

UNINSURED AMERICANS SURVEY IN NEW YORK
INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

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N=500 Adults
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Margin of Error = $\pm 4.38\%$

Hello, I'm _____ of _____, a national research firm. We're talking with people in your state today, and would like to ask you a few questions on a confidential basis.

A. First, are you at least 18 years of age or older?

100% YES (CONTINUE TO QUESTION B)

-- IF NO THEN ASK: May I please speak to someone in your household who is 18 years of age or older?

(REPEAT QUESTION A WITH NEW RESPONDENT)

B. And, are you registered to vote at this address?

75% YES

25% NO

* DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)

-- REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

1. Now, looking ahead, with the election of a new president and Congress, which ONE of the following is MOST important to you, that is, the ONE issue you would want to see the next president and Congress focus on FIRST . . . would it be the issue of ...(**RANDOMIZE:**)

7% crime and illegal drugs

8% Providing seniors with prescription drug coverage

15% Jobs and the economy

22% Education

13% Cutting taxes

18% Access to affordable health care coverage

14% Social Security and Medicare

2% DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE (**DO NOT READ**)

* REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

And now talking about the issue of access to affordable health care...

2. Do you favor or oppose making sure all families & CHILDREN have access to affordable health insurance coverage, even if it costs you more?

(IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, THEN ASK:) And would you STRONGLY (favor/oppose) this proposal or just SOMEWHAT (favor/oppose) it?

	54%	STRONGLY FAVOR
83%	29%	SOMEWHAT FAVOR
14%	8%	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
	6%	STRONGLY OPPOSE
	3%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

(ROTATE Q3-Q4)

3. Now...to assure that all Americans had health insurance coverage, would you be willing to pay as much as \$50 per year in additional taxes?

(IF YES/NO, THEN ASK:) And is that a STRONG (yes/no) or NOT-SO-STRONG (yes/no) for paying as much as \$50 per year in additional taxes?

	58%	STRONG YES
75%	17%	NOT-SO-STRONG YES
21%	3%	NOT-SO-STRONG NO
	18%	STRONG NO
	3%	DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED (DO NOT READ)
	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

(ROTATE Q3-Q4)

4. Now...would you be willing to have the United States Congress use a portion of the projected federal budget surplus over the next decade to assure that all Americans had health insurance coverage?

(IF YES/NO, THEN ASK:) And is that a STRONG (yes/no) or NOT-SO-STRONG (yes/no) for using a portion of the projected federal budget surplus over the next decade?

	69%	STRONG YES
85%	16%	NOT-SO-STRONG YES
11%	3%	NOT-SO-STRONG NO
	8%	STRONG NO
	4%	DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED (DO NOT READ)
	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

Now, I am going to read you a list of some different things the NEW President and the NEW Congress might try to do in the next year. As I read each one, tell me if you think it should be one of their TOP priorities, important but a LOWER priority, not too important, or should not be done.

The first/next one is: **(RANDOMIZE)**

Should this be one of their TOP priorities, important but a LOWER priority, not too important, OR should this not be done?

	A TOP PRIORITY	IMPORTANT, BUT LOWER PRIORITY	NOT TOO IMPORTANT	SHOULD NOT BE DONE	(DNR) DON'T KNOW/ REFUSED
5. Passing laws to help families and children who today have no insurance receive health care coverage	69%	25%	4%	1%	1%
	94%		5%		
(ASK SAMPLE A ONLY)					
6. Passing laws to make Social Security financially sound	69%	24%	4%	1%	1%
	93%		5%		
(ASK SAMPLE B ONLY)					
7. Passing laws to make Medicare financially sound	56%	38%	5%	--	1%
	94%		5%		
(ASK OF ALL)					
8. Cutting federal taxes	47%	31%	14%	6%	2%
	78%		20%		
9. Passing HMO and managed care reform	43%	36%	10%	5%	6%
	79%		15%		
10. Passing campaign finance reform laws	31%	30%	28%	7%	4%
	61%		35%		
11. Adding a prescription benefit to Medicare, the government health care program for seniors	61%	32%	5%	1%	1%
	93%		6%		
12. Increasing federal funding for public schools nationwide	63%	27%	6%	4%	*
	90%		10%		

Now, talking some more about the number of people without health insurance...

13. In the past ten years, do you think the number of uninsured people in New York has**(ROTATE PUNCH 1-2:)**

- 58% INCREASED
 - 17% DECREASED
 - 20% STAYED THE SAME

 - 5% DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**
 - REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**
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14. In the next ten years, do you think the number of uninsured people in New York will
(ROTATE PUNCH 1-2:)

- 57% INCREASE
 - 18% DECREASE
 - 20% STAY THE SAME

 - 4% DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**
 - * REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**
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15. I'm going to mention several groups of Americans. If you were going to describe uninsured Americans – those with no health insurance at all – which one or two of the following groups would come to your mind first...**(RANDOMIZE:)** **(ACCEPT MULTIPLE PUNCHES)**

- 30% ELDERLY
 - 39% POOR
 - 23% WORKING FAMILIES
 - 28% MINORITY GROUPS
 - 29% NEW IMMIGRANTS
 - 31% UNEMPLOYED
 - 29% CHILDREN

 - 1% OTHER (Specify: _____) **(DO NOT READ)**
 - NONE **(DO NOT READ)**
 - 1% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**
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16. I'd like your views on uninsured Americans – that is, people with no health insurance at all. Would you say that more of them are... **(ROTATE:)**

43% Employed people and people from families in which someone is employed
...OR...

53% Unemployed people and people from families in which no one is employed

3% DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**

1% REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

17. As you may know, Congress in 1997 expanded health coverage programs for some children. However, during the last decade there has been no additional progress made on expanding needed health coverage to working families and over 14 million children who still lack health coverage. Which one of the following do you think best explains why more has not been done in Washington to address this problem. Would you say it is because... **(ROTATE)**

21% Of partisan bickering in Congress

18% Special interests block needed reforms

9% There is not enough money in the federal budget to provide needed funding

30% Politicians are not interested enough in this issue

14% Some politicians' believe the federal government should not be more involved in providing health care

5% It's too big a problem for people to feel much can ever be done

4% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

And now talking some more about you. . .

18. Do you have children under the age of 18 living in your household?

41% YES

59% NO

* DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

19. And how about you ... do you have a health plan, that is, are you covered by a private health insurance plan or by a government program such as Medicare, Medicaid or Champus? **(SPECIFY) (IF GIVE MULTIPLE PUNCHES, ASK FOR PRIMARY PLAN)**

73% YES, Private Health Insurance

8% YES, MediCARE

8% YES, MediCAID

* YES, Champus

10% NO

* DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**

* REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

(IF PUNCH 1 ON Q18, THEN ASK:) N= 206 Respondents

20. Do you currently have Health Insurance coverage for your child/children that covers regular trips to the doctor as well as emergency care?

- 90% YES
- 10% NO
- * Not Sure (**DO NOT READ**)
- Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

(IF PUNCH 1 ON Q20, THEN ASK:) N= 185 Respondents

21. Is the coverage you have for your children...

- 65% Part of a health insurance plan through your or your spouse's employer
- 13% A private plan you pay for but is not provided by your or your spouse's employer
- 13% Medicaid
- 7% Another government health insurance program called **Child Health Plus** or CHIP
- 1% Not sure [**DO NOT READ**]
- * Refused [**DO NOT READ**]

(IF PUNCH 1-4 ON Q19, THEN ASK:) Skip Base = 445 Respondents

22. And sometime in the last THREE years, was there a period of time where you or your family did NOT have health care coverage?

<u>Skip</u>	<u>Total</u>	
<u>Base</u>	<u>Base</u>	

- | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|
| 20% | 18% | YES |
| 80% | 71% | NO |

- -- DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)
- -- REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

(IF PUNCH 5 ON Q19, THEN ASK:) N= 52 Respondents

23. And sometime in the last THREE years, was there a period of time where you DID have health care coverage?

- 59% YES
 - 40% NO
 - 2% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)
 - REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)
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24. And, in the last THREE years, have you or someone in your family postponed receiving medical care or treatment because you or a family member had no private health insurance or other health coverage?

20% YES
80% NO

* DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)
* REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

(IF PUNCH 1 ON Q24, THEN ASK:) N= 100 Respondents

25. Thinking some more about this...Over the last three years have you or a family member had to postpone any of the following because you or a family member had no private health insurance or other health coverage? (**ACCEPT MULTIPLE PUNCHES**) (**RANDOMIZE**)

27% Medical Tests
44% Filling prescription medicines
19% Surgery
56% Doctor's Visits
20% Shots
24% Emergency room care
15% Hospital overnight care
14% Screenings for cancer
15% Examinations for heart disease or high blood pressure
-- OTHER (**SPECIFY**) _____ (**DO NOT READ**)
13% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

Now, I have just a few more questions for statistical purposes only...

D1. First, in what year were you born?

11% 18-24
20% 25-34
26% 35-44
17% 45-54
12% 55-64
12% 65 and above
2% Refused

D2. And what was the last grade you completed in school? **(DO NOT READ CATEGORIES)**

- 2% SOME GRADE SCHOOL (1-8)
 - 6% SOME HIGH SCHOOL (9-11)
 - 29% GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)
 - 3% TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL (12)
 - 25% SOME COLLEGE (13-15)
 - 25% GRADUATED COLLEGE (16)
 - 11% GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL (16+)

 - * REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**
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D3. What is your current marital status?

- 29% Single, never married
 - 48% Now married
 - 3% Living together, not married
 - 9% Divorced
 - 3% Separated
 - 6% Widowed
 - 1% Refused **(DO NOT READ)**
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D4. And for statistical purposes only...is your total annual household income greater or less than \$60,000 dollars?

(IF LESS THAN \$60,000, ASK:) Is it...
(ROTATE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM/BOTTOM TO TOP)

- ___ 14% UNDER \$20,000
- ___ 27% BETWEEN \$20,000 - \$40,000
- ___ 18% OVER \$40,000

(IF GREATER THAN \$60,000, ASK:) Is it...
(ROTATE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM/BOTTOM TO TOP)

- ___ 13% UNDER \$80,000
 - ___ 9% BETWEEN \$80,000 - \$100,000
 - ___ 9% OVER \$100,000

 - 8% REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**
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D5. And in politics today, do you consider yourself... **(ROTATE)**

_____ a Republican,
_____ a Democrat,
or something else?

(IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT, ASK:) Would you call yourself a STRONG (REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT) or a NOT-SO-STRONG (REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT)?

(IF SOMETHING ELSE, ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or to the Democratic party?

	13%	STRONG REPUBLICAN
	11%	NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN
29%	5%	LEAN TO REPUBLICANS
16%	16%	SOMETHING ELSE/INDEPENDENT
50%	7%	LEAN TO DEMOCRATS
	13%	NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT
	30%	STRONG DEMOCRAT
	3%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
	2%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

(ASK QD6 ONLY IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) N= 377 Respondents

D6. Regardless of how you feel now, for whom did you vote in the November Presidential election ... **(RANDOMIZE)**

_____ George W. Bush, Republican
_____ Al Gore, Democrat
_____ Pat Buchanan, Reform

..or..

Ralph Nader, Green Party

	29%	GEORGE W. BUSH
	54%	AL GORE
	--	PAT BUCHANAN
	4%	RALPH NADER

	6%	DID NOT VOTE (DO NOT READ)
	1%	DON'T KNOW/DON'T RECALL (DO NOT READ)
	8%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

D7. Other than being an American, what is your main ethnic or racial heritage? **(READ CHOICES)**

15% AFRICAN AMERICAN OR BLACK
76% WHITE
6% LATINO OR HISPANIC AMERICAN
1% ASIAN AMERICAN
1% NATIVE AMERICAN
* OTHER **(DO NOT READ)**

1% REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

D8. GENDER **(BY OBSERVATION, BUT ASK EVERYONE)** Are you employed outside of the home, are you a homemaker, or are you retired?

37% MALE/EMPLOYED
1% MALE/HOMEMAKER
6% MALE/RETIRED
3% MALE/NOT IN LABOR FORCE
48% 1% MALE/REFUSED

52% 31% FEMALE/EMPLOYED
11% FEMALE/HOMEMAKER
8% FEMALE/RETIRED
2% FEMALE/NOT IN LABOR FORCE
* FEMALE/REFUSED
