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N = 800 registered voters

Margin of error = \pm 3.5% on total

Note: Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding

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[Introduction]

1. Are you registered to vote at your current address?
 - 1 YES [GO TO Q3]
 - 2 NO [GO TO Q2]
 - 3 DON'T KNOW [GO TO Q2]
 - 4 REFUSED [GO TO Q2]

2. Is there another adult (male / female) in the household who is registered to vote?
 - 1 YES [ASK FOR THAT ADULT; REINTRODUCE AND CONTINUE]
 - 2 NO [THANK AND TERMINATE]
 - 3 DON'T KNOW [THANK AND TERMINATE]
 - 4 REFUSED [THANK AND TERMINATE]

I'd like to ask you some questions today about health care...

3. Which political party do you trust more to handle the issue of health care, [ROTATE: Republicans or Democrats]?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Dem</u>
1 REPUBLICANS [GO TO Q4]	32%	78%	20%	3%
2 DEMOCRATS [SKIP TO Q5]	47%	5%	44%	89%
3 BOTH [DO NOT READ; SKIP TO Q6]	--	1%	--	--
4 NEITHER [DO NOT READ; SKIP TO Q6]	13%	8%	26%	4%
5 DON'T KNOW [DO NOT READ; SKIP TO Q6]	7%	8%	9%	5%
6 REFUSED [DO NOT READ; SKIP TO Q6]	1%	1%	1%	--

4. Which one of the following reasons best describes why you trust Republicans more than Democrats to handle health care: [ROTATE: Republicans care more about the health care concerns of people like me; Republicans are more knowledgeable about health care; Republicans will protect my current health care benefits; or Republicans have better ideas about how to fix health care]?

		<u>All</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Dem</u>
1	CARE MORE	13%	13%	15%	14%
2	MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE	15%	15%	19%	--
3	PROTECT CURRENT BENEFITS	23%	23%	23%	29%
4	BETTER IDEAS	36%	39%	23%	29%
5	OTHER [DO NOT READ]	2%	1%	6%	--
6	ALL [DO NOT READ]	3%	3%	4%	--
7	NONE [DO NOT READ]	5%	3%	10%	29%
8	DON'T KNOW [DO NOT READ]	2%	3%	--	--
9	REFUSED [DO NOT READ]	--	--	--	--

5. Which one of the following reasons best describes why you trust Democrats more than Republicans to handle health care: [ROTATE: Democrats care more about the health care concerns of people like me; Democrats are more knowledgeable about health care; Democrats will protect my current health care benefits; or Democrats have better ideas about how to fix health care]?

		<u>All</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Dem</u>
1	CARE MORE	47%	42%	46%	48%
2	MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE	9%	--	6%	11%
3	PROTECT CURRENT BENEFITS	9%	17%	9%	9%
4	BETTER IDEAS	27%	42%	32%	25%
5	OTHER [DO NOT READ]	1%	--	--	1%
6	ALL [DO NOT READ]	3%	--	1%	4%
7	NONE [DO NOT READ]	2%	--	5%	1%
8	DON'T KNOW [DO NOT READ]	1%	--	1%	1%
9	REFUSED [DO NOT READ]	--	--	1%	--

ROTATE 6-7

6. Would you say Republicans talk about health care [ROTATE: too much, the right amount, or not enough]?

		<u>All</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Dem</u>
1	TOO MUCH	9%	5%	12%	10%
2	RIGHT AMOUNT	25%	52%	15%	11%
3	NOT ENOUGH	57%	35%	63%	73%
4	DON'T KNOW [DO NOT READ]	7%	7%	10%	5%
5	REFUSED [DO NOT READ]	1%	1%	--	1%

7. Would you say Democrats talk about health care [ROTATE: too much, the right amount, or not enough]?

		<u>All</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Dem</u>
1	TOO MUCH	25%	50%	22%	6%
2	RIGHT AMOUNT	37%	22%	30%	57%
3	NOT ENOUGH	31%	19%	39%	33%
4	DON'T KNOW [DO NOT READ]	6%	8%	7%	3%
5	REFUSED [DO NOT READ]	1%	1%	2%	1%

8. Which one of the following do you think is the Republican position on health care: [ROTATE: health care is not a problem; we need universal health insurance coverage to help solve our health care problem; or we should look for free-market solutions to help solve our health care problem]?

		<u>All</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Dem</u>
1	NOT A PROBLEM	16%	10%	17%	21%
2	UNIVERSAL COVERAGE	23%	18%	23%	27%
3	FREE-MARKET SOLUTIONS	52%	63%	51%	44%
4	OTHER [DO NOT READ]	1%	1%	2%	1%
5	ALL [DO NOT READ]	--	--	--	--
6	NONE [DO NOT READ]	2%	1%	2%	1%
7	DON'T KNOW [DO NOT READ]	5%	6%	5%	5%
8	REFUSED [DO NOT READ]	1%	1%	--	--

Now let's talk about what is important to you in health care...

9. Which one of the following aspects of health care would be most important to you: [ROTATE: being able to make doctor appointments and get test results easily and quickly; having information about the quality of doctors and hospitals and treatments; having secure electronic medical records accessible wherever you need them; or faster development and approval of new medicines]?

		<u>All</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Dem</u>
1	CONVENIENCE	34%	31%	34%	35%
2	INFORMATION	22%	25%	21%	21%
3	ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS	11%	8%	9%	14%
4	NEW MEDICINES	19%	24%	20%	16%
5	OTHER [DO NOT READ]	1%	--	1%	1%
6	ALL [DO NOT READ]	8%	8%	10%	6%
7	NONE [DO NOT READ]	3%	1%	3%	4%
8	DON'T KNOW [DO NOT READ]	3%	3%	2%	3%
9	REFUSED [DO NOT READ]	--	--	--	--

10. Thinking about America's health care system today, which one of the following most concerns you: [ROTATE: too many people don't have health insurance; health care is too inconvenient because of long wait times for appointments and information; frivolous lawsuits drive up costs and drive doctors out of business; or people worry about losing their health insurance if they lose their job]?

		<u>All</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Dem</u>
1	TOO MANY DON'T HAVE INSURANCE	42%	26%	39%	58%
2	TOO INCONVENIENT	5%	5%	5%	5%
3	LAWSUITS DRIVE UP COSTS	24%	40%	28%	7%
4	LOSE INSURANCE IF LOSE JOB	24%	26%	22%	24%
5	OTHER [DO NOT READ]	--	--	--	--
6	ALL [DO NOT READ]	3%	2%	3%	4%
7	NONE [DO NOT READ]	1%	1%	2%	1%
8	DON'T KNOW [DO NOT READ]	1%	1%	--	1%
9	REFUSED [DO NOT READ]	--	--	--	--

11. Now let's think about health care costs. Most experts say one way to have lower out-of-pocket costs is to limit choices somewhat. [ROTATE: Would you rather pay lower costs and have fewer health care choices, or would you rather pay higher costs and have more health care choices]?

		<u>All</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Dem</u>
1	LOWER COSTS, FEWER CHOICES	35%	33%	31%	39%
2	HIGHER COSTS, MORE CHOICES	51%	58%	53%	46%
3	BOTH [DO NOT READ]	1%	--	1%	1%
4	NEITHER [DO NOT READ]	7%	5%	8%	8%
5	DON'T KNOW [DO NOT READ]	5%	4%	5%	5%
6	REFUSED [DO NOT READ]	1%	1%	2%	1%

12. Still thinking about health care costs, [ROTATE: would you rather pay less for a health insurance plan that covers major expenses but not routine expenses, or would you rather pay more for a health insurance plan that covers everything]?

		<u>All</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Dem</u>
1	PAY LESS	30%	37%	30%	23%
2	PAY MORE	63%	60%	61%	70%
3	BOTH [DO NOT READ]	1%	--	1%	--
4	NEITHER [DO NOT READ]	2%	--	4%	3%
5	DON'T KNOW [DO NOT READ]	3%	2%	2%	4%
6	REFUSED [DO NOT READ]	1%	1%	2%	--

Now I'd like to ask you about some specific reform proposals...

13. Some say we should require employers to provide health care coverage for their employees, with employers paying some of the costs. They say the advantage is that the plan builds on our current system, where employers provide insurance for many employees. Others say the disadvantage is that your health insurance is still tied to your job, so if you lose your job or change jobs, you also could lose your health insurance.

Others say we should give Americans tax incentives so they can own their own health insurance. They say the advantage is that you could take your health insurance with you regardless of where you work. Others say the disadvantage is that it would change the current employer-based system and put too much responsibility on individuals.

If the costs were the same to you either way, would you prefer [ROTATE: purchasing health insurance through an employer or purchasing your own health insurance using tax incentives]?

		<u>All</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Dem</u>
1	EMPLOYER	33%	31%	28%	41%
2	PURHCASE OWN	60%	64%	65%	52%
3	BOTH [DO NOT READ]	--	--	1%	--
4	NEITHER [DO NOT READ]	2%	1%	1%	2%
5	DON'T KNOW [DO NOT READ]	4%	4%	4%	5%
6	REFUSED [DO NOT READ]	1%	--	--	--

14. Which one of the following would be your greatest concern about changing to a system where Americans own their health insurance rather than purchasing it through an employer [ROTATE: you would face too much paperwork, you would face too many choices and decisions, it would be too expensive, or you just don't want change]?

		<u>All</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Dem</u>
1	TOO MUCH PAPERWORK	19%	16%	20%	22%
2	TOO MANY CHOICES/DECISIONS	7%	7%	7%	7%
3	TOO EXPENSIVE	42%	44%	42%	44%
4	DON'T WANT CHANGE	17%	19%	14%	17%
5	OTHER [DO NOT READ]	2%	2%	2%	1%
6	ALL [DO NOT READ]	1%	1%	1%	1%
7	NONE [DO NOT READ]	6%	6%	9%	3%
8	DON'T KNOW [DO NOT READ]	5%	4%	4%	4%
9	REFUSED [DO NOT READ]	1%	1%	1%	1%

15. Do you favor or oppose requiring all Americans to have health insurance coverage, if the government will pay part of the costs for low-income Americans?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Dem</u>
1 FAVOR [SKIP TO Q17]	63%	42%	61%	83%
2 OPPOSE [PROCEED TO Q16]	33%	54%	34%	14%
3 DON'T KNOW [DO NOT READ; SKIP TO Q19]	3%	4%	3%	2%
4 REFUSED [DO NOT READ; SKIP TO Q19]	1%	--	2%	1%

16. [ASKED OF THOSE WHO INITIALLY OPPOSE PLAN] What if people had more affordable health insurance options that only cover major expenses – then would you favor or oppose requiring all Americans to have health insurance coverage?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Dem</u>
1 FAVOR [PROCEED TO Q17]	31%	35%	25%	33%
2 OPPOSE [SKIP TO Q19]	65%	62%	70%	65%
3 DON'T KNOW [DO NOT READ; SKIP TO Q19]	3%	3%	5%	--
4 REFUSED [DO NOT READ; SKIP TO Q19]	--	--	--	2%

17. [ASKED OF THOSE WHO FAVOR PLAN] Do you think [ROTATE: the federal government should set the requirement for everyone to have health care coverage, or state governments should set requirements for their residents to have health care coverage]?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Dem</u>
1 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	54%	40%	57%	61%
2 STATE GOVERNMENTS	35%	47%	31%	31%
3 BOTH [DO NOT READ]	3%	2%	4%	2%
4 NEITHER [DO NOT READ]	4%	9%	3%	2%
5 DON'T KNOW [DO NOT READ]	4%	3%	5%	4%
6 REFUSED [DO NOT READ]	--	--	--	--

18. [ASKED OF THOSE WHO FAVOR PLAN] Would you favor or oppose financial penalties for those who do not buy health insurance?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Dem</u>
1 FAVOR	20%	25%	20%	16%
2 OPPOSE	76%	71%	76%	78%
3 DON'T KNOW [DO NOT READ]	3%	3%	2%	4%
4 REFUSED [DO NOT READ]	1%	1%	1%	2%

Now I'd like to read to you statements about health care from political candidates. Please tell me if each statement would make you more likely to vote for that candidate, less likely to vote for that candidate, or if it would have no effect on your vote.

RANDOMIZE 19-23

19. Let's keep in mind eighty-five percent of Americans have health care coverage already. And if you're satisfied with what you have, why change it? Under my proposal, if you like what you have, you keep it. **[IF NECESSARY: Would this make you more likely to vote for the candidate, less likely to vote for the candidate, or have no effect on your vote?]** **[IF MORE LIKELY, ASK: Would that be much more likely or somewhat more likely?]** **[IF LESS LIKELY, ASK: Would that be somewhat less likely or much less likely?]**

		<u>All</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Dem</u>
1	MUCH MORE LIKELY	16%	18%	17%	12%
2	SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY	22%	29%	17%	21%
3	SOMEWHAT LESS LIKELY	10%	6%	14%	11%
4	MUCH LESS LIKELY	12%	7%	11%	17%
5	NO EFFECT	39%	39%	41%	37%
6	DON'T KNOW [DO NOT READ]	1%	1%	1%	2%
7	REFUSED [DO NOT READ]	--	--	--	--
	MORE LIKELY	37%	47%	33%	33%
	LESS LIKELY	22%	13%	25%	28%

20. We should empower families, not bureaucrats, we should empower doctors and patients, not lawyers, to make health care decisions. **[IF NECESSARY: Would this make you more likely to vote for the candidate, less likely to vote for the candidate, or have no effect on your vote?]** **[IF MORE LIKELY, ASK: Would that be much more likely or somewhat more likely?]** **[IF LESS LIKELY, ASK: Would that be somewhat less likely or much less likely?]**

		<u>All</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Dem</u>
1	MUCH MORE LIKELY	32%	37%	31%	29%
2	SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY	33%	35%	33%	31%
3	SOMEWHAT LESS LIKELY	6%	6%	6%	8%
4	MUCH LESS LIKELY	5%	3%	5%	6%
5	NO EFFECT	22%	19%	24%	25%
6	DON'T KNOW [DO NOT READ]	1%	--	1%	1%
7	REFUSED [DO NOT READ]	1%	--	1%	--
	MORE LIKELY	65%	73%	64%	61%
	LESS LIKELY	11%	8%	11%	14%

21. We should pay doctors and hospitals to help people stay healthy, not just reimburse them to treat sick people. [IF NECESSARY: Would this make you more likely to vote for the candidate, less likely to vote for the candidate, or have no effect on your vote?] [IF MORE LIKELY, ASK: Would that be much more likely or somewhat more likely?] [IF LESS LIKELY, ASK: Would that be somewhat less likely or much less likely?]

		<u>All</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Dem</u>
1	MUCH MORE LIKELY	22%	15%	20%	32%
2	SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY	26%	27%	29%	24%
3	SOMEWHAT LESS LIKELY	9%	11%	9%	6%
4	MUCH LESS LIKELY	8%	11%	8%	6%
5	NO EFFECT	33%	35%	33%	31%
6	DON'T KNOW [DO NOT READ]	1%	2%	1%	1%
7	REFUSED [DO NOT READ]	--	--	--	--
	MORE LIKELY	48%	42%	48%	56%
	LESS LIKELY	17%	21%	17%	12%

22. We should give health care providers incentives to invest in electronic medical records and electronic prescription writing. These technologies will save money and will save lives by reducing errors. [IF NECESSARY: Would this make you more likely to vote for the candidate, less likely to vote for the candidate, or have no effect on your vote?] [IF MORE LIKELY, ASK: Would that be much more likely or somewhat more likely?] [IF LESS LIKELY, ASK: Would that be somewhat less likely or much less likely?]

		<u>All</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Dem</u>
1	MUCH MORE LIKELY	16%	14%	17%	17%
2	SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY	29%	27%	29%	30%
3	SOMEWHAT LESS LIKELY	8%	10%	7%	6%
4	MUCH LESS LIKELY	6%	5%	9%	6%
5	NO EFFECT	40%	44%	37%	40%
6	DON'T KNOW [DO NOT READ]	1%	1%	1%	1%
7	REFUSED [DO NOT READ]	--	--	--	--
	MORE LIKELY	45%	41%	46%	47%
	LESS LIKELY	14%	15%	16%	12%

23. We should give incentives to doctors and hospitals to provide easy-to-understand information. It should be as easy to get information about the quality of health care providers as it is to get a book review on Amazon-dot-com. [IF NECESSARY: Would this make you more likely to vote for the candidate, less likely to vote for the candidate, or have no effect on your vote?] [IF MORE LIKELY, ASK: Would that be much more likely or somewhat more likely?] [IF LESS LIKELY, ASK: Would that be somewhat less likely or much less likely?]

		<u>All</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Dem</u>
1	MUCH MORE LIKELY	19%	17%	16%	21%
2	SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY	27%	27%	29%	25%
3	SOMEWHAT LESS LIKELY	7%	6%	8%	6%
4	MUCH LESS LIKELY	6%	7%	5%	6%
5	NO EFFECT	40%	41%	39%	40%
6	DON'T KNOW [DO NOT READ]	2%	2%	3%	1%
7	REFUSED [DO NOT READ]	--	--	--	--
	MORE LIKELY	46%	44%	45%	47%
	LESS LIKELY	12%	12%	13%	12%

Now just a few more questions for statistical purposes...

24. Thinking about politics for a moment, would you describe yourself as [ROTATE: a Democrat, an independent, or a Republican]? [IF INDEPENDENT, ASK: WOULD YOU SAY YOU [ROTATE: LEAN TOWARDS DEMOCRATS OR LEAN TOWARDS REPUBLICANS?]]

		<u>All</u>
1	DEMOCRAT	36%
2	INDEPENDENT-LEAN DEMOCRAT	10%
3	INDEPENDENT	11%
4	INDEPENDENT-LEAN REPUBLICAN	8%
5	REPUBLICAN	32%
6	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [DO NOT READ]	3%

25. And still thinking about politics, do you consider yourself to be [ROTATE: very conservative, somewhat conservative, moderate, somewhat liberal, or very liberal]?

		<u>All</u>
1	VERY CONSERVATIVE	17%
2	SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE	30%
3	MODERATE	25%
4	SOMEWHAT LIBERAL	18%
5	VERY LIBERAL	8%
6	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [DO NOT READ]	2%

26. Did you vote in the last presidential election in 2004, or were you unable to vote for some reason?

		<u>All</u>
1	VOTED	90%
2	DID NOT VOTE	9%
3	REFUSED [DO NOT READ]	1%

27. What is the last year of education you completed?

		<u>All</u>
1	LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL	3%
2	HIGH SCHOOL GRAD	20%
3	SOME COLLEGE	29%
4	COLLEGE GRAD	28%
5	POST-COLLEGE	19%
6	REFUSED [DO NOT READ]	1%

28. Which of the following best describes your marital status? [READ CODES 1-5]

		<u>All</u>
1	MARRIED	71%
2	DIVORCED	9%
3	SEPARATED	2%
4	WIDOWED	6%
5	NEVER MARRIED	11%
6	REFUSED [DO NOT READ]	1%

29. Do you have children under age 18 living at home with you?

		<u>All</u>
1	YES	41%
2	NO	58%
3	REFUSED [DO NOT READ]	1%

30. Into which category does your annual household income fall? Just stop me when I get to the right category. [READ CODES 1 – 6]

		<u>All</u>
1	LESS THAN \$20,000	9%
2	\$20,000 to \$29,999	10%
3	\$30,000 to \$49,999	13%
4	\$50,000 to \$74,999	19%
5	\$75,000 to \$99,999	15%
6	\$100,000 or more	22%
7	REFUSED [DO NOT READ]	12%

31. Could you tell me your age, please? **[IF NECESSARY, ASK: “COULD YOU TELL ME INTO WHICH CATEGORY YOUR AGE FALLS?”; THEN READ CODES 1-6]**

		<u>All</u>
1	18-24	6%
2	25-34	17%
3	35-44	20%
4	45-54	22%
5	55-64	17%
6	65+	17%
7	REFUSED [DO NOT READ]	1%

32. Just for statistical purposes, what is your race or ethnicity? **[READ CODES 1 – 4]**

		<u>All</u>
1	WHITE	78%
2	AFRICAN AMERICAN	12%
3	HISPANIC	5%
4	ASIAN	2%
5	OTHER [DO NOT READ]	2%
6	REFUSED [DO NOT READ]	1%

[THANK AND CLOSE]

33. Gender **[BY OBSERVATION]**

		<u>All</u>
1	MALE	48%
2	FEMALE	52%