

Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

June 19-22, 2009

1000 2008 Voters (1000 unweighted)
846 Likely 2010 Voters (855 unweighted)
154 Drop Off Voters (145 unweighted)
795 Not Seniors (715 unweighted)
190 Seniors (267 unweighted)

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

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Seniors
Yes.....	100	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 Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Seniors
Voted	98	98	98	98	100
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young .	2	2	2	2	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 Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Seniors
Voted	84	95	26	82	92
Not registered in 2006/Ineligible/too young .	5	5	1	6	1
Did not vote.....	8	-	55	9	4
(Can't remember/Don't know)	3	-	19	3	3
(Refused)	-	-	-	-	-
(ref:VOTE062)					

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 Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Sen iors
Almost certain.....	79	88	30	79	78
Probably.....	13	12	17	13	15
50-50.....	6	-	39	7	4
Will not vote.....	2	-	10	1	2
(Don't know).....	0	-	3	0	1
(Refused).....	0	-	2	0	1
(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 Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Sen iors
Right direction.....	41	41	43	43	35
Wrong track.....	49	50	46	49	53
(Don't know/refused).....	9	9	11	9	11
Right - Wrong.....	-8	-9	-2	-6	-18
(ref:DIRECT)					

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

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Sen iors
Strongly approve.....	37	37	35	37	33
Somewhat approve.....	19	18	25	21	16
Somewhat disapprove.....	9	8	14	9	9
Strongly disapprove.....	27	29	19	25	35
(Don't know/refused).....	8	9	7	8	8
Total approve.....	56	55	60	58	48
Total disapprove.....	36	36	33	34	44
(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	43.9	32	44	13	31	97	-12
Likely Voters	43.3	32	46	12	32	97	-14
Drop-off Voters	47.2	34	35	13	25	94	-1
Not Seniors	44.3	34	44	13	30	97	-10
Seniors	42.4	27	45	13	33	96	-17
13 The Democratic Party	51.8	45	35	26	26	97	10
Likely Voters	51.4	47	37	26	27	97	10
Drop-off Voters	54.1	39	28	25	22	94	11
Not Seniors	53.2	47	34	27	25	97	14
Seniors	45.8	38	43	22	35	97	-5
14 Barack Obama	60.5	58	30	44	25	99	28
Likely Voters	60.3	58	31	44	26	99	27
Drop-off Voters	61.7	59	25	40	19	98	34
Not Seniors	62.2	61	28	46	23	99	32
Seniors	53.3	48	36	35	32	98	12

(ref:THERM04)

Q.15 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 Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Seniors
Strongly favor.....	23	24	22	24	21
Somewhat favor.....	19	20	18	21	14
Somewhat oppose.....	7	7	10	7	9
Strongly oppose.....	31	32	25	28	40
(Don't know/refused).....	19	18	24	20	16
Total favor	43	43	40	45	34
Total oppose	38	39	35	35	50
Favor - Oppose	5	5	5	10	-15

(ref:OBHCPROP)

Q.16 Thinking about your own situation and your own family, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with your own health insurance coverage?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Seniors
Very satisfied	44	44	41	39	63
Somewhat satisfied.....	27	27	30	29	22
Somewhat dissatisfied	11	12	11	12	8
Very dissatisfied.....	14	13	15	16	6
(Don't have coverage)	2	2	2	2	0
(DK/Ref).....	2	2	1	2	1
Total Satisfied	71	71	71	68	85
Total Dissatisfied.....	25	25	26	28	13
Satisfied - Dissatisfied	46	46	45	40	72
(ref:SATISPER)					

Q.17 Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the health insurance system in the United States generally?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Seniors
Very satisfied	14	15	8	12	22
Somewhat satisfied.....	26	26	24	26	25
Somewhat dissatisfied	27	24	40	27	24
Very dissatisfied.....	31	32	23	32	23
(DK/Ref).....	3	3	5	3	7
Total Satisfied	39	41	32	38	46
Total Dissatisfied.....	57	56	64	59	47
Satisfied - Dissatisfied	-18	-15	-32	-22	-1
(ref:SATISSYS)					

Q.18 Now, I'm going to read you a short description of a health care reform plan that President Obama and the Democrats may propose.

This plan prohibits insurance companies from denying coverage for pre-existing conditions or dropping coverage when someone gets sick and requires them to cover preventive care. It creates a health insurance exchange where individuals can comparison shop among different private plans or a public insurance option.

The plan requires all Americans to have health insurance while subsidizing the cost for those with low and moderate incomes. It requires all companies to provide health insurance for their employees or contribute to a fund that will help pay for their coverage with small businesses getting help covering some of the cost.

The plan will be paid for by reducing Medicaid and Medicare spending by 400 billion dollars over the next ten years and implementing some new taxes that might include a small sales tax on goods except for food, higher taxes on those making over 200,000 dollars OR new taxes on alcohol or sugary drinks.

Based on what you heard, do you favor or oppose this health care plan?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Sen iors
Strongly favor.....	21	21	21	23	14
Somewhat favor.....	30	29	34	32	20
Somewhat oppose.....	14	13	20	14	14
Strongly oppose.....	28	30	18	26	40
(Don't know/refused).....	7	7	6	6	12
Total favor	51	50	55	55	34
Total oppose	42	43	39	39	54
Favor - Oppose	9	8	17	16	-20
(ref:PACKAGE)					

Q.19 Now let me read you two statements about Obama and the Democrat's health care plan.

Obama and the Democrats say this plan would take the power away from the insurance companies by preventing them from jacking up rates or using the fine print to deny you care. It is a uniquely American solution that guarantees that you can keep your doctor and plan or choose another private or public option. It will make health care more affordable by increasing preventive care and fostering increased competition.

Republicans 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 Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Seniors
Strongly favor.....	25	25	23	27	20
Somewhat favor.....	22	21	29	23	16
Somewhat oppose.....	13	13	13	13	11
Strongly oppose.....	33	35	28	30	46
(Don't know/refused).....	7	7	6	6	9
Total favor	47	46	53	50	35
Total oppose	46	47	41	44	56
Favor - Oppose	1	-1	12	6	-21

(ref:BOPLN1)

Q.20 Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements about Obama and the Democrats' health care plan. 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
[500 Respondents]										
20 (SPLIT A) I'm more worried that if we DO NOT change our health care system now, costs will keep rising and it will be hard to afford the health care we need.										
OR										
I'm more worried that this health care proposal will increase costs through new taxes and more spending.										
	42	10	5	37	2	2	2	52	42	10
Likely Voters.....	43	9	4	38	2	2	2	51	43	9
Drop-off Voters.....	39	14	8	30	1	2	5	53	39	15
Not Seniors.....	44	10	5	36	2	2	1	53	42	12
Seniors.....	33	11	5	42	3	3	3	43	47	-4

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[500 Respondents]										
21 (SPLIT B) I'm more worried that if we DO NOT change our health care system now, more people will be denied the coverage they need when they need it most.										
OR										
I'm more worried that this health care proposal will increase costs through new taxes and more spending.										
	46	8	7	37	1	0	1	54	44	10
Likely Voters.....	46	8	6	38	0	0	2	54	44	10
Drop-off Voters.....	45	9	7	36	2	-	1	54	43	11
Not Seniors.....	48	7	7	37	0	0	1	55	43	11
Seniors.....	39	14	7	37	1	-	2	53	44	9

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[500 Respondents]										
22 (SPLIT B) The government will be able to eliminate waste in Medicare to save money without cutting benefits for Medicare recipients.										
OR										
The government will not be able to eliminate waste in Medicare and will cut benefits for Medicare recipients.....										
	29	17	10	36	-	2	6	46	46	0
Likely Voters.....	28	17	9	37	-	2	5	46	47	-1
Drop-off Voters.....	33	16	16	27	-	-	8	48	44	4
Not Seniors.....	27	19	11	36	-	2	6	46	47	-1
Seniors.....	38	11	10	33	-	2	5	49	43	5

[500 Respondents]										
23 (SPLIT A) This plan will help my family.										
OR										
This plan will hurt my family.....										
	31	12	9	34	0	7	7	43	43	1
Likely Voters.....	31	11	9	35	-	6	7	43	44	-1
Drop-off Voters.....	31	16	7	30	1	9	7	47	37	10
Not Seniors.....	32	13	10	31	0	7	7	45	40	5
Seniors.....	28	5	7	47	-	6	6	33	54	-21

[500 Respondents]										
24 (SPLIT A) This plan is better than the present health care system.										
OR										
This plan is worse than the present health care system.....										
	35	14	5	32	-	3	10	49	38	11
Likely Voters.....	35	14	5	34	-	3	9	49	39	10
Drop-off Voters.....	33	18	7	23	-	4	15	51	30	21
Not Seniors.....	38	15	5	30	-	3	9	53	35	18
Seniors.....	24	10	7	45	-	3	12	33	52	-18

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[500 Respondents]										
25 (SPLIT B) This plan will mean lower costs for my family.										
OR										
This plan will mean higher costs for my family. 27										
Likely Voters	27	11	12	41	-	2	8	38	53	-15
Drop-off Voters	25	7	12	41	-	4	12	32	52	-20
Not Seniors	27	11	13	41	-	1	7	38	54	-16
Seniors	27	10	6	41	-	3	13	37	47	-10

[500 Respondents]										
26 (SPLIT A) This plan will maintain my right to choose a doctor.										
OR										
This plan will limit my right to choose a doctor. 40										
Likely Voters	41	14	8	29	-	3	7	54	36	17
Drop-off Voters	39	12	8	30	-	3	7	52	38	15
Not Seniors	40	24	6	22	-	2	7	63	28	35
Seniors	44	14	8	28	-	2	7	54	36	18
	44	9	5	32	-	3	7	53	37	16

[500 Respondents]										
27 (SPLIT B) This plan will require higher spending in the short term but in the long run it will rein in out-of-control health care costs, save trillions of dollars and reduce the deficit.										
OR										
This plan will require trillions of dollars in new spending that we can't afford when we are already running record deficits..... 33										
Likely Voters	34	14	9	38	1	2	4	46	47	0
Drop-off Voters	28	13	9	37	0	2	4	47	46	0
Not Seniors	34	16	10	38	3	1	5	43	48	-5
Seniors	30	13	10	38	1	1	3	47	48	-1
	30	16	6	33	1	7	7	46	39	7

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[500 Respondents]										
28 (SPLIT A) 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.										
.....	37	8	9	38	1	4	3	44	47	-2
Likely Voters.....	37	8	9	38	1	4	3	44	47	-3
Drop-off Voters.....	36	8	12	34	1	4	5	45	45	-1
Not Seniors.....	38	8	9	36	2	4	2	46	45	1
Seniors.....	28	6	8	46	-	4	7	34	54	-21

[500 Respondents]										
29 (SPLIT B) This plan will mean that I won't lose health coverage for any reason.										
OR										
Under this plan people will still lose coverage.										
.....	35	17	11	27	-	2	8	52	38	15
Likely Voters.....	36	18	11	25	-	3	8	53	36	18
Drop-off Voters.....	31	14	10	36	-	1	8	45	46	-1
Not Seniors.....	35	19	11	26	-	3	6	53	38	16
Seniors.....	35	12	9	29	-	1	14	47	38	9
(ref:PAIRS10)										

Q.30 Now I'd like to read you some possible elements from Obama and the Democrats' 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
[500 Respondents]								
30 (SPLIT A) Require insurance companies to offer coverage regardless of pre-existing conditions or medical history and prohibit them from dropping coverage or raising rates when people become sick.....								
	59	16	10	13	3	75	23	52
Likely Voters.....	58	16	10	13	3	74	23	51
Drop-off Voters.....	62	16	9	13	1	78	21	57
Not Seniors.....	61	15	11	11	2	76	22	55
Seniors.....	51	15	6	24	3	66	30	36

[500 Respondents]								
31 (SPLIT B) Require employers to provide coverage for employees or contribute to a fund to help those with low or moderate incomes pay for insurance with small businesses getting tax credits to cover some of the cost.								
	43	28	9	17	3	71	26	45
Likely Voters.....	42	27	10	18	3	69	28	41
Drop-off Voters.....	45	35	6	11	3	81	17	64
Not Seniors.....	46	28	9	15	2	74	25	49
Seniors.....	31	30	7	23	8	61	31	30

[500 Respondents]								
32 (SPLIT A) Require all individuals to have health insurance or pay a fine with low and moderate income families receiving a subsidy, based on their income, to help them afford coverage.....								
	29	24	13	27	6	53	41	13
Likely Voters.....	29	24	13	27	6	54	40	14
Drop-off Voters.....	28	24	17	26	4	52	43	9
Not Seniors.....	30	25	15	24	6	55	39	16
Seniors.....	25	20	7	40	8	45	46	-1

	Strng Supp	Smwt Supp	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	Dk/ Ref	Total Supp	Total Opp	Supp - Opp
[500 Respondents]								
33 (SPLIT B) Create a national health insurance exchange - a market where individuals and small businesses can comparison shop among different private plans or a public insurance option								
	38	33	9	13	8	71	21	50
Likely Voters	39	33	8	13	8	72	21	51
Drop-off Voters	33	36	13	13	5	69	25	44
Not Seniors	39	35	10	10	6	74	20	54
Seniors	35	24	3	24	14	59	27	33

[500 Respondents]								
34 (SPLIT A) Require all insurance policies to cover preventive care with no deductible.....								
	47	22	13	13	5	69	26	44
Likely Voters	48	22	13	13	4	69	26	43
Drop-off Voters	46	24	11	11	8	70	22	47
Not Seniors	50	21	13	11	5	71	24	47
Seniors	39	20	14	20	6	60	34	26

[500 Respondents]								
35 (SPLIT B) Limit out of pocket expenses for individuals to no more than 5 to 7 percent of their annual income, or about 2,500 dollars for someone earning 40,000 dollars a year....								
	32	29	14	18	7	61	32	29
Likely Voters	32	28	14	19	7	60	33	26
Drop-off Voters	32	35	12	13	9	66	25	42
Not Seniors	34	30	14	17	5	63	32	32
Seniors	27	26	13	20	15	53	33	20

[481 Respondents]								
36 (SPLIT A) Expand prescription drug coverage for seniors by eliminating the so-called "donut hole" - the gap in Medicare coverage for seniors who need more than 2,700 dollars worth of drugs.....								
	47	26	7	12	8	73	18	55
Likely Voters	47	26	7	12	8	73	20	53
Drop-off Voters	49	31	3	7	10	80	10	70
Not Seniors	48	29	7	10	7	77	16	61
Seniors	43	16	8	20	12	60	28	31

	Strng Supp	Smwt Supp	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	Dk/ Ref	Total Supp	Total Opp	Supp - Opp
37 Give all Americans the choice of joining a public health insurance option, run by the government.	34	23	9	31	4	57	40	17
Likely Voters	33	23	9	31	4	56	40	16
Drop-off Voters	38	20	8	29	4	59	37	21
Not Seniors	36	25	9	27	3	61	37	24
Seniors	26	14	6	47	7	40	53	-14

(ref:PLANELEM)

Q.47 And after hearing about some of the ways Congress is considering paying for this health care plan, let me ask you which you would favor more: paying for this plan using some of these proposals OR keeping the health care system the way it is now.

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Sen iors
Paying for the plan.....	57	56	57	60	41
Keeping the system as it is now	39	39	37	36	50
(DK/Refused).....	5	5	6	4	9

(ref:PROPFOL)

Q.48 Now let me read you another pair of statements that describe what some people are saying about Obama and the Democrats' health care plan. After I read these statements, please tell me which one you agree with more.

Obama and the Democrats say that while health care reform will mean some Americans will have to pay more at first, in the long-run it will make all Americans, and our country as a whole, better off by making health care more affordable and ensuring that no one will ever be denied quality coverage because they have a pre-existing condition, get sick or lose their job.

OR

Republicans say that this health care plan will cost over a trillion dollars and will mean higher taxes on all Americans, including the middle class, when they are already struggling to make ends meet. It is the wrong approach, it won't improve the quality of care or reduce costs in the long-run, and certainly isn't worth the price that the average American will have to pay.

Which statement do you agree with more?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Seniors
Obama/Dem statement strongly	38	38	39	38	35
Obama/Dem statement not so strongly	15	15	17	16	10
Republican statement not so strongly.....	10	10	9	10	11
Republican statement strongly	32	33	27	31	37
(Both)	1	1	1	1	2
(Neither)	0	0	0	0	0
(Don't know/refused).....	4	3	6	3	5
Total Obama/Dem statement	53	52	56	55	44
Total Republican statement.....	42	43	35	41	48
Obama/Dem - Republican	11	9	21	14	-4

(ref:PAYPAIR)

Q.51 One part of Obama and the Democrats' health care plan gives anyone the choice of joining a public health insurance option, run by the government.

Now let me read you some statements that Republicans may make about the public health insurance option. 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 the public health insurance option.

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[500 Respondents]							
51 (SPLIT A) A government-run plan will have an unfair advantage that will force private insurance companies out of the marketplace, eventually resulting in single-payer, government-run health care system. One independent study says that 120 million Americans who now get their coverage though their employer would switch to the government plan, effectively killing private health care in America.	18	26	24	28	5	43	52
Likely Voters	18	26	22	30	5	43	52
Drop-off Voters	17	27	35	17	4	44	52
Not Seniors	15	25	27	30	4	39	57
Seniors	29	32	12	21	6	61	33

[500 Respondents]							
52 (SPLIT B) The creation of a government-run health care plan is the first step toward a government takeover of health care and socialized medicine. That will mean Americans won't be able to choose their own doctor, politicians and bureaucrats will decide will decide which treatments you can or can't have and patients will have to wait in line for weeks or months before getting the care they need.	26	32	15	23	4	58	38
Likely Voters	27	30	14	25	4	57	39
Drop-off Voters	19	44	18	15	3	63	34
Not Seniors	25	33	16	24	3	57	40
Seniors	29	29	9	22	10	59	31

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[500 Respondents]							
53 (SPLIT A) The government has never been able to run anything efficiently and cost effectively and health care will be no different. A public insurance plan run by the government will make going to the doctor like going to the DMV and will result in lower quality and increased costs due to the inefficiencies and fraud associated with every government-run program.	23	27	22	23	5	51	45
Likely Voters	23	26	22	24	4	49	46
Drop-off Voters	25	33	23	13	6	58	36
Not Seniors	21	27	24	24	4	49	48
Seniors	33	24	13	20	10	58	33

[500 Respondents]							
54 (SPLIT B) A government-run health care plan will add one trillion dollars to an already massive budget deficit and will require tax increases on the middle class at a time when they can least afford it. During this time of record deficits we simply cannot afford to spend so much money to fund a government-run health care program that requires higher taxes and will still put us into deeper debt.	25	29	21	21	4	54	42
Likely Voters	26	27	19	23	4	54	42
Drop-off Voters	15	39	30	11	4	55	41
Not Seniors	22	30	24	21	3	52	45
Seniors	34	28	8	21	9	62	29

(ref:PUBNGMSG)

Q.55 One part of Obama and the Democrats' health care plan gives anyone the choice of joining a public health insurance option, run by the government.

Now let me read you some statements that Obama and the Democrats may make about the public health insurance option. For each statement, please tell me how convincing a reason it is to support the public option -- is it a very convincing reason, a somewhat convincing reason, a little convincing, or not at all a convincing reason to support the public health insurance option.

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
[500 Respondents]							
55 (SPLIT A) (CHOICE) This public health insurance option will give Americans 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 the public option. No one will ever be forced into a new plan or different doctor they don't want, period.....	35	30	9	23	3	65	32
Likely Voters.....	34	30	10	24	2	64	33
Drop-off Voters.....	39	32	8	17	5	71	24
Not Seniors.....	37	30	10	21	2	67	31
Seniors.....	28	31	8	29	4	59	37

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
[500 Respondents]							
56 (SPLIT B) (SECURITY) Working Americans shouldn't lose their health care coverage if they get sick or lose their job. Having the public health insurance option 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.....	37	30	10	22	1	67	32
Likely Voters.....	38	28	10	24	1	65	34
Drop-off Voters.....	36	39	10	12	2	76	22
Not Seniors.....	38	31	9	21	1	69	30
Seniors.....	35	26	12	24	3	60	36

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
[500 Respondents]							
57 (SPLIT A) (COMPETITION/COST) This public health insurance option will act as a check on the insurance companies by making them compete on an even playing field against a plan that has a set of guaranteed benefits and doesn't waste money on overhead or marketing. More competition will force the private health insurance you have now to become more affordable and increase its quality.	28	27	13	28	3	56	42
Likely Voters	28	26	14	29	2	55	43
Drop-off Voters	28	35	10	23	4	63	33
Not Seniors	30	28	15	26	2	58	41
Seniors	21	25	8	40	7	46	48

[500 Respondents]							
58 (SPLIT B) (UNIVERSAL/COST) According to an independent report, the average family pays a hidden tax of over 1,000 dollars a year in higher premiums to cover the millions of uninsured who get treatment, without paying for it, in emergency rooms. The public health insurance options will make sure all Americans have at least basic coverage, and thus eliminate this hidden-tax on American families.....	22	36	11	30	1	58	41
Likely Voters	23	35	10	31	1	58	41
Drop-off Voters	16	43	17	23	1	59	40
Not Seniors	22	37	11	29	1	59	41
Seniors	22	33	11	30	3	56	41
(ref:PUBPSMSG)							

Q.59 Now that you've heard more about the public option I'd like to ask you again, do you favor or oppose the part of Obama and the Democrats' health care plan that gives all Americans the choice of joining a public health insurance option, run by the government?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Seniors
Strongly support.....	33	33	32	34	28
Somewhat support.....	21	20	25	23	14
Somewhat oppose.....	8	8	9	9	6
Strongly oppose.....	34	35	30	31	47
(Don't know/refused).....	4	4	4	4	4
Total support.....	54	54	57	57	43
Total oppose.....	42	43	39	39	53
Support - Oppose.....	12	11	18	17	-11
INITIAL Total support.....	57	56	59	61	40
Total oppose.....	40	40	37	37	53
(Don't know/refused).....	4	4	4	3	7
INITIAL Support - Oppose.....	17	16	21	24	-14
(ref:REPUBPLN)					

Q.60 Now let me read you some statements from supporters of Obama and the Democrats' health care plan. For each statement, please tell me how convincing a reason it is to support this 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 and the Democrats' health care plan.

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
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[500 Respondents]

60 (SPLIT A) (STATUS QUO) Continuing the status quo in health care is not acceptable and not sustainable. Keeping the status quo means the insurance companies are still in charge, jacking up rates and denying coverage. It means more people losing insurance or enslaved to their job, prices skyrocketing for families and businesses and our companies less competitive. We need to change: health care reform is not a luxury, but a necessity.

.....	38	26	10	25	1	64	35
Likely Voters	38	26	11	24	1	64	35
Drop-off Voters	38	24	6	29	4	62	35
Not Seniors	40	26	10	23	1	66	33
Seniors	27	25	12	34	3	51	45

[500 Respondents]

61 (SPLIT A) (ECONOMY) To fix the economy we must fix health care. The rising cost of health care is a threat to our economy, it is an escalating burden on our families and businesses and is a ticking-time bomb for the federal budget. By reining in health care costs, this plan will lay the foundation for long-term growth, eventually creating up to 500,000 more jobs every year according to one recent report.

.....	27	28	9	35	2	55	43
Likely Voters	27	26	10	36	2	53	46
Drop-off Voters	27	41	4	27	1	68	31
Not Seniors	29	29	10	31	1	58	41
Seniors	16	22	5	50	6	39	55

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
[500 Respondents]							
62 (SPLIT B) (INSURANCE COMPANIES)							
The current system puts the power in the hands of insurance companies. They are fighting to keep the status quo, where they boost their profits by jacking up rates and using the fine print to drop people when they get sick - like one Texas woman who was dropped after she was diagnosed with cancer because she had not disclosed a case of acne. This plan takes power away from the insurance companies, and forces them to play by the rules.....							
	42	27	8	21	1	70	29
Likely Voters	42	26	9	22	2	68	31
Drop-off Voters	44	35	5	16	-	80	20
Not Seniors	44	27	9	20	1	70	29
Seniors	38	30	6	23	4	68	28

[500 Respondents]							
63 (SPLIT B) (SENIORS) Under this plan seniors would still receive Medicare coverage, just as they do now with no reductions in benefits. But the plan would also provide seniors with better prescription drug coverage by eliminating the so-called "donut hole" - the gap in Medicare coverage that forces millions of seniors to pay thousands of dollars out-of-pocket for prescription drugs.							
	40	32	8	19	1	71	28
Likely Voters	39	31	8	21	2	70	28
Drop-off Voters	42	35	12	12	-	76	24
Not Seniors	40	33	10	17	1	72	27
Seniors	39	29	3	25	4	68	28

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/Ref	Very/Smwt Conv	Little/Not Conv
64 (COST) This plan will change the health care system and make health care more affordable by requiring plans to cover wellness and preventive care, barring them from charging more for age or preexisting conditions, and by creating an insurance exchange that allows individuals and businesses to comparison shop for private policies or a public health insurance option, driving costs down through competition.....	29	31	13	26	1	60	39
Likely Voters	30	28	13	27	1	59	40
Drop-off Voters	25	42	13	18	2	67	31
Not Seniors	31	31	13	24	0	62	37
Seniors	22	30	11	33	5	52	44

(ref:HCPOSMSG)

[500 Respondents]

Q.65 (ASK OF HALF OF RESPONDENTS - SELECT RANDOMLY) After hearing all the positive and negative things about Obama and the Democrats' health care proposal, what stood out to you as the best reason to support the plan.

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Seniors
MISC	71	71	72	67	84
General Negative	27	28	19	22	47
Universal Coverage	21	21	19	20	22
Change	8	8	7	8	4
Choice	7	6	8	7	3
For Seniors.....	5	5	8	6	3
Support Obama	3	3	8	3	4
The economy.....	2	2	2	2	-
Security	1	1	-	0	1
INSURANCE REFORM	15	16	11	17	8
Won't be Denied Coverage/Care.....	8	8	5	9	5
Limits Insurance Companies	7	7	6	8	3
Other Insurance.....	0	0	-	-	1
AFFORDABILITY/COST	11	11	9	12	5
Affordability for Everyone	6	5	9	7	3
Other Affordability/Cost	3	4	-	4	1
Personal Cost and Affordability	1	1	-	1	1
National Cost.....	0	0	-	0	1
NEUTRAL	10	9	15	10	9
Other	4	3	6	4	2
DK/Ref.....	6	6	9	6	7

(ref:HCFOLUP4)

[500 Respondents]

Q.66 (ASK OF HALF OF RESPONDENTS - SELECT RANDOMLY) After hearing all the positive and negative things about Obama and the Democrats' health care proposal, what worries you the most about the plan?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Seniors
COST	41	41	39	43	33
Taxes.....	13	13	10	14	9
Personal cost.....	12	11	14	11	15
Cost General	12	13	7	13	9
Spending/Deficit/Debt.....	5	4	7	5	2
Hurt Economy.....	3	2	6	3	2
MISC	34	35	29	35	29
General Positive	11	12	9	12	10
Unrealistic.....	10	10	11	10	9
General Negative	6	7	1	7	2
Choice	5	5	2	4	7
Quality	3	2	5	3	2
GOVERNMENT	31	31	28	28	39
Government takeover	14	15	9	13	19
Bureaucracy	7	7	3	7	5
Socialism	4	3	6	3	7
Government other	4	5	2	4	5
Rationing	3	2	7	3	3
Doctor-patient relationship	2	1	2	2	1
NEUTRAL	8	7	13	7	13
Other	4	3	8	3	7
DK/Ref.....	4	4	6	3	6

(ref:HCFOLUP5)

Q.67 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 Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Seniors
I have health insurance through my job or a family member's job.....	50	49	55	61	9
I receive insurance through a government program like Medicare or Medicaid	15	15	18	9	41
I pay for my health insurance myself or my family pays for the insurance	13	14	10	13	15
I am retired and receive my insurance through my former employer.....	7	8	4	5	19
I do not currently have health insurance.....	7	7	8	9	1
(Combination)	3	3	2	1	12
(Other)	2	2	3	2	2
(DK/Ref).....	1	1	1	1	0

(ref:INSURAN3)

Q.68 Have you gone without health insurance for more than a month at any time in the last five years?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Seniors
Yes, have gone without health insurance ...	25	24	30	29	5
No, have always had health insurance	75	76	68	70	95
(Don't know/refused).....	0	0	2	0	0

(ref:INSURAN2)

Q.69 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 Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Seniors
1 - 11th grade	4	3	9	3	7
High School graduate	22	20	29	20	28
Non-college post H.S.....	1	1	1	1	0
Some college	29	29	26	29	25
College graduate	25	26	16	25	24
Post-graduate school.....	19	19	16	20	14
(Don't know/refused).....	2	1	2	1	2

(ref:EDUC)

Q.70 Are you a member of a labor union?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Seniors
Yes: Respondent belongs.....	13	13	14	14	7
Household member	9	9	11	10	5
No member belongs	77	77	75	75	86
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1	-	1	1

(ref:UNION)

Q.71 And have you or any member of your immediate family been unemployed at some point in the last year?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Sen iors
Yes: Respondent	17	17	21	20	6
Yes: Family Member.....	22	21	25	22	19
No	60	61	54	57	74
(Dk/Ref)	1	1	1	0	2
Total unemployment.....	39	38	46	42	24
(ref:EMPLOY2)					

Q.72 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Sen iors
Married.....	59	61	47	60	53
Single.....	21	19	32	25	7
Separated/Divorced.....	11	11	11	11	11
Widowed.....	8	8	9	3	29
(Don't know/refused).....	1	1	0	1	1
Sep/Div/Wid.....	19	19	20	14	40
(ref:MARITAL)					

Q.73 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Sen iors
Strong Democrat.....	26	27	23	26	27
Weak Democrat.....	13	12	20	14	11
Independent-lean Democrat	10	11	7	11	8
Independent.....	8	8	8	7	11
Independent-lean Republican.....	12	12	12	12	13
Weak Republican.....	11	11	13	12	8
Strong Republican	18	18	16	17	20
(Don't know/refused).....	2	2	1	2	1
(ref:PTYID1)					

Q.76 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Sen iors
Liberal.....	18	17	24	20	12
Moderate.....	35	37	23	37	27
Conservative.....	43	42	50	41	52
(Don't know/refused).....	4	4	3	2	8
(ref:IDEO1)					

[164 Respondents]

Q.77 (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 Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Seniors
Yes.....	30	32	25	30	40
No	70	68	75	70	60
(DK/Refused).....	-	-	-	-	-
(ref:LANDLINE)					

[836 Respondents]

Q.78 (ASK IN LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY) Now thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Seniors
Yes.....	84	84	82	86	76
No	16	15	18	13	23
(DK/Refused).....	1	1	0	1	1
(ref:CELLLINE)					

[749 Respondents]

Q.79 (DO NOT ASK IF NO IN LANDLINE) (DO NOT ASK IF NO OR DK/REF IN CELLLINE) Of all the personal telephone calls that you receive, do you get..?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Seniors
All or almost all calls on a cell phone.....	19	18	26	22	5
Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone.....	44	45	38	47	35
All or almost all calls on a regular home phone.....	36	36	35	30	58
(DK/Refused).....	1	1	2	1	2
(ref:DUALUSE)					

Phone Use Table

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Seniors
Cell Only	11	10	19	14	1
Cell Mostly	14	13	17	17	4
Dual User.....	33	35	25	35	26
Landline Mostly.....	27	28	23	22	44
Landline Only.....	13	13	13	11	22
Landline Unknown	1	1	2	1	2

Q.80 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 Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Sen iors
More than once a week	14	15	7	13	15
Once a week.....	29	29	28	27	36
Once or twice a month.....	13	12	21	15	7
Several times a year	13	14	10	14	10
Hardly ever	22	21	26	23	20
(Never).....	7	7	6	6	10
(Don't know/Refused)	3	3	2	3	2
More than/Once a week.....	42	44	35	40	51

(ref:RELIG2)

[984 Respondents]

Q.81 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for president, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Sen iors
Democrat Barack Obama	51	50	56	53	43
Republican John McCain.....	38	39	35	37	44
(Ralph Nader)	-	0	.	-
(Bob Barr)	0	0	-	0	0
(Other)	3	3	2	3	3
(DK/Refused)	8	8	7	7	10

(ref:VOTE2008)

[984 Respondents]

Q.82 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for Congress, did you vote for (2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) or (2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)?¹

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Sen iors
House Democrat.....	46	46	40	46	44
House Republican	38	40	27	37	44
(Other candidate).....	3	3	2	3	2
(Did Not Vote for Congress)	4	1	18	5	2
(DK/Refused)	10	9	12	9	9

(ref:VTCG2008)

¹ Actual candidate names were inserted preceded by party identifications for all districts. In unopposed districts, a generic candidate was used as the opposition.

Q.83 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Sen iors
White.....	75	76	65	72	85
African-American or Black	12	12	14	14	7
Hispanic or Latino	8	6	14	9	2
Native American	1	1	2	1	1
Asian.....	1	1	3	1	0
(Other)	1	1	0	1	1
(Don't know/Refused)	2	3	2	2	4

(ref:RACETHN)

Q.2 Respondent's gender

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Sen iors
Male	47	48	44	48	41
Female.....	53	52	56	52	59

(ref:GENDER)

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off	Not Snrs	Sen iors
18 - 24.....	8	7	11	10	-
25 - 29.....	9	8	16	11	-
30 - 34.....	7	6	14	9	-
35 - 39.....	9	10	7	12	-
40 - 44.....	10	11	5	13	-
45 - 49.....	11	11	9	13	-
50 - 54.....	8	9	8	11	-
55 - 59.....	10	10	6	12	-
60 - 64.....	8	8	6	10	-
Over 64.....	19	19	17	-	100
(No answer)	1	1	2	-	-

(ref:AGE)