	88	92
Not concerned.....	8	10	7
46. The federal government's Centers for Disease Control said, "The United States cannot effectively address escalating health care costs without addressing the problem of chronic diseases."			
Very concerned	47	44	50
Somewhat concerned	39	40	37
Not too concerned.....	8	9	7
Not at all concerned	3	4	2
(Don't know)	2	2	2
(Refused)	1	1	0
Concerned.....	86	85	88
Not concerned.....	11	13	10
47. Although chronic diseases are among the most common and costly health problems, they are also among the most preventable			
Very concerned	47	42	51
Somewhat concerned	39	42	37
Not too concerned.....	8	9	7
Not at all concerned	4	5	3
(Don't know)	2	2	2
(Refused)	0	1	0
Concerned.....	86	84	88
Not concerned.....	12	14	10
48. In 2005, chronic disease costs totaled more than \$1 trillion dollars.			
Very concerned	59	56	62
Somewhat concerned	27	29	26
Not too concerned.....	7	8	7
Not at all concerned	2	3	2
(Don't know)	2	3	2
(Refused)	1	1	1
Concerned.....	87	85	89
Not concerned.....	10	11	9

Total Men Women

49. More than 25% of young adults, roughly 50% of middle-aged adults and 69% of the elderly have one or more chronic conditions

Very concerned	58	52	64
Somewhat concerned	31	34	28
Not too concerned.....	5	6	5
Not at all concerned	3	4	1
(Don't know)	2	2	1
(Refused)	1	1	1

Concerned.....	90	87	92
Not concerned.....	8	10	6

50. Women are especially affected by chronic disease and disparities in diagnosis and testing exist along gender lines

Very concerned	56	46	64
Somewhat concerned	30	36	26
Not too concerned.....	7	8	6
Not at all concerned	4	5	2
(Don't know)	2	4	1
(Refused)	1	1	0

Concerned.....	86	82	90
Not concerned.....	11	14	8

SPLIT SAMPLE A, GO TO Q51. SPLIT SAMPLE B, GO TO Q53

SPLIT SAMPLE A

51. Chronic diseases are a major driver of health care costs – accounting for more than 75 cents of every dollar we spend on health care in this country

Very concerned	58	53	62
Somewhat concerned	31	31	30
Not too concerned.....	6	8	4
Not at all concerned	2	3	1
(Don't know)	2	4	1
(Refused)	1	0	1

Concerned.....	89	84	93
Not concerned.....	8	12	5

52. Healthcare benefits will consume 23% of employee compensation next year. Most of the increase in health benefits will be to treat avoidable chronic illnesses

Very concerned	52	46	57
Somewhat concerned	37	39	35
Not too concerned.....	5	8	3
Not at all concerned	3	4	3
(Don't know)	2	3	1
(Refused)	1	0	1

Concerned.....	89	85	93
Not concerned.....	9	12	6

END SPLIT SAMPLE A, GO TO Q55

Total Men Women

SPLIT SAMPLE B

53. More than 75% of all health care spending goes toward treating chronic disease

Very concerned	54	49	58
Somewhat concerned	33	37	29
Not too concerned.....	7	6	8
Not at all concerned	4	5	3
(Don't know)	2	2	2
(Refused)	0	1	0

Concerned.....	87	86	88
Not concerned.....	11	11	11

54. Health care benefits, particularly to cover chronic Conditions, comprise 23% of employee compensation, limiting the ability of employers to give raises

Very concerned	50	44	55
Somewhat concerned	35	39	31
Not too concerned.....	9	9	9
Not at all concerned	4	6	3
(Don't know)	2	2	2
(Refused)	0	0	0

Concerned.....	85	83	86
Not concerned.....	13	15	12

END SPLIT SAMPLE B, GO TO Q55

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

RESUME ASKING ALL

55. Thinking about your personal health care situation, do you have a health plan, that is, are you covered by a private insurance plan or by a government plan, like Medicare or Medicaid, or do you not have health insurance coverage?

Yes / private plan	67	69	66
Yes / Medicare	19	17	21
Yes / Medicaid.....	5	4	5
No / no coverage.....	9	10	8
(Don't know)	1	1	1
(Refused)	0	0	0

56. When it comes to healthcare decisions for your family, do you make the decisions yourself, make the decisions along with someone else, or does someone else make the decision and you don't get involved?

Make decisions myself	55	55	55
Make decisions along with someone else	42	41	43
Someone else makes the decisions, don't get involved	2	3	2
(Don't know)	0	0	0
(Refused)	0	0	0

Total Men Women

57. Are you currently helping to pay for, provide, or manage care to your parents or other elderly relatives? Check all that apply.

Yes, helping to pay.....	8	9	7
Yes, providing care	4	3	4
Yes, managing care	1	1	1
Yes, all of the above.....	3	3	4
No.....	82	82	82
(Don't know)	2	2	2
(Refused)	1	1	1

58. In the last three years, have you or any of your family members been without health care coverage at any time?

[IF "YES", ASK:] Is that for all of the last three years or part of the last three years?

Yes, all of last three years.....	15	14	16
Yes, part of the last three years	17	17	17
No.....	66	68	65
(Don't know)	2	1	2

59. Do you know someone who has a chronic diseases or do you have one yourself?

Yes, know someone.....	50	49	52
Yes, self	12	13	12
Yes, both	11	10	11
No.....	25	27	22
(Don't know)	1	1	1
(Refused)	1	1	1

60. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else?

[IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT:] Do you consider yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or a not-so-strong (Republican/Democrat)?

[IF INDEPENDENT:] Would you say that you lean more toward the Republicans or more toward the Democrats?

Strong Republican.....	23	24	22
Not-so-strong Republican	6	7	5
Independent - lean Republican	5	6	4
Republicans	34	38	31
Independent	22	23	22
Democrats.....	40	36	43
Independent - lean Democratic.....	6	5	6
Not-so-strong Democrat	4	3	4
Strong Democrat	30	27	33
(Don't know/other).....	4	3	4

Total Men Women

61. What is your age?

IF REFUSED: I am going to read you some categories. Please stop me when we get to your category.

READ CATEGORIES:

18-24 years	6	8	4
25-29	12	14	10
30-34	5	5	5
35-39	9	12	7
40-44	13	15	11
45-49	8	6	10
50-54	8	6	10
55-59	8	7	9
60-64	8	7	9
65-69	7	7	7
70-74	4	3	5
Over 74	9	8	10
(Refused)	3	2	3

62. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

DO NOT READ

1 - 11th grade	4	3	5
High school graduate	23	23	23
Non-college post H.S.	3	3	2
Some college	27	25	28
College graduate	28	28	29
Post-graduate school	14	17	12
(Don't know)	1	1	0

63. Are you married, unmarried with a partner, single, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Married	66	68	64
Unmarried with partner	3	3	3
Single	13	16	11
Separated	1	1	2
Divorced	7	6	7
Widowed	9	4	12
(Don't know/refused)	1	1	1

64. Do you have any children ages eighteen or younger, living at home with you?

Yes	36	38	34
No	63	61	65
(Don't know)	1	1	1

65. (IF FEMALE:) Do you / (IF MALE AND MARRIED:) Does the woman of the household work outside the home or not?

Yes	53	57	52
No	39	35	41
(Don't know)	8	9	7

Total Men Women

66. Just to make sure we have a representative sample, could you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background?

[IF "NO", ASK:] What is your race - white, black, Asian, or something else?

White	72	67	76
Black / African American	12	14	11
Spanish speaking/Hispanic (Puerto Rican, Mexican, etc.)	10	11	9
Asian	2	2	2
Native American.....	1	1	1
(Other).....	1	1	1
(Don't know/refused)	2	3	1