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### Questionnaire

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[FULL SAMPLE A,B,C,D,E]

Statement: And now we are going you some questions about health care

Q17-HC1: How closely have you been following the debate about health care reform?

Very.....	17%
Republicans.....	23
Democrats .....	16
Independents .....	11
Somewhat.....	45
Republicans.....	49
Democrats .....	49
Independents .....	35
Not very .....	26
Republicans.....	22
Democrats .....	25
Independents .....	36
Not at all.....	11
Republicans.....	7
Democrats .....	10
Independents .....	18
Refused/Don't know .....	*

[3/5 SAMPLE B,C,E]

Q18-HC2: When you think about the issues of health care how worried does it make you feel? Please answer on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means not worried at all and 10 means extremely worried.

Mean .....	6.41
Republicans.....	6.53
Democrats .....	6.60
Independents .....	5.98
Median .....	7.00
Republicans.....	7.00

Democrats .....	7.00
Independents .....	6.00
Not all worried (0) .....	4
1.....	2
2.....	4
3.....	5
4.....	4
5.....	17
6.....	10
7.....	18
8.....	15
9.....	7
Extremely worried (10).....	15
Refused/Don't know .....	*

[3/5 SAMPLE C,D,E]

Q19-HC3: As the partisan debate over health care has grown more intense has this led you to feel:

More supportive of the Democrats' ideas .....	24%
Republicans.....	3
Democrats .....	52
Independents .....	7
More supportive of the Republicans' ideas .....	21
Republicans.....	55
Democrats .....	2
Independents .....	8
Less supportive of both sets of ideas .....	50
Republicans.....	41
Democrats .....	43
Independents .....	73
Refused/Don't know .....	5

[3/5 SAMPLE B,D,E]

Q20-SER1b: Do you think the US government should be responsible for ensuring that its citizens can meet their basic need for health care, OR do you think that is NOT the government's responsibility?

	<b>10/09</b>	<b>8/08</b>
Should be responsible .....	60%	77%
Republicans.....	29	55
Democrats .....	86	96
Independents .....	60	81
Is not the government's responsibility .....	37	21
Republicans.....	69	43

Democrats .....	13	4
Independents .....	37	17
Refused/Don't know .....	2	2

[3/5 SAMPLE A,D,E]

Q21-SER2b: Keeping in mind the limits of the US government's resources, please tell me how well the government is ensuring that people can meet the basic need for health care? Is it doing:

	<b>10/09</b>	<b>8/08</b>
Very well.....	4%	6%
Republicans.....	9	11
Democrats .....	3	1
Independents .....	1	7
Somewhat well.....	29	24
Republicans.....	32	32
Democrats .....	29	18
Independents .....	22	21
Not very well.....	45	43
Republicans.....	37	45
Democrats .....	52	40
Independents .....	43	45
Not well at all.....	21	26
Republicans.....	21	10
Democrats .....	15	41
Independents .....	31	24
Refused/Don't know .....	1	1

[3/5 SAMPLE C,D,E]

Q22-HC4: Do you mostly think of health care as a right or as a privilege?

Mostly as a right.....	63%
Republicans.....	37
Democrats .....	78
Independents .....	72
Mostly as a privilege.....	36
Republicans.....	63
Democrats .....	21
Independents .....	26
Refused/Don't know .....	1

[3/5 SAMPLE A,B,E]

Q23-HC5: If NO major health care legislation is enacted, do you think the health care system in this country will

Get worse .....	48%
Republicans.....	26
Democrats .....	67
Independents .....	49
Get better.....	6
Republicans.....	7
Democrats .....	6
Independents .....	5
Stay about the same .....	46
Republicans.....	67
Democrats .....	27
Independents .....	47
Refused/Don't know .....	0

[3/5 SAMPLE C,D,E]

Q24-HC6: Which position is closer to yours:

The American health care system is basically sound, because it is part of a competitive free market that can adapt to future challenges. If the government interferes by imposing changes, it will only make things worse.....	30%
Republicans.....	58
Democrats .....	13
Independents .....	21

The cost of health care is increasing faster than inflation, and as the population ages, the government has to cover more and more people under Medicare. Clearly, the government needs to take major steps to reform the American health care system.....	68
Republicans.....	39
Democrats .....	87
Independents .....	75

Refused/Don't know .....	2
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[3/5 SAMPLE A,D,E]

Q25-HC7: How concerned are you that at some point you and your family will not be able to get health insurance at a price you can afford?

Very concerned .....	42%
Republicans .....	27
Democrats .....	47
Independents .....	54
Somewhat concerned .....	32
Republicans .....	31
Democrats .....	36
Independents .....	27
Not very concerned .....	19
Republicans .....	30
Democrats .....	14
Independents .....	13
Not at all concerned .....	7
Republicans .....	13
Democrats .....	3
Independents .....	6
Refused/Don't know .....	*

[3/5 SAMPLE A,D,E]

Q26-HC8: How concerned are you about whether Americans in general can get health insurance at a price they can afford?

Very concerned .....	46%
Republicans .....	30
Democrats .....	57
Independents .....	47
Somewhat concerned .....	38
Republicans .....	43
Democrats .....	36
Independents .....	37
Not very concerned .....	11
Republicans .....	20
Democrats .....	4
Independents .....	11
Not at all concerned .....	4
Republicans .....	6
Democrats .....	3
Independents .....	4

Refused/Don't know .....1

[3/5 SAMPLE A,C,E]

Q27-HC9: Would you say that the American health care system:

Needs major changes, and the government should make them now.....	47%
Republicans.....	25
Democrats .....	67
Independents .....	48
Needs major changes, but right now the government is overextended and should wait a few years before making them ...	36
Republicans.....	45
Democrats .....	27
Independents .....	37
Does not need major changes .....	14
Republicans.....	27
Democrats .....	5
Independents .....	10
Refused/Don't know .....	3

[3/5 SAMPLE B,D,E]

Q28-HC10: Which position is closer to yours:

I'm confident that government action can improve our health care system.....	44%
Republicans.....	13
Democrats .....	75
Independents .....	34
I'm afraid that government action will only make our health care system worse .....	53
Republicans.....	86
Democrats .....	24
Independents .....	59
Refused/Don't know .....	2

[4/5 SAMPLE B,C,D,E]

STATEMENT: Please tell me whether each of the following is or is not a US government-run program

Q29a-HC11a. Medicare

Is.....	94%
Republicans.....	97
Democrats .....	94
Independents .....	92
Is not.....	3
Republicans.....	2
Democrats .....	3
Independents .....	4
Refused/Don't know .....	3

Q29b-HC11b. Veterans Health Administration

Is.....	92%
Republicans.....	95
Democrats .....	92
Independents .....	89
Is not.....	5
Republicans.....	3
Democrats .....	5
Independents .....	8
Refused/Don't know .....	3

Q29c-HC11c. Blue Cross/Blue Shield

Is.....	7%
Republicans.....	5
Democrats .....	8
Independents .....	10
Is not.....	90
Republicans.....	93
Democrats .....	89
Independents .....	87
Refused/Don't know .....	3

Q29d-HC11d. Kaiser Permanente

Is.....	4%
Republicans.....	4
Democrats .....	4
Independents .....	4
Is not.....	86
Republicans.....	86
Democrats .....	85
Independents .....	88
Refused/Don't know .....	10

[3/5 SAMPLE C,D,E]

Q30-HC12: Of all the money that is spent on each of the following what percentage would you say is lost to waste, fraud and abuse?

Medicare (mean) .....	39%
Republicans.....	40
Democrats .....	36
Independents .....	43
Private health care (mean) .....	39
Republicans.....	33
Democrats .....	41
Independents .....	42

Q31-HC13: In regard to waste, fraud, and abuse in the health care system, do you think:

It can be cut while still giving people the treatment people need.....	77%
Republicans.....	79
Democrats .....	78
Independents .....	72
Efforts to cut it will lead to denying people the treatment they need.....	21
Republicans.....	19
Democrats .....	20
Independents .....	27
Refused/Don't know .....	2

[4/5 SAMPLE A,B,C,E]

STATEMENT: Please think about how the US health care system compares with health care in countries like Canada, Britain, France and Germany. For each area below, select your impression of how the US compares to these countries.

Q32a-HC14a: Research on diseases and treatments

US is better.....	47%
Republicans.....	64
Democrats .....	33
Independents .....	43
US is about equal .....	38
Republicans.....	24
Democrats .....	51
Independents .....	39
US is not as good .....	10
Republicans.....	8
Democrats .....	10
Independents .....	12
Refused/Don't know .....	5

Q32b-HC14b: Medical technology in hospitals and clinics

US is better.....	54%
Republicans.....	71
Democrats .....	43
Independents .....	47
US is about equal .....	33
Republicans.....	19
Democrats .....	42
Independents .....	37
US is not as good .....	8
Republicans.....	6
Democrats .....	9
Independents .....	10
Refused/Don't know .....	5

Q32c-HC14c. Infant mortality rates

US is better.....	35%
Republicans.....	49
Democrats .....	27
Independents .....	29
US is about equal .....	38
Republicans.....	32
Democrats .....	41
Independents .....	43
US is not as good .....	20
Republicans.....	14
Democrats .....	25
Independents .....	21
Refused/Don't know .....	6

Q32d-HC14d. The affordability of health insurance

US is better.....	13%
Republicans.....	23
Democrats .....	7
Independents .....	8
US is about equal .....	21
Republicans.....	24
Democrats .....	19
Independents .....	20
US is not as good .....	60
Republicans.....	48
Democrats .....	68
Independents .....	64
Refused/Don't know .....	7

Q32e-HC14e. The percentage of citizens with health insurance coverage

US is better.....	15%
Republicans.....	25
Democrats .....	9
Independents .....	10
US is about equal .....	18
Republicans.....	17
Democrats .....	18
Independents .....	20
US is not as good .....	61

Republicans.....	53
Democrats .....	67
Independents .....	64
Refused/Don't know .....	6

[3/5 SAMPLE C,D,E]

STATEMENT: We will now explore a number of options for the government to reform health care.

Q33-HC15: One option is for the government to provide health care directly. In this case the government actually runs the hospitals and clinics. Currently the US government provides health care to veterans through the Veterans Administration. Would you favor or oppose the idea of having the government provide health care services directly to all Americans who want it?

Favor .....	47%
Republicans.....	25
Democrats .....	62
Independents .....	53
Oppose .....	50
Republicans.....	73
Democrats .....	37
Independents .....	43
Refused/Don't know .....	2

[3/5 SAMPLE A,B,E; PRESENT Q34-Q36 ON SAME SCREEN]

STATEMENT: One option is not to have the government provide health services directly but to provide health insurance. The US government currently provides health insurance to senior citizens through Medicare. Some people have proposed giving other Americans the option of getting insurance from the government, in addition to the option of private insurance. This is known as providing a 'public option.'

Q34-HC16: Here is an argument in favor of this idea:

If people cannot find affordable coverage the government needs to provide them with an option. Furthermore, the competition provided by a public option would force private insurers to lower their overhead costs, making insurance cheaper for everyone.

Do you find this argument:

Very convincing.....	23%
Republicans.....	13
Democrats .....	35
Independents .....	19
Somewhat convincing.....	45
Republicans.....	38
Democrats .....	53
Independents .....	42

Somewhat unconvincing.....	16
Republicans.....	21
Democrats.....	7
Independents.....	25
Very unconvincing.....	15
Republicans.....	27
Democrats.....	5
Independents.....	14
Refused/Don't know.....	1

Q35-HC17: Here is an argument against this idea:

Because the government would not need to make profits, a government-run health insurance program would unfairly undercut private insurance companies. This would inevitably lead to a government takeover of health care and put the government between you and your doctor.

Do you find this argument:

Very convincing.....	20%
Republicans.....	36
Democrats.....	9
Independents.....	15
Somewhat convincing.....	32
Republicans.....	34
Democrats.....	34
Independents.....	25
Somewhat unconvincing.....	30
Republicans.....	20
Democrats.....	34
Independents.....	41
Very unconvincing.....	16
Republicans.....	9
Democrats.....	22
Independents.....	17
Refused/Don't know.....	2

So now:

Q36-HC18: Do you favor or oppose creating a government-administered health insurance option that anyone can purchase to compete with private insurance plans?

Favor .....	57%
Republicans.....	33
Democrats .....	79
Independents .....	57
Oppose .....	39
Republicans.....	65
Democrats .....	17
Independents .....	39
Refused/Don't know .....	3

[ASK ONLY THOSE WHO SAY "OPPOSE" (02) OR "DON'T KNOW" (99)]

Q36a-HC18a. What if the government-administered health insurance plan were offered as an option only to people who cannot get insurance through their employers?

Favor .....	18%*
Republicans.....	26
Democrats .....	12
Independents .....	17
Oppose .....	23
Republicans.....	39
Democrats .....	9
Independents .....	24
Refused/Don't know .....	2

[3/5 SAMPLE A,C,E; PRESENT Q37-Q9 ON SAME SCREEN]

STATEMENT: Another idea for increasing coverage is for the government to require all but the smallest businesses to either provide health insurance for their workers, or contribute to a public fund to cover the uninsured. This is called an employer mandate.

Q37-HC19: Here is an argument in favor of this idea:

Employers have a moral responsibility to provide insurance to their employees. It is also unfair that companies that do not provide insurance have an economic advantage over those who do.

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\* Percent of total.

Do you find this argument:

Very convincing.....	18%
Republicans.....	15
Democrats .....	20
Independents .....	18
Somewhat convincing.....	43
Republicans.....	38
Democrats .....	51
Independents .....	37
Somewhat unconvincing.....	22
Republicans.....	19
Democrats .....	21
Independents .....	28
Very unconvincing.....	16
Republicans.....	27
Democrats .....	6
Independents .....	16
Refused/Don't know .....	1

Q38-HC20: Here is an argument against this idea:

Requiring employers to offer health insurance will force them to pay lower wages, lay off workers, or will drive small companies out of business.

Do you find this argument:

Very convincing.....	26%
Republicans.....	43
Democrats .....	14
Independents .....	22
Somewhat convincing.....	44
Republicans.....	39
Democrats .....	46
Independents .....	47
Somewhat unconvincing.....	19
Republicans.....	11
Democrats .....	26
Independents .....	21
Very unconvincing.....	9
Republicans.....	7
Democrats .....	11
Independents .....	10

Refused/Don't know .....2

So now:

Q39-HC21: Do you favor or oppose requiring all but the smallest businesses to provide health insurance for their workers, or else to contribute to a public fund to cover the uninsured?

Favor .....	54%
Republicans.....	38
Democrats .....	68
Independents .....	54
Oppose .....	43
Republicans.....	61
Democrats .....	27
Independents .....	43
Refused/Don't know .....	3

[3/5 SAMPLE B,D,E; PRESENT Q40-Q42 ON SAME SCREEN]

STATEMENT: One proposed reform is to require all people to have health insurance for themselves and their children. Those who could not afford it would receive a subsidy. Those who refuse to buy health insurance would pay a penalty.

Q40-HC22: Here is an argument in favor of this idea:

If people are not required to have health insurance, they still go to the emergency room when they get sick. Hospitals then pass these costs on to the rest of us by raising fees, or the government has to cover the cost with taxpayers' money. This is not fair.

Do you find this argument:

Very convincing.....	25%
Republicans.....	18
Democrats .....	33
Independents .....	23
Somewhat convincing.....	39
Republicans.....	34
Democrats .....	42
Independents .....	40
Somewhat unconvincing.....	20
Republicans.....	28
Democrats .....	14
Independents .....	21

Very unconvincing.....	13
Republicans.....	20
Democrats .....	8
Independents .....	14
Refused/Don't know .....	2

Q41-HC23: Here is an argument against this idea:

People should have the right to decide for themselves whether or not they want to spend their money on health insurance. Forcing people to buy insurance is an unjustified government intrusion into people's lives.

Do you find this argument:

Very convincing.....	32%
Republicans.....	42
Democrats .....	19
Independents .....	41
Somewhat convincing.....	34
Republicans.....	34
Democrats .....	34
Independents .....	35
Somewhat unconvincing.....	18
Republicans.....	13
Democrats .....	24
Independents .....	13
Very unconvincing.....	14
Republicans.....	10
Democrats .....	21
Independents .....	7
Refused/Don't know .....	3

So now:

Q42-HC24: Do you favor or oppose requiring all people to have health insurance for themselves and their children?

Favor .....	52%
Republicans.....	33
Democrats .....	73
Independents .....	43
Oppose .....	44
Republicans.....	64
Democrats .....	24
Independents .....	50

Refused/Don't know .....4

[3/5 SAMPLE B,D,E; PRESENT Q43-Q45 ON SAME SCREEN]

STATEMENT: Another proposed reform, called "tort reform," would regulate malpractice suits against doctors. There would be ceilings on the size of awards for punitive damages, and new lawsuits would be screened to make sure they had some basis.

Q43-HC25: Here is an argument in favor of this idea:

Tort reform will save money because doctors will focus on what the patient needs, instead of ordering many expensive tests just to protect themselves from lawsuits. It will also lower the cost of malpractice insurance, which leads to increased fees.

Do you find this argument:

Very convincing.....	35%
Republicans.....	41
Democrats .....	32
Independents .....	32
Somewhat convincing.....	42
Republicans.....	39
Democrats .....	44
Independents .....	42
Somewhat unconvincing.....	14
Republicans.....	12
Democrats .....	14
Independents .....	14
Very unconvincing.....	7
Republicans.....	7
Democrats .....	6
Independents .....	9
Refused/Don't know .....	3

Q44-HC26: Here is an argument against this idea:

Tort reform is a bad idea that will happen at patients' expense. If jury awards are limited, incompetent doctors will have less incentive to be careful, and patients who have been permanently harmed by their mistakes may not receive adequate compensation.

Do you find this argument:

Very convincing.....	19%
Republicans.....	12
Democrats .....	25
Independents .....	20
Somewhat convincing.....	34
Republicans.....	31
Democrats .....	38
Independents .....	31
Somewhat unconvincing.....	28
Republicans.....	34
Democrats .....	23
Independents .....	30
Very unconvincing.....	15
Republicans.....	21
Democrats .....	10
Independents .....	15
Refused/Don't know .....	3

So now:

Q45-HC27: Do you favor or oppose tort reform?

Favor .....	55%
Republicans.....	64
Democrats .....	50
Independents .....	52
Oppose .....	38
Republicans.....	33
Democrats .....	41
Independents .....	39
Refused/Don't know .....	7

[3/5 SAMPLE A,C,E; PRESENT Q46-Q48 ON SAME SCREEN]

STATEMENT: Currently, the states regulate health insurance, and insurers cannot sell policies to customers in other states. One proposed reform would allow people or companies to purchase insurance from any state.

Q46-HC28: Here is an argument in favor of this idea:

The government should allow people to shop anywhere in the country for the health insurance that best meets their needs. This will increase competition, make basic policies more affordable for lower-income individuals, and benefit middle-class families whose choice is now restricted to expensive plans.

Do you find this argument:

Very convincing.....	35%
Republicans.....	44
Democrats .....	30
Independents .....	30
 Somewhat convincing.....	49
Republicans.....	44
Democrats .....	52
Independents .....	51
 Somewhat unconvincing.....	12
Republicans.....	7
Democrats .....	14
Independents .....	15
 Very unconvincing.....	3
Republicans.....	4
Democrats .....	2
Independents .....	3
 Refused/Don't know .....	2

Q47-HC29: Here is an argument against this idea:

Selling health insurance across state lines would hurt states' efforts to regulate insurance companies. It will benefit the young and healthy at the expense of the old and sick by undermining the efforts of a state to guarantee that insurance companies provide a certain level of benefits.

Do you find this argument:

Very convincing.....	9%
Republicans.....	8
Democrats .....	10
Independents .....	8

Somewhat convincing.....	35
Republicans.....	30
Democrats.....	41
Independents.....	34
Somewhat unconvincing.....	38
Republicans.....	37
Democrats.....	37
Independents.....	40
Very unconvincing.....	16
Republicans.....	24
Democrats.....	9
Independents.....	17
Refused/Don't know.....	2

Q48-HC30: So now, do you think the rules against purchasing insurance across states lines should be:

Changed.....	65%
Republicans.....	69
Democrats.....	64
Independents.....	61
Kept the same as they are.....	32
Republicans.....	29
Democrats.....	32
Independents.....	35
Refused/Don't know.....	3

[3/5 SAMPLE C,D,E]

STATEMENT: Some people have proposed having more government regulation of health insurance companies. Please select whether you favor or oppose the following.

Q49a-HC31a. Insurance companies would be required to accept every applicant for coverage, including people with pre-existing medical conditions.

Favor.....	82%
Republicans.....	73
Democrats.....	90
Independents.....	80
Oppose.....	16
Republicans.....	25
Democrats.....	9
Independents.....	14
Refused/Don't know.....	2

Q49b-HC31b. Insurance companies would NOT be permitted to drop a sick insured person because they can identify a minor mistake in their original application form.

Favor .....	86%
Republicans.....	85
Democrats .....	87
Independents .....	84
Oppose .....	12
Republicans.....	13
Democrats .....	12
Independents .....	10
Refused/Don't know .....	3

[3/5 SAMPLE B,D,E]

Q50-HC32: Do you think that if health care reform is enacted that you will or will not pay higher taxes?

Will .....	79%
Republicans.....	90
Democrats .....	68
Independents .....	85
Will not .....	18
Republicans.....	9
Democrats .....	28
Independents .....	14
Refused/Don't know .....	2

[ASK ONLY THOSE WHO SAY "WILL" (01)]

Q50a-HC32a: Do you think your taxes will be:

A little bit higher.....	20%*
Republicans.....	10
Democrats .....	30
Independents .....	15
Somewhat higher .....	30
Republicans.....	30
Democrats .....	27
Independents .....	38
A lot higher .....	29
Republicans.....	51
Democrats .....	11
Independents .....	31

\* Percent of total.

Refused/Don't know .....\*

[3/5 SAMPLE A,C,E]

Q51-HC33: Do you think that if health care reform is enacted:

It will increase the federal budget deficit.....	64%
Republicans.....	86
Democrats .....	46
Independents .....	60
Enough savings and revenue will be found to offset the costs .....	33
Republicans.....	13
Democrats .....	51
Independents .....	34
Refused/Don't know .....	3

[ASK ONLY THOSE WHO SAY "IT WILL INCREASE"]

Q51a-HC33a: How much do you think it will increase:

A little .....	5%*
Republicans.....	5
Democrats .....	7
Independents .....	5
Some .....	23
Republicans.....	19
Democrats .....	26
Independents .....	25
A lot .....	35
Republicans.....	62
Democrats .....	14
Independents .....	31
Refused/Don't know .....	*

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\* Percent of total.

[3/5 SAMPLE B,C,E]

Q52-HC34: Now that you've spent some time considering the issues of health care reform, how worried does thinking about this problem make you feel? Please answer on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means not worried at all and 10 means extremely worried.

Mean .....	6.38
Republicans.....	6.65
Democrats .....	6.25
Independents .....	6.21
Median .....	7.00
Republicans.....	7.00
Democrats .....	7.00
Independents .....	7.00
Not all worried (0) .....	4
1.....	2
2.....	3
3.....	5
4.....	3
5.....	17
6.....	9
7.....	18
8.....	15
9.....	8
Extremely worried (10).....	14
Refused/Don't know .....	1

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### D1. Gender

Male .....	49%
Female.....	51

### D2. Age

18-29 .....	22%
30-44 .....	27
45-59 .....	28
60+ .....	24

### D3. Education

Less than high school.....	13%
High school .....	32
Some college.....	28
BA+.....	27

### D3. Education

Less than high school.....	13%
High school .....	32
Some college.....	28
BA+.....	27

### D4. Household income

Very low.....	11%
Low .....	23
Median .....	37
High.....	21
Very high .....	9

### D5. Size of area lived in

Less than 10,000 (rural) .....	17%
10,000-100,000 (small town or city).....	41
100,000-1,000,000 (large city or urban area) .....	28
Greater than 1,000,000.....	13
Refused/Don't know .....	1

### D6. Race/Ethnicity

White, Non-Hispanic .....	69%
Black, Non-Hispanic.....	11
Other, Non-Hispanic .....	5
Hispanic .....	14

2+ Races, Non-Hispanic .....1

D7. Region (based on state of residence)

Northeast..... 19%  
Midwest.....22  
South.....37  
West .....23

D8. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a:

Republican ..... 25%  
Independent.....22  
Democrat.....31  
Other .....3  
No preference.....19

Refused/Don't know .....1

**[ASK ONLY IF INDEPENDENT, OTHER OR NO PREFERENCE ON D8]**

D8a. Do you think of yourself as closer to the:

Republican Party ..... 10%\*  
Democratic Party .....11  
Neither.....24

Refused/Don't know .....1

D8-D8a. Overall party identification combined

Republican Party/Lean Republican..... 34%  
Democratic Party/Lean Democrat.....41  
Independent.....25

Refused/Don't know .....\*

**METHODOLOGY**

The survey included a total of 1,400 respondents and was conducted from September 26 – October 5, 2009. Random samples of 803 – 1,400 respondents answered different items; for these sample sizes the margin of error ranges from +/- 2.6 to 3.5 percentage points. It was conducted using the web-enabled KnowledgePanel®, a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. population. Initially, participants are chosen scientifically by a random selection of telephone numbers and residential addresses. Persons in selected households are then invited by telephone or by mail to participate in the web-enabled KnowledgePanel®. For those who agree to participate, but do not already have Internet access, Knowledge Networks provides at no cost a laptop and ISP connection. Panelists receive unique log-in information for accessing surveys online and are contacted by an email inviting them to participate in a study. More technical information is available at <http://www.knowledgenetworks.com/ganp/reviewer-info.html>.

\* Percent of total