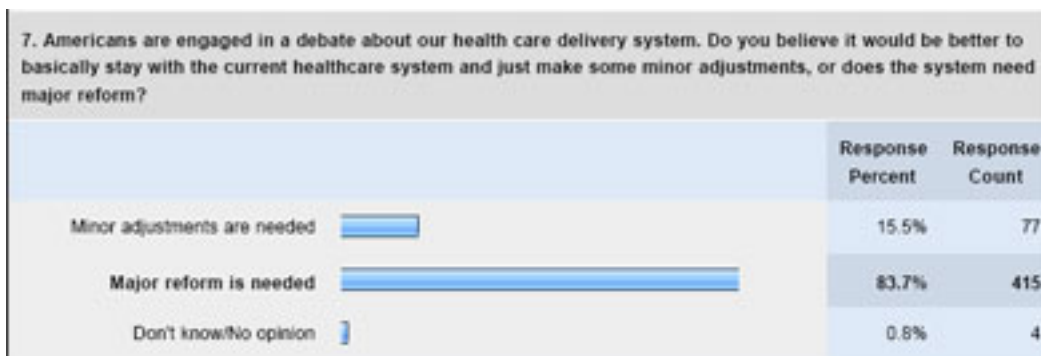


Survey Respondents To Obama: Don't Sacrifice Public Plan Option For Republican Votes

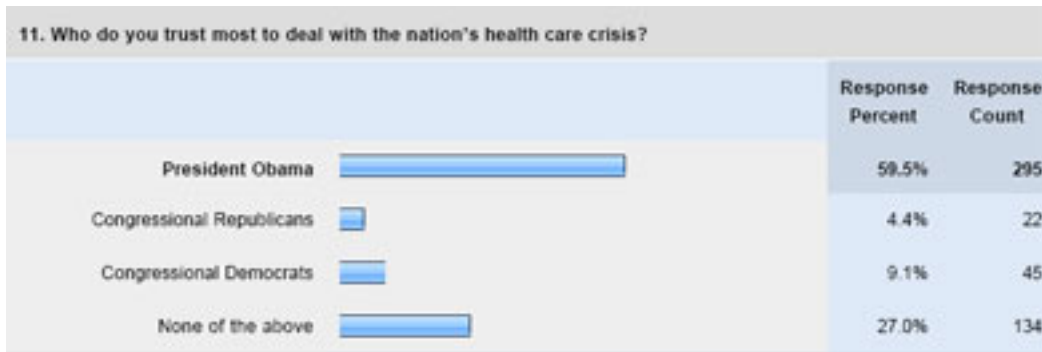
Majority of those participating in second Center for Working-Class Studies survey favor reform, support President's health care plan

If President Obama and Congressional Democrats are listening, respondents to a survey conducted by the Center for Working-Class Studies (CWCS) at Youngstown State University have a very clear message for them: don't sacrifice a public plan option for the sake of bipartisanship. By a margin of 74% to 22% they say the public plan option is more important than securing GOP support for reform. In a related question, 80% of those participating in the survey believe the inclusion of a public plan that will compete with private insurers is an essential feature of reform, with 62% saying it is very important. Only 12% say it is not important.

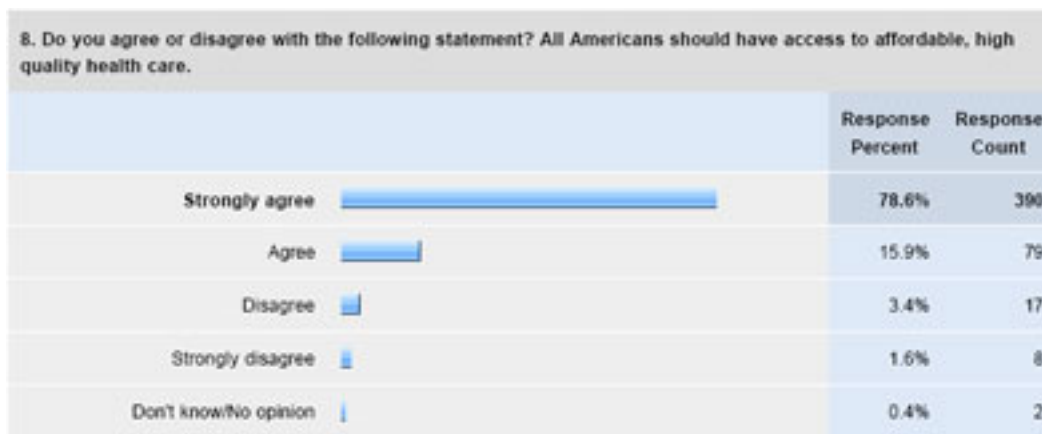


Overall, 72% of respondents favor or strongly favor President Obama's reform plan while 23% are opposed. Sixty-seven percent approve or strongly approve of the way he is handling the issue, but the number of those who strongly approve 15% is nearly equal to the 13% of those who strongly disapprove.

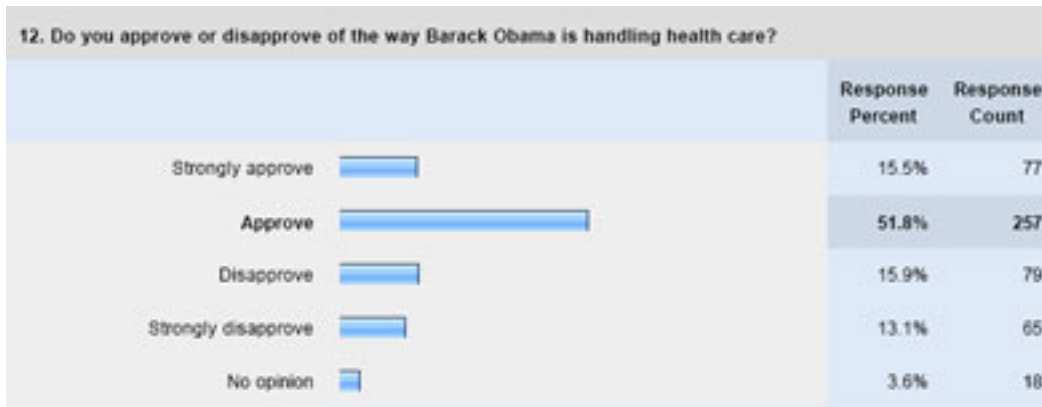
According to Dr. John Russo, co-director of the CWCS, 84% of respondents said the nation's health care system needs a major overhaul, including 79% of those who are satisfied with their current health care coverage and 81% of those who are satisfied with the quality of medical care they now receive. "Opponents of health care reform are fond of saying that a majority of Americans are happy with their insurance and their doctor, and that's true," he said. "But the critics are only telling half the story. While more than 70% of participants are satisfied with their insurance and 84% are happy with their doctor, a vast majority of both groups strongly favor reform. They understand that the system is in trouble and needs to be fixed and fixed now."



Dr. Russo also noted that the survey clearly demonstrates that respondents trust one person or entity most when it comes to dealing with reform: President Obama. Sixty percent said they trust him most. Nine percent named Congressional Democrats. Only four percent trust Congressional Republicans. That sentiment is reflected in responses to the question of who has the most credibility on the issue. Seventy-one percent find the President very credible or credible while only 26% find him somewhat or not at all credible. Only National Public Radio and the Public Broadcasting System with a rating of 66% come close to having the President's credibility on the issue.



Of those groups directly involved in the provision of health care, the AMA is regarded as credible by 32% of respondents, the American Hospital Association by 13%, industry advocacy group America's Health Insurance Plans by 4%, and PHARMA, the pharmaceutical trade association by 2%.


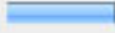



Congressional Democrats were rated as credible by 42%, Congressional Republicans by 6%. Forty-four percent rated their own Congressperson as credible on the issue. Among the news media, aside from NPR and PBS, 29% say the major broadcast networks are credible, 27% said CNN, and 13% selected Fox News. Among advocacy the AFL-CIO is rated as credible by 50%, the AARP by 43%, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce by 11%.



"These results underscore two important points," Dr. Russo said. "First, that the administration and the Democrats made a serious tactical and strategic error by removing President Obama from the frontline of the reform battle during the summer and, second, that if they hope to pass a substantive health care bill the President will have to lead the charge. Absent his credibility the campaign for reform is in real trouble."

49. If the President, Congressional Democrats and Congressional Republicans are unable to reach agreement on a health care bill that includes a public plan option should Democrats pass it without Republican votes?

| | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--|------------------|----------------|
| Yes, Democrats should pass the bill without Republican votes  | 74.2% | 350 |
| No, there must be bi-partisan support for any reform bill  | 22.5% | 106 |
| Don't know/No opinion  | 3.4% | 16 |

In non-health care related items, 76% of respondents approve or strongly approve of President Obama's job performance, down from 87% in the first CWCS survey conducted in May and June of this year. Fifty-three percent say the country is on the right track versus 76% in the earlier survey. Ninety-one percent rate the national economy as bad or very bad compared to 92% in the earlier survey.

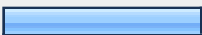




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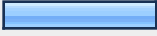
1. Please provide your e-mail to participate in future surveys. (Your e-mail will not be shared with any other party, and you may opt out at any time.)

| | | Response Count |
|--------------------------|--|----------------|
| | | 411 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | 411 |
| <i>skipped question</i> | | 86 |

2. Do you approve or disapprove of President Obama's performance in office?

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--------------------------|---|------------------|----------------|
| Strongly Approve |  | 30.2% | 150 |
| Approve |  | 46.4% | 230 |
| Disapprove |  | 10.3% | 51 |
| Strongly Disapprove |  | 11.7% | 58 |
| No Opinion |  | 1.4% | 7 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | | 496 |
| <i>skipped question</i> | | | 1 |

3. In general, would you say that things in the United States are headed in the right direction, or would you say things are off on the wrong track?

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--------------------------|---|------------------|----------------|
| Right direction |  | 53.0% | 263 |
| Wrong track |  | 23.8% | 118 |
| Neither/mixed |  | 23.2% | 115 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | | 496 |
| <i>skipped question</i> | | | 1 |

4. In general, would you say that things in your community are headed in the right direction, or would you say things are off on the wrong track?

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| Right direction | | 33.9% | 168 |
| Wrong track | | 28.8% | 143 |
| Neither/mixed | | 37.3% | 185 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> | 496 |
| | | <i>skipped question</i> | 1 |




5. How would you rate the condition of the national economy today?

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|------------|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| Very Good | | 0.0% | 0 |
| Good | | 9.3% | 46 |
| Bad | | 68.5% | 340 |
| Very Bad | | 22.2% | 110 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> | 496 |
| | | <i>skipped question</i> | 1 |






6. How would you rate the condition of the economy in your community today?

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|------------|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| Very Good | | 0.8% | 4 |
| Good | | 18.3% | 91 |
| Bad | | 52.6% | 261 |
| Very Bad | | 28.2% | 140 |
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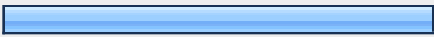
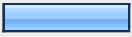



7. Americans are engaged in a debate about our health care delivery system. Do you believe it would be better to basically stay with the current healthcare system and just make some minor adjustments, or does the system need major reform?

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| Minor adjustments are needed |  | 15.5% | 77 |
| Major reform is needed |  | 83.7% | 415 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 0.8% | 4 |
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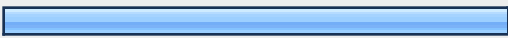




8. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? All Americans should have access to affordable, high quality health care.





| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| Strongly agree |  | 78.6% | 390 |
| Agree |  | 15.9% | 79 |
| Disagree |  | 3.4% | 17 |
| Strongly disagree |  | 1.6% | 8 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 0.4% | 2 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> | 496 |
| | | <i>skipped question</i> | 1 |






9. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Access to high-quality, affordable health care is a basic right.






| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| Strongly agree |  | 66.1% | 328 |
| Agree |  | 19.0% | 94 |
| Disagree |  | 8.3% | 41 |
| Strongly disagree |  | 6.3% | 31 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 0.4% | 2 |
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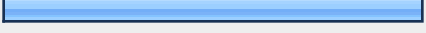

10. How serious a problem is it that 47 million Americans do not have health insurance?






| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| Very serious |  | 77.6% | 385 |
| Serious |  | 10.1% | 50 |
| Somewhat serious |  | 7.5% | 37 |
| Not at all serious |  | 4.6% | 23 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 0.2% | 1 |
| | | answered question | 496 |
| | | skipped question | 1 |






| 11. Who do you trust most to deal with the nation's health care crisis? | | | |
|---|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| President Obama |  | 59.5% | 295 |
| Congressional Republicans |  | 4.4% | 22 |
| Congressional Democrats |  | 9.1% | 45 |
| None of the above |  | 27.0% | 134 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> | 496 |
| | | <i>skipped question</i> | 1 |

| 12. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling health care? | | | |
|---|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Strongly approve |  | 15.5% | 77 |
| Approve |  | 51.8% | 257 |
| Disapprove |  | 15.9% | 79 |
| Strongly disapprove |  | 13.1% | 65 |
| No opinion |  | 3.6% | 18 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> | 496 |
| | | <i>skipped question</i> | 1 |

| 13. From everything you have heard or read so far, do you favor or oppose Barack Obama's plan to reform health care? | | | |
|--|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Strongly favor |  | 35.9% | 178 |
| Favor |  | 36.9% | 183 |
| Oppose |  | 9.3% | 46 |
| Strongly oppose |  | 13.5% | 67 |
| No opinion |  | 4.4% | 22 |
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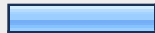
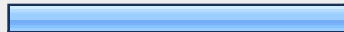
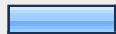

| 14. PHARMA (Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association of America) | | | |
|---|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Very credible |  | 0.4% | 2 |
| Credible |  | 2.9% | 14 |
| Somewhat credible |  | 20.8% | 101 |
| Not at all credible |  | 64.6% | 314 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 11.3% | 55 |
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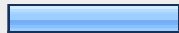
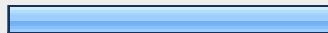
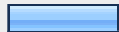

| 15. President Obama | | | |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Very credible |  | 44.7% | 217 |
| Credible |  | 26.7% | 130 |
| Somewhat credible |  | 15.4% | 75 |
| Not at all credible |  | 11.9% | 58 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 1.2% | 6 |
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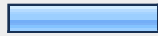


| 16. The American Medical Association | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Very credible |  | 4.7% | 23 |
| Credible |  | 28.4% | 138 |
| Somewhat credible |  | 47.5% | 231 |
| Not at all credible |  | 16.3% | 79 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 3.1% | 15 |
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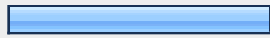


| 17. America's Health Insurance Plans | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Very credible | | 0.4% | 2 |
| Credible | | 4.5% | 22 |
| Somewhat credible | | 21.0% | 102 |
| Not at all credible | | 69.5% | 338 |
| Don't know/No opinion | | 4.5% | 22 |
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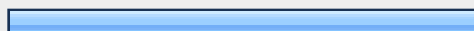

| 18. FOX News | | | |
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| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Very credible | | 3.9% | 19 |
| Credible | | 9.5% | 46 |
| Somewhat credible | | 11.1% | 54 |
| Not at all credible | | 73.7% | 358 |
| Don't know/No opinion | | 1.9% | 9 |
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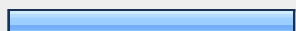

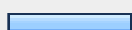
| 19. CNN | | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--------------------------|---|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| Very credible |  | | 5.1% | 25 |
| Credible |  | | 22.2% | 108 |
| Somewhat credible |  | | 51.9% | 252 |
| Not at all credible |  | | 16.3% | 79 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | | 4.5% | 22 |
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
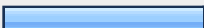

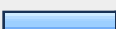
| 20. NBC, CBS, ABC | | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--------------------------|---|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| Very credible |  | | 3.9% | 19 |
| Credible |  | | 25.9% | 126 |
| Somewhat credible |  | | 49.4% | 240 |
| Not at all credible |  | | 16.5% | 80 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | | 4.3% | 21 |
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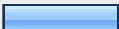
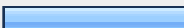

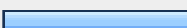

| 21. National Public Radio, Public Broadcasting System | | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|---|---|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| Very credible |  | | 34.6% | 168 |
| Credible |  | | 32.1% | 156 |
| Somewhat credible |  | | 22.8% | 111 |
| Not at all credible |  | | 6.4% | 31 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | | 4.1% | 20 |
| | | | <i>answered question</i> | 486 |
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
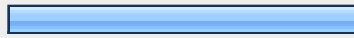
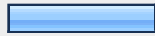
| 22. Congressional Democrats | | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|-----------------------------|---|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| Very credible |  | | 6.0% | 29 |
| Credible |  | | 36.4% | 177 |
| Somewhat credible |  | | 39.9% | 194 |
| Not at all credible |  | | 16.5% | 80 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | | 1.2% | 6 |
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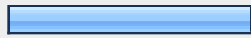


| 23. Congressional Republicans | | | |
|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Very credible |  | 1.4% | 7 |
| Credible |  | 4.5% | 22 |
| Somewhat credible |  | 20.4% | 99 |
| Not at all credible |  | 72.0% | 350 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 1.6% | 8 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> | 486 |
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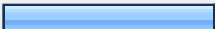
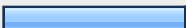


| 24. American Hospital Association | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Very credible |  | 1.4% | 7 |
| Credible |  | 12.3% | 60 |
| Somewhat credible |  | 43.6% | 212 |
| Not at all credible |  | 23.9% | 116 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 18.7% | 91 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> | 486 |
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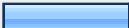



| 25. U.S. Chamber of Commerce | | | |
|------------------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Very credible |  | 1.0% | 5 |
| Credible |  | 10.5% | 51 |
| Somewhat credible |  | 30.5% | 148 |
| Not at all credible |  | 40.9% | 199 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 17.1% | 83 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> | 486 |
| | | <i>skipped question</i> | 11 |

| 26. Your Congressional Representative | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Very credible |  | 17.3% | 84 |
| Credible |  | 27.6% | 134 |
| Somewhat credible |  | 23.7% | 115 |
| Not at all credible |  | 28.2% | 137 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 3.3% | 16 |
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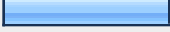
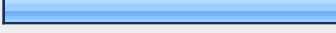

| 27. Conservatives for Patients' Rights | | | |
|--|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Very credible |  | 3.1% | 15 |
| Credible |  | 8.6% | 42 |
| Somewhat credible |  | 12.6% | 61 |
| Not at all credible |  | 53.5% | 260 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 22.2% | 108 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> | 486 |
| | | <i>skipped question</i> | 11 |

| 28. AARP | | | |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Very credible |  | 14.4% | 70 |
| Credible |  | 28.8% | 140 |
| Somewhat credible |  | 37.0% | 180 |
| Not at all credible |  | 13.8% | 67 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 6.0% | 29 |
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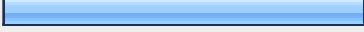

| 29. AFL-CIO | | | |
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| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Very credible |  | 17.7% | 86 |
| Credible |  | 32.3% | 157 |
| Somewhat credible |  | 27.8% | 135 |
| Not at all credible |  | 14.0% | 68 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 8.2% | 40 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> | 486 |
| | | <i>skipped question</i> | 11 |

| 30. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Opponents of reform are engaged in an organized effort to disrupt town hall meetings being held by Congresspersons across the country that are supposed to provide citizens with an opportunity to discuss the issue. | | | |
|---|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Strongly agree |  | 63.3% | 303 |
| Agree |  | 19.2% | 92 |
| Disagree |  | 4.4% | 21 |
| Strongly disagree |  | 10.6% | 51 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 2.5% | 12 |
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

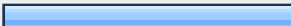


31. The quality of health care provided in countries with government-run health care systems is worse than that provided in the U.S.

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| Strongly agree |  | 11.3% | 54 |
| Agree |  | 7.1% | 34 |
| Disagree |  | 25.3% | 121 |
| Strongly disagree |  | 51.1% | 245 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 5.2% | 25 |
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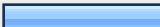




32. Most Canadians would like to scrap their government-run system and adopt a market-based system similar to that in the U.S.

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| Strongly agree |  | 4.4% | 21 |
| Agree |  | 7.1% | 34 |
| Disagree |  | 20.7% | 99 |
| Strongly disagree |  | 55.5% | 266 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 12.3% | 59 |
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

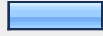
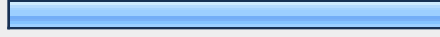

33. President Obama's proposal will lead to Canadian-style socialized medicine in the United States.

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| Strongly agree |  | 7.1% | 34 |
| Agree |  | 14.8% | 71 |
| Disagree |  | 44.1% | 211 |
| Strongly disagree |  | 24.0% | 115 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 10.0% | 48 |
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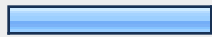


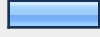

34. President Obama's proposal will provide health care coverage for more than 37 million Americans who currently do not have it.



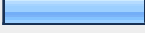
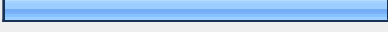

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| Strongly agree |  | 24.0% | 115 |
| Agree |  | 52.2% | 250 |
| Disagree |  | 7.9% | 38 |
| Strongly disagree |  | 6.3% | 30 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 9.6% | 46 |
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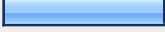




35. President Obama's proposal will empower the government to make end of life and other important health care decisions for Americans.



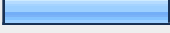
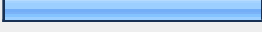
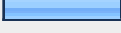
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| Strongly agree |  | 6.7% | 32 |
| Agree |  | 7.7% | 37 |
| Disagree |  | 14.2% | 68 |
| Strongly disagree |  | 66.6% | 319 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 4.8% | 23 |
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
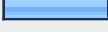
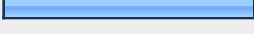
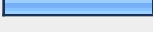

36. President Obama's plan will strengthen America's economy by reducing overall spending on health care



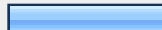
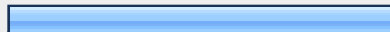

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| Strongly agree |  | 30.9% | 148 |
| Agree |  | 38.2% | 183 |
| Disagree |  | 10.2% | 49 |
| Strongly disagree |  | 13.8% | 66 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 6.9% | 33 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> | 479 |
| | | <i>skipped question</i> | 18 |




| 37. Under President Obama's plan Americans will not be able to choose their own doctor. | | | |
|--|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Strongly agree |  | 6.5% | 31 |
| Agree |  | 7.9% | 38 |
| Disagree |  | 21.3% | 102 |
| Strongly disagree |  | 59.3% | 284 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 5.0% | 24 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> | 479 |
| | | <i>skipped question</i> | 18 |

| 38. President Obama's proposal will reduce health care costs. | | | |
|--|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Strongly agree |  | 24.4% | 117 |
| Agree |  | 45.3% | 217 |
| Disagree |  | 9.4% | 45 |
| Strongly disagree |  | 11.3% | 54 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 9.6% | 46 |
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

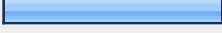

| 39. President Obama's plan will fund health care coverage for illegal immigrants. | | | |
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| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Strongly agree |  | 6.3% | 30 |
| Agree |  | 10.6% | 51 |
| Disagree |  | 25.3% | 121 |
| Strongly disagree |  | 39.9% | 191 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 18.0% | 86 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | | 479 |
| <i>skipped question</i> | | | 18 |

| 40. President Obama intends to raise my taxes to fund his health care plan. | | | |
|---|---|------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Strongly agree |  | 11.1% | 53 |
| Agree |  | 15.5% | 74 |
| Disagree |  | 38.4% | 183 |
| Strongly disagree |  | 22.9% | 109 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 12.2% | 58 |
| <i>answered question</i> | | | 477 |
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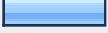



| 41. President Obama's proposal will force Americans to give up their existing insurance plan. | | | |
|---|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Strongly agree |  | 6.9% | 33 |
| Agree |  | 5.2% | 25 |
| Disagree |  | 23.6% | 113 |
| Strongly disagree |  | 59.3% | 284 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 5.0% | 24 |
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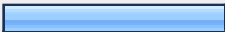
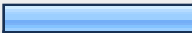
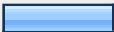
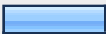

| 42. Do you believe the government or private insurers will do a better job holding down health care costs? | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Government |  | 73.5% | 347 |
| Private insurers |  | 14.8% | 70 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 11.7% | 55 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> | 472 |
| | | <i>skipped question</i> | 25 |

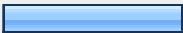
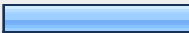
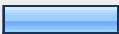
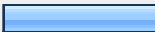

43. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? If a government-sponsored public plan is part of health care reform legislation, the private insurance industry will be driven out of business.

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Strongly agree |  | 9.5% | 45 |
| Agree |  | 10.4% | 49 |
| Disagree |  | 41.5% | 196 |
| Strongly disagree |  | 33.5% | 158 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 5.1% | 24 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> | 472 |
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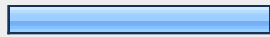
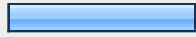
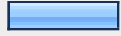


44. A government-sponsored public plan insurance option that will compete with private insurance companies.

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Very important |  | 62.5% | 295 |
| Important |  | 15.5% | 73 |
| Somewhat important |  | 8.5% | 40 |
| Not important |  | 12.1% | 57 |
| No opinion |  | 1.5% | 7 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> | 472 |
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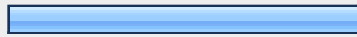




| 45. A mandate that employers with annual payrolls above \$250,000 provide health insurance for their employees. | | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|---|---|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| Very important |  | | 33.7% | 159 |
| Important |  | | 29.0% | 137 |
| Somewhat important |  | | 16.7% | 79 |
| Not important |  | | 15.3% | 72 |
| No opinion |  | | 5.3% | 25 |
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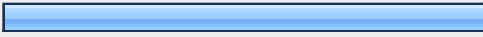
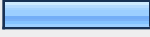

| 46. A mandate that all individuals must obtain health insurance. | | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--|---|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| Very important |  | | 27.1% | 128 |
| Important |  | | 28.4% | 134 |
| Somewhat important |  | | 17.4% | 82 |
| Not important |  | | 23.1% | 109 |
| No opinion |  | | 4.0% | 19 |
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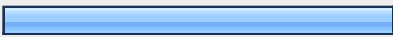





47. Government subsidies for individuals who earn \$43,000 or less--or families of four who earn less than \$88,000 a year--to buy health care insurance.

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| Very important |  | 40.3% | 190 |
| Important |  | 28.4% | 134 |
| Somewhat important |  | 16.5% | 78 |
| Not important |  | 11.0% | 52 |
| No opinion |  | 3.8% | 18 |
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

48. An extra tax on individuals who earn more than \$350,000 and couples who earn more than \$1 million a year that would help pay to extend coverage to all Americans.

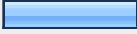

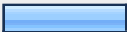
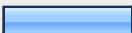




| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| Very important |  | 53.8% | 254 |
| Important |  | 23.7% | 112 |
| Somewhat important |  | 7.6% | 36 |
| Not important |  | 12.3% | 58 |
| No opinion |  | 2.5% | 12 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> | 472 |
| | | <i>skipped question</i> | 25 |




| 49. If the President, Congressional Democrats and Congressional Republicans are unable to reach agreement on a health care bill that includes a public plan option should Democrats pass it without Republican votes? | | | |
|---|--|------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Yes, Democrats should pass the bill without Republican votes |  | 74.2% | 350 |
| No, there must be bi-partisan support for any reform bill |  | 22.5% | 106 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 3.4% | 16 |
| | <i>answered question</i> | | 472 |
| | <i>skipped question</i> | | 25 |

| 50. Which of the following statements best describes you? | | | |
|--|---|------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| You have health insurance provided by your employer. |  | 60.0% | 283 |
| You have health insurance that you purchase from an insurance company. |  | 9.3% | 44 |
| You are covered by health insurance provided by a parent or guardian. |  | 1.9% | 9 |
| You are covered by Medicare. |  | 17.4% | 82 |
| You are covered by Medicaid. |  | 1.7% | 8 |
| You have no health coverage at all. |  | 9.7% | 46 |
| | <i>answered question</i> | | 472 |
| | <i>skipped question</i> | | 25 |



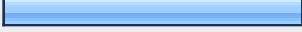
| 51. Are you generally satisfied or dissatisfied with the quality of your health insurance coverage? | | | |
|---|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Satisfied |  | 70.1% | 331 |
| Dissatisfied |  | 25.0% | 118 |
| No opinion |  | 4.9% | 23 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> | 472 |
| | | <i>skipped question</i> | 25 |

| 52. Are you generally satisfied or dissatisfied with the quality of the medical care you receive? | | | |
|---|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Satisfied |  | 84.3% | 398 |
| Dissatisfied |  | 12.3% | 58 |
| No opinion |  | 3.4% | 16 |
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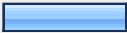

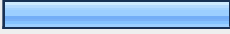
| 53. In the past year have you paid more or less for health insurance? | | | |
|---|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Substantially more |  | 20.3% | 96 |
| More |  | 30.5% | 144 |
| Slightly more |  | 18.4% | 87 |
| The same |  | 19.5% | 92 |
| Slightly less |  | 2.3% | 11 |
| Less |  | 0.6% | 3 |
| Substantially less |  | 1.7% | 8 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 6.6% | 31 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> | 472 |
| | | <i>skipped question</i> | 25 |

| 54. In the past year have you not sought medical treatment because you could not afford the cost? | | | |
|---|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Yes |  | 28.8% | 136 |
| No |  | 69.9% | 330 |
| Don't know/No answer |  | 1.3% | 6 |
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| | | <i>skipped question</i> | 25 |




55. Do you think President Obama's health care plan will improve the quality of health care you receive, hurt the quality of health care you receive, or not make a difference?

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| Improve |  | 39.4% | 186 |
| Hurt |  | 14.8% | 70 |
| No difference |  | 45.8% | 216 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> | 472 |
| | | <i>skipped question</i> | 25 |

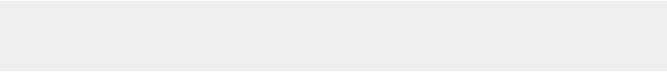
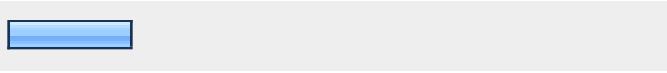
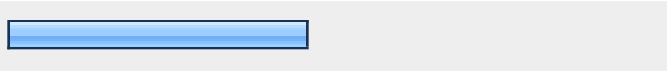
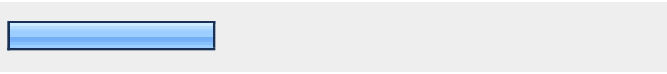
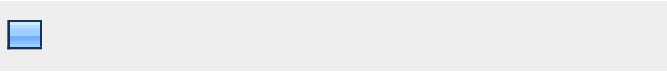
56. Do you think President Obama's health care plan would increase your health care costs, decrease your health care costs, or not make a difference?

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| Increase costs |  | 18.4% | 87 |
| Decrease costs |  | 47.0% | 222 |
| No difference |  | 34.5% | 163 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> | 472 |
| | | <i>skipped question</i> | 25 |

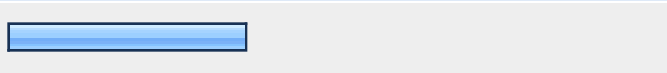
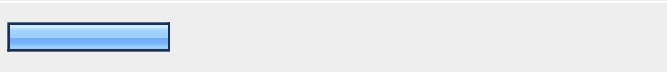
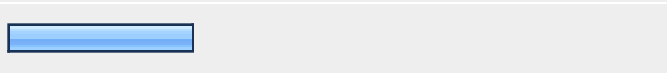
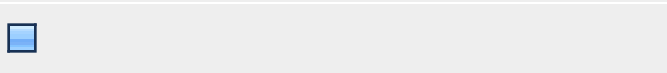
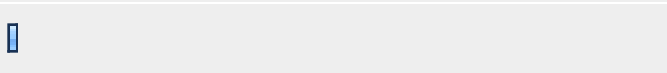
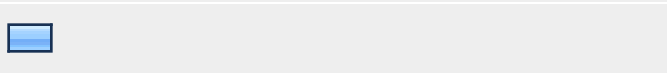
57. Are you willing to pay additional taxes in order to provide coverage for all Americans?

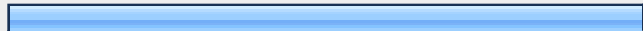

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| Yes |  | 68.2% | 322 |
| No |  | 23.7% | 112 |
| Don't know/No opinion |  | 8.1% | 38 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> | 472 |
| | | <i>skipped question</i> | 25 |







58. If you were asked to use one of these five names for your social class, which would you say you belong in — upper class, upper-middle class, middle class, working class, or lower class?



| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|---------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| Upper class |  | 0.0% | 0 |
| Upper middle class |  | 18.5% | 85 |
| Middle class |  | 45.9% | 211 |
| Working class |  | 31.3% | 144 |
| Lower class |  | 4.3% | 20 |
| | | answered question | 460 |
| | | skipped question | 37 |







59. Would you describe yourself as a:







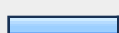

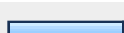


| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|------------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| Strong Democrat |  | 36.5% | 168 |
| Democrat |  | 24.6% | 113 |
| Independent |  | 28.3% | 130 |
| Republican |  | 3.9% | 18 |
| Strong Republican |  | 0.7% | 3 |
| Other |  | 6.1% | 28 |
| | | answered question | 460 |
| | | skipped question | 37 |

| 60. Are you a registered voter? | | | |
|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Yes |  | 98.0% | 451 |
| No |  | 2.0% | 9 |
| Don't know | | 0.0% | 0 |
| | | answered question | 460 |
| | | skipped question | 37 |

| 61. Please describe your voting habits: | | | |
|---|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Vote in every election |  | 77.2% | 355 |
| Vote in some primary elections and most general elections |  | 14.8% | 68 |
| Vote in most general elections |  | 2.6% | 12 |
| Vote only in presidential elections |  | 3.0% | 14 |
| Rarely Vote |  | 0.9% | 4 |
| Never Vote |  | 1.5% | 7 |
| | | answered question | 460 |
| | | skipped question | 37 |

| 62. Did you vote in the 2008 Presidential election? | | | |
|---|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Yes |  | 97.2% | 447 |
| No |  | 2.8% | 13 |
| | | answered question | 460 |
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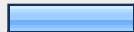
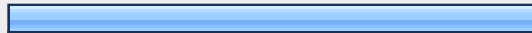
| 63. For which candidate did you vote? | | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|------------------|----------------|
| Barack Obama |  | | 80.7% | 371 |
| John McCain |  | | 11.7% | 54 |
| Bob Barr |  | | 0.4% | 2 |
| Ralph Nader |  | | 1.7% | 8 |
| Cynthia McKinney |  | | 0.9% | 4 |
| Other |  | | 4.6% | 21 |
| | <i>answered question</i> | | | 460 |
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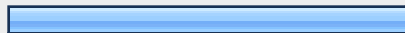

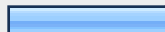


| 64. What is your age? | | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|-----------------------|--|--|------------------|----------------|
| 18-24 |  | | 2.6% | 12 |
| 25-29 |  | | 2.8% | 13 |
| 30-34 |  | | 5.0% | 23 |
| 35-39 |  | | 6.3% | 29 |
| 40-44 |  | | 5.4% | 25 |
| 45-49 |  | | 9.3% | 43 |
| 50-54 |  | | 16.7% | 77 |
| 55-59 |  | | 15.4% | 71 |
| 60-64 |  | | 17.4% | 80 |
| 65-69 |  | | 10.7% | 49 |
| 70+ |  | | 8.3% | 38 |
| | <i>answered question</i> | | | 460 |
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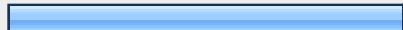

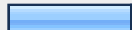


| 65. What is your annual household income? | | | |
|---|--|---------------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Less than \$10,000 | | 1.3% | 6 |
| \$10,000 to \$20,000 | | 7.8% | 36 |
| \$20,000 to \$30,000 | | 9.3% | 43 |
| \$30,000 to \$40,000 | | 8.0% | 37 |
| \$40,000 to \$50,000 | | 13.0% | 60 |
| \$50,000 to \$75,000 | | 21.7% | 100 |
| \$75,000 to \$100,000 | | 19.3% | 89 |
| \$100,000 to \$125,000 | | 8.9% | 41 |
| \$125,000 to \$150,000 | | 4.6% | 21 |
| \$150,000 to \$175,000 | | 2.4% | 11 |
| \$175,000 to \$200,000 | | 0.9% | 4 |
| \$200,000 and above | | 2.6% | 12 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> | 460 |
| | | <i>skipped question</i> | 37 |






| 66. What is the last level that you completed in school? | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Grade school | | 0.0% | 0 |
| Some high school | | 0.4% | 2 |
| Graduated high school | | 9.1% | 42 |
| Graduated Technical/Vocational school | | 4.3% | 20 |
| Some college | | 19.8% | 91 |
| Graduated college | | 28.3% | 130 |
| Post-graduate degree | | 38.0% | 175 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> | 460 |
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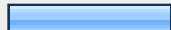

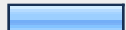
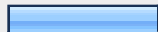
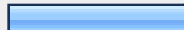
| 67. Are you or is any member of your household a member or retiree of a labor union? | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| I belong | | 29.1% | 134 |
| Household member belongs | | 12.0% | 55 |
| No member | | 62.2% | 286 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> | 460 |
| | | <i>skipped question</i> | 37 |

| 68. Do you currently have any children under the age of 18 living at home with you? | | | |
|---|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Yes |  | 18.9% | 87 |
| No |  | 81.1% | 373 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> | 460 |
| | | <i>skipped question</i> | 37 |

| 69. In terms of your job status, are you employed, unemployed but looking for work, retired, a student, or a homemaker? | | | |
|---|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Employed |  | 61.3% | 282 |
| Unemployed |  | 7.4% | 34 |
| Retired |  | 23.9% | 110 |
| Student |  | 2.8% | 13 |
| Homemaker |  | 4.6% | 21 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> | 460 |
| | | <i>skipped question</i> | 37 |

| 70. What is your current marital status? | | | |
|--|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Married |  | 60.9% | 280 |
| Not married, but living with partner |  | 5.7% | 26 |
| Single, never married |  | 18.5% | 85 |
| Divorced or separated |  | 11.7% | 54 |
| Widowed |  | 3.3% | 15 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> | 460 |
| | | <i>skipped question</i> | 37 |

| 71. For statistical purposes, could you please indicate your race? | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Black/African American |  | 2.8% | 13 |
| White/Caucasian |  | 92.6% | 426 |
| Hispanic/Latino |  | 1.3% | 6 |
| Asian American |  | 0.7% | 3 |
| Other |  | 2.6% | 12 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> | 460 |
| | | <i>skipped question</i> | 37 |

| 72. How frequently do you attend church or religious services? | | | |
|--|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Weekly |  | 24.8% | 114 |
| Monthly |  | 8.0% | 37 |
| Infrequently |  | 17.4% | 80 |
| Rarely |  | 22.8% | 105 |
| Never |  | 27.0% | 124 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> | 460 |
| | | <i>skipped question</i> | 37 |

| 73. Please enter your ZIP code (five-digit, only) | | |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| | | Response Count |
| | | 460 |
| | | <i>answered question</i> |
| | | 460 |
| | | <i>skipped question</i> |
| | | 37 |