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Early Release: Selected Questions From KFF Health Tracking Poll – October 2019

METHODOLOGY

This *KFF Health Tracking Poll* was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF). The survey was conducted October 3rd – 8th 2019, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,205 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). The sample included 290 respondents reached by calling back respondents that had previously completed an interview on the KFF Tracking poll at least nine months ago. Computer-assisted telephone interviews conducted by landline (300) and cell phone (905, including 623 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 ($n=10$). 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 2017 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 July-December 2018 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 and likelihood of non-response for the re-contacted sample. 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	1,205	±3 percentage points
Party Identification		
Democrats	355	±6 percentage points
Republicans	301	±7 percentage points
Independents	447	±6 percentage points
Democrats/Democratic-leaning independents/Independents with no leaning	659	±5 percentage points
Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents	564	±5 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.

QUESTIONS ACA-Q1 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

Q2. Which political party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans), do you trust to do a better job (INSERT ITEM)? What about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? (rotate items in parentheses) (scramble items b-d)

ITEMS a, b, c HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

Table I based on half sample B

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (Vol.)	Neither (Vol.)	Don't know	Refused	
d. Making sure seniors on Medicare today are able to get the health care they need							
10/19	51	32	-	11	5	1	n=614
06/11	49	33	2	10	5	-	n=1,201

Table II based on those ages 65 and older in half sample B

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (Vol.)	Neither (Vol.)	Don't know	Refused	
d. Making sure seniors on Medicare today are able to get the health care they need							
10/19	49	33	-	12	5	1	n=198

QUESTIONS Q3-Q4 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

Q5. As far as you know, has President Trump promised to release a new health care plan in 2019 that will replace the Affordable Care Act, or is this not something the president has promised?

	10/19
Yes, President Trump has promised to release a plan	37
No, President Trump has not promised to release a plan	39
Don't know/Refused (NET)	24
Don't know	23
Refused	1

QUESTIONS Q5a-Q5b HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

Q6. President Trump has said that under his plan, Americans will get better health care at a lower cost than they pay now. How confident are you that he will deliver on this promise?

	10/19
Very/Somewhat confident (NET)	36
Very confident	18
Somewhat confident	18
Not too/Not at all confident (NET)	62
Not too confident	14
Not at all confident	48
His administration already delivered on this promise (Vol.)	-
Don't know/Refused	2

QUESTIONS Q7-Q15 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

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

	10/19
Republican	24
Democrat	29
Independent	37
Or what/Other/None/No preference	8
Don't know	2
Refused	1

PARTYLEAN. Do you LEAN more towards the (Republican) Party or the (Democratic) Party? (rotate items in parentheses in same order as PARTY)

Based on those who are not Republican or Democrat

	10/19
Republican	34
Democratic	39
Independent/don't lean to either party (Vol.)	18
Other party (Vol.)	2
Don't know	5
Refused	1
	<i>n=549</i>

Summary PARTY and PARTYLEAN

Based on total

	10/19
Republican/Lean Republican	40
Democrat/Lean Democratic	47
Pure Independent	10
Undesignated	2

Five-Point Party ID

	10/19
Democrat	29
Independent Lean Democrat	18
Independent/Don't lean	9
Independent Lean Republican	16
Republican	24
Undesignated	4

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?

	10/19
Male	50
Female	50
Other (Vol.)	*
Don't know	-
Refused	-

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)

RECA2 VARIABLE

	10/19
18-29	20
30-49	33
50-64	26
65+	21
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])?

	10/19
Covered by health insurance	87
Not covered by health insurance	13
Don't know	*
Refused	-

AGECOV VARIABLE

	10/19
Insured less than 65	84
Uninsured less than 65	16

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? [INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF R SAYS THEY GOT INSURANCE THROUGH HEALTHCARE.GOV, OBAMACARE, OR A STATE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE/EXCHANGE, CODE AS 3].

Based on those who are insured

	10/19
Plan through your employer	39
Plan through your spouse's employer	11
Plan you purchased yourself	9
Medicare	24
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	10
Somewhere else	3
Plan through your parents/mother/father (Vol.)	4
Don't know	*
Refused	1
	<i>n=1,086</i>

COVERAGE/COVTYPE Combo Table

Based on total

	10/19
Covered by health insurance	87
Employer	34
Spouse's employer	9
Self-purchased plan	8
Medicare	20
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	8
Somewhere else	3
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	4
Don't know/refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	13
Don't know/Refused	*

AGECOVTYPE VARIABLE

Based on those ages 18-64

	10/19
Covered by health insurance	84
Employer	40
Spouse's employer	10
Self-purchased plan	8
Medicare	7
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	9
Somewhere else	3
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	5
Don't know/refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	16
Don't know/Refused	*
	<i>n=800</i>

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 (sample size insufficient to report)

COVERAGE/COVTYPE/COVSELF Combo Table

Based on those ages 18-64

	10/19
Covered by health insurance	84
Employer	40
Spouse's employer	10
Self-purchased plan (SUB-NET)	8
Directly from an insurance company	2
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	2
Through an insurance agent or broker	3
Somewhere else (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	1
Medicare	7
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	9
Somewhere else	3
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	5
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	16
Don't know/Refused	*
	<i>n=800</i>

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? (ENTER ONE ONLY)

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

	10/19
Covered by health insurance (NET)	84
Employer	40
Spouse's employer	10
Self-purchased plan (SUB-NET)	8
Directly from an insurance company/agent/or broker/other (SUB-SUB-NET)	6
Marketplace plan	1
Non-Marketplace plan	1
Not sure/Refused	4
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	2
Medicare	7
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	9
Somewhere else	3
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	5
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	16
Don't know/Refused	*
	<i>n=800</i>

RX. Do you currently take any prescription medicine or not?

	10/19
Yes, take	58
No, do not take	41
Don't know/Refused	*

RXMANY. How many different prescription drugs do you take?

Based on those who currently take prescription medication

	10/19
1-3 (NET)	55
1	19
2	20
3	15
4+ (NET)	44
4	12
5	9
6	7
7	4
8	4
9	2
10	2
11 or more	5
Don't know/Refused	1
	<i>n=1,205</i>

QUESTIONS Q16 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

MARITAL. Are you currently married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

	10/19
Married	46
Living with a partner	9
Widowed	6
Divorced	10
Separated	3
Never been married	25
Don't know	*
Refused	1

EMPLOY. What best describes your employment situation today? [READ IN ORDER]

	10/19
Employed (NET)	58
Employed full-time	48
Employed part-time	10
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	4
Unemployed and not seeking employment	2
A student	5
Retired	20
On disability and can't work	8
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent?	3
Don't know/Refused	*

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

	10/19
Liberal	25
Moderate	34
Conservative	37
Don't know	3
Refused	1

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

	10/19
Yes	80
No	20
Don't know	*
Refused	-

TrumpApprove. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President? [GET ANSWER, THEN ASK: Do you strongly or somewhat (approve/disapprove)?]

	10/19
Approve (NET)	42
Strongly approve	27
Somewhat approve	15
Disapprove (NET)	56
Somewhat disapprove	10
Strongly disapprove	46
Don't know/Refused	2

EDUC. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? [DO NOT READ LIST] [INTERVIEWER NOTE: Enter code 3-HS graduate if R completed vocational, business, technical, or training courses after high school that did NOT count toward an associate degree from a college, community college or university (e.g., training for a certificate or an apprenticeship)]

	10/19
HS grad or less (NET)	38
Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)	3
High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with no diploma)	7
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)	28
Some college (NET)	30
Some college, no degree (includes some community college)	18
Two-year associate degree from a college or university	12
College grad+ (NET)	32
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	12
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?

	10/19
Yes	15
No	84
Don't know	*
Refused	*

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? CODE AS WHITE (1) OR BLACK (2). IF RESPONDENTS REFUSED TO PICK WHITE OR BLACK HISPANIC, RECORD HISPANIC AS "OTHER," CODE 97)

Race/Hispanic Combo Table

Based on total

	10/19
White, non-Hispanic	64
Total non-White	36
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	11
Hispanic	15
Asian, non-Hispanic	3
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

	10/19
U.S.	52
Puerto Rico	*
Another country	47
Don't know	-
Refused	*
	<i>n=130</i>

INCOME. Last year – that is, in 2018 – what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. [READ LIST]

	10/19
Less than \$20,000	14
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	11
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	14
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	8
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	6
\$100,000 or more	20
Don't know/Refused	8



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