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Hello. My name is _____. I'm calling for National Opinion Surveys. We are conducting a public opinion survey, and I would like to ask you some questions concerning the issues facing our nation and local communities. We are not selling anything, and I will not ask you for a contribution or donation.

Could I please speak with the (MALE/FEMALE) 18 years or older in your household who celebrated a birthday most recently?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>
	<i>(n=1000)</i>	<i>(n=475)</i>	<i>(n=525)</i>
Gender of respondent			
Male	48	100	0
Female.....	52	0	100
Region			
New England	5	6	5
Middle Atlantic	14	15	14
East North Central	17	17	17
West North Central	7	7	7
South Atlantic.....	19	19	19
East South Central	6	6	6
West South Central	11	11	11
Mountain.....	7	7	7
Pacific	13	13	13

1. First, are you registered to vote at this address? **[IF NO, ASK FOR A FAMILY MEMBER WHO IS. IF NONE, TERMINATE AND MARK TQ1 ON SAMPLE SHEET]**
2. Now I am going to read you a list of concerns that some people have mentioned. Please tell me which one of these is MOST important to you personally.

READ AND RANDOMIZE

The economy	40	39	41
Education.....	9	9	10
Terrorism and national security	4	4	5
Taxes	5	7	3
Social Security and retirement security	7	7	8
Medicare	3	2	3
Health care	15	13	16
Moral values	5	4	5
Immigration	2	2	2
The situation in Iraq and Afghanistan	2	3	1
The national debt.....	5	7	3
(Other vol.).....	2	2	2
(Don't know).....	2	1	2

Now, thinking about health care specifically...

3. Have you heard or read anything recently about comprehensive health care reform?

Yes, heard	37	35	39
Yes, read	8	7	8
Yes, heard and read	29	33	25
No	26	24	27
(Don't know).....	1	0	1

4. And have you heard or read anything recently about children and comprehensive health care reform?

Yes, heard	31	27	34
Yes, read	6	6	6
Yes, heard and read	23	25	22
No	38	40	37
(Don't know).....	2	2	2

5. How important is it to you personally to ensure that all children in America are provided health care coverage as part of health care reform – is it extremely important, very important, somewhat important, a little important, or not important at all?

Extremely important.....	42	35	48
Very important	37	37	37
Somewhat important.....	14	18	10
A little important.....	2	3	1
Not important at all	5	6	4
(Don't know).....	1	1	1
Extremely /very important	78	71	85
Less important	21	27	15

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6. Do you favor or oppose ensuring that all children have health care coverage? [If favor/oppose: Ask, is that strongly/not so strongly favor/oppose?]

Strongly favor.....	71	62	80
Not so strongly favor.....	16	21	12
Not so strongly oppose.....	5	6	4
Strongly oppose.....	6	9	3
(Don't know).....	2	4	1
Favor	87	82	92
Oppose	11	14	7

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7. Do you favor or oppose ensuring that all children have health care coverage, even if it increases your taxes? [If favor/oppose: Ask, is that strongly/not so strongly favor/oppose?]

Strongly favor.....	47	46	49
Not so strongly favor.....	21	19	22
Not so strongly oppose.....	11	14	9
Strongly oppose.....	17	19	15
(Don't know).....	4	3	4
Favor	68	64	72
Oppose	28	33	24

8. Under some current health care reform proposals, children may actually be worse off than they are right now – either receiving less benefits or through increased out of pocket costs for families. If you knew that children may be worse off under health care reform, would you favor or oppose an effort to ensure that children who currently have health insurance maintain existing levels of coverage? [If favor/oppose: Ask, is that strongly/not so strongly favor/oppose?]

Strongly favor.....	51	50	51
Not so strongly favor.....	16	17	16
Not so strongly oppose.....	10	7	12
Strongly oppose.....	16	18	14
(Don't know).....	7	7	7
Favor	67	67	67
Oppose	26	26	26

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9. If an elected official came out in favor of a health care reform plan that reduced the level of health care coverage for children, would that make you more or less likely to vote for that candidate or would it not make a difference? [If more/less likely, Ask: Is that much/somewhat?]

Much more likely.....	8	8	8
Somewhat more likely	6	7	5
Somewhat less likely	15	17	14
Much less likely	39	35	42
No difference	25	27	23
(Don't know).....	7	6	9
More likely	14	14	13
Less likely.....	54	53	55

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10. If an elected official came out in favor of a health care reform plan that eliminated or phased out the CHIP program and would instead allow them to be in the same plan as their parents but may be more costly for families and provide fewer benefits for children, would that make you more or less likely to vote for that candidate or would it not make a difference? ? [If more/less likely, Ask: Is that much/somewhat?]

Much more likely.....	9	9	9
Somewhat more likely	7	7	7
Somewhat less likely	16	17	16
Much less likely	35	34	36
No difference	26	28	25
(Don't know).....	6	6	7
More likely	16	16	16
Less likely.....	51	50	52

COMBINED ACROSS SPLITS

- 11. Do you favor or oppose eliminating or phasing out CHIP if you learned that the insurance provided through the health insurance exchange may be more costly for families and provide fewer benefits for children or aren't you sure? [If favor/oppose: Ask, is that strongly/not so strongly favor/oppose?]
- 12. Do you favor or oppose eliminating or phasing out CHIP if you learned that the insurance provided through the health insurance exchange may be more costly for families and provide fewer benefits for children? [If favor/oppose: Ask, is that strongly/not so strongly favor/oppose?]

Strongly favor.....	12	14	11
Not so strongly favor.....	9	10	8
Not so strongly oppose.....	14	12	15
Strongly oppose.....	49	48	50
(Don't know) /not sure	16	16	16
Favor	21	24	19
Oppose	62	60	65

- 13. Do you favor or oppose eliminating or phasing out CHIP if you learned that insurance provided through the health insurance exchange assured that the benefits for children are comparable to those currently provided under CHIP or aren't you sure? [If favor/oppose: Ask, is that strongly/not so strongly favor/oppose?]
- 14. Do you favor or oppose eliminating or phasing out CHIP if you learned that insurance provided through the health insurance exchange assured that the benefits for children are comparable to those currently provided under CHIP? [If favor/oppose: Ask, is that strongly/not so strongly favor/oppose?]

Strongly favor.....	31	30	32
Not so strongly favor.....	21	23	19
Not so strongly oppose.....	7	8	7
Strongly oppose.....	19	17	21
(Don't know) /not sure	22	23	21
Favor	52	53	51
Oppose	27	25	29

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15. A national health insurance program for children should cover all children.

Strongly agree	64	61	68
Not so strongly agree.....	17	17	16
Not so strongly disagree	6	7	5
Strongly disagree.....	10	13	6
(Don't know).....	3	2	4
Agree.....	81	78	84
Disagree.....	16	20	11

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16. A national health insurance program for children should cover all children, including legal immigrant children.

Strongly agree.....	53	49	58
Not so strongly agree	18	20	17
Not so strongly disagree	7	8	7
Strongly disagree	17	18	16
(Don't know)	4	6	2
Agree	71	68	74
Disagree.....	24	26	23

Thank you. Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

17. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else?

[IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT:] Do you consider yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or a not-so-strong (Republican/Democrat)?

[IF INDEPENDENT:] Would you say that you lean more toward the Republicans or more toward the Democrats?

Strong Republican	17	19	15
Not-so-strong Republican	7	7	7
Independent - lean Republican	6	7	5
Republican	30	33	27
Independent	25	25	25
Democratic	38	35	41
Independent - lean Democratic	5	5	4
Not-so-strong Democrat	6	6	6
Strong Democrat	27	24	31
(Don't know/other)	7	7	7

18. What is your age? I am going to read you some categories. Please stop me when we get to your category.

READ CATEGORIES:

18-24 years	9	10	9
25-29	9	11	8
30-34	5	6	5
35-39	5	5	5
40-44	5	5	5
45-49	8	7	9
50-54	9	9	8
55-59	9	8	10
60-64	10	10	10
65-69	9	8	9
70-74	6	6	6
Over 74	14	13	15
(Refused)	2	2	2

19. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

DO NOT READ

1 - 11th grade	6	4	7
High school graduate	25	27	23
Non-college post H.S.	3	3	2
Some college	27	25	29
College graduate	27	26	28
Post-graduate school	11	14	9
(Don't know)	1	1	1

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>
20. Are you married, unmarried with a partner, single, separated, widowed, or divorced?			
Married.....	57	59	55
Unmarried with partner	3	4	3
Single.....	19	20	18
Separated	1	1	1
Divorced.....	7	7	7
Widowed.....	12	9	15
(Don't know/refused)	1	1	1
21. Do you have any children ages eighteen or younger, living at home with you?			
Yes.....	25	26	25
No	74	74	75
(Don't know).....	1	1	1
22. What is the age of your youngest child?			
0-5 years.....	39	37	41
6-12 years.....	38	38	38
13-18 years.....	19	21	17
(Don't know/refused)	5	5	4
23. Do you have any grandchildren?			
Yes.....	46	43	50
No	50	53	47
(Don't know).....	4	5	3
24. Thinking about your personal health care situation, do you have a health plan, that is, are you covered by a private insurance plan or by a government plan, like Medicare or Medicaid, or do you not have health insurance coverage?			
Yes / private plan.....	64	67	61
Yes / Medicare.....	20	19	22
Yes / Medicaid	5	4	7
No / no coverage	8	8	8
(Don't know)	0	0	1
(Refused).....	2	2	1
25. And thinking about the health care situation of your children, do your children have a health plan, that is, are they covered by a private insurance plan or by a government plan, like CHIP or Medicaid, or do they not have health insurance coverage?			
Yes / private plan.....	65	69	62
Yes / CHIP	4	4	4
Yes / Medicaid	14	9	18
No / no coverage	8	8	8
(Don't know)	1	2	1
(Refused).....	8	9	7

Total Men Women

26. Just to make sure we have a representative sample, could you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background?

[IF "NO", ASK:] What is your race - white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	73	75	71
Black / African American	12	10	14
Spanish speaking/Hispanic (Puerto Rican, Mexican, etc.)	9	9	9
Asian	2	2	1
Native American	1	1	1
(Other)	2	2	2
(Don't know/refused).....	2	2	2