

Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

May 28-June 1, 2009

1013 2008 Voters (1013 unweighted)

890 Likely Voters (897 unweighted)

123 Drop-Off Voters (116 unweighted)

810 Non-Seniors (712 unweighted)

Q.3 First of all, are you registered to vote?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off¹	Not Sr.
Yes	100	100	100	100
No.....	-	-	-	-
(Refused).....	-	-	-	-
(ref:SCREEN1)				

Q.4 Many people weren't able to vote in the 2008 election for president between Barack Obama and John McCain. How about you? Were you able to vote, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Voted.....	100	100	99	100
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young	0	0	1	0
Did not vote	-	-	-	-
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	-	-	-	-
(Refused).....	-	-	-	-
(ref:VOTE08)				

Q.5 As you know, there was an election for Congress and other offices in 2006. Many people weren't able to vote. How about you? Were you able to vote or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Voted.....	87	95	30	86
Not registered in 2006/Ineligible/too young	5	5	2	6
Did not vote	6	-	51	7
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	2	-	17	2
(Refused).....	-	-	0	0
(ref:VOTE062)				

¹ Likely voters are defined as those 2008 voters who voted or were not eligible in 2006 AND are almost certain or probable to vote in 2010. Drop-off voters are defined as all of those 2008 voters who are not likely voters.

Q.9 I know it is a long way off, but what are the chances of your voting in the election for Congress in 2010: are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Almost certain.....	77	84	27	78
Probably	16	16	19	15
50-50	6	-	47	6
Will not vote.....	0	-	3	0
(Don't know)	1	-	5	0
(Refused).....	-	-	-	-
(ref:CP10)				

Q.10 Generally speaking, do you think that things in this country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Right direction	41	40	47	43
Wrong track.....	50	51	44	49
(Don't know/refused)	9	9	9	9
Right - Wrong.....	-9	-11	4	-6
(ref:DIRECT)				

Q.11 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Strongly approve	38	38	40	40
Somewhat approve	20	19	28	20
Somewhat disapprove.....	8	8	6	7
Strongly disapprove.....	26	27	17	24
(Don't know/refused)	8	8	9	9
Total approve.....	58	57	68	60
Total disapprove.....	33	35	23	31
(ref:BOAPP)				

Q.12 Now, I'd like to rate your feelings toward some people and organizations, with one hundred meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; zero meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold. You can use any number from zero to one hundred, the higher the number the more favorable your feelings are toward that person or organization. If you have no opinion or never heard of that person or organization, please say so.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
12 The Republican Party	42.8	30	46	10	30	97	-16
Likely	42.7	30	45	10	30	96	-15
Drop-Off	43.6	30	51	12	29	98	-21
Not Senior	42.9	29	46	10	29	97	-16
13 The Democratic Party	52.0	47	37	25	27	98	10
Likely	51.7	46	38	25	27	98	8
Drop-Off	53.9	54	32	25	22	99	22
Not Senior	53.1	49	36	26	25	98	13
[506 Respondents]							
14 (SPLIT A) Dick Cheney	39.2	30	50	12	37	94	-20
Likely	39.4	31	51	13	38	95	-19
Drop-Off	36.7	16	41	3	30	82	-24
Not Senior	38.4	29	51	11	38	95	-22
15 The Democratic Congress	48.7	41	38	21	28	96	4
Likely	48.2	41	39	21	29	97	2
Drop-Off	52.4	47	29	22	21	93	17
Not Senior	49.8	43	36	21	26	96	7
16 Barack Obama	62.2	58	29	46	23	99	30
Likely	61.3	57	30	45	24	99	27
Drop-Off	68.8	66	19	52	13	96	47
Not Senior	63.4	60	27	47	22	99	33
[462 Respondents]							
17 (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE INCUMBENT) ²	60.1	46	21	26	12	79	24
Likely	59.9	47	22	27	13	80	24
Drop-Off	61.6	38	15	22	5	66	24
Not Senior	60.4	45	21	26	12	78	24
[387 Respondents]							
17 (REPUBLICAN HOUSE INCUMBENT) ²	58.8	42	16	20	11	78	26
Likely	59.3	44	16	21	10	81	28
Drop-Off	52.7	29	15	11	11	58	15
Not Senior	58.1	40	15	18	10	77	25

² The applicable incumbent name was inserted without party identification.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
18 Republicans in Congress	44.0	29	42	9	25	95	-13
Likely	43.6	29	43	8	26	96	-13
Drop-Off	46.9	27	40	11	19	88	-13
Not Senior	43.8	29	43	8	25	96	-15
[507 Respondents]							
19 (SPLIT B) Newt Gingrich.....	43.7	29	38	13	28	81	-9
Likely	44.3	30	38	13	29	83	-8
Drop-Off	38.4	18	37	9	25	67	-18
Not Senior	43.0	26	37	10	27	79	-11
20 Sonia Sotomayor	52.9	24	19	16	14	57	5
Likely	53.1	25	20	17	14	58	5
Drop-Off	51.6	18	16	14	11	44	2
Not Senior	53.6	23	18	16	13	55	5
21 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	55.2	46	33	30	23	92	13
Likely	55.3	46	33	31	24	93	13
Drop-Off	54.0	39	30	24	21	91	10
Not Senior	55.7	46	33	31	23	93	13
22 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	49.7	38	39	28	30	95	0
Likely	50.2	39	38	29	30	94	1
Drop-Off	46.3	34	45	21	28	96	-11
Not Senior	49.3	38	39	27	31	95	-1
23 Gay marriage	37.8	31	53	25	49	95	-23
Likely	36.9	30	55	24	50	96	-25
Drop-Off	44.2	37	44	30	40	91	-7
Not Senior	40.0	33	51	27	47	95	-18
24 The state of the economy	34.1	16	66	6	43	99	-50
Likely	34.0	16	66	6	44	99	-50
Drop-Off	35.2	15	63	4	37	98	-48
Not Senior	34.6	16	66	6	42	98	-50

(ref:THERM04/THERM204)

[831 Respondents]

Q.25 Thinking about the election for governor in (2009/2010), if the election for governor were held today, would you vote for (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE)³?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Democratic candidate.....	42	42	44	43
Lean Democratic candidate.....	7	6	13	7
Republican candidate.....	33	33	32	31
Lean Republican candidate.....	6	6	0	6
(Other candidate)	1	1	3	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0	1	-	1
(Undecided).....	9	9	7	9
(Refused).....	2	3	-	2
Total Democratic candidate	49	47	58	50
Total Republican candidate.....	38	39	33	37
Total (Other candidate)	2	2	3	2

(ref:GOVVOTE)

Q.27 I know it is a long way off, but thinking about the elections in 2010, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE)?⁴

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
(DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE)	47	46	54	49
Lean (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE)	5	4	7	5
(REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE)	36	38	28	35
Lean (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE)	2	3	0	2
(Other candidate)	1	1	3	1
Lean (Other candidate)	1	1	-	1
(Undecided).....	6	6	8	6
(Refused).....	2	2	0	2
Total (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE)	52	50	61	54
Total (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE)	39	40	28	37
Total (Other candidate)	2	2	3	2

(ref:CONG10)

³ Asked of respondents in states holding gubernatorial elections in 2009 or 2010. Where the incumbent is known to be running, that candidate's name was inserted, otherwise the generic "the Democratic candidate" and "the Republican candidate" were used.

⁴ In the landline sample, the incumbent names were inserted preceded by party identification. Generic "the Democratic candidate" or "the Republican candidate" inserted for the opposition. For the cell phone sample and open seat districts, both candidates were given as generic.

Q.29 As you may have heard, President Obama is preparing a plan to change the health care system. From what you have heard about this plan, do you favor or oppose Obama's health care proposal?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Strongly favor	25	25	23	27
Somewhat favor	19	18	28	21
Somewhat oppose.....	8	8	6	8
Strongly oppose	28	30	17	26
(Don't know/refused)	19	18	27	18
Total favor	45	44	51	48
Total oppose	36	38	23	34
Favor - Oppose	8	5	28	14
(ref:OBHCPROP)				

Q.30 And, as you may have heard, President Obama has nominated Sonia Sotomayor to be a Justice on the Supreme Court. Do you approve or disapprove of Obama's nomination of Sotomayor?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Strongly approve	32	31	37	32
Somewhat approve	24	24	23	26
Somewhat disapprove.....	9	10	5	9
Strongly disapprove.....	16	17	12	15
(Don't know/refused)	18	18	23	18
Total approve.....	56	56	60	58
Total disapprove.....	26	27	17	24
(ref:SOTOMAY)				

Q.31 Now I'm going to read you a pair of statements. After I read the pair, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/ Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[506 Respondents]										
31 (SPLIT A) I would rather see the Republican Party led by Colin Powell										
OR										
I would rather see the Republican Party led by Rush Limbaugh and Dick Cheney.....										
	52	15	9	13	-	7	5	66	22	44
Likely	52	14	10	13	-	7	4	66	23	43
Drop-Off	45	21	7	9	-	6	11	67	16	50
Not Senior	51	16	9	13	-	7	4	67	22	45

[507 Respondents]										
32 (SPLIT B) When it comes to national security, President Barack Obama has better ideas for keeping the country safe.										
OR										
When it comes to national security, former Vice President Dick Cheney has better ideas for keeping the country safe.....										
	44	9	7	32	0	4	4	54	39	15
Likely	43	9	7	33	1	4	4	52	40	12
Drop-Off	55	13	9	19	-	-	4	68	29	39
Not Senior	46	10	7	29	1	4	3	56	36	19

(ref:PAIRS10)

[506 Respondents]

Q.33 (SPLIT A) Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the health insurance system in the United States generally?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Very satisfied.....	12	13	9	11
Somewhat satisfied	25	26	17	23
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	25	25	26	27
Very dissatisfied	33	32	37	35
(DK/Ref)	5	4	11	4
Total Satisfied.....	37	39	26	34
Total Dissatisfied.....	58	57	63	62
Satisfied - Dissatisfied	-21	-19	-37	-28
(ref:SATISSYS)				

[507 Respondents]

Q.34 (SPLIT B) Thinking about your own situation and your own family, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with your own health insurance coverage?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Very satisfied.....	43	46	27	39
Somewhat satisfied	29	29	28	30
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	11	10	12	12
Very dissatisfied	13	11	29	15
(Don't have coverage)	3	3	3	3
(DK/Ref)	1	2	-	1
Total Satisfied.....	72	75	55	69
Total Dissatisfied.....	24	21	42	27
Satisfied - Dissatisfied	49	53	14	42
(ref:SATISPER)				

Q.35 Which of the following do you agree with the most?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
One: On the whole, the health care system in America works pretty well but some changes are necessary.	23	24	19	22
Two: There are good things about the health system in America, but some major changes are needed.....	48	49	43	48
Three: America's health care system is so inadequate and has so many problems that we need to completely rebuild it	27	26	35	29
(Other)	0	0	-	0
(None)	0	0	-	0
(Don't know/Ref).....	1	1	3	1

(ref:SCALE)

Q.36 Now I'm going to read you a list of goals that some people say they are trying to accomplish with health care reform. Please tell me which TWO goals you think are most important to achieve.

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Reducing health care premiums and costs for the average family	37	39	25	39
[507 Respondents] (SPLIT B) Extending coverage to children without insurance	32	33	28	34
Preventing insurance companies from denying coverage because of pre-existing conditions	31	31	34	32
Guaranteeing that no one will lose coverage if they move, get sick or lose their job.....	30	29	40	30
[506 Respondents] (SPLIT A) Extending coverage to those without insurance	28	28	27	29
Improving the quality of care	17	17	14	17
Expanding or maintaining choice of health care plans and doctors	16	16	13	14
Reducing long-term health care costs to help balance the federal budget	13	14	8	13
(All)	3	3	5	3
(None)	1	1	3	1
(Other)	3	3	3	3
(DK/Ref)	3	3	4	3

(ref:HCGOALS)

Q.37 Now I'm going to read you a list of concerns some people have about health care reform. Please tell me which TWO things you are most concerned about happening if we pass health care reform.

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
[507 Respondents]				
(SPLIT B) My health care decisions will be made by the government, not my doctor and me	31	30	35	33
I will not be able to choose my own doctor	27	27	25	28
I will have to pay higher taxes	25	24	35	27
[506 Respondents]				
(SPLIT A) We will end up with government-run healthcare like they have in Canada	24	26	15	22
I will have to wait in long lines to receive care	17	17	16	18
I will end up paying more for my insurance	16	16	20	16
Companies and small business will be hurt and forced to cut jobs	15	15	8	16
I will lose access to the best medical treatments	14	14	12	15
I will lose the insurance I now have	12	12	9	11
(All)	6	6	6	6
(None)	7	8	4	7
(Other)	3	3	2	2
(DK/Ref)	5	5	10	5
(ref:HCCONCS)				

Q.38 Now I'm going to read you some more pairs of statements, this time about health care. After I read each pair, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own view on health care, even if neither is exactly right.

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[507 Respondents]										
38 (SPLIT B) I'm more concerned that the current healthcare system won't be changed and that costs will continue to rise out of control and people will continue to lose health insurance coverage when they need it.										
OR										
I'm more concerned that the government will try to change the healthcare system and create new problems - hurting small businesses, raising taxes, reducing quality and limiting people's choice of doctor.										
.....	39	9	10	37	1	2	3	48	46	1
Likely	39	7	10	38	1	2	2	46	48	-3
Drop-Off	37	25	5	27	-	4	3	61	32	29
Not Senior	41	8	11	35	1	1	3	49	46	3

[506 Respondents]										
39 (SPLIT A) In the end, the insurance companies will fight to block meaningful health care reform, just like they did last time.										
OR										
Unlike last time, the insurance companies are honestly trying to be part of the solution for health care reform.										
.....	43	18	17	13	1	3	6	61	30	32
Likely	42	18	17	13	1	3	5	61	30	30
Drop-Off	49	18	14	9	2	-	8	67	23	43
Not Senior	46	18	15	11	1	3	5	65	27	38

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[507 Respondents]										
40 (SPLIT B) I'm more concerned that if we don't change the current system, insurance companies will continue to have too much control over my health care.										
OR										
I'm more concerned that if we change the current system, the government will end up having too much control over my health care.										
health care.	38	10	7	39	1	3	2	47	47	1
Likely	37	8	8	41	1	3	1	46	49	-3
Drop-Off	41	19	4	29	1	2	4	60	33	26
Not Senior	39	10	8	37	1	2	1	50	45	4

[506 Respondents]										
41 (SPLIT A) When it comes to health care, insurance companies are more inefficient because they are profit-driven and spend so much money on marketing and advertising instead of providing quality care.										
OR										
When it comes to health care, the government is more inefficient because everything the government runs is rampant with waste, fraud and abuse.....										
.....	36	13	7	37	4	2	2	48	44	4
Likely	35	12	7	39	3	2	2	47	46	2
Drop-Off	38	18	11	22	5	3	3	56	33	23
Not Senior	37	13	7	36	3	2	1	50	43	7
(ref:HCPAIRS)										

Q.42 Now I'm going to read you two statements about a health care plan that President Obama may propose.

Obama's plan would ensure all Americans have quality, affordable health care that insurance companies cannot deny you if you lose your job or have a pre-existing illness. It is a uniquely American solution that guarantees people the choice of keeping their current doctor and plan or choosing another private or public option. It would save families 2500 dollars a year and bring down costs by increasing preventive care.

Critics say this plan is a government takeover of health care that takes decisions out of doctors' and patient's hands and gives them to Washington bureaucrats. This plan would bring a Canadian-style system where Americans are forced to wait in line for care and even denied needed treatments. And the plan would cost over a trillion dollars, resulting in higher deficits and more taxes on all Americans.

Now that you've heard more info about Obama's plan, would you favor or oppose this proposal to change the health care system?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Strongly favor	28	28	28	30
Somewhat favor	22	21	28	23
Somewhat oppose.....	11	11	10	11
Strongly oppose	31	33	22	28
(Don't know/refused)	8	7	12	7
Total favor	50	49	56	53
Total oppose	42	43	32	40
Favor - Oppose	8	6	24	14
(ref:BOPLN1)				

Q.43 Now I'd like to read you some possible elements from Obama's health care plan. Please tell me if you support or oppose each of these elements.

	Strng Supp	Smwt Supp	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	Dk/ Ref	Total Supp	Total Opp	Supp - Opp
43 Require insurance companies to offer coverage to everyone at the same rate, regardless of pre-existing conditions or their medical history.....	46	22	13	16	3	67	30	38
Likely	46	22	13	16	3	68	29	39
Drop-Off	43	17	16	20	4	61	36	25
Not Senior	47	22	13	16	2	69	29	40
44 Give all Americans a choice of keeping the health insurance they have now, or choosing another private insurance plan or a public health insurance option.....	51	33	5	7	4	84	12	72
Likely	51	33	5	7	4	84	12	73
Drop-Off	51	29	7	7	6	80	14	67
Not Senior	51	33	6	6	4	84	12	73
[506 Respondents]								
45 (SPLIT A) Make employers responsible for either covering their employees or contributing to a fund to help pay for their coverage with small businesses getting tax credits to cover some of the cost.....	42	33	9	11	4	75	21	54
Likely	41	33	9	12	4	74	22	52
Drop-Off	45	36	9	4	6	81	13	69
Not Senior	45	32	9	11	3	77	20	56
[506 Respondents]								
46 (SPLIT A) Make all Americans responsible for having health insurance with the amount they would have to pay depending on their family's income level.....	34	30	13	19	4	64	32	32
Likely	33	30	13	19	4	64	32	31
Drop-Off	37	28	11	20	5	65	30	35
Not Senior	33	30	14	21	3	63	34	29

	Strng Supp	Smwt Supp	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	Dk/ Ref	Total Supp	Total Opp	Supp - Opp
[507 Respondents]								
47 (SPLIT B) Require employers to either cover their employees or contribute to a fund to help pay for their coverage with small businesses getting tax credits to cover some of the cost.	43	36	7	11	3	79	18	60
Likely	42	35	8	12	3	77	20	57
Drop-Off	46	42	2	4	5	88	7	82
Not Senior	46	34	7	11	2	80	18	62

[507 Respondents]								
48 (SPLIT B) Require all Americans to have health insurance with the amount they would have to pay depending on their family's income level.	34	30	11	21	3	64	33	31
Likely	34	30	11	21	4	64	32	32
Drop-Off	35	27	13	23	1	62	37	26
Not Senior	35	30	12	21	2	65	33	32

(ref:BOHCELEM)

Q.49 Now let me read you some statements from supporters of Obama's health care plan. For each statement, please tell me how convincing a reason it is to support Obama's health care plan -- is it a very convincing reason, a somewhat convincing reason, a little convincing, or not at all a convincing reason to support Obama's health care plan.

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
[506 Respondents]							
49 (SPLIT D) (CHOICE) Under Obama's plan, not only will your choice of doctor and plan be guaranteed, but you'll actually have MORE choices. If you like the doctor or health plan you have now you can keep them - if not, you can pick another private plan that better fits your needs or you can choose a public health insurance option. No one will ever be forced into a new plan or different doctor they don't want.	44	29	7	18	3	72	25
Likely	42	28	8	20	3	70	27
Drop-Off	55	33	2	6	4	88	8
Not Senior	46	29	7	16	2	75	23

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
[507 Respondents]							
50 (SPLIT C) (INSURANCE BUREAUCRATS/DENIAL) Insurance company bureaucrats are making too many of your health care decisions - everyone has a horror story about trying to get your insurance company on the phone after they won't pay a bill or deny treatment that you and your doctor have decided is needed. Obama's plan will put you and your doctor back in control by stopping insurance companies from denying coverage based on pre-existing conditions.	38	28	9	23	2	66	32
Likely	38	27	9	24	2	65	33
Drop-Off	42	38	6	13	1	80	19
Not Senior	39	28	10	22	1	67	32

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
[506 Respondents]							
51 (SPLIT D) (UNIQUELY AMERICAN) You can get the best care in the world in this country, but fewer and fewer Americans can afford it. Obama's plan is a uniquely American solution that builds on the best of what works but fixes what's broken. It fosters competition to improve quality and drive down costs, and it guarantees Americans the freedom to choose the plan and doctor that is best for them.....	31	33	12	24	1	64	35
Likely	29	33	12	26	1	62	38
Drop-Off	46	35	9	9	1	81	18
Not Senior	33	34	11	21	1	67	32

[507 Respondents]							
52 (SPLIT C) (STATUS QUO) Instead of offering solutions, Obama's critics are distorting his plan and trying to scare Americans so they can maintain the status quo where insurance company profits come before you and your care. But the status quo means premiums will keep rising, more Americans will lose their coverage and insurance company bureaucrats will keep denying care. We need to pass Obama's plan to reform this broken system.....	26	29	11	31	3	56	42
Likely	26	28	11	32	2	54	43
Drop-Off	30	36	8	21	5	66	29
Not Senior	28	30	11	29	2	58	40

[506 Respondents]							
53 (SPLIT D) (PEACE OF MIND) Americans who work for a living and play by the rules shouldn't lose their health care coverage if they get sick or lose their job. Obama's plan guarantees that quality, affordable coverage will be there for you no matter what happens, giving you the peace of mind that even if times get tough, you will always have access to quality health care at a price you can afford.....	44	30	8	18	0	73	26
Likely	42	30	8	19	0	72	28
Drop-Off	58	25	9	7	-	83	17
Not Senior	47	29	7	17	-	76	24

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
[507 Respondents]							
54 (SPLIT C) (COST) Under Obama's plan, you'll pay less for the health insurance you have now. His plan will bring costs down and save the average family 2,500 dollars a year by cutting waste, improving technology, focusing on preventive care and forcing insurance companies to compete so more money goes to quality care and less to bloated CEO pay, overhead and profits.....	36	29	10	24	1	65	34
Likely	35	29	9	25	1	64	34
Drop-Off	41	29	16	13	1	70	29
Not Senior	36	29	10	23	1	65	33
(ref:HCPOSMSG)							

Q.55 Now let me read you some statements from opponents of Obama's health care plan. For each statement, please tell me whether this raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts, or no real doubt in your own mind about Obama's health care plan.

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[506 Respondents]							
55 (SPLIT A) (WASHINGTON BUREAUCRATS) No Washington bureaucrat should stand between your family and your doctor, but the Democrats' plan takes control of treatment away from patients and doctors and gives it to a committee of Washington politicians instead. We must preserve the sacred doctor-patient relationship and ensure that doctors are making the decisions, not federal bureaucrats.	21	34	16	25	5	55	40
Likely	22	35	15	24	4	57	39
Drop-Off	14	24	25	30	7	38	55
Not Senior	19	34	16	26	4	53	43

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
56 (DENIAL OF CARE) Americans should not have to wait weeks or months for treatment they need and no one should be denied the care they require because of government limits or rationing. But under the Democrats' government-run plan, politicians and bureaucrats would decide what treatments you can or can't have and make Americans wait in line to get the treatments they are allowed to receive.	27	34	15	21	3	61	36
Likely	27	34	14	22	3	61	36
Drop-Off	25	34	21	15	5	59	37
Not Senior	25	34	16	23	2	59	38

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57 (SPLIT B) (GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER) There's no doubt that we have a health care crisis, but the Democrats' plan for a government takeover of health care will mean Americans won't be able to choose their doctor and will get lower quality care. We have a 50 percent higher survival rate for cancer than anybody else in the world, yet the Democrats want to copy government-run systems like Canada or Britain.	20	31	20	26	3	51	46
Likely	20	31	20	26	3	51	46
Drop-Off	17	36	25	21	1	53	46
Not Senior	17	30	23	28	2	47	51

58 (COST) Every American should have access to quality healthcare, but the Democrats want to raise taxes so they can push the 50 million uninsured Americans into a new government program that will increase waste, fraud, and abuse and cost trillions of dollars. With record deficits we can't afford this expensive new program on top of the financial bailout and Obama's stimulus plan.	21	33	21	21	4	54	42
Likely	22	33	18	22	4	56	41
Drop-Off	14	27	41	14	4	41	55
Not Senior	19	32	23	22	3	51	45

(ref:HCNEGMSG)

Q.59 Sometimes during surveys like this people change their minds. So let me again read you two statements about Obama's plan

Obama's plan would ensure all Americans have quality, affordable health care that insurance companies cannot deny you if you lose your job or have a pre-existing illness. It is a uniquely American solution that guarantees people the choice of keeping their current doctor and plan or choosing another private or public option. It would save families 2500 dollars a year and bring down costs by increasing preventive care.

Critics say this plan is a government takeover of health care that takes decisions out of doctors' and patient's hands and gives them to Washington bureaucrats. This plan would bring a Canadian-style system where Americans are forced to wait in line for care and even denied needed treatments. And the plan would cost over a trillion dollars, resulting in higher deficits and more taxes on all Americans.

After hearing everything about Obama's plan, do you favor or oppose this proposal to change the health care system?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Strongly favor	32	32	29	34
Somewhat favor	20	19	30	22
Somewhat oppose.....	12	11	13	11
Strongly oppose	31	32	24	28
(Don't know/refused)	5	6	4	5
Total favor	52	51	59	56
Total oppose	43	44	37	40
Favor - Oppose	9	7	21	16
INITIAL Total favor	50	49	56	53
Total oppose	42	43	32	40
Favor - Oppose	8	6	24	14
NET REASK-INITIAL.....	1	1	-2	3
(ref:REBOPLN)				

[257 Respondents]

Q.60 (ASK IF FAVOR IN REBOPLN - ASKED OF HALF OF ELIGIBLE RESPONDENTS) After hearing all the positive and negative things about Obama's health care proposal, what stood out to you as the best reason to support the plan.

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
UNIVERSAL COVERAGE.....	34	34	31	32
AFFORDABILITY/COST	22	22	15	23
Affordability for Everyone	12	13	5	13
Personal Cost and Affordability	6	6	10	7
National Cost.....	2	2	-	2
Other Affordability/Cost	1	1	-	1
CHOICE	16	15	26	15
INSURANCE REFORM.....	11	11	14	12
Won't be Denied Coverage/Care.....	5	5	12	6
Limits Insurance Companies	5	4	8	4
Other Insurance.....	2	2	-	2
CHANGE	10	11	3	9
SECURITY	9	9	10	10
SUPPORT OBAMA	5	5	3	6
OTHER.....	4	3	9	4
DK/REF	5	6	3	5

(ref:HCFOLUP2)

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Q.61 (ASK IF OPPOSE IN REBOPLN - ASKED OF HALF OF ELIGIBLE RESPONDENTS) After hearing all the positive and negative things about Obama's health care proposal, what worries you the most about the Obama health care plan?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
GOVERNMENT.....	52	52	50	50
Government takeover.....	29	29	26	28
Socialism	13	14	4	10
Rationing	9	8	16	9
Doctor-patient relationship	5	5	6	6
Bureaucracy	4	5	1	6
Government other	2	2	1	1
COST	38	38	45	45
Taxes.....	13	13	11	17
Personal cost.....	12	12	11	14
Spending/Deficit/Debt.....	7	6	15	7
Hurt Economy.....	2	3	-	3
Cost Other	6	6	7	6
CHOICE	9	8	22	10
UNREALISTIC.....	7	8	3	7
QUALITY	6	7	-	6
LIKE STATUS QUO	3	3	-	2
DOESN'T GO FAR ENOUGH	1	1	6	2
OTHER.....	5	5	4	3
DK/REF	3	3	3	4

(ref:HCFOLUP3)

Q.62 Now thinking about your primary health insurance, who currently provides your health insurance? I will read you some options and please stop me when I get to the right category.

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
I have health insurance through my job or a family member's job	52	53	43	62
I receive insurance through a government program like Medicare or Medicaid	17	16	20	9
I pay for my health insurance myself or my family pays for the insurance	12	12	14	11
I am retired and receive my insurance through my former employer	6	6	5	5
(Combination)	3	3	3	1
(Other)	1	1	2	1
I do not currently have health insurance	9	8	11	11
(DK/Ref)	1	1	2	1

(ref:INSURAN3)

Q.63 Have you gone without health insurance for more than a month at any time in the last five years?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Yes, have gone without health insurance.....	24	24	27	28
No, have always had health insurance.....	75	76	73	71
(Don't know/refused)	0	0	-	0

(ref:INSURAN2)

Q.64 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
1 - 11th grade	4	3	5	3
High School graduate	22	22	26	20
Non-college post H.S.	1	1	3	1
Some college.....	28	27	29	29
College graduate	29	29	23	31
Post-graduate school	15	16	11	15
(Don't know/refused)	1	1	3	1

(ref:EDUC)

Q.65 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Yes: Respondent belongs	13	14	12	15
Household member	7	7	8	8
No member belongs	78	78	79	76
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1	2	1

(ref:UNION)

Q.66 And have you or any member of your immediate family been unemployed at some point in the last year? (IF YES) Was that you or a family member who was unemployed?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Yes: Respondent.....	19	18	23	22
Yes: Family Member	18	18	25	19
No.....	62	63	51	58
(Dk/Ref).....	1	1	-	1
(ref:EMPLOY2)				

Q.67 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Married	60	61	50	61
Single	21	20	29	25
Separated/Divorced.....	10	10	12	10
Widowed.....	8	7	9	3
(Don't know/refused)	1	2	1	2
Sep/Div/Wid.....	18	18	21	13
(ref:MARITAL)				

Q.68 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Strong Democrat	28	28	28	28
Weak Democrat.....	13	12	19	14
Independent-lean Democrat.....	9	8	14	9
Independent	7	7	6	7
Independent-lean Republican	10	11	5	10
Weak Republican	13	13	11	13
Strong Republican.....	18	19	16	17
(Don't know/refused)	2	2	2	2
(ref:PTYID1)				

Q.71 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Liberal.....	23	22	28	24
Moderate	31	31	32	32
Conservative	42	43	35	40
(Don't know/refused)	4	4	5	4
(ref:IDEO1)				

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Q.72 (ASK IN CELL SAMPLE ONLY) Now, thinking about your telephone use, is there at least one telephone INSIDE your home that is currently working and is not a cell phone?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Yes	32	32	32	32
No.....	68	68	68	68
(DK/Refused).....	-	-	-	-
(ref:LANDLINE)				

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Q.73 (ASK IN LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY) Now thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Yes	83	83	83	86
No.....	15	15	16	12
(DK/Refused).....	1	2	1	1
(ref:CELLLINE)				

Q.74 Of all the personal telephone calls that you receive, do you get...

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
All or almost all calls on a cell phone	19	19	20	23
Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone	45	45	43	48
All or almost all calls on a regular home phone	36	36	36	29
(DK/Refused).....	0	0	2	0
(ref:DUALUSE)				

Phone Use Table

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Cell Only.....	11	10	15	13
Cell Mostly.....	14	15	14	17
Dual User	33	34	31	36
Landline Mostly	27	27	26	22
Landline Only	13	13	12	10
Landline Unknown.....	2	1	2	1
Cell Mostly (from Cell Sample).....	5	5	7	6
Cell Mostly (from landline Sample).....	9	10	7	11

Q.75 What is your religion?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Protestant	54	54	53	52
Catholic	20	20	23	20
Jewish	1	2	0	2
Muslim.....	0	0	1	0
(Don't know/refused)	24	24	23	26
(ref:RELIG1)				

[547 Respondents]

Q.76 (ASK IF PROTESTANT IN RELIG1) Which one of these words best describes your kind of Christianity -- fundamentalist, evangelical, charismatic, Pentecostal or moderate to liberal?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Fundamentalist.....	10	10	8	9
Evangelical.....	20	21	12	19
Charismatic/Pentecostal.....	12	12	9	14
Moderate to liberal.....	39	39	41	39
(Something else).....	5	4	13	5
(Don't know/Refused).....	14	14	16	13
(ref:RELIG3)				

Q.77 How often do you attend religious services -- more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
More than once a week.....	13	13	11	12
Once a week.....	30	31	22	27
Once or twice a month.....	13	14	11	14
Several times a year.....	11	10	17	11
Hardly ever.....	22	21	31	24
(Never).....	6	6	6	7
(Don't know/Refused).....	4	5	2	4
More Than/Once a Week.....	43	44	33	40
(ref:RELIG2)				

[1010 Respondents]

Q.78 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for president, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Democrat Barack Obama.....	52	49	70	54
Republican John McCain.....	40	42	26	38
(Ralph Nader).....	1	1	-	1
(Bob Barr).....	0	0	-	0
(Other).....	2	2	1	2
(DK/Refused).....	6	6	3	5
(ref:VOTE2008)				

[1010 Respondents]

Q.79 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for Congress, did you vote for (2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) or (2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)?⁵

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
House Democrat	47	47	47	48
House Republican	39	41	25	38
(Other candidate)	2	2	0	2
(Did Not Vote for Congress)	3	2	15	4
(DK/Refused).....	9	8	13	8
(ref:VTCG2008)				

Q.80 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
White	74	75	70	72
African-American or Black.....	12	12	12	13
Hispanic or Latino.....	8	8	9	9
Native American	1	1	2	1
Asian	1	0	5	1
(Other)	1	1	-	1
(Don't know/Refused)	3	3	3	3
(ref:RACETHN)				

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Male.....	47	48	42	49
Female	53	52	58	51
(ref:GENDER)				

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
18 - 24	7	6	15	8
25 - 29	9	9	9	12
30 - 34	7	6	10	8
35 - 39	9	9	10	12
40 - 44	9	9	8	11
45 - 49	12	13	10	15
50 - 54	10	10	6	12
55 - 59	10	10	10	13
60 - 64	7	7	5	9
Over 64.....	19	19	16	-
(No answer).....	1	1	0	-
(ref:AGE)				

⁵ Actual candidate names were inserted preceded by party identifications for all districts. In unopposed districts, a generic candidate was used as the opposition.