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Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Preview of the Role of Health Care in the 2018 Midterm Campaigns

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METHODOLOGY

This *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF). The survey was conducted April 20th-30th 2018, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 2,000 adults ages 18 and older, living in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii (note: persons without a telephone could not be included in the random selection process). Computer-assisted telephone interviews conducted by landline (699) and cell phone (1,301, including 864 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by SSRS of Glen Mills, PA. To efficiently obtain a sample of lower-income and non-White respondents, the sample also included an oversample of prepaid (pay-as-you-go) telephone numbers (25% of the cell phone sample consisted of prepaid numbers) as well as a subsample of respondents who had previously completed Spanish language interviews on the SSRS Omnibus poll (*n*=14). Both the random digit dial landline and cell phone samples were provided by Marketing Systems Group (MSG). For the landline sample, respondents were selected by asking for the youngest adult male or female currently at home based on a random rotation. If no one of that gender was available, interviewers asked to speak with the youngest adult of the opposite gender. For the cell phone sample, interviews were conducted with the adult who answered the phone. KFF paid for all costs associated with the survey.

The combined landline and cell phone sample was weighted to balance the sample demographics to match estimates for the national population using data from the Census Bureau's 2016 American Community Survey (ACS) on sex, age, education, race, Hispanic origin, and region along with data from the 2010 Census on population density. The sample was also weighted to match current patterns of telephone use using data from the January-June 2017 National Health Interview Survey. The weight takes into account the fact that respondents with both a landline and cell phone have a higher probability of selection in the combined sample and also adjusts for the household size for the landline sample, and design modifications, namely, the oversampling of prepaid cell phones. All statistical tests of significance account for the effect of weighting.

The margin of sampling error including the design effect for the full sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. Numbers of respondents and margins of sampling error for key subgroups are shown in the table below. For results based on other subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Sample sizes and margins of sampling error for other subgroups are available by request. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll. Kaiser Family Foundation public opinion and survey research is a charter member of the Transparency Initiative of the American Association for Public Opinion Research.

Group	N (unweighted)	M.O.S.E.
Total	2,000	±3 percentage points
Registered voters	1,655	±3 percentage points
Democrats	528	±5 percentage points
Republicans	486	±5 percentage points
Independents	506	±5 percentage points
Voters in competitive elections	500	±5 percentage points
Health Care voters	353	±6 percentage points

Notes for reading the topline:

- Percentages may not always add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- Values less than 0.5 percent are indicated by an asterisk (*).
- "Vol." indicates a response was volunteered by the respondent, not offered as an explicit choice
- Questions are presented in the order asked; question numbers may not be sequential.

All trends shown in this document come from the Kaiser Health Tracking Polls except:
01/11:   Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health *The Public's Health Care Agenda for the 112th Congress* (January 4-14, 2011)

Q1.   While this year's election is still six months away, I would like to ask you about possible issues that the candidates for Congress can talk about during their upcoming campaigns. How important do you think it is for 2018 candidates to talk about (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? Is it the most important issue for the candidates to talk about, very important but not the most important, somewhat important, or not too important? What about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? (READ IF NECESSARY: Is it the most important issue for the candidates to talk about, very important but not the most important, somewhat important, or not too important?) (scramble items a-j)[1]

	Most/ Very important (NET)	The most important issue	Very important but not the most important	Somewhat/ Not too important (NET)	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important (Vol.)	Don't know/ Refused	
a. Health care									
04/18	78	24	53	22	16	6	*	1	*n=2000*
01/18	84	29	55	16	12	4	--	*	*n=610*
b. The economy and jobs									
04/18	79	25	54	21	17	4	*	1	*n=2000*
01/18	78	28	50	22	16	6	*	1	*n=610*
c. Foreign policy									
04/18	60	11	49	38	28	9	*	2	*n=2000*
f. Climate change									
04/18	44	11	32	54	23	31	2	1	*n=2000*
01/18	47	13	34	51	23	28	1	1	*n=610*
g. Tax cuts and tax reform									
04/18	60	13	47	38	27	11	*	2	*n=2000*
01/18[2]	62	19	43	35	26	9	*	2	*n=610*
h. The federal budget deficit									
04/18	61	14	47	37	27	10	*	2	*n=2000*
01/18	64	17	47	33	25	8	*	3	*n=610*
i. Immigration									
04/18	63	17	46	35	23	13	1	1	*n=2000*
01/18	67	25	42	31	22	9	*	1	*n=610*
j. Gun policy									
04/18	69	23	46	30	17	13	1	1	*n=2000*

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[1] Intro for January 2018 was slightly different: "While this year's congressional election is still a long way off…"

[2] January 2018 trend wording for Item G was "Taxes and tax reform"

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	Most/ Very important (NET)	The most important issue	Very important but not the most important	Somewhat/ Not too important (NET)	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important (Vol.)	Don't know/ Refused	
a. Health care									
04/18	77	22	54	23	16	7	*	*	*n=1655*
01/18	83	29	54	16	11	5	--	*	*n=511*
b. The economy and jobs									
04/18	79	23	55	20	16	4	*	1	*n=1655*
01/18	76	27	49	23	18	5	*	*	*n=511*
c. Foreign policy									
04/18	62	10	51	37	28	9	*	1	*n=1655*
f. Climate change									
04/18	43	11	32	54	22	32	2	1	*n=1655*
01/18	47	12	35	50	23	27	1	*	*n=511*
g. Tax cuts and tax reform									
04/18	60	12	47	39	27	12	*	1	*n=1655*
01/18	62	19	43	37	26	11	*	1	*n=511*
h. The federal budget deficit									
04/18	62	14	48	37	26	11	*	1	*n=1655*
01/18	64	17	47	34	25	9	*	2	*n=511*
i. Immigration									
04/18	64	16	47	35	22	13	1	1	*n=1655*
01/18	69	24	45	31	22	9	*	*	*n=511*
j. Gun policy									
04/18	67	22	46	31	17	14	1	1	*n=1655*

Q2. Will a candidate's position on (INSERT ITEM) be the most important factor, just one of many factors, or not an important factor in deciding who you vote for?

Based on those who believe the topic is the most important or a very important issue for candidates for Congress to talk about during their upcoming campaigns

	The most important factor	Just one of many factors	Not an important factor	Don't plan to vote (Vol.)	Don't know/ Refused	
a. Health care	31	65	4	*	*	*n=1538*
b. The economy and jobs	27	66	5	*	1	*n=1556*
c. Foreign policy	20	73	6	*	*	*n=1247*
f. Climate change	22	70	7	*	1	*n=865*
g. Tax cuts and tax reform	22	72	5	*	1	*n=1188*
h. The federal budget deficit	21	72	7	-	1	*n=1251*
i. Immigration	27	67	5	*	1	*n=1309*
j. Gun policy	35	60	4	*	1	*n=1357*

Based on registered voters who believe the topic is the most important or a very important issue for candidates for Congress to talk about during their upcoming campaigns

	The most important factor	Just one of many factors	Not an important factor	Don't plan to vote (Vol.)	Don't know/ Refused	
a. Health care	30	67	3	*	*	*n=1262*
b. The economy and jobs	25	69	5	*	*	*n=1292*
c. Foreign policy	18	76	6	-	*	*n=1055*
f. Climate change	22	71	6	*	*	*n=709*
g. Tax cuts and tax reform	20	74	4	*	1	*n=978*
h. The federal budget deficit	19	75	6	-	*	*n=1053*
i. Immigration	25	70	4	*	1	*n=1093*
j. Gun policy	35	60	4	*	1	*n=1106*

Q1a/Q2a Combo Table - Health care

Based on total

	04/18
Health care is the most important issue or very important but not the most important	78
The most important factor	24
Just one of many factors	50
Not an important factor	3
Don't plan to vote (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	*
Health care is somewhat important	16
Health care is not too important	6
Health care is not at all important (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	1

Q1b/Q2b Combo Table - The economy and jobs

Based on total

	04/18
The economy and jobs is the most important issue or very important but not the most important	79
The most important factor	22
Just one of many factors	52
Not an important factor	4
Don't plan to vote (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	1
The economy and jobs is somewhat important	17
The economy and jobs is not too important	4
The economy and jobs is not at all important (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	1

Q1c/Q2c Combo Table - Foreign policy

Based on total

	04/18
Foreign policy is the most important issue or very important but not the most important	60
The most important factor	12
Just one of many factors	44
Not an important factor	4
Don't plan to vote (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	*
Foreign policy is somewhat important	28
Foreign policy is not too important	9
Foreign policy is not at all important (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	2

Q1f/Q2f Combo Table - Climate change

Based on total

	04/18
Climate change is the most important issue or very important but not the most important	44
The most important factor	10
Just one of many factors	31
Not an important factor	3
Don't plan to vote (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	*
Climate change is somewhat important	23
Climate change is not too important	31
Climate change is not at all important (Vol.)	2
Don't know/Refused	1

Q1g/Q2g Combo Table - Tax cuts and tax reform

Based on total

	04/18
Tax cuts and tax reform is the most important issue or very important but not the most important	60
The most important factor	13
Just one of many factors	43
Not an important factor	3
Don't plan to vote (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	1
Tax cuts and tax reform is somewhat important	27
Tax cuts and tax reform is not too important	11
Tax cuts and tax reform is not at all important (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	2

Q1h/Q2h Combo Table - The federal budget deficit

Based on total

	04/18
The federal budget deficit is the most important issue or very important but not the most important	61
The most important factor	12
Just one of many factors	44
Not an important factor	4
Don't plan to vote (Vol.)	-
Don't know/Refused	*
The federal budget deficit is somewhat important	27
The federal budget deficit is not too important	10
The federal budget deficit is not at all important (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	2

Q1i/Q2i Combo Table – Immigration

Based on total

	04/18
Immigration is the most important issue or very important but not the most important	63
The most important factor	17
Just one of many factors	42
Not an important factor	3
Don't plan to vote (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	1
Immigration is somewhat important	23
Immigration is not too important	13
Immigration is not at all important (Vol.)	1
Don't know/Refused	1

Q1j/Q2j Combo Table - Gun policy

Based on total

	04/18
Gun policy is the most important issue or very important but not the most important	69
The most important factor	24
Just one of many factors	41
Not an important factor	3
Don't plan to vote (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	*
Gun policy is somewhat important	17
Gun policy is not too important	13
Gun policy is not at all important (Vol.)	1
Don't know/Refused	1

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Q3.   Of the issues you said are the most important for 2018 candidates to talk about, which one would you say is the MOST important?
         (SCRAMBLE RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS ITEMS IN Q1)

Based on those who said more than one item was the most important issue for the 2018 candidates to talk about

	04/18
Health care	21
The economy and jobs	22
Foreign policy	5
Climate change	5
Tax cuts and tax reform	4
The federal budget deficit	5
Immigration	12
Gun policy	23
Don't know/Refused	3
Don't know	1
Refused	1
	n=654

Q1/Q3 Combo Table – MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE

Based on total

	04/18
Health care	13
The economy and jobs	13
Foreign policy	4
Climate change	5
Tax cuts and tax reform	3
The federal budget deficit	5
Immigration	7
Gun policy	14
None of these	36
Don't know/Refused	1

Q1/Q3 Combo Table – MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE

Based on those who are registered to vote

	04/18
Health care	12
The economy and jobs	13
Foreign policy	3
Climate change	5
Tax cuts and tax reform	3
The federal budget deficit	5
Immigration	8
Gun policy	14
None of these	36
Don't know/Refused	1
	n=1655

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Q4. Previously you said health care is an important issue for 2018 candidates to talk about, what specifically do you mean? (DO NOT READ LIST)

Based on those who said health care is the most important or a very important issue for the candidates to talk about

Percentages will add up to more than 100 due to multiple responses.

	04/18
Health care costs	38
Medicare/senior concerns	9
Improve how health care is delivered	8
Opposition to/Repealing the ACA	5
Implementing/Improving the ACA	5
Increasing access/Decrease number of uninsured	12
Single-payer/Medicare-for-all	4
Universal coverage	12
Concern about quality of coverage/care	9
Medicaid	3
Decreasing/preventing chronic illnesses	1
Keep government out	1
Prescription costs/control pharmaceutical companies	1
ACA general mention	2
Healthcare/insurance general mention	6
Other (Specify)	3
Nothing, not an issue	1
Don't know/Refused	3
Don't know	3
Refused	*
	n=1538

Q1/Q4 Combo Table

Based on total

	04/18
Health care is the most important issue or very important but not the most important	78
Health care costs	30
Medicare/senior concerns	7
Improve how health care is delivered	6
Opposition to/Repealing the ACA	4
Implementing/Improving the ACA	4
Increasing access/Decrease number of uninsured	9
Single-payer/Medicare-for-all	3
Universal coverage	9
Concern about quality of coverage/care	7
Medicaid	3
Decreasing/preventing chronic illnesses	1
Keep government out	*
Prescription costs/control pharmaceutical companies	1
ACA general mention	1
Healthcare/insurance general mention	5
Other (Specify)	2
Nothing, not an issue	1
Don't know/Refused	3
Health care is somewhat important	16
Health care is not too important	6
Health care is not at all important (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	1

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Q1/Q4 Combo Table

Based on those who are registered to vote

	04/18
Health care is the most important issue or very important but not the most important	77
Health care costs	29
Medicare/senior concerns	7
Improve how health care is delivered	6
Opposition to/Repealing the ACA	5
Implementing/Improving the ACA	4
Increasing access/Decrease number of uninsured	8
Single-payer/Medicare-for-all	3
Universal coverage	9
Concern about quality of coverage/care	6
Medicaid	2
Decreasing/preventing chronic illnesses	*
Keep government out	1
Prescription costs/control pharmaceutical companies	1
ACA general mention	1
Healthcare/insurance general mention	5
Other (Specify)	2
Nothing, not an issue	1
Don't know/Refused	2
Health care is somewhat important	16
Health care is not too important	7
Health care is not at all important (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	*
	N=1655

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ACA. As you may know a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010, known commonly as the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare. Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? [GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that a very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) opinion?] (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/ Refused
04/18	27	22	15	28	9
03/18	26	24	15	28	7
02/18	33	21	12	30	5
01/18	27	23	12	30	8
11/17	29	21	17	29	5
10/17	29	22	13	27	9
09/17	27	19	14	30	10
08/17	30	22	10	29	9
07/17	28	22	12	32	6
06/17	29	22	14	27	8
05/17	29	20	13	29	9
Late 04/17[3]	24	24	15	26	12
Early 04/17	20	26	16	30	9
03/17	21	28	15	29	6
02/17	20	28	15	27	10
12/16	21	22	16	30	11
11/16	19	24	17	28	11
10/16	19	26	13	32	10
09/16	18	26	17	30	9
08/16	19	21	14	28	17
07/16	18	22	17	29	14
06/16	18	24	12	32	14
04/16	15	23	17	32	13
03/16	21	20	17	30	13
02/16	19	22	12	34	14
01/16	21	20	16	28	16
12/15	19	21	13	33	14
11/15	19	19	17	28	17
10/15	21	21	15	27	16
09/15	21	20	15	30	14
08/15	23	21	16	25	14
06/29/15	23	20	13	27	17
06/09/15	19	20	16	26	19
04/15	22	21	15	27	14
03/15	22	19	15	28	16
01/15	19	21	16	30	15
12/14	18	23	16	30	14
11/14	18	19	16	30	18
10/14	16	20	16	27	20
09/14	15	20	15	32	19
07/14	15	22	18	35	11
06/14	19	20	15	30	16
05/14	19	19	12	33	17
04/14	19	19	16	30	16
03/14	18	20	14	32	15
02/14	16	19	14	33	18
01/14	17	17	15	35	16
12/13	17	17	12	36	18
11/13	15	18	13	36	18
10/13	21	17	13	31	18
09/13	20	19	13	30	17
08/13	17	20	14	28	20

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[3] January 2012 through Late April 2017 trend wording was "As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010…"

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ACA continued

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/ Refused
06/13	15	20	13	30	23
04/13	16	19	12	28	24
03/13	17	20	13	27	23
02/13	18	18	13	29	23
11/12	19	24	12	27	19
10/12	20	18	14	29	19
09/12	25	20	12	28	14
08/12	21	17	13	30	19
07/12	20	18	13	31	17
06/12	25	16	11	30	18
05/12	17	20	12	32	19
04/12	20	22	9	34	15
03/12	18	23	11	29	19
02/12	17	25	16	27	15
01/12	18	19	14	30	19
12/11[4]	19	22	15	28	17
11/11	17	20	15	29	19
10/11	12	22	20	31	15
09/11	18	23	14	29	16
08/11	16	23	17	27	17
07/11	20	22	12	31	15
06/11	15	27	16	30	12
05/11	19	23	15	29	14
04/11	20	21	14	27	18
03/11	21	21	15	31	13
02/11	16	27	19	29	8
01/11	19	22	16	34	9
12/10[5]	22	20	14	27	18
11/10	19	23	12	28	18
10/10	18	24	15	29	15
09/10	19	30	15	25	11
08/10	19	24	13	32	12
07/10	21	29	10	25	14
06/10	20	28	16	25	10
05/10	14	27	12	32	14
04/10[6]	23	23	10	30	14

RVOTE.   Are you registered to vote at your present address, or not?

	04/18
Yes	77
No	22
Don't know/Refused	*

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[4] February 2011 through December 2011 trend wording was "As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law early last year. Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? (Is that a very favorable/unfavorable or somewhat favorable/unfavorable opinion?)"

[5] May 2010 through December 2011 trend wording was "As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law earlier this year…"

[6] April 2010 trend wording was "President Obama did sign a health reform bill into law last month…Given what you know about the new health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? (Is that a very favorable/unfavorable or somewhat favorable/unfavorable opinion?)"

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READED: Thinking again about the upcoming Congressional election in November…

Q5. Say a candidate for Congress (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE). Would that make you (more likely) to vote for that candidate, (less likely), or wouldn't it make much difference in your vote? How about (INSERT ITEM)? (IF NECESSARY: Say a candidate for Congress (INSERT ITEM). Would that make you (more likely) to vote for that candidate, (less likely), or wouldn't it make much difference in your vote?) (rotate response options 1-2/2-1) (scramble items a-h)

Based on those who are registered to vote

	More likely	Less likely	Wouldn't make much difference in vote	Don't plan to vote (Vol.)	Don't know/ Refused	
a. Wants to repeal the 2010 health care law, also known as the Affordable Care Act	35	39	23	*	3	*n=1655*
c. Supports passing legislation to bring down the price of prescription drugs	71	3	23	-	2	*n=1655*
d. Supports the 2010 health care law, also known as the Affordable Care Act	41	32	25	-	2	*n=1655*
e. Wants to lower the amount individuals pay for health care and health insurance	68	7	22	*	3	*n=1655*
f. Wants to reduce government spending on health programs like Medicare or Medicaid	18	60	19	*	2	*n=1655*
g. Supports passing a national health plan in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan	39	37	19	-	5	*n=1655*
h. Supports universal health care coverage	51	24	21	*	4	*n=1655*

Q6. Compared to previous Congressional elections, this year are you (more) enthusiastic about voting than usual, (less) enthusiastic, or about the same as in previous elections? (rotate response options 1-2/2-1)

Based on those who are registered to vote

	04/18	09/14
More enthusiastic	35	20
Less enthusiastic	11	20
About the same as previous elections	53	57
Don't plan to vote (Vol.)[7]	*	1
Don't know/Refused	1	2
	n=1655	*n=1239*

[7] September 2014 trend wording for this voluntary item was "Don't vote, not registered to vote, don't plan to vote (VOL.)"

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Based on total

	04/18
Yes, registered to vote	77
More enthusiastic	27
Less enthusiastic	9
About the same as previous elections	41
Don't plan to vote (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	1
No, not registered to vote	22
Don't know/Refused	1

Q7.   What is the main reason you are [IF Q6=1, INSERT: more/IF Q6=2, INSERT: less] enthusiastic than usual about voting in this year's Congressional election compared to previous years? (OPEN-END. ACCEPT ONE RESPONSE) (IF R GIVES MORE THAN ONE REASON PROBE WITH: I understand, which of those would you consider to be the MAIN reason?)

Based on registered voters who are more or less enthusiastic than usual about voting in this year's Congressional election compared to previous years

	04/18
Desire for change (NET)	16
Want to change the people in Congress	9
Change of government/administration	7
Rectify last election/better candidates	1
To vote against President Trump/Current administration	7
Important to participate/want vote counted/more knowledgeable/involved this election	7
Way things are going/Direction of the country	7
Dissatisfaction with government/politics (NET)	6
Government dysfunction/Upset with Congress	5
Country is too divided	1
Democratic control of Senate/Congress	5
Concern about specific issues	5
To vote to support President Trump/Current administration	5
Important this year (NET)	4
Seems to matter more this year	3
Current political climate	1
Dislike politicians (NET)	4
Candidates/politicians make false promises	2
Candidates/politicians lack civility	1
Republican control of Senate/Congress	3
President Trump (general mention)	3
Lack of qualified candidates	2
My vote doesn't count/make a difference	1
General corruption	1
Not into politics/unaware of what's going on	1
Other	20
Don't know/Refused	1
Don't know	1
Refused	*
	n=784

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Based on registered voters who are more enthusiastic than usual about voting in this year's Congressional election compared to previous years

	04/18
Desire for change (NET)	20
Want to change the people in Congress	11
Change of government/administration	8
Rectify last election/better candidates	1
Important to participate/want vote counted/more knowledgeable/involved this election	9
Way things are going/Direction of the country	9
To vote against President Trump/Current administration	9
Democratic control of Senate/Congress	7
To vote to support President Trump/Current administration	6
Concern about specific issues	6
Important this year (NET)	5
Seems to matter more this year	4
Current political climate	1
Republican control of Senate/Congress	5
Dissatisfaction with government/politics (NET)	4
Government dysfunction/Upset with Congress	3
Country is too divided	1
President Trump (general mention)	4
General corruption	1
Lack of qualified candidates	*
Candidates/politicians lack civility	*
Other	14
Don't know/Refused	1
Don't know	1
Refused	*
	n=603

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Based on registered voters who are less enthusiastic than usual about voting in this year's Congressional election compared to previous years

	04/18
Dislike politicians (NET)	15
Candidates/politicians make false promises	10
Candidates/politicians lack civility	5
Dissatisfaction with government/politics (NET)	10
Government dysfunction/Upset with Congress	9
Country is too divided	*
Lack of qualified candidates	8
My vote doesn't count/make a difference	6
Desire for change (NET)	5
Change of government/administration	2
Want to change the people in Congress	2
Concern about specific issues	4
Not into politics/unaware of what's going on	3
To vote against President Trump/Current administration	3
General corruption	2
Important to participate/want vote counted/more knowledgeable/involved this election	1
Way things are going/Direction of the country	1
To vote to support President Trump/Current administration	*
Democratic control of Senate/Congress	*
Current political climate	*
President Trump (general mention)	*
Other	38
Don't know/Refused	3
Don't know	3
Refused	--
	n=181

Based on those who are registered to vote

	04/18
More enthusiastic about voting	35
Desire for change (NET)	7
Want to change the people in Congress	4
Change of government/administration	3
Rectify last election/better candidates	1
Important to participate/want vote counted/more knowledgeable/involved this election	3
Way things are going/Direction of the country	3
To vote against President Trump/Current administration	3
Democratic control of Senate/Congress	2
To vote to support President Trump/Current administration	2
Concern about specific issues	2
Important this year (NET)	2
Seems to matter more this year	1
Current political climate	*
Republican control of Senate/Congress	2
Dissatisfaction with government/politics (NET)	1
Government dysfunction/Upset with Congress	1
Country is too divided	*
President Trump (general mention)	1
General corruption	*
Lack of qualified candidates	*
Candidates/politicians lack civility	*
Other	5
Don't know/Refused	*
Less enthusiastic about voting	11
Dislike politicians (NET)	2
Candidates/politicians make false promises	1
Candidates/politicians lack civility	1
Dissatisfaction with government/politics (NET)	1
Government dysfunction/Upset with Congress	1
Country is too divided	*
Lack of qualified candidates	1
My vote doesn't count/make a difference	1
Desire for change (NET)	1
Change of government/administration	*
Want to change the people in Congress	*
Concern about specific issues	*
Not into politics/unaware of what's going on	*
To vote against President Trump/Current administration	*
General corruption	*
Important to participate/want vote counted/more knowledgeable/involved this election	*
Way things are going/Direction of the country	*
To vote to support President Trump/Current administration	*
Democratic control of Senate/Congress	*
Current political climate	*
President Trump (general mention)	*
Other	4
Don't know/Refused	*
About the same as previous elections	53
Don't plan to vote (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	1
	n=1655

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Based on total

	04/18
Yes, registered to vote	77
More enthusiastic about voting	27
Desire for change (NET)	5
Want to change the people in Congress	3
Change of government/administration	2
Rectify last election/better candidates	*
Important to participate/want vote counted/more knowledgeable/involved this election	2
Way things are going/Direction of the country	2
To vote against President Trump/Current administration	2
Democratic control of Senate/Congress	2
To vote to support President Trump/Current administration	2
Concern about specific issues	2
Important this year (NET)	1
Seems to matter more this year	1
Current political climate	*
Republican control of Senate/Congress	1
Dissatisfaction with government/politics (NET)	1
Government dysfunction/Upset with Congress	1
Country is too divided	*
President Trump (general mention)	1
General corruption	*
Lack of qualified candidates	*
Candidates/politicians lack civility	*
Other	4
Don't know/Refused	*
Less enthusiastic about voting	9
Dislike politicians (NET)	1
Candidates/politicians make false promises	1
Candidates/politicians lack civility	*
Dissatisfaction with government/politics (NET)	1
Government dysfunction/Upset with Congress	1
Country is too divided	*
Lack of qualified candidates	1
My vote doesn't count/make a difference	1
Desire for change (NET)	*
Change of government/administration	*
Want to change the people in Congress	*
Concern about specific issues	*
Not into politics/unaware of what's going on	*
To vote against President Trump/Current administration	*
General corruption	*
Important to participate/want vote counted/more knowledgeable/involved this election	*
Way things are going/Direction of the country	*
To vote to support President Trump/Current administration	*
Democratic control of Senate/Congress	*
Current political climate	*
President Trump (general mention)	*
Other	3
Don't know/Refused	*
About the same as previous elections	41
Don't plan to vote (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	1
No, not registered to vote	22
Don't know/Refused	1

Q8.	What will make the biggest difference in how you vote for Congress, (specific national issues), (local or state issues), (the candidate's character and experience), or (a candidate's support for or opposition to President Trump)? (scramble response options 1-4)

Based on those who are registered to vote

	04/18
Specific national issues	24
Local or state issues	18
The candidate's character and experience	26
A candidate's support for or opposition to President Trump	26
Don't plan to vote (Vol.)	*
All (Vol.)	3
None/other (Vol.)	1
Don't know/Refused	3
	n=1655

RVOTE/Q8 COMBO TABLE

Based on total

	04/18
Yes, registered to vote	77
Specific national issues	18
Local or state issues	14
The candidate's character and experience	20
A candidate's support for or opposition to President Trump	20
Don't plan to vote (Vol.)	*
All (Vol.)	2
None/other (Vol.)	1
Don't know/Refused	2
No, not registered to vote	22
Don't know/Refused	1

READ TO ALL: Moving onto another topic…

Q9.	When you hear the term "chronic disease," do you think it applies to (INSERT FIRST ITEM), or not? How about (NEXT ITEM)? (IF NECESSARY: When you hear the term "chronic disease" do you think this applies to (INSERT ITEM), or not?)

Items a, c, g: Based on half sample A
Items b, d, f: Based on half sample B

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused	
a. Asthma	75	20	4	*	*n=988*
b. Cancer	72	24	3	*	*n=1012*
c. Mental health illness	73	22	4	*	*n=988*
d. Arthritis	72	25	3	*	*n=1012*
f. Diabetes	78	18	3	*	*n=1012*
g. Heart disease	81	16	3	*	*n=988*

READ TO ALL: As you may know, the term "chronic disease" includes conditions such as asthma, cancer, mental health illness, arthritis, diabetes, and heart disease.

Q11. How many individuals do you think live with a chronic disease in the U.S.? Is it about one in ten, about one in four, about half, or more than half? (IF THE R SAYS DON'T KNOW, PROBE WITH: I understand, your best guess is just fine.)

Based on half sample A

	04/18
About one in ten	14
About one in four	30
About half	25
More than half	29
Don't know	1
Refused	*
	n=988

Q12. About how much of all of the money spent on health care in the U.S. is spent treating chronic disease? Is it about one-quarter, about half, about three-quarters, or more than three-quarters? (IF THE R SAYS DON'T KNOW, PROBE WITH: I understand, your best guess is just fine.)

Based on half sample B

	04/18
About one-quarter	29
About half	30
About three-quarters	20
More than three-quarters	14
Don't know	7
Refused	1
	n=1012

Q13. In general, (do you think people who have chronic diseases mostly have themselves to blame for their condition), or (do you think chronic disease is usually due to factors and circumstances beyond a person's control)? (rotate response options 1-2/2-1)

Based on half sample A

	04/18
Mostly have themselves to blame	11
Due to factors and circumstances beyond their control	70
Both equally/It depends (Vol.)	15
Don't know/Refused	4
	n=988

Q15. How much of a role, if any, do you think (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) should play in helping to prevent individuals in this country from getting chronic diseases? A major role, a minor role, or no role at all? What about (INSERT NEXT)? (IF NEEDED: Should they play a major role, a minor role, or no role at all in helping to prevent individuals in this country from getting chronic diseases?) (scramble items a-d)

Based on half sample B

	Major role	Minor role	No role at all	Don't know/ Refused	
a. The government	54	28	16	2	*n=1012*
b. Employers and businesses	45	38	15	2	*n=1012*
c. Health care providers	75	19	5	2	*n=1012*
d. Individuals themselves	82	13	3	2	*n=1012*

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Q16.   And which one of these should play the largest role helping to prevent individuals in this country from getting chronic diseases? (READ LIST)

Based on half sample B who said more than one issue plays a major role in helping prevent individuals from getting chronic diseases

	04/18
The government	18
Employers and businesses	6
Health care providers	23
Individuals themselves	48
All of these (Vol.)	4
None of these (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	1
	n=809

Q15/Q16 COMBO TABLE – MAJOR ROLE

Based on half sample B

	04/18
The government	15
Employers and businesses	5
Health care providers	22
Individuals themselves	50
All of these (Vol.)	3
None of these (Vol.)	4
Don't know/Refused	1
	n=1012

Q17. Do you (favor) or (oppose) the following approaches aimed at preventing or managing chronic diseases? First/Next (INSERT ITEM). (IF NECESSARY: Do you (favor) or (oppose) this approach aimed at preventing or managing chronic diseases) (rotate response options 1-2/2-1) (scramble items a-h)

Items a, c, e, g: Based on half sample C
Items b, d, f, h: Based on half sample D

	Favor	Oppose	Don't know/ Refused	
a. Requiring schools to educate children and promote healthy choices through more physical activity and restricting food and drink choices	81	17	2	*n=1022*
b. Banning advertisements for unhealthy foods and drinks	46	52	3	*n=978*
c. Increasing government funding to pay for healthy alternatives such as farmers' markets and bike paths in lower-income areas	73	24	3	*n=1022*
d. Increasing government funding to pay for early childhood health programs, housing programs, and employment assistance for lower-income individuals	76	22	2	*n=978*
e. Discouraging unhealthy choices by limiting the types or amounts of foods and drinks people can buy	29	69	2	*n=1022*
f. Discouraging unhealthy choices by placing a tax on the sale of unhealthy foods and drinks	42	56	2	*n=978*
g. Requiring restaurants and companies to promote healthy choices through more labeling and posting calorie information on menus	74	24	1	*n=1022*
h. Increasing government funding to pay for technology to help lower-income individuals manage their chronic disease	72	25	3	*n=978*

READ TO ALL: Now I have a few questions we will use to describe the people who took part in our survey...

RSEX. Are you male or female?

	04/18
Male	49
Female	51
Other (Vol.)	*
Don't know	--
Refused[8]	*

GENDER VARIABLE

	04/18
Male	49
Female	51
Other (Vol.)	*

AGE. What is your age?
AGE2. (ASK IF DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED AGE) Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of... (READ LIST)

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[8] Refusals were coded by observation

RECAGE2 VARIABLE

	04/18
18-29	22
30-49	31
50-64	27
65+	20
Don't know/Refused	*

COVERAGE. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time? (READ IF NECESSARY: A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or [Medicaid/Medi-CAL])?

	04/18
Covered by health insurance	85
Not covered by health insurance	14
Don't know	1
Refused	*

COVTYPE. Which of the following is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage? Is it a plan through your employer, a plan through your spouse's employer, a plan you purchased yourself either from an insurance company or a state or federal marketplace, are you covered by Medicare or (Medicaid/[INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME]), or do you get your health insurance from somewhere else?

Based on those who are insured

	04/18
Plan through your employer	35
Plan through your spouse's employer	12
Plan you purchased yourself	9
Medicare	21
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	11
Somewhere else (SPECIFY)	6
Plan through your parents/mother/father (VOL.)	6
Don't know	*
Refused	1
	n=1794

COVERAGE/COVTYPE Combo Table

Based on total

	04/18
Covered by health insurance	85
Employer	30
Spouse's employer	10
Self-purchased plan	7
Medicare	18
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	10
Somewhere else	5
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	5
Don't know/refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	14
Don't know/Refused	1

AGECOVTYPE VARIABLE

Based on those ages 18-64

	04/18
Covered by health insurance	82
Employer	34
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan	8
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	11
Somewhere else	5
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	6
Don't know/refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	17
Don't know/Refused	1
	n=1331

COVSELF. Did you purchase your plan directly from an insurance company, from the marketplace known as healthcare.gov [IF HAS STATE SPECIFIC NAME: or (INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC MARKETPLACE NAME)], or through an insurance agent or broker?

Based on those ages 18-64 who purchase their own insurance plan

	04/18
Directly from an insurance company	29
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	38
Through an insurance agent or broker	26
Somewhere else (SPECIFY) (VOL.)	3
Don't know	1
Refused	3
	n=123

COVERAGE/COVTYPE/COVSELF Combo Table

Based on those ages 18-64

	04/18
Covered by health insurance	82
Employer	34
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan (SUB-NET)	8
Directly from an insurance company	2
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	3
Through an insurance agent or broker	2
Somewhere else (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	*
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	11
Somewhere else	5
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	6
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	17
Don't know/Refused	1
	n=1331

COVMKT. Regardless of how you purchased your plan, do you know if it is a marketplace or [healthcare.gov/INSERT STATE SPECIFIC MARKETPLACE NAME] plan, is it NOT a marketplace or [healthcare.gov/INSERT STATE SPECIFIC MARKETPLACE NAME] plan, or are you not sure?

Based on those ages 18-64 who purchased insurance through non-marketplace (sample size insufficient to report)

COVERAGE/COVTYPE/COVSELF/COVMKT

Based on those ages 18-64

	04/18
Covered by health insurance (NET)	82
Employer	34
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan (SUB-NET)	8
Directly from an insurance company/agent/or broker/other (SUB-SUB-NET)	5
Marketplace plan	1
Non-Marketplace plan	2
Not sure/Refused	2
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	3
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	11
Somewhere else	5
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	6
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	17
Don't know/Refused	1
	n=1331

MEDBILLS. In the past 12 months, did you or anyone in your household have problems paying or an inability to pay any medical bills, such as bills for doctors, dentists, medication, or home care? (IF NEEDED: This includes bills you have had problems paying over the past 12 months, even if the initial bill was incurred more than 12 months ago.)

	04/18	06/17	02/17	11/15
Yes	27	28	29	23
No	73	72	70	77
Don't know/Refused	*	1	1	*
	n=2000	*n=1208*	*n=1160*	*n=1352*

CHRONICHC. Do you or anyone in your immediate family have a chronic health condition – such as asthma, high blood pressure, or cancer – that requires ongoing medical treatment?

	04/18
Yes	59
No	41
Don't know	*
Refused	*

CHRONICPRE. Would you say you or your family member are doing everything you can to prevent the condition from getting worse, many but not all the things you could do to prevent the condition from getting worse, just a few of the things you could do, or none of things you could to prevent the condition from getting worse?

Based on those who have a chronic health condition or a member of their family has a chronic health condition

	04/18
Everything	55
Many but not all the things	35
Just a few things	7
None of the things	2
Don't know	1
Refused	*
	n=1185

CHRONICHC/CHRONICPRE COMBO TABLE

Based on total

	04/18
Yes, respondent or a member of their family has a chronic health condition	59
Everything	32
Many but not all the things	20
Just a few things	4
None of the things	1
Don't know/refused	1
No, respondent or a member of their family does not have a chronic health condition	41
Don't know/Refused	1

EMPLOY. What best describes your employment situation today?

	04/18
Employed (NET)	55
Employed full-time	46
Employed part-time	9
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	5
Unemployed and not seeking employment	2
A student	5
Retired	18
On disability and can't work	9
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent?	6
Don't know/Refused	*

PARTY. In politics today, do you consider yourself a: (Republican), (Democrat), an Independent, or what?

	04/18
Republican	24
Democrat	32
Independent	32
Or what/Other/None/No preference	8
Don't know	2
Refused	2

PARTYLEAN. Do you LEAN more towards the (Republican) Party or the (Democratic) Party? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS PARTY)

Based on those who say they are Independent party, other, or don't know/refused

	04/18
Republican	28
Democratic	34
Independent/don't lean to either party (VOL.)	25
Other party (VOL.)	1
Don't know	6
Refused	5
	n=837

Summary PARTY and PARTYLEAN

Based on total

	04/18
Republican/Lean Republican	36
Democrat/Lean Democratic	47
Pure Independent	13
Undesignated	4

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	04/18
Democrat	32
Independent Lean Democratic	15
Independent/Don't lean	11
Independent Lean Republican	12
Republican	24
Undesignated	5

IDEOLOGY. Would you say your views in most political matters are liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	04/18
Liberal	25
Moderate	33
Conservative	37
Don't know	3
Refused	1

LVOTE.   I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the congressional election in November: Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

Based on those who are registered to vote

	04/18
Absolutely certain to vote	70
Probably vote	17
Chances 50-50	9
Less than that	3
Don't think will vote (Vol.)	*
Don't know	*
Refused	*
	n=1655

RVOTE/LVOTE COMBO TABLE

Based on total

	04/18
Yes, registered to vote	77
Absolutely certain to vote	54
Probably vote	13
Chances 50-50	7
Less than that	2
Don't think will vote (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	*
No, not registered to vote	22
Don't know/Refused	1

PVOTE. If November's (the 2018) election for Congress were held today, which party's candidate are you more likely to vote for in your district?

Based on those who are registered to vote

	04/18
Democrat	46
Republican	38
Neither/Another party (Vol.)	2
Undecided (Vol.)	9
Don't know	4
Refused	1
	n=1655

RVOTE/PVOTE COMBO TABLE

Based on total

	04/18
Yes, registered to vote	77
Democrat	35
Republican	29
Neither/Another party (Vol.)	2
Undecided (Vol.)	7
Don't know/Refused	4
No, not registered to vote	22
Don't know/Refused	1

PVOTE2. Is your view of President Trump a major factor in this decision, a minor factor, or not a factor at all?

Based on registered voters who have decided on a party to vote for

	04/18
Major factor	48
Minor factor	19
Not a factor	32
Don't know	*
Refused	1
	n=1419

PVOTE/PVOTE2 COMBO TABLE

Based on those who are registered to vote

	04/18
Democrat	46
Major factor	27
Minor factor	8
Not a factor	10
Don't know/Refused	*
Republican	38
Major factor	14
Minor factor	8
Not a factor	15
Don't know/Refused	*
Neither/Another (Vol.)	2
Major factor	*
Minor factor	*
Not a factor	2
Don't know/Refused	*
Undecided (Vol.)	9
Don't know/Refused	6
	n=1655

RVOTE/PVOTE/PVOTE2 COMBO TABLE

Based on total

	04/18
Yes, registered to vote	77
Democrat/Republican/Neither/Another	66
Major factor	32
Minor factor	13
Not a factor	21
Don't know/Refused	1
Undecided (Vol.)	7
Don't know/Refused	4
No, not registered to vote	22
Don't know/Refused	1

TrumpApprove. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

	04/18
Approve (NET)	40
Strongly approve	23
Somewhat approve	17
Disapprove (NET)	55
Somewhat disapprove	12
Strongly disapprove	43
Don't know/Refused	5

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EDUC. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

	04/18
HS grad or less (NET)	40
Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)	4
High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with no diploma)	6
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)	30
Some college (NET)	30
Some college, no degree (includes some community college)	17
Two-year associate degree from a college or university	13
College grad+ (NET)	30
Four-year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree	17
Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree	2
Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree	11
Don't know/Refused	1

HISPANIC. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

	04/18
Yes	15
No	84
Don't know	*
Refused	1

RACE. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian or some other race? (IF RESPONDENT SAYS HISPANIC ASK: Do you consider yourself a white Hispanic or a black Hispanic?)

Race/Hispanic Combo Table

Based on total

	04/18
White, non-Hispanic	64
Total non-White	36
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	11
Hispanic	15
Asian, non-Hispanic	4
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	4
Undesignated	2

NATIVITY. Were you born in the United States (IF HISPANIC=1 INSERT, on the island of Puerto Rico), or in another country?

Based on Hispanics

	04/18
U.S.	50
Puerto Rico	2
Another country	48
Don't know	--
Refused	--
	n=254

INCOME. Last year – that is, in 2017 – what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. [READ LIST]

	04/18
Less than $20,000	16
$20,000 to less than $30,000	13
$30,000 to less than $40,000	11
$40,000 to less than $50,000	8
$50,000 to less than $75,000	13
$75,000 to less than $90,000	6
$90,000 to less than $100,000	4
$100,000 or more	18
Don't know/Refused	10

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