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N= 1,034 Americans Nationwide
Margin of Error is +3.05
Fielded between November 3- 10, 2009

Screen
a) Are you registered to vote at your current address?

Yes	100
No	**TERMINATE**

This survey is being sponsored by Georgetown University's Center for Children and Families, and is funded by a private foundation, Atlantic Philanthropies. The questions you will see are about health coverage and health care reform, but this is not a political poll. The purpose is to learn what voters think about children's health coverage.

By participating in this survey you are giving your consent to participate in this research.

If you have any questions about the study you may call Philip Zorn or Joan Alker at (202) 687-0880 during regular business hours.

A. General

1. Overall, would you say the national economy is:

Getting better	22
Staying about the same	41
Getting worse	37
(refused)	0

2. Would you say that you are:

Better off financially than you were a year ago	9
About the same financially as you were a year ago	47
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	44
(refused)	0

3. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view of the US health care system:

On the whole, the healthcare system works pretty well and only minor changes are necessary to make it work better	22
There are some good things in our healthcare system, but fundamental changes are needed;	50
Our healthcare system has so much wrong with it that we need to completely rebuild it	27
(refused)	1

4. What is more important to you—making sure that health care reform makes coverage more affordable to families or making sure health reform does not cost the country too much?

Make coverage more affordable to families	66
Making sure health reform does not cost the country too much	33
(refused)	1

5. Which of the following would you want Congress and the President to put at the top of their priority list for health reform.

Bringing down the cost of premiums and co-payments so more people can find affordable coverage	31
Controlling the costs of our health care system	25
Reducing the number of uninsured	8
Giving people a public option health plan they can afford	21
Ending insurance company discrimination based on factors such as pre-existing conditions and gender	13
(refused)	1

B. Affordability

6. Do you currently have health insurance coverage? This could include private insurance through an employer, a private plan, through Medicare, Medicaid or another program.

Yes – Private Insurance through and employer	51
Yes - Private plan	6
Yes – Medicare	22
Yes – Medicaid	3
Yes – other	5
No - do not have health insurance	12
(refused)	0

7. IF INSURED BY PRIVATE PLAN THROUGH EMPLOYER IN Q8 (n=548): How much do you currently spend per month for health insurance coverage for yourself and your immediate family? ENTER DOLLAR AMOUNT

Under $50	21
$50-99	20

$100-199 21
$200-299 14
$300-399 10
$400 or more.... 14

8. IF INSURED BY PRIVATE PLAN THROUGH EMPLOYER IN Q8 (n=548): Do you feel that the amount you pay is…

Too high.... 36
About right 62
Too little 2
(refused).... 0

9. In the past two years, has the amount you are paying each month for health insurance coverage for yourself and your immediate family:

Increased a lot.... 15
Increased some 40
Stayed about the same 39
Decreased.... 3
(refused).... 3

10. In the past two years, have you experienced any of the following as a result of paying for health care costs? Yes, no RANDOMIZE A-F

a. Cut back on your household spending
Yes 44
No.... 53
(refused).... 2

b. Been unable to pay for basic necessities like food, heat or housing
Yes 13
No.... 84
(refused).... 3

c. Had to declare bankruptcy due to medical costs
Yes 2
No.... 94
(refused).... 4

d. Built up credit card or other medical debt
Yes 23
No.... 74
(refused).... 3

e. Used up all or most of your savings
Yes 21
No.... 76

(refused) 3

f. Someone in your household went without health insurance

Yes 21
No 76
(refused) 3

11. At what monthly amount would you no longer be able to afford health coverage for yourself and your immediate family?

$100 21
$200 19
$300 14
$400 10
$500 10
$600 6
$700 2
$800 3
$900 1
$1,000 6
$1,200 1
$1,400 3
Other (SPECIFY $1,401 to 5,000) 2
(Refused) 3

Following are two examples of what families might have to pay for health insurance under (health reform).

12. A family of three with an income of $27,000 a year would pay [SPLIT A: $103/SPLIT B: $69] per month for family coverage. Does this amount seem:

$103 (n size: 531)
Too much 30
About right 57
Too little 10
(refused) 2

$69 (n size: 503)
Too much 19
About right 66
Too little 15
(refused) 1

13. A family of three with an income of $45,000 a year would pay [SPLIT C: $362/SPLIT D: $305] per month for family coverage. Does this amount seem:

$362 (n size: 524)

Too much	68
About right	29
Too little	3
(refused)	0

$305 (n size: 510)

Too much	52
About right	41
Too little	5
(refused)	2

E. Demographics from File

Gender

Men	46
Women	54

Age

18 – 24	8
25 – 29	8
30 – 34	7
35 – 39	9
40 – 44	10
45 – 49	9
50 – 54	9
55 – 59	11
60 – 64	7
65 – 69	6
70 – 74	6
75 – 79	4
80 & over	4

Race

White, Non-Hispanic	73
Black, Non-Hispanic	11
Other, Non-Hispanic	4
Hispanic	11
2+ Races, Non-Hispanic	1

Education

1-11th grade	9
High School Graduate	29
Some college, no degree.	21
Associate’s degree	9
College graduate	21
Post-graduate school	11

Income

$5,000 to $19,999	11
$20,000 to $39,999	21
$40,000 to $59,999	21
$60,000 to $74,999	13
$75,000 or more	34
$5,000 to $49,999	43
$50,000 to or more	57

Marital status

Married	50
Widowed	6
Divorced	10
Separated	2
Never married	23
Living with partner	8

Child in Household

Yes	32
No	68

Employment Status

Working – as a paid employee	48
Working – self-employed	10
Not working – on temporary layoff from a job	1
Not working – looking for work	7
Not working – retired	20
Not working - disabled	8
Not working - other	7
All working	58

Census Region

New England	6
Mid-Atlantic	13
East-North Central	16
West-North Central	8
South Atlantic	19
East-South Central	5
West-South Central	11
Mountain	7
Pacific	15
Northeast	19
Midwest	24
South	36
West	22