

# 2007 Health Confidence Survey Wave X

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Hello, my name is [FIRST AND LAST NAME]. I am calling from National Research, a research firm in Washington, D.C. May I speak to the youngest male, 21 years old or older, who lives in the household? [ACCEPT PERSON ON PHONE IF 21 YEARS OR OLDER AND YOUNGEST MALE NOT AVAILABLE.]

[WHEN APPROPRIATE PERSON IS ON THE PHONE:] We are calling (tonight/ today) to ask people like yourself some questions about important issues of concern to Americans today. This is not a sales call, and all of your responses will be completely confidential.

[IF NECESSARY:] This is a national survey; your telephone number was selected at random.

[IF NECESSARY:] The length of the survey varies depending on your responses to the questions. We generally find that this survey takes about 20 minutes.

[IF NECESSARY:] This survey is sponsored by a non-profit, non-partisan organization, the Employee Benefit Research Institute.

D1. So that we can be sure we are talking to people of all ages, please tell me, in what year were you born?

(Age)	(n=1,000)
21 to 24	7%
26 to 34	20
35 to 44	21
45 to 54	20
55 to 64	14
65 to 74	9
75 and older	8
<i>Median age</i>	<i>46 years</i>

D2. [RECORD GENDER. DON'T ASK – JUST RECORD.]

	(n=1,000)
Male	48%
Female	52

1. Which ONE of the following issues do you believe is the most critical in America today?  
**[RANDOMIZE AND READ LIST. ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE.]**

	<b>(n=1,000)</b>
The war	23%
Energy and gas prices	18
Health care	15
Immigration	12
Terrorism	10
Education	10
The economy	8
<b>(VOL) Don't know</b>	4
<b>(VOL) Refused</b>	*

2. How would you rate the health care system in America today? Would you say it is  
**[READ LIST]?**

	<b>(n=1,000)</b>
Excellent	4%
Very good	10
Good	26
Fair, or	29
Poor	30
<b>(VOL) Don't know</b>	1
<b>(VOL) Refused</b>	*

3. I would like to ask you about some specific aspects of the health care you have received over the past two years. If you have not had any experience with that particular aspect of health care during this time, please let me know. What about  
**[RANDOMIZE AND READ LIST].** Would you say you are extremely satisfied, very, somewhat, not too, or not at all satisfied with that aspect? **[CODE "NO EXPERIENCE" AS NA.]**

**[FIRST PROBE ON DON'T KNOW: Is that because you have not had any experience with it?]**

**[SECOND PROBE: Which of those categories would you lean toward?]**

**(n=1,000)**

	<b>Extrm. Satis.</b>	<b>Very Satis.</b>	<b>Swhat Satis.</b>	<b>Not Too Satis.</b>	<b>Not At All Satis.</b>	<b>(VOL) DK</b>	<b>(VOL) REF</b>	<b>(VOL) NA</b>
a. The quality of medical care you received	14%	36	35	5	4	1	--	4
b. The cost of health insurance	5%	13	28	18	30	2	--	3
c. Costs of health care services not covered by insurance	5%	11	29	18	29	1	--	7

- D3. Now I have a few questions about you and your household, so I can determine which set of questions on the survey best applies to you. First, what is your current MARITAL status? Are you [READ LIST]? [ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE.]
- |                                    |                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
|                                    | <b>(n=1,000)</b> |
| Married                            | 60%              |
| Not married, living with a partner | 5                |
| Divorced or separated              | 12               |
| Widowed, or                        | 8                |
| Single, never married              | 15               |
| (VOL) Don't know                   | --               |
| (VOL) Refused                      | *                |
- D4. Which of the following best describes your current EMPLOYMENT status? Are you currently [READ LIST]? [ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE.]
- |                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
|                        | <b>(n=1,000)</b> |
| Employed full time     | 55%              |
| Employed part time, or | 11               |
| Not employed           | 34               |
| (VOL) Don't know       | *                |
| (VOL) Refused          | *                |
- D5. [IF AGE 45+ AND NOT EMPLOYED FULL TIME (D1 < 1962 & D4 > 1), ASK:] Do you consider yourself to be retired?
- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
|                  | <b>(n=335)</b> |
| Yes              | 75%            |
| No               | 24             |
| (VOL) Don't know | *              |
| (VOL) Refused    | --             |
- D6. [IF MARRIED (D3 = 1), ASK:] Is your spouse employed?
- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
|                  | <b>(n=643)</b> |
| Yes              | 68%            |
| No               | 31             |
| (VOL) Don't know | --             |
| (VOL) Refused    | *              |
4. Are you, yourself, currently covered by ANY form of health insurance? [IF RESPONDENT HESITATES OR RESPONDS NO/DK/REF, CONTINUE:] This would include a Health Maintenance Organization or HMO, a Preferred Provider Organization or PPO, Blue Cross Blue Shield plan, Medicare, Medicaid, or some other plan.
- |                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
|                  | <b>(n=1,000)</b> |
| Yes              | 87%              |
| No               | 13               |
| (VOL) Don't know | --               |
| (VOL) Refused    | --               |

[IF COVERED BY HEALTH INSURANCE (Q4 = 1), CONTINUE. ELSE SKIP TO Q7.]

5. Do you receive your PRIMARY health insurance coverage through...? [F D1 > 1941, READ 1-9 AS APPROPRIATE. IF D1 < 1942, READ 6-8, 1-5 AS APPROPRIATE, THEN 9. ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE.]

(n=899)

[IF EMPLOYED OR RETIRED (D4 = 1-2 OR D5 = 1):] Your current employer or union	45%
[IF SPOUSE EMPLOYED (D6 = 1):] Your spouse's employer or union	15
A former employer or union	4
Someone else's employer or union	2
A plan you bought yourself, not through an employer	4
Medicare	23
Medicaid	3
Another government program	3
Or some other way [PROBE: And what is that?]	1
(VOL) Don't know	*
(VOL) Refused	*

6. [IF RECEIVE COVERAGE THROUGH SPOUSE'S EMPLOYER (Q5 = 2), ASK:] Were you OFFERED health insurance coverage through (IF EMPLOYED (D4 = 1-2): your own employer/IF NOT EMPLOYED (D4 = 3-5): a former employer)?

(n=152)

Yes	60%
No	40
(VOL) Don't know	--
(VOL) Refused	--

7. How confident are you about the following aspects of the health care system TODAY? First, [RANDOMIZE AND READ LIST]. Would you say you are extremely confident, very, somewhat, not too, or not at all confident about that?

[FIRST PROBE ON DON'T KNOW: Which of those categories would you lean toward?]

[SECOND PROBE: If you HAD to choose one category which would you choose?]

(n=1,000)

	Extrm. Conf.	Very Conf.	Some-what Conf.	Not Too Conf.	Not At All Conf.	(VOL) DK	(VOL) REF
a. You are able to get the treatments you need.	19%	34	32	7	8	1	--
b. You are able to afford health care without financial hardship.	12%	19	31	15	21	1	*
c. You have enough choice about who provides your medical care.	12%	31	35	9	11	1	--

8. **[WORDING IF D1=1941-1950 AND NOT ON MEDICARE (Q5 = 1-5, 7-11, OR MISSING):]** Next, I would like to know how confident you are about these aspects of health care FROM NOW UNTIL YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE. First, **[RANDOMIZE AND READ LIST]**. Would you say you are extremely confident, very, somewhat, not too, or not at all confident about that? **[REPEAT “FROM NOW UNTIL YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE” AS NECESSARY.]**

**[WORDING FOR ALL OTHERS:]** Next, I would like to know how confident you are about these aspects of health care DURING THE NEXT TEN YEARS. First, **[RANDOMIZE AND READ LIST]**. Would you say you are extremely confident, very, somewhat, not too, or not at all confident about that? **[REPEAT “DURING THE NEXT TEN YEARS” AS NECESSARY.]**

**[FIRST PROBE ON DON’T KNOW: Which of those categories would you lean toward?]**

**[SECOND PROBE: If you HAD to choose one category which would you choose?]**

(n=1,000)

	Extrm. Conf.	Very Conf.	Some-what Conf.	Not Too Conf.	Not At All Conf.	(VOL) DK	(VOL) REF
a. You will be able to get the treatments you need.	10%	22	45	11	11	2	--
b. You will be able to afford health care without financial hardship.	7%	14	32	19	25	2	*
c. You will have enough choice about who provides your medical care.	9%	17	41	16	16	1	--

9. **[IF D1 > 1941 AND NOT ON MEDICARE (Q5 = 1-5, 7-11, OR MISSING), ASK:]** Next, I would like to know how confident you are about these same aspects of health care ONCE YOU BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE. First, **[RANDOMIZE AND READ LIST]**. Would you say you are extremely, very, somewhat, not too, or not at all confident about that? **[REPEAT “ONCE YOU BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE” AS NECESSARY.]**

**[FIRST PROBE ON DON’T KNOW: Which of those categories would you lean toward?]**

**[SECOND PROBE: If you HAD to choose one category which would you choose?]**

(n=784)

	Extrm. Conf.	Very Conf.	Some-what Conf.	Not Too Conf.	Not At All Conf.	(VOL) DK	(VOL) REF
a. You will be able to get the treatments you need.	6%	11	43	21	17	2	--
b. You will be able to afford health care without financial hardship.	4%	9	33	22	27	4	*
c. You will have enough choice about who provides your medical care.	3%	12	38	22	21	4	*

**[IF RESPONDENT COVERED BY HEALTH INSURANCE (Q4 = 1), CONTINUE. ELSE SKIP TO INSTRUCTION BEFORE Q20.]**

**[READ:]** Next I would like to ask you some questions specifically about YOUR current health insurance benefits.

10. Overall, how satisfied are you with your current health insurance plan? Would you say you are extremely satisfied, very, somewhat, not too, or not at all satisfied?

**[PROBE ON DON'T KNOW:** Which of those categories would you lean toward?]

	<b>(n=899)</b>
Extremely satisfied	17%
Very satisfied	38
Somewhat satisfied	33
Not too satisfied, or	5
Not at all satisfied	7
<b>(VOL)</b> Don't know	*
<b>(VOL)</b> Refused	*

11. I'd like you to consider the amounts you may be responsible for paying under your health insurance plan. That is, the insurance premium, deductible, and costs for doctor or hospital visits and prescription drugs. In the last year, have these amounts increased, decreased, or stayed the same? **[IF SAY "SOME INCREASED, SOME DECREASED," ASK:** In total, did these changes result in an increase, decrease, or no change overall?]

	<b>(n=899)</b>
Increased	63%
Stayed the same	31
Decreased	4
<b>(VOL)</b> Don't know	2
<b>(VOL)</b> Refused	*

**[IF INCREASE IN COST (Q11 = 3), CONTINUE. ELSE SKIP TO Q15.]**

12. Has increased spending on health care expenses in the past year caused you to do any of the following? **[RANDOMIZE AND READ LIST, BUT KEEP A/B, C/D TOGETHER AND IN ORDER.]**

<b>(n=543)</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>(VOL) DK</b>	<b>(VOL) REF</b>
a. Decrease your contributions to a retirement plan, such as a 401(k) plan or an IRA	30%	66	3	*
b. Decrease your contributions to other savings	52%	46	1	--
c. Have difficulty paying for basic necessities, like food, heat, and housing	29%	71	--	--
d. Have difficulty paying other bills	36%	64	--	*
e. Use up all or most of your savings	28%	71	*	*
f. Borrow money	16%	84	--	*
g. Increase your credit card debt	20%	80	*	*

13. And has INCREASED SPENDING on health care expenses in the past year caused you to [RANDOMIZE AND READ A-D, THEN E-I]? [REREAD FULL QUESTION AT LEAST EVERY THIRD ITEM.]

(n=543)		Yes	No	(VOL) DK	(VOL) REF
a.	Look for cheaper health insurance	29%	71	*	--
b.	Look for less expensive healthcare providers	33%	66	1	--
c.	Choose generic drugs more often	78%	21	*	--
d.	Switch to over-the-counter drugs	42%	57	1	--
e.	Delay going to the doctor	50%	50	--	--
f.	Go to the doctor only for more serious conditions or symptoms	64%	35	*	--
g.	Talk to the doctor more carefully about treatment options and costs	66%	34	*	*
h.	Try to take better care of yourself	81%	19	*	--
i.	Not fill or skip doses of your prescribed medications	28%	71	1	--

14. DELETED

15. [IF EMPLOYED (D4 = 1-2), ASK:] Employers that provide health benefits now pay an average of \$7,500 per employee each year for that coverage, which is not counted toward employees' taxable income. Would you rather have [RANDOMIZE AND READ LIST]?

	(n=599)
\$7,500 in employer-provided health insurance coverage	76%
An additional \$7,500 in taxable income	19
(VOL) Don't know	3
(VOL) Refused	1

[IF HAVE EMPLOYER-BASED COVERAGE (Q5 = 1-4), CONTINUE. ELSE SKIP TO INSTRUCTION BEFORE Q20.]

16. [IF WOULD PREFER TO KEEP EMPLOYER COVERAGE (Q15 = 1), ASK:] How much would an employer have to give you each year in taxable income for you to willingly give up your employer-provided coverage?

	(n=415)
Under \$10,000	6%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	22
\$15,000 or more	25
(VOL) Wouldn't give up coverage/No amount enough	15
(VOL) Don't know	31
(VOL) Refused	1

17. How confident are you that your (or your spouse's) employer or union will continue to offer health insurance for its workers? Would you say you are extremely confident, very, somewhat, not too, or not at all confident?

[PROBE ON DON'T KNOW: Which of those categories would you lean toward?]

	(n=605)
Extremely confident	28%
Very confident	30
Somewhat confident	28
Not too confident, or	6
Not at all confident	6
(VOL) Don't know	1
(VOL) Refused	--

18. If your (or your spouse's) employer or union STOPPED offering you health insurance and gave you the money it currently spends on your insurance to help you pay for it yourself, how confident are you that you could AFFORD to purchase it on your own? Would you say you are extremely confident, very, somewhat, not too, or not at all confident?

[PROBE ON DON'T KNOW: Which of those categories would you lean toward?]

	(n=605)
Extremely confident	7%
Very confident	9
Somewhat confident	28
Not too confident, or	22
Not at all confident	32
(VOL) Don't know	2
(VOL) Refused	--

19. And if your (or your spouse's) employer or union stopped offering you health insurance and gave you the money it currently spends on your insurance to help you pay for it yourself, how LIKELY would you be to purchase it on your own? Would you be extremely likely, very, somewhat, not too, or not at all likely?

[PROBE ON DON'T KNOW: Which of those categories would you lean toward?]

	(n=605)
Extremely likely	37%
Very likely	22
Somewhat likely	19
Not too likely, or	7
Not at all likely	14
(VOL) Don't know	2
(VOL) Refused	*

**[IF EMPLOYED (D4 = 1-2), CONTINUE. ELSE SKIP TO TEXT BEFORE Q29.]**

20. Wellness programs are programs that encourage workers to adopt healthier lifestyles. In general, how do you feel about employers offering these types of programs? Do you feel **[RANDOMLY REVERSE AND READ LIST.]**?

	<b>(n=670)</b>
Strongly positive	41%
Somewhat positive	41
<b>(VOL)</b> Neutral	1
Somewhat negative	12
Strongly negative	4
<b>(VOL)</b> Don't know	1
<b>(VOL)</b> Refused	*

21. One way that employers can implement this type of program is to provide workers with lower-cost opportunities for health screenings and programs for exercise, weight-loss, stress, or smoking cessation. How comfortable do you think you would be if your employer were to offer this type of program? Do you think you would be extremely comfortable, very, somewhat, not too, or not at all comfortable?

22. **[IF EMPLOYER ALREADY OFFERS PROGRAM, ASK:]** And how comfortable are you about that? Would you say extremely comfortable, very, somewhat, not too, or not at all comfortable?

<b>(Q21/22 responses combined)</b>	<b>(n=670)</b>
Extremely comfortable	36%
Very comfortable	25
Somewhat comfortable	27
Not too comfortable, or	6
Not at all comfortable	5
<b>(VOL)</b> Don't know	1
<b>(VOL)</b> Refused	*

23. Another way employers can encourage healthy behavior is to select a health plan that reminds workers when annual checkups, health screenings, or other treatments are due. Workers with specific conditions might also be reminded to take tests or refill prescriptions. How comfortable do you think you would be if your employer were to select a health plan with this option? Do you think you would be extremely comfortable, very, somewhat, not too, or not at all comfortable?

24. **[IF EMPLOYER ALREADY OFFERS PROGRAM, ASK:]** And how comfortable are you about that? Would you say extremely comfortable, very, somewhat, not too, or not at all comfortable?

<b>(Q23/24 responses combined)</b>	<b>(n=670)</b>
Extremely comfortable	22%
Very comfortable	28
Somewhat comfortable	30
Not too comfortable, or	7
Not at all comfortable	11
<b>(VOL)</b> Don't know	1
<b>(VOL)</b> Refused	--

25. Employers can also select a health plan that offers workers the opportunity to get insurance at reduced cost. Interested workers would be required to take a physical. If they have no illnesses or at-risk behaviors they would qualify for a reduction on their health insurance premium. Workers with an illness or at-risk behavior would also qualify if they agreed to take steps to manage their illness or lower their health risk. How comfortable do you think you would be if your employer were to select a health plan with this option? Do you think you would be extremely comfortable, very, somewhat, not too, or not at all comfortable?

26. **[IF EMPLOYER ALREADY OFFERS PROGRAM, ASK:]** And how comfortable are you about that? Would you say extremely comfortable, very, somewhat, not too, or not at all comfortable?

<b>(Q25/26 responses combined)</b>	<b>(n=670)</b>
Extremely comfortable	20%
Very comfortable	24
Somewhat comfortable	28
Not too comfortable, or	11
Not at all comfortable	15
<b>(VOL) Employer already offers program</b>	--
<b>(VOL) Don't know</b>	1
<b>(VOL) Refused</b>	--

27. How likely do you think you would be to participate in this type of program if it reduced your health insurance premium by **[READ LIST. DO NOT RANDOMIZE.]**? Would you be extremely likely, very, somewhat, not too, or not at all likely?

<b>(n=670)</b>								
		<b>Extrm. Likely</b>	<b>Very Likely</b>	<b>Some- what Likely</b>	<b>Not Too Likely</b>	<b>Not At All Likely</b>	<b>(VOL) DK</b>	<b>(VOL) REF</b>
a.	5%	21%	23	26	13	15	1	--
b.	10%	29%	21	27	8	12	1	--

28. I'm going to read you some statements and I'd like you to tell me how much you agree or disagree with each. First/next, **[RANDOMIZE AND READ LIST. READ D/E TOGETHER AND IN ORDER.]** Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree?

(n=670)

	Strong Agree	Swhat Agree	(VOL) Neither/ Neutral	Swhat Disagree	Strong Disagree	(VOL) DK	(VOL) REF
a. Employers that offer wellness programs are showing concern for their workers	26%	50	*	16	6	2	*
b. Employers that offer wellness programs are intruding on worker privacy	11%	35	1	29	25	1	*
c. Employers that offer wellness programs are only concerned about their bottom line	26%	39	1	23	10	1	*
d. Wellness programs can help people develop healthier lifestyles	43%	45	*	7	4	1	--
e. A wellness program would help YOU develop a healthier lifestyle	32%	51	*	9	7	*	--

**[READ:]** When it comes to decisions about health care...

29. How confident are you that you know enough to **[RANDOMIZE AND READ LIST. KEEP C/D TOGETHER AND IN ORDER.]**? Would you say you are extremely confident, very, somewhat, not too, or not at all confident?

**[PROBE ON DON'T KNOW:** Which of those categories would you lean toward?]

(n=1,000)

	Extrm. Conf.	Very Conf.	Some-what Conf.	Not Too Conf.	Not At All Conf.	(VOL) DK	(VOL) REF
a. Choose your own doctors	32%	33	25	6	3	1	--
b. Purchase health insurance on your own	16%	22	35	15	10	2	*
c. Ask your doctor questions about your health and health care	38%	34	23	3	2	--	--
d. Question your doctor about the appropriateness of different treatments	30%	36	28	4	3	*	--

30. **DELETED**

[READ:] Now I'm going to ask you some questions about health care and public policy.

31. Which one of the following comes closest to your view about the health care system in America today? [RANDOMLY REVERSE AND READ LIST.]

	<b>(n=1,000)</b>
There is so much wrong with our health care system that it needs to be completely overhauled	24%
There are some good things about our health care system, but major changes are needed	47
The health care system works pretty well, but minor changes are needed	24
The health care system works well and does not need to be changed	3
(VOL) Don't know	2
(VOL) Refused	*

32. I'm going to read you a list of participants in the health care system, and I'd like you to tell me how much influence each has on the COST of health care. How much influence [RANDOMIZE AND READ LIST] have on the cost of health care? Do they have a great deal of influence, some influence, only a little influence, or no influence?

<b>(n=990)</b>		<b>Great Deal of Influence</b>	<b>Some Influence</b>	<b>Only a Little Influence</b>	<b>No Influence</b>	<b>[VOL] DK</b>	<b>[VOL] REF</b>
a.	Does Congress	47%	30	11	5	7	*
b.	Do health plans <b>(n=861)</b>	55%	31	8	2	4	--
c.	Do prescription drug companies	71%	21	4	1	2	*
d.	Do doctors	37%	39	18	4	3	*
e.	Do hospitals	53%	32	10	1	3	*
f.	Do individual consumers	12%	26	36	25	2	--

[RANDOMIZE Q33-35.]

33. How confident are you that the federal government could provide quality health care coverage to all citizens who need it? Would you say you are extremely confident, very, somewhat, not too, or not at all confident?

	<b>(n=1,000)</b>
Extremely confident	12%
Very confident	14
Somewhat confident	31
Not too confident, or	19
Not at all confident	23
(VOL) Don't know	1
(VOL) Refused	*

34. How confident are you that your state government could provide quality health care coverage to all state residents who need it? Would you say you are extremely confident, very, somewhat, not too, or not at all confident?

	<b>(n=1,000)</b>
Extremely confident	9%
Very confident	11
Somewhat confident	34
Not too confident, or	21
Not at all confident	24
<b>(VOL)</b> Don't know	1
<b>(VOL)</b> Refused	*

35. How confident are you that employers could provide quality health care coverage to workers who need it? Would you say you are extremely confident, very, somewhat, not too, or not at all confident?

	<b>(n=1,000)</b>
Extremely confident	9%
Very confident	17
Somewhat confident	48
Not too confident, or	16
Not at all confident	8
<b>(VOL)</b> Don't know	2
<b>(VOL)</b> Refused	--

36. Some policy makers propose that all employers of a certain size be required to provide and contribute to health insurance plans for their workers. What size employers, if any, do you think should be required to do this? **[RANDOMLY REVERSE AND READ LIST.]**

	<b>(n=1,000)</b>
All employers, regardless of size	42%
Employers with 30 or more workers	18
Employers with 50 or more workers	12
Employers with 100 or more workers	10
Employers with 1,000 or more workers	5
No employers	9
<b>(VOL)</b> Don't know	5
<b>(VOL)</b> Refused	*

37. If it was necessary to increase federal income taxes to make sure all Americans have health insurance, would you be willing to pay 1% more than you do now? **[REPEAT QUESTION FOR REMAINDER OF LIST.]**

	<b>(n=1,000)</b>			<b>(VOL)</b>	<b>(VOL)</b>
		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>DK</b>	<b>REF</b>
a.	1%	68%	29	2	*
b.	3%	39%	57	3	1
c.	5%	22%	75	2	1

38. **[IF HAVE EMPLOYER-PROVIDED COVERAGE (Q5 = 1-4), ASK:] (IF ASKED Q15: Once again,) currently the amount of money your employer spends on your health insurance premium is not counted toward your taxable income. The amount you pay is also typically excluded. Suppose Congress were to pass a law so that the total amount of premium that could be excluded from taxes is set at \$7,500. So if the amount your employer pays toward your premium plus what you pay is more than \$7,500, you would have to pay taxes on the difference. If this happened, would you prefer to [RANDOMILY REVERSE AND READ LIST]?**

(n=605)

Continue receiving your current level of health benefits from your employer, and pay any taxes incurred on the premium	62%
Reduce the level of health benefits you receive from your employer, and pay no tax on the premium	27
(VOL) Don't know	9
(VOL) Refused	1

39. Policy makers are considering different proposals for how the costs of health care and health insurance should be treated for income tax purposes. Which statement comes closest to what you think would be fair? **[RANDOMLY REVERSE AND READ LIST.]**

(n=1,000)

People should be able to deduct all of their health care expenses	54%
People should only be able to deduct health care costs that exceed a certain percentage of their income	36
No one should be able to deduct health care costs	5
(VOL) Don't know	4
(VOL) Refused	1

40. And which one of these statements is closer to what you think would be fair? **[RANDOMLY REVERSE AND READ LIST.]**

(n=1,000)

The rules should be the same for everyone, no matter what their household income	36%
The rules should take income into consideration, with larger tax breaks for those with lower incomes	61
(VOL) Don't know	3
(VOL) Refused	*

[READ:] Now, I have a few questions about your health.

D7.	In general, how would you rate your health? Would you say it is [READ LIST]?	(n=1,000)
	Excellent	20%
	Very good	35
	Good	26
	Fair, or	12
	Poor	6
	(VOL) Don't know	*
	(VOL) Refused	*
D8.	And over the past five years, would you say your health has gotten better, stayed the same, or gotten worse?	(n=1,000)
	Gotten better	16%
	Stayed the same	56
	Gotten worse	27
	(VOL) Don't know	*
	(VOL) Refused	*
D9.	Do you have any illnesses, chronic conditions, or disabilities that require regular monitoring or treatment?	(n=1,000)
	Yes	41%
	No	58
	(VOL) Don't know	*
	(VOL) Refused	*
D10.	Do you have any lifestyle habits, such as lack of exercise, poor nutrition, obesity, stress, or smoking, that might put you at risk for certain illnesses or conditions?	(n=1,000)
	Yes	42%
	No	57
	(VOL) Don't know	1
	(VOL) Refused	*

[READ:] Finally, I have just a few questions for statistical purposes.

D11. First, what was the highest grade of school or year of college that you completed? [DO NOT READ LIST.]

	(n=1,000)
Some high school or less	15%
High school graduate	32
Some college	22
Trade or business school	4
College graduate	15
Post graduate work	3
Graduate degree	9
(VOL) Don't know	*
(VOL) Refused	1

D12. [IF EMPLOYED FULL OR PART TIME (D4 = 1-2), ASK:] Approximately how many people are currently employed by the company you work for? Please include both full- and part-time workers at all locations and sites. Are there [READ LIST]?

	(n=670)
Less than 50	30%
50 to 99	7
100 to 499, or	16
500 or more	44
(VOL) Don't know	2
(VOL) Refused	1

D13. Are you of Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino origin or descent?

	(n=1,000)
Yes	6%
No	93
(VOL) Don't know	*
(VOL) Refused	1

D14. Do you consider yourself: African American or Black, Asian or Pacific Islander, White or of some other racial background?

	(n=1,000)
African American/ Black	8%
Asian/ Pacific Islander	2
(VOL) Hispanic/Latino	4
White	81
Other	3
(VOL) Don't know	*
(VOL) Refused	2

D15. In 2006, was your total household income, before taxes, [READ LIST]?

	(n=1,000)
Less than \$15,000	13%
\$15,000 to under \$25,000	13
\$25,000 to under \$35,000	13
\$35,000 to under \$50,000	14
\$50,000 to under \$60,000	9
\$60,000 to under \$75,000	8
\$75,000 to under \$100,000, or	10
\$100,000 or more	12
(VOL) Don't know	3
(VOL) Refused	5

D16. Finally, would you describe yourself as [RANDOMLY REVERSE AND READ LIST]?

	(n=1,000)
A strong Republican	12%
A moderate Republican	17
Independent or undecided	36
A moderate Democrat	16
A strong Democrat	15
(VOL) Don't know	3
(VOL) Refused	2

[RECORD RESPONDENT NAME FOR VERIFICATION.]  
 [THANK RESPONDENT AND TERMINATE INTERVIEW.]  
 [RECORD TELEPHONE NUMBER AND STATE FROM SAMPLE.]