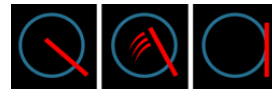


# AQNHC NATIONAL SURVEY

## Interview Schedule

June 1- 5, 2011  
N=800 Registered Voters (700 landline/100 cell)  
+ 300 Seniors Nationwide (Age 65+)  
Project #:11057  
MoE 800 =  $\pm 3.46\%$ , MoE 300 =  $+5.66\%$



PUBLIC OPINION  
STRATEGIES



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- An asterisk (\*) in a response category means that less than 0.5% of respondents chose that response category and a dash (-) represents no response.
  - "Skip base" is the percentage of voters that are asked a question because they meet a criteria based on a response to a previous question, meaning not all 800 respondents (or 300 seniors) received that question.
  - \* "Total base" is the percentage of the total sample, in this survey that is 800 voters (or 300 seniors).

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A. Are you registered to vote at this address?

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
100%	100%	YES ( <b>CONTINUE TO QUESTION B</b> )
-	-	IF NO THEN ASK: May I please speak to someone in your household who is registered to vote at this address? ( <b>REPEAT QUESTION D1 WITH NEW RESPONDENT</b> )

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B. And are you, or is anyone living in your household, employed by a market research company, a newspaper, magazine, television or radio station?

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
-	-	YES ( <b>THANK AND TERMINATE</b> )
100%	100%	NO ( <b>CONTINUE</b> )
-	-	NOT SURE ( <b>DO NOT READ- THANK AND TERMINATE</b> )
-	-	REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ- THANK AND TERMINATE</b> )

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Changing topics...

1. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
24%	21%	RIGHT DIRECTION
61%	65%	WRONG TRACK
11%	7%	MIXED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
4%	7%	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

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And now thinking about you and your family and health care...

2. Generally speaking, is the current health care system meeting the needs of you and your family?

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
66%	83%	YES
32%	15%	NO
3%	3%	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

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Now, I am going to read you some different terms. Please tell me, as I read each one is your opinion of that term - **(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)** very favorable, mostly favorable, half-and-half, mostly unfavorable, - or very unfavorable? If I mention one that you are unfamiliar with just tell me and we'll move on to the next one.

VERY FAV	MOSTLY FAV	HALF & HALF	MOSTLY UNFAV	VERY UNFAV	HRD OF /NO OPIN	NVR HRD	<b>(DNR)</b> DK/ REF
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The **(first/next)** one is... **(RANDOMIZE)**

3. Medicare **(IF NO OPINION/NEVER HRD OF/DK/REF THEN SAY:)** Now, just to make sure everyone taking this survey has the same information, Medicare is the federal government health care program for seniors. And, now moving on...

<b>CORE</b>	21%	34%	21%	10%	5%	6%	1%	2%
	<b>55%</b>			<b>15%</b>				
<b>65+</b>	39%	37%	16%	3%	2%	1%	--	2%
	<b>76%</b>			<b>5%</b>				

4. Medicaid

<b>CORE</b>	17%	23%	22%	13%	7%	11%	3%	4%
	<b>40%</b>			<b>20%</b>				
<b>65+</b>	18%	20%	18%	8%	6%	17%	5%	8%
	<b>38%</b>			<b>14%</b>				

5. Social Security

<b>CORE</b>	26%	30%	18%	15%	7%	2%	*	1%
	<b>56%</b>			<b>22%</b>				
<b>65+</b>	43%	33%	12%	5%	4%	*	--	2%
	<b>76%</b>			<b>9%</b>				

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**(ROTATE Q6 & Q7)**

6. Now, before this survey were you aware or unaware that Medicare funds are used to help pay for nursing home care for America's seniors?

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
74%	70%	AWARE
25%	27%	UNAWARE
1%	3%	DON'T KNOW ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
--	--	REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

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7. Now, before this survey were you aware or unaware that Medicaid funds are used to help pay for nursing home care for America's seniors?

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
68%	64%	AWARE
31%	34%	UNAWARE
1%	2%	DON'T KNOW ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
--	--	REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

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Thinking some more about nursing homes...

8. Currently, Medicare and Medicaid funds are used to help pay for nursing home care for America's seniors...Now, knowing this... Please tell me whether you think the federal government should increase, decrease, or provide the same level of funding to nursing homes?

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
43%	34%	INCREASE
6%	5%	DECREASE
42%	48%	REMAIN THE SAME
9%	13%	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

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Now, talking some more about Medicare....(ROTATE Q9-10 AS A BLOCK WITH Q11-12)

9. How much have you seen, read or heard about proposed changes to Medicare by Republicans in Congress? (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM AND BOTTOM TO TOP)

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
52%	65%	A LOT/SOME
47%	32%	NOT MUCH/NOTHING
21%	29%	A LOT
31%	36%	SOME
29%	21%	NOT TOO MUCH ...OR...
18%	11%	NOTHING AT ALL
1%	2%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
*	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

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**(IF Q9:1-3, THEN ASK:)(ASKED OF 649 REG VOTERS AND 258 SENIORS 65+)**

10. And, do you favor or oppose the proposed changes to Medicare by Republicans in Congress, or do you not know enough about this to have an opinion at this time?

**(IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, THEN ASK:)** And do you strongly (favor/oppose) or just somewhat (favor/oppose) the proposed changes to Medicare by Republicans in Congress?

**SKIP BASE:**

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
15%	18%	<b>TOTAL FAVOR</b>
32%	36%	<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>
7%	11%	STRONGLY FAVOR
8%	7%	SOMEWHAT FAVOR
6%	4%	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
26%	32%	STRONGLY OPPOSE
43%	37%	NO OPINION
10%	9%	DON'T KNOW ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
--	--	REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

**TOTAL BASE:**

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
12%	15%	<b>TOTAL FAVOR</b>
26%	31%	<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>
6%	9%	STRONGLY FAVOR
6%	6%	SOMEWHAT FAVOR
5%	4%	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
21%	27%	STRONGLY OPPOSE
35%	32%	NO OPINION
8%	8%	DON'T KNOW ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
--	--	REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

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11. How much have you seen, read or heard about proposed changes to Medicare by President Obama's deficit reduction commission? (**ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM AND BOTTOM TO TOP**)

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
48%	54%	<i>A LOT/SOME</i>
51%	44%	<i>NOT MUCH/NOTHING</i>
17%	24%	A LOT
31%	30%	SOME
30%	28%	NOT TOO MUCH ...OR...
21%	16%	NOTHING AT ALL
1%	1%	DON'T KNOW ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
*	1%	REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

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**(IF Q11:1-3, THEN ASK:)(ASKED OF 625 REG VOTERS AND 247 SENIORS 65+)**

12. And, do you favor or oppose the proposed changes to Medicare by President Obama's deficit reduction commission, or do you not know enough about this to have an opinion at this time?

**(IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, THEN ASK:)** And do you strongly (favor/oppose) or just somewhat (favor/oppose) the proposed changes to Medicare by President Obama's deficit reduction commission?

**SKIP BASE:**

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
11%	8%	<b>TOTAL FAVOR</b>
29%	37%	<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>
5%	5%	STRONGLY FAVOR
6%	3%	SOMEWHAT FAVOR
6%	4%	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
23%	33%	STRONGLY OPPOSE
49%	46%	NO OPINION
11%	9%	DON'T KNOW ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
--	--	REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

**TOTAL BASE:**

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
8%	6%	<b>TOTAL FAVOR</b>
23%	30%	<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>
4%	4%	STRONGLY FAVOR
4%	2%	SOMEWHAT FAVOR
5%	3%	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
18%	27%	STRONGLY OPPOSE
38%	38%	NO OPINION
9%	8%	DON'T KNOW ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
--	--	REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

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**(READ TO ALL)**

Moving on...

13. Do you think it will be necessary to reduce spending on Medicare in order to significantly reduce the federal budget deficit?

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
24%	19%	YES
66%	67%	NO
10%	13%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
*	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

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14. And, would favor or oppose cutting spending on Medicare in order to significantly reduce the federal budget deficit?

**(IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, THEN ASK:)** And do you strongly (favor/oppose) or just somewhat (favor/oppose) cutting spending on Medicare in order to significantly reduce the federal budget deficit?

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
22%	18%	<b>TOTAL FAVOR</b>
73%	76%	<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>
9%	6%	STRONGLY FAVOR
13%	12%	SOMEWHAT FAVOR
18%	13%	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
55%	63%	STRONGLY OPPOSE
4%	4%	NO OPINION (DO NOT READ)
1%	3%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

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Thinking some more about cutting spending on Medicare...

15. If you learned that your Member of Congress supported cutting spending on Medicare in order to significantly reduce the federal budget deficit, would this give you a more favorable opinion or a less favorable opinion of your Member of Congress, or would this not make much difference in your opinion one way or another?

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
14%	18%	MORE FAVORABLE
58%	57%	LESS FAVORABLE
24%	19%	NO DIFFERENCE
3%	5%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
1%	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

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Now, changing topics...

16. Would you favor or oppose reducing the amount Medicare pays to nursing homes by four billion dollars next year?

**(IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, THEN ASK:)** And do you strongly (favor/oppose) that or just somewhat (favor/oppose) reducing the amount Medicare pays to nursing homes by four billion dollars next year?

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
<b>18%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>TOTAL FAVOR</b>
<b>68%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>
8%	7%	STRONGLY FAVOR
10%	11%	SOMEWHAT FAVOR
22%	13%	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
46%	50%	STRONGLY OPPOSE
12%	15%	NO OPINION (DO NOT READ)
2%	4%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

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**(ROTATE Q17 & Q18)**

17. Would you favor or oppose reducing the amount Medicare pays to nursing homes by four billion dollars next year if you learned that it would be used to reduce the federal deficit?

**(IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, THEN ASK:)** And do you strongly (favor/oppose) that or just somewhat (favor/oppose) reducing the amount Medicare pays to nursing homes by four billion dollars next year to reduce the federal deficit?

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
23%	21%	<b>TOTAL FAVOR</b>
69%	68%	<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>
10%	9%	STRONGLY FAVOR
13%	11%	SOMEWHAT FAVOR
21%	14%	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
48%	54%	STRONGLY OPPOSE
8%	10%	NO OPINION ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
*	1%	REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

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18. Would you favor or oppose reducing the amount Medicare pays to nursing homes by four billion dollars next year if you learned that it would be used to increase payments to doctors who treat Medicare patients?

**(IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, THEN ASK:)** And do you strongly (favor/oppose) that or just somewhat (favor/oppose) reducing the amount Medicare pays to nursing homes by four billion dollars next year to increase payments to doctors who treat Medicare patients?

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
26%	20%	<b>TOTAL FAVOR</b>
58%	61%	<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>
9%	8%	STRONGLY FAVOR
17%	12%	SOMEWHAT FAVOR
22%	23%	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
36%	38%	STRONGLY OPPOSE
15%	17%	NO OPINION ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
1%	2%	REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

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**(ROTATE Q19 & Q20)**

19. And, if you heard that a plan was already in place to reduce the amount of Medicare funding for seniors needing nursing home and rehabilitation care by thirty billion dollars over the next ten years – do you think the proposal to reduce the amount Medicare pays to nursing homes by four billion dollars next year would be **(ROTATE PUNCHES :1-2)** too large, too small... or about right?

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
47%	35%	TOO LARGE
9%	11%	TOO SMALL
28%	31%	ABOUT RIGHT
13%	19%	DON'T KNOW <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>
3%	4%	REFUSED <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>

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20. Thinking again about a proposal that would reduce the amount Medicare pays to nursing homes by four billion dollars next year.

If you heard that in percentage terms the reductions being considered is equal to twelve percent of Medicare's payments to nursing homes next year, what is your reaction—do you think a reduction equal to twelve percent is **(ROTATE PUNCHES :1-2)** too large, too small...or about right?

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
46%	38%	TOO LARGE
9%	6%	TOO SMALL
31%	34%	ABOUT RIGHT
12%	19%	DON'T KNOW <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>
2%	3%	REFUSED <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>

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21. Thinking some more about the proposal to reduce the amount Medicare pays to nursing homes by four billion dollars next year.... which ONE, if any, of the following things that could happen as a result of these reductions would concern you the MOST? (**RANDOMIZE**)

<b><u>CORE</u></b>	<b><u>65+</u></b>	
35%	27%	The quality of care in nursing homes would decline
31%	30%	The cost of nursing home care would become unaffordable for many families
15%	17%	Many nursing homes could go out of business and there would be fewer options available for nursing home care
5%	6%	Too many Americans working in nursing homes would lose their jobs
2%	3%	None of these ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
7%	6%	Other (Specify) ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
4%	8%	Don't Know ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
1%	3%	Refused ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

Now, I am going to read you two points of view about the proposed reductions to the amount Medicare pays to nursing homes by four billion dollars next year. For each point of view please tell me how convincing you find each statement for that point of view. (**Rotate Q22-23**)

22. (**Starting with/Next**) a statement from people who SUPPORT these reductions.

The statement reads:

This is not really a reduction in payments to nursing homes. This is a correction to get four billion dollars back because Medicare paid more than expected after making a policy change that caused skilled nursing facilities to receive higher than expected payments from Medicare.

How convincing do you find that statement as a reason to SUPPORT the proposed reductions to the amount Medicare pays to nursing homes by four billion dollars next year? (**ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP**)

<b><u>CORE</u></b>	<b><u>65+</u></b>	
28%	26%	<b>TOTAL CONVINCING</b>
67%	64%	<b>TOTAL NOT CONVINCING</b>
7%	6%	VERY CONVINCING
21%	20%	SOMEWHAT CONVINCING
32%	28%	NOT TOO CONVINCING
35%	36%	NOT AT ALL CONVINCING
5%	9%	DON'T KNOW ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
*	1%	REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

23. **(Starting with/Next)** a statement from people who OPPOSE these reductions.

The statement reads:

Four billion dollars in cuts in one year is too big and too fast. These cuts will have an overwhelming impact on nursing facilities, the jobs and economic benefits they bring to communities, and the care they provide to millions of older Americans. If cuts are needed, they need to be spread over a period of time that will not so dramatically affect the level and quality of care provided to America's seniors.

How convincing do you find that statement as a reason to OPPOSE the proposed reductions to the amount Medicare pays to nursing homes by four billion dollars next year? (**ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP**)

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
71%	62%	<b>TOTAL CONVINCING</b>
26%	33%	<b>TOTAL NOT CONVINCING</b>
33%	25%	VERY CONVINCING
39%	37%	SOMEWHAT CONVINCING
11%	14%	NOT TOO CONVINCING
15%	19%	NOT AT ALL CONVINCING
3%	4%	DON'T KNOW ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
*	1%	REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

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24. Now having heard more information, would you favor or oppose reducing the amount Medicare pays to nursing homes by four billion dollars next year.

**(IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, THEN ASK:)** And do you strongly (favor/oppose) that or just somewhat (favor/oppose) reducing the amount Medicare pays to nursing homes by four billion dollars next year?

**CORE**

<u>INIT</u>	<u>FIN</u>	
18%	22%	<b>TOTAL FAVOR</b>
68%	70%	<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>
8%	9%	STRONGLY FAVOR
10%	13%	SOMEWHAT FAVOR
22%	22%	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
46%	48%	STRONGLY OPPOSE
12%	8%	NO OPINION/DON'T KNOW ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
2%	*	REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

**65+**

<u>INIT</u>	<u>FIN</u>	
18%	19%	<b>TOTAL FAVOR</b>
63%	68%	<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>
7%	8%	STRONGLY FAVOR
11%	11%	SOMEWHAT FAVOR
13%	16%	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
50%	52%	STRONGLY OPPOSE
15%	12%	NO OPINION/DON'T KNOW ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
4%	1%	REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

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**(ASK SAMPLE A ONLY) (IF Q24:1-4, ASK:)**

25. Please tell me why you (FAVOR/OPPOSE) the proposal to reduce the amount Medicare pays to nursing homes by four billion dollars next year? **PROBE:** Can you tell me more about that? Anything else?

**SEE VERBATIM RESPONSES**

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And thinking some more about you and your health care and other insurance coverage...

26. Do you have a health plan, that is, are you covered by a private health insurance plan or by a government program such as Medicare, Medicaid or Tricare, which used to be called Champus?

**(SPECIFY) (IF GIVE MULTIPLE PUNCHES, ASK FOR PRIMARY PLAN)**

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	<i>TOTAL YES</i>
86%	97%	
63%	28%	YES, Private Health Insurance
18%	65%	YES, Medicare
3%	2%	YES, Medicaid
2%	2%	YES, Champus/Tricare
12%	2%	NO
1%	1%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
1%	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

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**(ASK OF THOSE UNDER AGE 65)(ASKED OF 637 VOTERS UNDER 65 YEARS OLD)**

27. Sometime in the past year, other than your spouse, has a relative over the age of sixty-five years old asked you to help them get information about their healthcare questions such as finding information about Medicare coverage, locating a doctor in their community, or comparing nursing home facilities in their community?

**SKIP BASE:**

<u>CORE</u>	
25%	YES
74%	NO
1%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

**TOTAL BASE:**

<u>CORE</u>	
20%	YES
59%	NO
1%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

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**(READ TO ALL)**

And thinking about you...

28. Do you or a close relative currently receive or have in the past received care in a nursing home?

**(IF "YES," ASK:)** Is or was that person yourself or a close relative?

**(IF "RELATIVE," ASK:)** What is or was that person's relationship to you?

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
40%	37%	<b>TOTAL YES</b>
2%	6%	YES, SELF
38%	31%	YES, RELATIVE ( <b>PLEASE SPECIFY RELATIONSHIP:_____</b> )
60%	62%	NO
--	*	DON'T KNOW ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
*	1%	REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

**(ASK IF Q28:1-2 - ONLY RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY OR A RELATIVE CURRENTLY RECEIVES OR HAS RECEIVED NURSING HOME CARE)(ASKED OF 318 VOTERS AND 110 SENIORS 65+)**

29. How recently have you or has someone in your family received care in a nursing home-- currently, within the past five years, between five and ten years ago, or more than ten years ago?

**SKIP BASE:**

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
19%	15%	CURRENTLY
44%	47%	WITHIN THE PAST 5 YEARS
20%	15%	BETWEEN 5 AND 10 YEARS AGO
14%	22%	MORE THAN 10 YEARS AGO
1%	--	DON'T KNOW ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
1%	1%	REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

**TOTAL BASE:**

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
8%	6%	CURRENTLY
18%	17%	WITHIN THE PAST 5 YEARS
8%	5%	BETWEEN 5 AND 10 YEARS AGO
6%	8%	MORE THAN 10 YEARS AGO
*	--	DON'T KNOW ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
*	*	REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

**(ASK IF Q28:1-2 - ONLY RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY OR A RELATIVE CURRENTLY RECEIVES OR HAS RECEIVED NURSING HOME CARE)(ASKED OF 318 VOTERS AND 110 SENIORS 65+)**

30. How satisfied were you with the quality of care the nursing home provided--very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

**SKIP BASE:**

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
77%	78%	<b>TOTAL SATISFIED</b>
17%	18%	<b>TOTAL DISSATISFIED</b>
38%	49%	VERY SATISFIED
39%	29%	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED
9%	10%	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED
8%	8%	VERY DISSATISFIED
5%	2%	DON'T KNOW ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
1%	2%	REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

**TOTAL BASE:**

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
31%	29%	<b>TOTAL SATISFIED</b>
7%	7%	<b>TOTAL DISSATISFIED</b>
15%	18%	VERY SATISFIED
16%	11%	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED
4%	4%	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED
3%	3%	VERY DISSATISFIED
2%	1%	DON'T KNOW ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
*	*	REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

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Now, I have just a few questions for statistical purposes only... I understand the confidentiality of your responses but I want to assure you that this poll is being completed for research purposes only and that all responses given will remain strictly confidential.

D1. And, in what year were you born?

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
5%	--	18-24
17%	--	25-34
23%	--	35-44
16%	--	45-54
18%	--	55-64
9%	49%	65-74
10%	51%	75+
2%	--	REFUSED

D2. And what was the last grade you completed in school? (**DO NOT READ CATEGORIES**)

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
<b>30%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS</b>
<b>27%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>SOME COLLEGE</b>
<b>42%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>COLLEGE+</b>
*	2%	SOME GRADE SCHOOL (1-8)
5%	6%	SOME HIGH SCHOOL (9-11)
25%	36%	GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)
2%	2%	TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL (12)
25%	22%	SOME COLLEGE (13-15)
25%	18%	GRADUATED COLLEGE (16)
17%	14%	GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL (16+)
1%	1%	REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

D3. And for statistical purposes only...is your total annual household income greater or less than \$60,000 dollars?

**CORE 65+**

**(IF LESS THAN \$60,000, ASK:) Is it...**

**(ROTATE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM/BOTTOM TO TOP)**

12%	17%	UNDER \$20,000
22%	33%	BETWEEN \$20,000 - \$40,000
13%	14%	OVER \$40,000

**(IF GREATER THAN \$60,000, ASK:) Is it...**

**(ROTATE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM/BOTTOM TO TOP)**

13%	11%	UNDER \$80,000
12%	4%	BETWEEN \$80,000 - \$100,000
19%	7%	OVER \$100,000

9% 14% REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

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D4. In politics today, do you consider yourself... (**ROTATE**)

a Republican,  
a Democrat,  
or something else?

**(IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT, ASK:) Would you call yourself a STRONG (Republican/Democrat) or a NOT-SO-STRONG (Republican/ Democrat)?**

**(IF SOMETHING ELSE, ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or to the Democratic party?**

**CORE 65+**

**41% 42% TOTAL REPUBLICAN**

**44% 44% TOTAL DEMOCRAT**

17%	23%	STRONG REPUBLICAN
11%	10%	NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN
13%	9%	LEAN TO REPUBLICANS

11% 8% SOMETHING ELSE/INDEPENDENT

9%	6%	LEAN TO DEMOCRATS
13%	12%	NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT
22%	26%	STRONG DEMOCRAT

3% 3% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)

1% 3% REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

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D5. Do you consider yourself a supporter of the Tea Party Movement?

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
22%	28%	Yes
61%	55%	No
6%	5%	Depends ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
11%	12%	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

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**ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SUPPORT THE TEA PARTY (D5:1) AND ARE REPUBLICAN (D4:1-3) (ASKED OF 142 REG VOTERS AND 71 SENIORS 65+)**

D6. Which better describes you, (**ROTATE:**) a supporter of the Tea Party Movement or a Republican?

**SKIP BASE:**

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
41%	31%	Supporter of the Tea Party Movement
46%	56%	Republican
8%	7%	Both ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
6%	6%	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

**TOTAL BASE:**

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
7%	7%	Supporter of the Tea Party Movement
8%	13%	Republican
1%	2%	Both ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
1%	1%	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

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D7. In politics today, do you consider yourself to be... **(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)**

conservative  
 moderate  
 ...or...  
 liberal

**(IF CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL, ASK:)** And would you consider yourself to be VERY (CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL), or just SOMEWHAT (CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL)?

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
37%	44%	<b>TOTAL CONSERVATIVE</b>
18%	16%	<b>TOTAL LIBERAL</b>
17%	25%	VERY CONSERVATIVE
20%	19%	SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE
39%	33%	MODERATE
11%	8%	SOMEWHAT LIBERAL
7%	8%	VERY LIBERAL
5%	6%	UNDECIDED/NOT SURE( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
1%	1%	REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

And thinking back to the presidential election in 2008...

D8. Regardless of how you may feel today...for which of the following candidates did you vote for President... **(ROTATE 1 & 2)**

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
38%	42%	John McCain
		...OR...
49%	46%	Barack Obama
*	--	Bob Barr ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
*	--	Ralph Nader ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
3%	3%	SOMEONE ELSE ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
4%	3%	DID NOT VOTE ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
1%	1%	DON'T KNOW/DON'T RECALL ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
5%	5%	REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

D9. Other than being an American, what is your main ethnic or racial heritage? (**READ CHOICES**)

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
12%	6%	AFRICAN AMERICAN OR BLACK
76%	88%	WHITE
8%	3%	HISPANIC AMERICAN OR LATINO
2%	*	ASIAN AMERICAN
*	--	OTHER ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> ) ( <b>IF PUNCH , THEN ASK:</b> ) Now I realize you just said your main ethnic or racial heritage doesn't fall into any of the categories I just mentioned...but if you had to choose JUST ONE of these categories, which ONE would you choose?
2%	3%	REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

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D10. Are you currently single and never married, unmarried and living with a partner, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
<b>64%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>MARRIED/LIVING WITH PARTNER</b>
<b>34%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>TOTAL NOT MARRIED</b>
16%	4%	SINGLE
4%	1%	UNMARRIED AND LIVING WITH A PARTNER
60%	54%	MARRIED
2%	1%	SEPARATED
8%	31%	WIDOWED
8%	8%	DIVORCED
*	*	OTHER ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
2%	1%	NOT SURE/REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

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D11. GENDER (**BY OBSERVATION, BUT ASK EVERYONE**) Are you currently employed, a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>CORE</u>	<u>65+</u>	
48%	42%	<b>TOTAL MALE</b>
52%	58%	<b>TOTAL FEMALE</b>
29%	4%	MALE/EMPLOYED
2%	--	MALE/STUDENT
1%	--	MALE/HOMEMAKER
12%	37%	MALE/RETIRED
3%	1%	MALE/UNEMPLOYED AND LOOKING
1%	*	MALE/REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
25%	4%	FEMALE/EMPLOYED
2%	--	FEMALE/STUDENT
7%	7%	FEMALE/HOMEMAKER
14%	47%	FEMALE/RETIRED
3%	--	FEMALE/UNEMPLOYED AND LOOKING
1%	*	FEMALE/REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

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