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## *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: August 2015*

## METHODOLOGY

This *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF). The survey was conducted August 6-11, 2015, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,200 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 (480) and cell phone (720, including 419 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by Princeton Data Source under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI). Both the random digit dial landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International, LLC. 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 2013 American Community Survey (ACS) on sex, age, education, race, Hispanic origin, nativity (for Hispanics only), 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 2014 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. 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	1,200	±3 percentage points
<b>Party Identification</b>		
Democrats	362	±6 percentage points
Republicans	326	±6 percentage points
Independents	359	±6 percentage points
<b>Opinion of ACA</b>		
Favorable	525	±5 percentage points
Unfavorable	525	±5 percentage points
<b>Prescription Drug Use</b>		
Currently taking prescription medicine	743	±4 percentage points
Not currently taking prescription medicine	453	±5 percentage points
<b>Half Samples</b>		
Half Sample A	576	±5 percentage points
Half Sample B	624	±5 percentage points

All trends shown in this document come from 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)
- 03/08: Kaiser Family Foundation/USA Today/Harvard School of Public Health *The Public on Prescription Drugs and Pharmaceutical Companies* (January 3-23, 2008)

1. As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010. 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?] [INTERVIEWER NOTE: If respondent asks if the health reform law refers to the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare, please answer “yes”] (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/Refused
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
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 <sup>1</sup>	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	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

<sup>1</sup> May 2010 through December 2011 trend wording was “As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law early last year...”

Q.1 continued

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/Refused
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 <sup>2</sup>	23	23	10	30	14

2. Do you think the news media covers the health care law (too much), (too little) or about the right amount? (ROTATE VERBIAGE IN PARENS)

	08/15
Too much	16
Too little	37
About the right amount	37
Don't know/Refused	9

3. What would you like to see Congress do when it comes to the health care law? (READ AND ROTATE 1-4; 4-1)

	08/15	06/29/15	06/09/15	04/15	03/15	01/15	12/14	11/14
Expand what the law does	28	25	24	24	23	23	24	22
Move forward with implementing the law as it is	22	22	19	22	23	19	21	20
Scale back what the law does	12	12	12	12	10	14	12	17
Repeal the entire law	28	27	29	29	30	32	31	29
None of these/Something else (VOL.)	4	5	7	5	7	5	4	5
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	7	10	8	7	7	7	8

4. Do you think Congress should (repeal the law and replace it with a Republican-sponsored alternative) or should they (repeal the law and not replace it)?

*Based on those who say Congress should repeal the health care law (n=364)*

	08/15
Repeal the law and replace it with a Republican-sponsored alternative	44
Repeal the law and not replace it	40
None of these/Something else (VOL.)	12
Don't know/Refused	4

Summary Q3 and Q4 based on total

	08/15
Repeal the entire law	28
Repeal and replace with a Republican-sponsored alternative	12
Repeal and not replace	11
None/Something else (VOL.)	3
Don't know/Refused	1
Expand what the law does	28
Move forward with implementing the law as it is	22
Scale back what the law does	12
None/Something else (VOL.)	4
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5

<sup>2</sup> 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?)"

5. What if you heard that about 19 million people would become uninsured if the health care law is repealed? Would you still favor repealing the health care law, or not?

*Based on those who say Congress should repeal the health care law (n=364)*

	08/15
Still favor repealing	80
No longer favor repealing	12
Don't know/Refused	8

Summary of Q3 and Q5 based on total

	08/15
Repeal the entire law	28
Still favor repealing	23
No longer favor repealing	3
Don't know/Refused	2
Expand what the law does	28
Move forward with implementing the law as it is	22
Scale back what the law does	12
None/Something else (VOL.)	4
Don't know/Refused	5

6. As far as you know, do the Republicans in Congress have an agreed-upon alternative to the health care law, or not?

	08/15	01/15	05/14	03/11 <sup>3</sup>
Yes, Republicans have an agreed-upon alternative	12	14	13	13
No, they don't	70	63	61	60
Don't know/Refused	18	23	26	26

7. Thinking about how the issue of the 2010 health care law might affect your vote for president: (READ LIST. ROTATE 1-3, 3-1. ENTER ONE ONLY)

	08/15	02/12
Would you only vote for a candidate who shares your views on the health care law	22	25
Would you consider a candidate's position on the health care law as just one of many important factors	58	58
Do you not see the health care law as a major factor in your vote	15	14
Don't know/Refused	5	4

<sup>3</sup> Trend wording was "As far as you know, do the Republicans in Congress have an agreed-upon alternative to the health care reform law that was passed last year, or not?"

READ TO ALL: On another topic...

8. I am going to read you a list of companies and groups. For each one please tell me if you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of each. How about (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion? (GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that very or somewhat?)

*Items a, b, f based on Form A half sample*

*Items c, d, e based on Form B half sample*

*Item g based on total*

		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/refused
a. Oil companies	08/15 (n=576)	13	27	25	27	8
	03/08 (n=846)	9	20	17	46	8
b. Food manufacturers	08/15 (n=576)	18	40	22	12	8
	03/08 (n=846)	24	47	12	8	8
c. Airlines	08/15 (n=624)	18	37	21	13	11
	03/08 (n=849)	21	40	15	8	15
d. Banks	08/15 (n=624)	17	41	20	18	3
	03/08 (n=849)	27	42	16	7	7
e. Health insurance companies	08/15 (n=624)	14	30	25	26	5
	03/08 (n=849)	13	27	25	29	6
f. Doctors	08/15 (n=576)	43	35	11	7	5
	03/08 (n=846)	44	37	8	7	4
g. Pharmaceutical or drug companies	08/15 (n=1200)	12	30	23	30	5
	03/08 (n=1695)	15	32	21	23	8

9. In general, do you think the cost of prescription drugs is reasonable or unreasonable?

	08/15	06/09/15	03/08
Reasonable	24	22	18
Unreasonable	72	73	79
Don't Know/ Refused	4	5	2

10. Which of the following do you think would do a better job at keeping prescription drug costs down... (READ AND ROTATE)?

	08/15	06/03 <sup>4</sup>
Regulation by the federal government (or)	40	46
Competition in the marketplace	51	44
Both (VOL.)	4	4
Neither (VOL.)	2	1
Don't know/Refused	3	5

<sup>4</sup> Trend wording was "Which of the following do you think would do a better job at keeping health care costs down?"

11. I'm going to read actions some say would help keep prescription drug costs down. Please tell me whether you would favor or oppose each one. (First/Next), would you favor or oppose (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that strongly or just somewhat? (ENTER ONE ONLY)

*Based on Form A half sample (n=576)*

	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/ Refused
a. Allowing the federal government to negotiate with drug companies to get a lower price on medications for people on Medicare	55	28	7	8	2
b. Allowing Americans to buy prescription drugs imported from Canada	44	28	11	12	6
c. Requiring drug companies to release information to the public on how they set their drug prices	69	17	7	6	2
d. Limiting the amount drug companies can charge for high-cost drugs for illnesses like hepatitis or cancer	55	21	8	13	3
e. Encouraging people to buy lower cost drugs by requiring them to pay a higher share if they choose a similar, higher cost drug	18	30	19	20	13

12. I'm going to read actions some say would help keep prescription drug costs down. Please tell me how effective you think each one would be in keeping prescription drug costs down. (First/Next), do you think (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) would be very effective, somewhat effective, not too effective or not at all effective? [IF NECESSARY: in keeping prescription drug costs down] (ENTER ONLY ONE)

*Based on Form B half sample (n=624)*

	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Not too effective	Not at all effective	Don't know/ Refused
a. Allowing the federal government to negotiate with drug companies to get a lower price on medications for people on Medicare	37	35	12	15	2
b. Allowing Americans to buy prescription drugs imported from Canada	33	41	10	12	3
c. Requiring drug companies to release information to the public on how they set their drug prices	46	35	7	10	2
d. Limiting the amount drug companies can charge for high-cost drugs for illnesses like hepatitis or cancer	47	30	9	11	2
e. Encouraging people to buy lower cost drugs by requiring them to pay a higher share if they choose a similar, higher cost drug	16	41	20	19	5

13. Do you think prescription drugs developed over the past 20 years have generally made the lives of people in the US (better), (worse), or haven't they made much difference? (ROTATE VERBIAGE IN PARENS)

14. Would you say a lot (better/worse), or only a little (better/worse)?

Summary of Q13 and Q14 based on total

	08/15	03/08
Better	62	73
A lot better	42	52
A little better	19	19
Worse	15	10
A lot worse	11	7
A little worse	5	3
Haven't made much difference	19	14
Don't know/Refused	4	3

15. By researching and developing new drugs, do you think pharmaceutical companies are making more of a contribution to society than most other companies, less of a contribution, or about the same contribution?

	08/15	03/08
More of a contribution	22	26
Less of a contribution	17	14
About the same	57	56
Don't know/ Refused	4	4

16. In general, do you think people in this country pay higher or lower prices than people in Canada, Mexico, and Western Europe pay for the same prescription drug, or do you think they pay about the same amount?

	08/15	03/08
Pay higher prices	74	76
Pay lower prices	6	6
Pay about the same amount	12	10
Don't know/ Refused	7	8

17. In general, do you think pharmaceutical or drug companies make too much profit, not enough profit, or about the right amount of profit?

	08/15	03/08
Too much profit	73	74
Not enough profit	1	2
About the right amount of profit	21	22
Don't know/ Refused	5	2

18. Which statement comes closer to your own view? (READ AND ROTATE 1-2. ENTER ONE ONLY)

	08/15	03/08
Pharmaceutical companies are too concerned about making profits, and not concerned enough about helping people (or)	74	70
The balance of concern at pharmaceutical companies between making profits and helping people is about right	23	28
Don't know/ Refused	3	2



19. Have you heard of any programs by pharmaceutical companies that allow people who can't afford needed medications to apply for free or discounted drugs, or not?

	08/15	03/08
Yes, have heard	54	58
No, have not heard	45	42
Don't know/ Refused	1	1

20. Do you think these programs go far enough or not far enough to help people who can't afford medications they need?

*Based on those who have heard of programs*

	08/15	03/08
Far enough	27	23
Not far enough	61	65
Don't know/ Refused	12	12
	(n=720)	(n=1069)

Summary of Q19 and Q20 based on total

	08/15	03/08
Yes, have heard	54	58
Think programs go far enough	15	13
Programs don't go far enough	33	37
Don't know/Refused	6	7
No, have not heard	45	42
Don't know/ Refused	1	1

READ TO ALL: On another topic...

21. Next, please tell me how closely you have followed these stories that have been in the news recently. (First/Next,) (INSERT--READ AND RANDOMIZE). READ FOR FIRST ITEM THEN AS NECESSARY: Did you follow this story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

		Very closely	Fairly closely	Not too closely	Not at all closely	Don't know/ Refused
a. Controversy about Planned Parenthood	08/15	27	30	19	24	1
b. The merger between health insurance companies Anthem and Cigna	08/15	7	15	22	55	*
c. FDA approval of an expensive new cholesterol-lowering drug	08/15	6	12	21	62	*
d. Profits made by insurance companies	08/15	9	21	27	43	*
e. The 2016 presidential campaigns	08/15	33	36	17	13	1
	06/29/15	22	32	22	22	1
	06/09/15	25	31	18	26	1
f. Release of Medicare's annual financial report	08/15	6	14	26	55	*
g. The recent agreement on Iran's nuclear program between Iran, the United States and other nations	08/15	28	35	19	18	1
h. Four Marines killed in a shooting in Chattanooga, Tennessee	08/15	31	35	18	15	1
i. The death of an African American woman, Sandra Bland, in a Texas jail	08/15	23	31	19	26	1

READ TO ALL: Now I'm going to ask you a few questions about the neighborhood you live in...

22. Would you say your neighborhood does or does not have enough (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? How about (NEXT ITEM)? [IF NECESSARY: Would you say your neighborhood does or does not have enough (ITEM)?]

	Enough	Not Enough	Too much/ too many (VOL.)	Don't know/ Refused
a. Places where you can buy groceries including fresh produce	80	19	*	1
b. Restaurants	73	23	2	1
c. Places where children can play outside	67	31	--	1
d. Public transportation	51	46	*	3
e. Police presence	77	19	3	2

23. These days, how safe from crime do you feel in your neighborhood? Would you say you feel very safe from crime, somewhat safe, not too safe, or not safe at all? (ENTER ONE ONLY)

	08/15
Very safe from crime	54
Somewhat safe	36
Not too safe	7
Not safe at all	3
Don't know/ Refused	1

24. How much of the time do you think you can trust the police to do what is right for you or your community? Almost always, most of the time, only some of the time, OR almost never? (ENTER ONE ONLY)

	08/15
Almost always	40
Most of the time	34
Only some of the time	19
Almost never	7
Don't know/ Refused	1

READ: Finally, I have just a few questions we will use to describe the people who took part in our survey...

D5. What is your age? (RECORD EXACT AGE AS TWO-DIGIT CODE.)

D6. (ASK IF DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED AGE) Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of... (READ LIST)

	08/15
18-29	23
30-49	31
50-64	27
65 and older	19
Don't know/Refused	*

D4. 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])?

	08/15
Covered by health insurance	87
Not covered by health insurance	13
Don't know/Refused	*

D4a. 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 (n=1,078)*

	08/15
Plan through your employer	35
Plan through your spouse's employer	12
Plan you purchased yourself	11
Medicare	21
Medicaid/[STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME]	11
Somewhere else	2
Plan through your parents/mother/father (VOL.)	7
Don't know/Refused	1

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

*Based on those ages 18-64 who purchased own insurance plan (sample size insufficient to report)*

Summary D4, D4a, Q25 based on those ages 18-64 (n=842)

	08/15
Covered by health insurance	85
Employer	35
Spouse's employer	12
Self-purchased plan	10
Directly from an insurance company	3
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	3
Through an insurance agent or broker	4
Somewhere else (VOL.)	*
Don't know/Refused	*
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	10
Somewhere else	2
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	7
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	15
Don't know/Refused	*

26. 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 purchased own insurance plan except those who bought plan through marketplace (sample size insufficient to report)*

Summary D4, D4a, Q25, and Q26 based on those ages 18-64 (n=842)

	07/15
Covered by health insurance	85
Employer	35
Spouse's employer	12
Self-purchased plan	10
Directly from insurance company/agent or broker/Other	7
Marketplace plan	1
Non-marketplace plan	2
Not sure/Refused	3
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	3
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	10
Somewhere else	2
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	7
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	15
Don't know/Refused	*

27. Thinking about your own health care costs, which of the following do you find to be the greatest financial burden? Is it paying for: (READ LIST, ROTATE 1-4. THEN 5, READ 6 LAST.)

*Based on those who are insured*

	08/15	05/12	07/11
The deductible you pay before insurance kicks in	17	14	16
Your health insurance premiums	14	17	21
Your prescription drugs	11	--	--
Your doctor visits	7	--	--
Some other health care cost	3	5	4
Or is paying for health care and health insurance not a financial burden for you?	44	42	32
<i>Co-pays for doctor visits and prescription drugs<sup>5</sup></i>	--	16	19
All equally (VOL.)	3	3	6
Don't know/Refused	1	3	2
	(n=1,078)	(n=1,013)	(n=1,025)

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

	08/15	06/09/15	03/08
Yes, take	54	50	54
No, do not take	46	49	45
Don't Know/ Refused	*	*	*

<sup>5</sup> Trend results included an option for "Co-pays for doctor visits and prescription drugs".

29. How many different prescription drugs do you take?

*Based on those who take Rx medicine*

	08/15	03/08
1	23	28
2	22	20
3	16	16
4 or more	37	35
Don't Know/ Refused	2	1
	(n=743)	(n=1,029)

Summary of Q28 and Q29 based on total

	08/15	03/08
Take Rx medicine	54	54
1	13	15
2	12	11
3	8	9
4 or more	20	19
Don't take Rx medicine	46	45
Don't know/Refused	*	*

30. In general, how easy or difficult is it for you to afford to pay the cost of your prescription medicine? Very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult?

*Based on those who take Rx medicine*

	08/15	06/09/15
Very easy	45	48
Somewhat easy	27	28
Somewhat difficult	16	12
Very difficult	8	9
Don't have to pay (VOL.)	3	3
Don't Know/ Refused	1	1
	(n=743)	(n=686)

Summary of Q28 and Q30 based on total

	08/15	06/09/15
Take Rx medicine	54	50
Very easy to afford cost	24	24
Somewhat easy to afford cost	15	14
Somewhat difficult to afford cost	9	6
Very difficult to afford cost	4	5
Don't have to pay (VOL.)	2	1
Don't know/Refused	*	*
Don't take Rx medicine	46	49
Don't know/Refused	*	*

31. In the past 12 months, have you or another family member living in your household... (READ AND RANDOMIZE) because of the COST, or not? INTERVIEWER NOTE: PLEASE READ "BECAUSE OF THE COST" AFTER EACH ITEM.

		Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused
a. Not filled a prescription for a medicine				
	08/15	21	79	1
	06/09/15	18	81	1
	05/12	24	75	1
	08/11	25	74	1
	03/11	21	78	*
	12/10	26	73	*
	06/10	20	79	1
	03/10	26	74	*
	12/09	24	76	*
	11/09	26	74	*
	09/09	26	73	*
	07/09	20	80	*
	06/09	26	74	1
	04/09	29	71	1
	02/09	21	78	*
	10/08	27	72	*
	04/08	22	78	*
	04/05	20	79	*
	01/00	13	87	*
b. Cut pills in half or skipped doses of medicine				
	08/15	14	86	1
	06/09/15	12	88	*
	05/12	16	83	*
	08/11	17	82	1
	03/11	15	85	*
	12/10	20	80	*
	06/10	16	84	1
	03/10	21	79	-
	12/09	18	81	1
	11/09	17	83	*
	09/09	21	78	1
	07/09	15	84	*
	06/09	19	80	1
	04/09	18	81	1
	02/09	15	85	*
	10/08	22	78	*
	04/08	18	81	*
	04/05	16	84	*

32. In most cases, do you think brand name prescription drugs are better, worse, or about the same in quality as generic prescription drugs?

	08/15	03/08
Better	15	13
Worse	2	2
About the same	79	81
Don't know/ Refused	4	3

33. In the last two years, have you asked for a generic drug when you were prescribed a brand-name, or not?

	08/15	03/08
Yes, have	44	54
No, have not	55	46
Don't know/ Refused	1	*

D1.	Record respondent's sex	
	Male	50
	Female	50
D2.	In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, only fair, or poor?	
	Excellent	23
	Very good	33
	Good	27
	Only fair	13
	Poor	4
	Don't know/Refused	*
D2b.	Are you currently married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?	
	Married	48
	Living with a partner	7
	Widowed	8
	Divorced	10
	Separated	3
	Never been married	24
	Don't know/Refused	1
D3.	What best describes your employment situation today? (READ IN ORDER)	
	Employed full-time	45
	Employed part-time	11
	Unemployed and currently seeking employment	5
	Unemployed and not seeking employment	3
	A student	6
	Retired	17
	On disability and can't work	7
	Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent	5
	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1
D8.	In politics today, do you consider yourself a [ROTATE: Republican, Democrat/Democrat, Republican], an Independent, or what?	
	Republican	25
	Democrat	30
	Independent	30
	Or what/Other/None/No preference/Other party	10
	Don't know/Refused	4

D8a. Do you LEAN more towards the [ROTATE: Republican Party or the Democratic Party/Democratic Party or the Republican Party]?  
(ROTATE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS D8)

Summary D8 and D8a based on total

Republican/Lean Republican	39
Democrat/Lean Democratic	46
Other/Don't lean/Don't know	15

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Democrat	30
Independent Lean Democratic	15
Independent/Don't lean	14
Independent Lean Republican	14
Republican	25
Undesignated	1

D8b. Would you say your views in most political matters are liberal, moderate or conservative?

Liberal	25
Moderate	33
Conservative	37
Don't know/Refused	5

D9. Are you registered to vote at your present address, or not?

Yes	77
No	23
Don't know/Refused	*

D11. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? (DO NOT READ)

Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)	3
High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with NO diploma)	4
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)	32
Some college, no degree (includes some community college)	19
Two year associate degree from a college/university	11
Four year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree	16
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	*

D12. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

D13. 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?)

White, non-Hispanic	65
Total non-White	33
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	12
Hispanic	15
Asian, non-Hispanic	5
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	2
Undesignated	2



D12a. Were you born in the United States, on the island of Puerto Rico, or in another country?

*Based on Hispanics (n=147)*

U.S.	47
Puerto Rico	3
Another country	49
Don't know/Refused	2

D14. Last year—that is, in 2014—what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. (READ)

Less than \$20,000	18
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	14
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	12
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	8
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	4
\$100,000 or more	15
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	10

END OF INTERVIEW: That's all the questions I have. Thanks for your time.



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