

Topline

Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: April 2016

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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 12-19, 2016, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,201 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 (420) and cell phone (781, including 457 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 2014 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 2015 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	1201	±3 percentage points
Half Sample A	602	±5 percentage points
Half Sample B	599	±5 percentage points
Party Identification		
Democrats	379	±6 percentage points
Republicans	325	±6 percentage points
Independents	342	±6 percentage points
Registered Voters		
Total RV	1006	±4 percentage points
Democrat RV	331	±6 percentage points
Republican RV	295	±7 percentage points
Independent RV	279	±7 percentage points
Gender		
Men	584	±5 percentage points
Women	617	±5 percentage points
Region		
Northeast	225	±8 percentage points
Midwest	270	±7 percentage points
South	426	±5 percentage points
West	280	±7 percentage points
Personal Experiences		
People with personal experience with prescription drug addiction	396	±6 percentage points
People without personal experience with prescription drug addiction	665	±4 percentage points
People with personal experience with mental health conditions	280	±7 percentage points
People without personal experience with mental health conditions	911	±4 percentage points

All trends shown in this document come from Kaiser Health Tracking Polls except:

- 07/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Early Reaction to Supreme Court Decision on the ACA* (July 17-23, 2012)
- 01/11: Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health *The Public's Health Care Agenda for the 112th Congress* (January 4-14, 2011)

1. Thinking about the campaign for the presidential election in November, what two issues would you most like to hear the presidential candidates talk about? IF RESPONDENT GIVES ONE ISSUE PROBE FOR SECOND: Is there another issue you'd like to hear about? (OPEN ENDED. ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES)

	04/16	05/12	02/12
Economy/Jobs (NET)	27	59	60
Economy	19	43	35
Jobs/Unemployment	8	26	32
Moving jobs overseas	1	*	1
Immigration/Border control	19	4	7
National Security (NET)	18	8 ¹	6
National security/terrorism	11	2	1
Wars/Afghanistan/Military/Troops/Defense/Peace	5	6	5
ISIS	2	--	--
Health care (NET)	14	17	22
Health care	9	12	15
Health reform/Obamacare	3	3	3
Health insurance	2	1	3
Medicare	1	1	1
Medicaid	*	--	*
Social issues (NET)	10	11	5
Social issues – general or other	4	3	2
Race relations	2	--	--
Morals/Values/Religion	2	1	1
Abortion	1	2	1
Gay marriage/rights	*	6	1
Education (NET)	8	8	8
Education (general)	5	8	8
Make college more affordable	3	--	--
Foreign Policy (NET)	7	3	6
Foreign affairs/Foreign aid/Foreign policy	7	2	4
Middle East	1	*	*
Income/Wages/Raise minimum wage/Income inequality	7	1	--
Debt/Deficit/Budget/Government spending	6	7	12
Taxes	6	4	8
Election related (for a particular candidate/campaign spending)	5	2	3
Crime/Violence/Gun control/Police/criminal justice reform	5	1	2
Social security/Other entitlements (welfare, disability, general)	4	3	5
Environment/Energy (NET)	3	3	2
Environment/Climate change	3	1	1
Energy/Oil	1	1	1
Government Reform (NET)	3	2	3
Smaller government/Reduce corruption/Fix Congress	2	2	3
Work together/Less partisan gridlock	1	--	--
Financial policy/inflation	2	1	--
Legalize marijuana	2	--	--
Seniors issues (general)	1	1	1
Women's issues (NET)	1	1	*
Women's rights	1	*	--
Women's health	1	*	--
Women's issues – general or other	*	*	--
Veterans issues (general)	1	--	--
Addressing the needs of the middle class	1	* ²	--
Housing/mortgages	*	*	2
Gas/oil prices	*	5	2
Other issue/comment	8	6	8
Nothing/Don't care	*	1	2
Don't know/Refused	13	12	7

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

¹ Trend results for this mention were coded as "Security/War"

² Trend results for this mention were coded as "Help middle class/working class".

2. Now thinking specifically about health care, what two health care issues would you most like to hear the (2016) presidential (election) candidates talk about? IF RESPONDENT GIVES ONE ISSUE PROBE FOR SECOND: Is there another health care issue you'd like to hear about? (OPEN ENDED. ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES)

	04/16	08/07 ³	6/07	3/07
Health care cost (including Rx) (NET)	34	32	27	32
Affordable healthcare/high cost of health care services	15	11	14	15
Cost/high cost (unspecified)	7	5	*	5
Prescription drug costs/affordable drugs/Rx insurance/plan (no mention of elderly/Medicare)	6	9	9	10
Affordable insurance	6	9	6	6
Funding/How will it be paid for/Sustainability/Accountability/Fairness	4	--	--	--
Affordable Care Act/Health care law/Obamacare (NET)	34	--	--	--
Repeal/ oppose health care law/Obamacare	13	--	--	--
Improve/Reform/Fix Obamacare/health care system	8	--	--	--
Health care law general mention	6	--	--	--
Keep/ expand/ favor Obamacare	5	--	--	--
More options/competition/Fewer restrictions for purchasing plans	3	--	--	--
Get rid of individual mandate/ penalty	3	--	--	--
Uninsured/access/expanding coverage (NET)	26	37	36	35
Socialized medicine/single payer/Medicare-for-all/Universal coverage/Free	9	13 ⁴	12	10
Coverage for everyone/everyone being insured	7	13	8	11
Other accessibility mentions (includes health care – unspecified)	5	6	4	4
Accessibility to healthcare for poor	3	3	4	5
Better insurance coverage	2	3	4	2
Health insurance/care for children	1	3	5	4
Medicare (NET)	9	12	16	22
Healthcare for the elderly (no mention of prescriptions, drugs)	4	7	8	9
Medicare (general)	3	1	4	8
Other Medicare mentions	3	2	3	2
Medicare drug benefit	--	3	3	4
Specific diseases (NET)	4	4	3	2
Specific diseases (general)	2	2	2	1
Medical research/for diseases/illness/breakthroughs	1	2	1	1
Zika	*	--	--	--
Quality/Lack of quality healthcare/Better/equal quality health care	2	2	2	3
Insurance company issues (Net)	2	5	1	3
Health insurance/insurance (unspecified)	1	2	*	2
Insurance companies have too much control	1	2	--	*
HMOs	*	1	1	*
Women's health (NET)	2	*	*	--
Women's health/Reproductive health/Birth control	1	--	--	--
Abortion	1	*	*	--
Veterans' health care	2	--	--	--
Medicaid (NET)	2	--	--	--
Other Medicaid mentions	1	--	--	--
Expand Medicaid	*	--	--	--
Coverage for illegal immigrants	1	--	--	--
Oral/ dental health	1	--	--	--
Mental health	1	--	--	--
Legalize marijuana	1	--	--	--
Preventive health care/medicine	*	*	*	*
Substance abuse/ addiction services	*	--	--	--
Smoking/tobacco	--	*	--	--
Stem cells	--	1	1	1
Malpractice/lawsuits	--	1	3	1
Long term health care	--	1	*	*
Other issue/comment	9	10	12	13
Nothing	1	2	1	*
Don't know/Refused	13	17	17	17

³ Trends based on random half sample.

⁴ Trend results combine mentions of "Accessibility to health care for all" and "Should have national health plan/federalized healthcare/government funded"

3. 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
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
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 ⁵	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

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⁵ May 2010 through December 2011 trend wording was “As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law early last year...”

Q.3 continued

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/ Refused
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
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

4. What would you like to see Congress do when it comes to the health care law? Expand what the law does, move forward with implementing the law as it is, scale back what the law does, (or) repeal the entire law? (READ AND ROTATE 1-4; 4-1)

	Expand law	Implement law as is	Scale back law	Repeal law	(VOL.) None/Other	Don't know/ Refused
04/16	30	14	11	32	6	7
01/16	30	20	12	30	2	5
12/15	22	18	14	35	4	7
11/15	26	16	12	30	6	10
10/15	28	16	11	32	5	7
09/15	25	18	11	31	5	9
08/15	28	22	12	28	4	5
06/29/15	25	22	12	27	5	7
06/09/15	24	19	12	29	7	10
04/15	24	22	12	29	5	8
03/15	23	23	10	30	7	7
01/15	23	19	14	32	5	7
12/14	24	21	12	31	4	7
11/14	22	20	17	29	5	8

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?)”

5. 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

	04/16	01/16	12/15	10/15	09/15	08/15
Repeal the law and replace it with a Republican-sponsored alternative	38	47	30	32	34	44
Repeal the law and not replace it	37	40	46	45	43	40
None of these/Something else (VOL.)	19	9	16	16	17	12
Don't know/Refused	6	4	7	7	7	4
	(n=401)	(n=386)	(n=436)	(n=407)	(n=405)	(n=364)

Summary Q4 and Q5 based on total

	04/16	01/16	12/15	10/15	09/15	08/15
Repeal the entire law	32	30	35	32	31	28
Repeal and replace with a Republican-sponsored alternative	12	14	11	10	11	12
Repeal and not replace	12	12	16	15	13	11
None/Something else (VOL.)	6	3	6	5	5	3
Don't know/Refused	2	1	3	2	2	1
Expand what the law does	30	30	22	28	25	28
Move forward with implementing the law as it is	14	20	18	16	18	22
Scale back what the law does	11	12	14	11	11	12
None/Something else (VOL.)	6	2	4	5	5	4
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	5	7	7	9	5

READ TO ALL: Now thinking more generally about health issues facing the country...

6. For each health issue I name, please tell me how serious a problem you think it is in this country – extremely serious, very serious, somewhat serious, or less serious than that. The first is [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]. How about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NEEDED: How serious a problem do you think [ITEM] is in this country?

Items a-e based on half sample A (n=602)

Items g, i, j, k, l based on half sample B (n=599)

Items f and h based on total

	Serious (NET)	Extremely serious	Very serious	Not Serious (NET)	Somewhat serious	Less serious	Don't know	Refused
a. Obesity, that is, people being seriously overweight	73	33	40	26	20	6	1	*
b. Cancer	86	43	42	14	13	1	*	*
c. Heart disease	72	27	46	26	24	2	1	*
d. Diabetes	78	31	47	22	20	2	*	--
e. Alcohol abuse	57	19	38	41	30	11	*	1
f. Abuse of strong prescription painkillers, sometimes called opioids, such as Percocet, OxyContin or Vicodin	66	28	38	30	23	7	2	1
g. Heroin abuse	70	35	36	26	19	7	4	*
h. Lack of access to mental health care	74	33	41	24	18	6	2	*
i. Lack of access to health care	61	25	37	37	25	11	1	1
j. Contaminated drinking water	71	35	35	28	18	10	1	*
k. Lack of access to affordable healthy food	54	21	33	44	28	16	1	2
l. Environmental contamination, that is the safety of our homes, buildings, and other public spaces	57	26	32	41	29	12	1	--

READ TO ALL: Now thinking about another topic...

7. How much prejudice and discrimination, if any, do you think there is against (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) in this country today? A lot, some, only a little, or none at all? How about (NEXT ITEM)? READ IF NECESSARY: Is there a lot of prejudice and discrimination in this country today, some, only a little, or none at all?

	A lot/ Some (NET)	A lot	Some	Little/ None (NET)	Only a little	None at all	Don't know	Refused
a. People who suffer from depression	77	42	35	20	15	5	3	*
b. People who suffer from anxiety	66	32	34	29	21	8	4	*
c. People who are addicted to prescription painkillers	72	38	34	24	18	6	4	*
d. People who are addicted to heroin	77	52	25	17	12	5	5	*

NO QUESTION 8

READ ALL: And thinking specifically about mental health care...

9. As far as you know, under current law, are health insurance plans required to (HALF SAMPLE A: provide mental health benefits/ HALF SAMPLE B: provide coverage for substance abuse treatment) with the same rules about copays, deductibles, and coverage limits as other medical services, or can health insurance plans have separate rules for (mental health benefits/substance abuse treatment services)?

HALF SAMPLE A: provide mental health benefits (n=602)

	04/16	06/15 ⁷	02/13
Insurance plans required to have same rules for mental health benefits as other medical services	43	38	38
Insurance plans can have separate rules for mental health benefits	43	42	40
Don't Know ⁸	13	20	22
Refused	1	--	--

HALF SAMPLE B: provide coverage for substance abuse treatment (n=599)

	04/16
Insurance plans required to have same rules for substance abuse benefits as other medical services	30
Insurance plans can have separate rules for substance abuse benefits	53
Don't Know	15
Refused	2

10. Do you think that lack of access to care for (ASK OF HALF-SAMPLE A: people with mental health conditions/ ASK OF HALF-SAMPLE B: people with substance abuse problems) is a problem or not? (IF YES: Is it a major problem or a minor problem?)

	04/16 Half Sample A	04/16 Half Sample B
Total yes, problem	87	75
Major problem	73	58
Minor problem	14	17
No, not a problem	10	20
Don't know	2	4
Refused	*	*
	(n=602)	(n=599)

⁷ Trend wording was "As far as you know, under current law, are health insurance plans required to provide mental health benefits with the same rules about copays, deductibles, and coverage limits as other medical services, or can health insurance plans have separate rules for mental health benefits?"

⁸ Prior to 2016, "Don't know" and "Refused" responses were not separated. For this question and many others throughout the topline, in instances where they were collected together, the responses are shown in the "Don't know" category.

11. Was there ever a time you or another family member living in your household thought you or they might need mental health services, but did NOT get them?

	04/16
Yes	21
No	78
Don't know/Refused	1

12. I'm going to read you a list of reasons, and for each, I'd like you to tell me if it was a reason you or a family member in your household did not get mental health care. First/Next (INSERT, RANDOMIZE). [READ FIRST TIME AND AS NECESSARY: Was this a reason you or your family member had problems getting mental health care, or not?]

Based on those who report that they or a family member did not get mental health care they needed (n=231)

	Yes, a reason	No, not a reason	Don't know/Refused
a. Couldn't afford the cost	63	37	*
b. Insurance wouldn't cover it	56	41	2
c. You or your family member didn't know where to go to get care	40	60	*
d. You or your family member were afraid or embarrassed to seek care for a mental health problem	48	51	*

Summary of Q11 and Q12 based on total

	04/16
Yes, had problems getting mental health care	21
Couldn't afford the cost	13
Insurance wouldn't cover it	12
Afraid or embarrassed to seek care for a mental health problem	10
Didn't know where to go to get care	8
No, have not had problems getting mental health care	78
Don't Know/ Refused	1

READ TO ALL: Next, I have a few questions about heroin and prescription painkillers. When we ask about prescription painkillers in this poll, we mean strong ones, sometimes called opioids, such as Percocet, OxyContin or Vicodin.

13. Do you think each of the following are doing enough or not doing enough to combat the recent increase in people who are addicted to (HALF SAMPLE A: prescription painkillers/ HALF SAMPLE B: heroin)? How about (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? READ AS NECESSARY: Are they doing enough or not doing enough to combat the recent increase in people who are addicted to (HALF SAMPLE A: prescription painkillers/ HALF SAMPLE B: heroin)? (ROTATE A-D, ASK E/F LAST)

<i>Item e asked of half sample A</i>	Doing enough	Not doing enough	Don't know	Refused	<i>N</i>
<i>Item f asked of half sample B</i>					
a. The federal government					
Half sample A: prescription painkillers	29	66	4	1	602
Half sample B: heroin	27	62	9	2	599
b. State governments					
Half sample A: prescription painkillers	26	67	6	*	602
Half sample B: heroin	27	61	9	3	599
c. Doctors who prescribe prescription painkillers					
Half sample A: prescription painkillers	31	63	5	1	602
Half sample B: heroin	35	56	7	1	599
d. Police officers who enforce drug laws					
Half sample A: prescription painkillers	53	37	7	2	602
Half sample B: heroin	56	36	6	2	599
e. Individuals who use prescription painkillers					
Half sample A: prescription painkillers	19	73	7	1	602
f. Individuals who use heroin					
Half sample B: heroin	11	77	10	2	599

14. There is a drug called Narcan or Naloxone that can prevent people from dying if they are experiencing an overdose of a prescription painkiller or heroin. Some states have made this drug available to adults without a prescription. Other states restrict the sale of this drug because they think it might encourage the use of illegal drugs. Which comes closer to your view? (READ AND ROTATE)

	04/16	11/15
The drug should be available without a prescription (or)	36	33
Access to the drug should only be allowed with a prescription	59	62
Don't know	3	5
Refused	1	--

15. For each of the following, please tell me how effective, if at all, you think it would be in reducing the abuse of prescription painkillers. First/Next, would (INSERT, RANDOMIZE) be very effective, somewhat effective, not too effective, or not at all effective (in reducing the abuse of prescription painkillers)?

<i>Items a-d asked of half sample A (n=602)</i>		Effective (NET)	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Not effective (NET)	Not too effective	Not at all effective	Don't know/Refused
<i>Items e-h asked of half sample B (n=599)</i>								
a. Public education and awareness programs								
	04/16	84	44	40	13	9	5	3
	11/15	80	39	41	18	10	8	1
b. Increasing access to addiction treatment programs								
	04/16	86	51	35	13	8	4	2
c. Monitoring doctors' prescription painkiller prescribing habits								
	04/16	82	47	35	15	8	7	2
	11/15	82	43	39	16	10	6	2
d. Increasing pain management training for medical students and doctors								
	04/16	88	53	34	9	5	4	3
e. Encouraging people who were prescribed painkillers to dispose of any extras once they no longer medically need them								
	04/16	63	34	29	36	16	20	2
	11/15	69	37	33	29	14	15	2
f. Putting warning labels on prescription drug bottles that explain the risk of addiction								
	04/16	49	25	23	51	20	30	1
g. Increasing research about pain and pain management								
	04/16	83	43	40	16	6	10	1
h. Reducing the social stigma around addiction								
	04/16	60	30	30	36	15	21	4

READ TO ALL: On another topic...

16. How confident are you, if at all, that over the next 5 years, your state government can ensure the safety of each of the following? First/Next (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE). READ FOR FIRST ITEM THEN AS NECESSARY: Are you extremely confident, very confident, somewhat confident, or not at all confident (that your state government can ensure the safety of this over the next 5 years)?

	Confident (NET)	Extremely confident	Very confident	Not Confident (NET)	Somewhat confident	Not at all confident	Don't know	Refused
a. Public water supplies	29	7	23	70	47	23	1	*
b. Public sewer systems	31	7	24	67	47	20	2	*
c. The electricity system	39	11	28	59	44	15	2	*

17. How would you rate the job being done by YOUR STATE in protecting the safety of public drinking water? Would you say it is excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	04/16
Excellent/good (NET)	55
Excellent	17
Good	37
Fair/poor (NET)	44
Fair	31
Poor	14
Don't know	1
Refused	*

18. How would you rate the job being done by the FEDERAL GOVERNMENT in protecting the safety of public drinking water? Would you say it is excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	04/16
Excellent/good (NET)	36
Excellent	7
Good	29
Fair/poor (NET)	62
Fair	36
Poor	26
Don't know	3
Refused	*

NO QUESTION 19

20. 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?

		Closely (NET)	Very closely	Fairly closely	Not closely (NET)	Not too closely	Not at all closely	Don't know/Refused
a. 2016 Presidential campaigns	04/16	77	47	30	22	12	10	1
	03/16	81	51	30	18	11	7	1
	02/16	73	39	34	26	14	12	1
	01/16	73	39	34	26	18	9	*
	12/15	71	35	36	28	15	14	1
	11/15	74	39	35	25	15	10	1
	10/15	67	36	31	32	18	14	1
	09/15	74	40	34	25	12	13	1
	08/15	69	33	36	31	17	13	1
	06/29/15	54	22	32	45	22	22	1
	06/09/15	55	25	31	43	18	26	1
b. The FBI order requiring Apple to unlock the San Bernardino shooting suspect's iPhone	04/16	66	33	33	34	15	19	*
	03/16	61	30	31	38	20	18	1
c. Terrorist attacks in Brussels and other conflicts involving ISIS	04/16	80	48	32	19	11	8	*
d. The Supreme Court case regarding access to contraception under the Affordable Care Act	04/16	48	23	25	52	23	29	*
e. President Obama's proposal to increase								

government funding for treatment and prevention of heroin and prescription painkiller addiction								
	04/16	34	12	22	66	29	37	1
	02/16	30	10	20	68	25	43	2
f. Unsafe levels of lead found in the drinking water in Flint, Michigan								
	04/16	70	37	33	30	14	16	*
	03/16	63	30	33	36	17	19	1
	02/16	64	28	35	35	17	19	1
g. The Zika virus outbreak								
	04/16	61	29	32	38	20	18	1
	03/16	54	23	31	45	22	23	1
	02/16	57	20	37	41	21	20	1

READ TO ALL: Now I have 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)

	04/16
18-29	22
30-49	32
50-64	28
65 and older	18
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])?

	04/16
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=1,086)

	04/16
Plan through your employer	36
Plan through your spouse's employer	13
Plan you purchased yourself	12
Medicare	20
Medicaid/[STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME]	11
Somewhere else	3
Plan through your parents/mother/father (VOL.)	5
Don't know/Refused	1

21. 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, Q21 based on those ages 18-64 (n=877)

	04/16
Covered by health insurance	85
Employer	36
Spouse's employer	13
Self-purchased plan	10
Directly from an insurance company	3
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	4
Through an insurance agent or broker	2
Somewhere else (VOL.)	1
Don't know/Refused	*
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	11
Somewhere else	2
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	5
Don't know/Refused	*
Not covered by health insurance	15
Don't know/Refused	*

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

Summary D4, D4a, Q21 and Q22 based on those ages 18-64 (n=877)

	04/16
Covered by health insurance	85
Employer	36
Spouse's employer	13
Self-purchased plan	10
Directly from insurance company/agent or broker/Other	6
Marketplace plan	1
Non-marketplace plan	1
Not sure/Refused	4
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	4
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	11
Somewhere else	2
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	5
Don't know/Refused	*
Not covered by health insurance	15
Don't know/Refused	*

- D2. In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, only fair, or poor?

	04/16
Excellent/very good/good (NET)	81
Excellent	21
Very good	33
Good	27
Only fair/poor (NET)	19
Only fair	14
Poor	4
Don't know/Refused	*

23. Has a doctor or health professional ever told you or another family member living in your household that you or they have a serious mental health condition such as depression or anxiety?

	04/16
Yes	25
No	74
Don't Know/ Refused	1

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25. Do you personally know anyone who has ever been addicted to prescription painkillers, or not?

	04/16	11/15
Yes	44	39
No	55	60
Don't know	*	1
Refused	*	*

26. Who do you know that has ever been addicted to prescription painkillers? Is it (INSERT, READ IN ORDER), or not? Next, is it (INSERT NEXT ITEM), or not?

Based on those who know someone who has been addicted to prescription painkillers

		Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused	N
a. Yourself	04/16	5	95	*	530
	11/15	5	95	*	536
b. A family member	04/16	46	53	1	530
	11/15	39	60	1	536
c. A close friend	04/16	48	50	1	530
	11/15	43	56	1	536
d. An acquaintance	04/16	58	40	1	530
	11/15	62	38	1	536

Summary of Q25 and Q26 based on total

	04/16	11/15
Know someone who has been addicted to prescription painkillers	44	39
Self	2	2
Family member	20	15
Close friend	21	17
Acquaintance	26	24
Don't know anyone who has been addicted to prescription painkillers	55	60
Don't know/Refused	1	1

D1.	Record respondent's sex	
	Male	49
	Female	51
D2b.	Are you currently married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?	
	Married	48
	Living with a partner	8
	Widowed	6
	Divorced	10
	Separated	2
	Never been married	25
	Don't know/Refused	1
D3.	What best describes your employment situation today? (READ IN ORDER)	
	Employed full-time	47
	Employed part-time	11
	Unemployed and currently seeking employment	4
	Unemployed and not seeking employment	3
	A student	7
	Retired	17
	On disability and can't work	6
	Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent	5
	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*
D8.	In politics today, do you consider yourself a [ROTATE: Republican, Democrat/Democrat, Republican], an Independent, or what?	
	Republican	26
	Democrat	31
	Independent	28
	Or what/Other/None/No preference/Other party	10
	Don't know/Refused	5
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)	
	<u>Summary D8 and D8a based on total</u>	
	Republican/Lean Republican	40
	Democrat/Lean Democratic	44
	Other/Don't lean/Don't know	16
	<u>Five-Point Party ID</u>	
	Democrat	31
	Independent Lean Democratic	13
	Independent/Don't lean	15
	Independent Lean Republican	14
	Republican	26
	Undesignated	1

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

Liberal	25
Moderate	34
Conservative	35
Don't know/Refused	6

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

Yes	78
No	22
Don't know/Refused	*

D10. I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the presidential election in November: Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

Based on registered voters (n=1,006)

Absolutely certain to vote	78
Probably vote	9
Chances 50-50	6
Less than that	5
Don't think will vote (VOL.)	1
Don't know/Refused	1

Summary D9 and D10 based on total

Yes, registered to vote	78
Absolutely certain to vote	61
Probably vote	7
Chances 50-50	5
Less than that	4
Don't think will vote (VOL.)	*
Don't know/Refused	*
No, not registered	22
Don't know/Refused	*

D10a. Compared to previous presidential elections, this year are you (more) enthusiastic about voting than usual, (less) enthusiastic, or about the same as in previous elections? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENS)

	04/16 Total	04/16 RV
More enthusiastic	28	30
Less enthusiastic	36	38
About the same as previous elections	32	31
Don't vote, not registered to vote, don't plan to vote (VOL.)	3	*
Don't know/Refused	1	1

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)	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, no degree (includes some community college)	17
Two year associate degree from a college/university	14
Four year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree	17
Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree	1
Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree	11
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	64
Total non-White	34
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	12
Hispanic	14
Asian, non-Hispanic	4
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	4
Undesignated	2

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

Based on Hispanics (n=125)

U.S.	48
Puerto Rico	3
Another country	49
Don't know/Refused	--

D14. Last year—that is, in 2015—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	12
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	7
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	14
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	8
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	4
\$100,000 or more	19
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	10

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



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