

AMERICANS FOR HEALTH CARE & CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS

National Survey – Frequency Questionnaire
1,104 Adult Respondents
November 15-22, 2005

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

	Total
Yes.....	79
No.....	21
(ref:VOTEREG)	

Q.4 I know it's a long way off, but what are the chances of your voting in the election for Congress next year: are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

	Total
Almost certain.....	64
Probably.....	17
50-50.....	9
Will not vote.....	7
(Don't know/refused).....	3
(ref:LIKELY06)	

Q.5 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
Right direction.....	27
Wrong track.....	63
(Don't know/refused).....	10
Right - Wrong.....	-35
(ref:DIRECT)	

Q.7 Thinking about our national economy, which of the following do you feel poses the greatest threat to our economic well-being?

	Total
Health care costs.....	26
Unemployment and job losses.....	23
National debt.....	17
Gas prices.....	10
Taxes.....	7
Heating oil prices.....	4
Education or child care expenses.....	4
Saving for retirement.....	2
(Other).....	3
(Don't know/refused).....	4
(ref:CONCERN)	

Q.8 Thinking about your own personal economic situation, which of the following are you most worried about?

	Total
Health care costs.....	29
Unemployment.....	15
Saving for retirement	12
Gas prices	10
Taxes.....	9
Heating oil prices.....	7
Education or child care expenses	7
Personal debt	7
(Other).....	2
(Don't know/refused).....	1
(ref:CONCERN2)	

Q.9 Do you support or oppose reforming our current health care system to provide affordable health coverage for all Americans?

	Total
Strongly support.....	64
Somewhat support	22
Somewhat oppose	5
Strongly oppose.....	6
(Don't know/refused).....	3
Total support	86
Total oppose	11
Support - Oppose	75
(ref:INITIAL)	

[946 Respondents]

Q.10 (IF SUPPORT IN Q9) And why would you support reforming our current health care system to provide affordable health coverage for all Americans?

	Total
Basic safety net for all.....	24
Health care should be a right	21
Take care of those currently uninsured	14
Lower costs / save money in the long run	13
Taking of America/Americans first.....	8
Health care costs hurting American economy / businesses.....	7
Current system is broken / have to do something.....	6
(Other).....	5
(Don't know/refused).....	3
(ref:WHYSUPP)	

[123 Respondents]

Q.11 (IF OPPOSE IN Q9) And why would you oppose reforming our current health care system to provide affordable health coverage for all Americans?

	Total
Increased role of government / government bureaucracy	19
Don't want socialized medicine like Canada, other countries..	19
Increased cost / increased taxes	18
Decreased quality of health care.....	6
Waiting lists / rationing for medicine and services	3
Lose choice / can't choose doctors	3
(Other).....	21
(Don't know/refused).....	10
(ref:WHYOPP)	

[945 Respondents]

Q.12 (IF SUPPORT IN Q9) Would you support reforming our current health care system to provide affordable health coverage for all Americans if it meant government taking a much larger role in our health care system?

	Total
Strongly support.....	46
Somewhat support	28
Somewhat oppose	11
Strongly oppose.....	10
(Don't know/refused).....	6
 Total support	 73
Total oppose	21
 Support - Oppose	 52

TOTAL AMONG FULL ADULT SAMPLE	
<i>[INCORPORATING OPPOSE IN Q9]</i>	
Total support	63
Total oppose	29
 Support - Oppose	 34

(ref:BIGGOVT)

[945 Respondents]

Q.13 (IF SUPPORT IN Q9) Would you support reforming our current health care system to provide affordable health coverage for all Americans if it meant that you would have to pay more in taxes?

	Total
Strongly support.....	41
Somewhat support	27
Somewhat oppose	14
Strongly oppose.....	14
(Don't know/refused).....	4
 Total support	 69
Total oppose	28
 Support - Oppose	 41

TOTAL AMONG FULL ADULT SAMPLE	
<i>[INCORPORATING OPPOSE IN Q9]</i>	
Total support	59
Total oppose	35
 Support - Oppose	 24

(ref:PAYMORE)

Q.14 Now I'm going to read you some statements about the health care system in our country. As I read each statement, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the statement.

	Some Agree	Some Disagree	Some Disagree	DK/ Ref	Total Agree	Total Disagree	Total DK/Ref
14 With costs rising out of control and the quality of health coverage declining, the health care system in our country is broken, and we need to make fundamental changes.	67	22	4	5	1	89	9
15 We can provide affordable health coverage for all Americans within the current system, and without government taking a significantly larger role in the health care system.	38	26	15	16	5	64	31
16 The only way to provide health coverage for all Americans is to create a national health care system like Medicare, where the federal government provides health coverage for everyone.	44	21	15	18	2	65	33
17 A greater emphasis from insurance providers on regular medical check-ups and preventive care would decrease health care costs for everyone.	48	32	7	11	2	80	18
18 Providing health coverage for all Americans would reduce overall health care expenses.	43	26	13	14	4	69	27
19 The White House and Congress have failed to address America's health care crisis, helping health insurance and drug companies but leaving America with higher costs, fewer benefits, and millions more uninsured. (ref:AGREE)	55	20	10	13	2	75	22

Q.20 Now I am going to read you a list of facts about our current health care system. For each one, I want you to tell me whether you personally think this fact represents a very serious problem, a serious problem, not too serious a problem, or not a problem at all with our current health care system?

	Very Ser Prob	Ser Prob	Not Too Ser	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Total Serious	Total Not
[552 Respondents]							
20 (SPLIT A) America spends two and a half times more per person on health care than the average of other wealthy nations, yet we have worse overall health and less satisfaction with our health system.	49	33	10	5	2	82	16
[552 Respondents]							
21 (SPLIT B) The United States has fewer hospital beds, nurses, and physicians per person than other wealthy nations, even though we pay more than twice as much for health care overall.	46	35	12	5	2	81	17
[552 Respondents]							
22 (SPLIT A) General Motors pays more for health care than for steel - a cost GM's foreign competitors do not have to bear.	39	37	12	7	5	76	19
[552 Respondents]							
23 (SPLIT B) Nearly half of all small businesses no longer provide health coverage for their employees.	53	38	5	3	1	91	8
24 Wal-Mart is our country's largest private employer, yet nearly half of their employees' children have no health insurance or receive some form of taxpayer-funded health insurance.	49	34	9	6	2	83	15
25 Over the past 5 years, health insurance premiums for workers have grown by 73 percent while wages have grown by only 15 percent.	60	31	5	2	1	91	8
26 Nearly half of all Americans who file for bankruptcy do so because of medical expenses.	49	34	10	5	3	82	15

27 Four out of five uninsured Americans live in
working families. 50 33 9 5 3 83 14

	Very Ser Prob	Ser Prob	Not Too Ser	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Total Serious	Total Not
[552 Respondents]							
28 (SPLIT A) In 2002, the top 10 drug manufacturers in the United States together made more in profits than the other 490 companies in the Fortune 500, combined.	52	32	8	6	2	84	14

[552 Respondents]							
29 (SPLIT B) Rising insurance premiums have left 45 million Americans uninsured, yet health insurance companies have experienced record profits.	59	35	3	2	1	94	5
(ref:PROBLEM)							

Q.30 Now, let me read you some statements about efforts to provide affordable health coverage for all Americans. After each statement, please tell me whether this is a very convincing, somewhat convincing, a little convincing, or not at all convincing reason to support efforts to reform our current health care system to provide affordable health coverage for all Americans.

	Very Conv	A Smwt Conv	Not Little Conv	at All	DK/ Ref	Very/Little/ Smwt Conv	Not Conv
[552 Respondents]							
30 (SPLIT C) As the world's wealthiest nation, we have a moral obligation to provide basic health care for every American, including those who cannot pay for it themselves.	44	31	10	13	2	75	23

[552 Respondents]							
31 (SPLIT D) As a nation of long-standing religious and moral principles, health care should be a fundamental human right accorded to every American. Our health system should ensure the dignity of every human being and promote the common good of the entire nation.	46	31	11	12	0	77	23

32 Providing health coverage for all Americans will save billions of dollars by reducing paperwork, increasing regular check-ups and preventive care, and improving health care quality.	40	35	12	12	1	75	24
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[552 Respondents]

33 (SPLIT C) We can provide affordable health coverage for all Americans and ensure no one is forced to give up their choice of doctors or plans by giving all Americans access to the same choice of health plans as members of Congress.

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	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/Little/ Conv	Not Conv
[552 Respondents]							
34 (SPLIT D) We can provide affordable health coverage for all Americans while guaranteeing that no American would pay more than 5 percent of their income for health insurance.....	38	32	11	17	2	70	28

[552 Respondents]							
35 (SPLIT C) Middle class and working families are hurting. Health care costs are skyrocketing while benefits are being cut, and family incomes can't keep up with rising health burdens. It's just wrong for anyone who works hard, pays taxes and plays by the rules to go without decent health care or to be driven into economic hardship because of health costs.	65	22	7	4	2	88	11

[552 Respondents]							
36 (SPLIT D) Middle class and working families are hurting. Health care costs are skyrocketing while benefits are being cut, and family incomes can't keep up with rising health burdens. We must help these families get affordable health coverage and reduced costs, to provide a minimum level of economic security that will allow them to save for retirement and education or buy a home.	52	28	8	10	1	81	18

37 American businesses are having more trouble competing globally while shouldering the burden of America's broken health care system. We need to keep health care costs down, help businesses provide health insurance to workers and make sure every worker can get insurance if our economy is going to prosper.	50	31	9	9	1	81	17
(ref:PROMSG)							

Q.38 Now, let me read you some statements about efforts to provide affordable health coverage for all Americans. After each statement, please tell me whether this statement raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts, or no real doubts in your mind about efforts to reform our current health care system to provide affordable health coverage for all Americans.

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
38 Getting government more involved in health care is the worst possible solution to our health care problems. It is nothing more than socialized medicine that will lead to poor quality care, long waits, increased red tape, and fewer choices in doctors and hospitals.	30	33	18	15	4	64	32
39 Health care for all Americans will require the government to raise billions of dollars in new taxes. No matter what people say about reducing health costs, individuals will have to pay more out of pocket for their own health care.....	30	36	16	15	3	66	31
40 Our country has the finest health care and medical technology in the world because of our market-based system and our ability to pay doctors and other top medical professionals according to their expertise. Government-run health care would destroy this system, as well as the research and experimentation that drive it to be the best in the world.	30	30	21	17	2	60	38
41 Rather than more government involvement in health care, we should put consumers in charge of their own health care by providing tax credits and other savings accounts that allow individuals to choose their own doctors and the type of care they want.....	25	28	21	22	4	53	43
42 Extending health coverage to all Americans will do nothing to lower out-of-control costs and will drive employers who currently offer coverage to drop it once they know the government will pick up the expenses. (ref:ANTIMSG)	30	33	18	15	4	63	33

Q.43 Now let me ask you again, do you support or oppose reforming our current health care system

to provide affordable health coverage for all Americans?

	Total
Strongly support.....	60
Somewhat support	24
Somewhat oppose	5
Strongly oppose.....	6
(Don't know/refused).....	4
 Total support	 84
Total oppose	11
 Support - Oppose	 73
(ref:FINAL)	

[929 Respondents]

Q.44 (IF SUPPORT IN Q43) And would you support reforming our current health care system to provide affordable health coverage for all Americans if it meant government taking a much larger role in our health care system?

	Total
Strongly support.....	48
Somewhat support	30
Somewhat oppose	8
Strongly oppose.....	10
(Don't know/refused).....	4
 Total support	 78
Total oppose	18
 Support - Oppose	 60

TOTAL AMONG FULL ADULT SAMPLE	
<i>[INCORPORATING OPPOSE IN Q43]</i>	
Total support	66
Total oppose	27
 Support - Oppose	 39
(ref:BIGGOVT2)	

[929 Respondents]

Q.45 (IF SUPPORT IN Q43) And would you support reforming our current health care system to provide affordable health coverage for all Americans if it meant that most companies and workers would have to pay higher taxes?

	Total
Strongly support.....	38
Somewhat support	30
Somewhat oppose	14
Strongly oppose.....	15
(Don't know/refused).....	2
 Total support	 68
Total oppose	29
 Support - Oppose	 39

TOTAL AMONG FULL ADULT SAMPLE	
<i>[INCORPORATING OPPOSE IN Q43]</i>	
Total support	58
Total oppose	36
 Support - Oppose	 22

(ref:PAYMORE2)

Q.46 Regardless of whether you support or oppose efforts to provide affordable health coverage for all Americans, there is no question that such an effort will require significant costs. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether this is a very convincing, somewhat convincing, a little convincing, or not at all convincing reason to pay more to provide affordable health care for all Americans.

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	Lttle Conv	A at All	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/Lttle/ Smwt Conv	Not Conv
[552 Respondents]								
46 (SPLIT E) In a system where everybody benefits from health care coverage, everyone should help pay for it and share responsibility for health care costs.....	42	37	10	9	2		79	19

[552 Respondents]								
47 (SPLIT F) Everyone in America should get health care and everyone should help pay for it.	42	28	11	15	3		71	26

48 In return for higher taxes, Americans would pay lower health insurance premiums.	32	33	11	20	4		65	32
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49 Financing our health care costs through the tax system would remove the health care cost burden from business.....	23	32	16	24	4		55	41
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50 Unless we dedicate new tax money to health care, we will have to finance expanded coverage by increasing the federal budget deficit or by cutting spending on other needs.	31	32	13	19	5		62	32
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[552 Respondents]								
51 (SPLIT E) Although it will cost about \$150 billion a year to cover every American, our nation will save more in the long run and build a more secure economy by eliminating unnecessary bureaucracy and creating a healthier population.	39	31	11	15	4		70	27

[552 Respondents]								
52 (SPLIT F) Although it will cost about \$150 billion a year to cover every American, you and other Americans will personally only have to pay about \$10 more per week to help cover everyone, bring down costs, and create a								

healthier population..... 36 28 11 21 4 64 32

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/Little Conv	Not Conv
53 Americans are already paying huge sums for the uninsured through expensive emergency room visits, higher premiums and deductibles. For a lot less, we could extend coverage to everyone and reduce everyone's costs.	41	34	10	10	4	75	21

54 Guaranteed health coverage provides a minimum level of economic security for all Americans, allowing them to save for retirement or education or to buy a home..... (ref:FINANCE)	35	35	12	14	4	70	26
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Q.55 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. First, what is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
1 - 11th grade	11
High School graduate	29
Non-college post H.S.....	3
Some college	23
College graduate.....	24
Post-graduate school.....	7
(Don't know/refused).....	3
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.56 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	55
Single.....	22
Separated/Divorced	12
Widowed	8
(Don't know/refused).....	3
 Sep/Div/Wid	 20
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.57 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger living at home?

	Total
Yes.....	38
No.....	59
(Don't know/refused).....	3
(ref:KIDS)	

Q.58 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs.....	12
Household member.....	8
No member belongs.....	76
(Don't know/refused).....	4
(ref:UNION)	

Q.59 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat.....	23
Weak Democrat.....	16
Independent-lean Democrat.....	9
Independent.....	11
Independent-lean Republican.....	8
Weak Republican.....	11
Strong Republican.....	16
(Don't know/Refused).....	5
(ref:PTYID1)	

[552 Respondents]

Q.62 (SPLIT A) Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal.....	16
Moderate.....	38
Conservative.....	37
(Don't know/refused).....	8
(ref:IDEO1)	

[552 Respondents]

Q.63 (SPLIT B) Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Progressive?

	Total
Progressive	14
Moderate	39
Conservative	38
(Don't know/refused).....	9
(ref:IDEO2)	

Q.64 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	11
25 - 29	7
30 - 34	10
35 - 39	10
40 - 44	10
45 - 49	10
50 - 54	8
55 - 59	8
60 - 64	6
Over 64	16
(No answer)	5
(ref:AGE)	

[876 Respondents]

Q.65 (IF REGISTERED IN Q3) In the 2004 election for President, did you vote for Democrat John Kerry or Republican George W. Bush, or did you not vote in the 2004 presidential election?

	Total
Democrat John Kerry	42
Republican George Bush.....	41
(Other candidate)	2
Did not vote	7
(Don't know/refused).....	7
(ref:VOTE04)	

Q.66 In terms of your job status, are you employed full-time, employed part-time, unemployed but looking for work, retired, a full-time student, or a homemaker?

	Total
Employed full-time.....	47
Employed part-time	10
Unemployed but looking for work.....	5
Retired	19
Student	4
Homemaker	8
(Other).....	4
(Don't know/refused).....	3
(ref:EMPLOY)	

Q.67 Are you the owner of a small business? (IF NO) Is any member of your household the owner of a small business?

	Total
Yes: Respondent owns small business.....	13
Household member owns small business	4
No member belongs	80
(Don't know/refused).....	3
(ref:SMALLBUS)	

Q.68 Which of the following three statements is most accurate for you and your household?

	Total
Everyone in the household has health insurance coverage	75
Some people in the household have health coverage, and some currently do not have coverage	15
Nobody in the household currently has health coverage	7
(Don't know/refused).....	3
(ref:COVERAGE)	

Q.69 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White.....	72
African-American or Black.....	11
Hispanic or Latino	10
Native American.....	1
Asian	2
(Other).....	1
(Don't know/refused).....	3
(ref:RACE)	

Q.70 Last year, that is in 2004, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes?
Just stop me when I get to the right category.

	Total
Less than \$10K	8
\$10K to under \$20K	12
\$20K to under \$30K	12
\$30K to under \$50K	15
\$50K to under \$75K	15
\$75K to under \$100K	7
\$100K or more	10
(Refused)	11
(Don't know)	10
(ref:INCOME)	

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

	Total
Male	46
Female	54
(ref:GENDER)	