NATIONAL SURVEY OF REGISTERED VOTERS REGARDING HEALTH CARE AND GOVERNMENT FUNDING

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Hello, this is with Survey Sampling, a national public opinion research company. We're talking with people your area today about some issues facing the country. We are not trying to sell anything, your answers completely confidential, and we would really appreciate your cooperation (DO NOT PAUSE).						
FOR CELL PHONE SAMPLE:						
CELL 1. Have I r	reached you on a cell phone?					
	YESNO					
CELL 2. Are you	in a place right now where you can sai	ely take the survey?				
	YES NO NOT WILLING TO TAKE SURV DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	SCHEDULE C	EALLBACK ERMINATE			
A. Are you regis	stered to vote in the county in which yo	ı live?				
	YES					
B. Is there anyor	ne else in your household who is registe	ered to vote in your county?				
	YES May I speak					
C. Just to be sure	e we get a representative sample, could	you tell me the ZIP code of y	our home address?			
	YES (SPECIFY)Ent					

Note: Percentages may not equal 100 percent due to rounding.

D. In politics today, do you normally think of yourself as (ROTATE: a Republican, an independent, or a Democrat)?

	SEN	LEAN R	SWING
IF "REPUBLICAN" OR "DEMOCRAT", ASK:	STRONG REPUBLICAN 19%	24%	23%
Would you consider yourself a strong or	NOT-SO-STRONG REP 10%	9%	12%
a not-so-strong Republican/Democrat?	IND LEAN REPUBLICAN 12%	11%	11%
	INDEPENDENT/NO PREF 16%	11%	9%
IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:	IND LEAN DEMOCRAT 8%	9%	9%
Do you think of yourself as closer to the	NOT-SO-STRONG DEM 8%	9%	10%
(ROTATE: Republican or Democratic	STRONG DEMOCRAT 23%	23%	22%
Party)?	REFUSED 4%	4%	4%
COLLAPSED	REPUBLICAN29%	33%	35%
	INDEPENDENT 36%	31%	29%
	DEMOCRAT31%	32%	32%
	REFUSED 4%	4%	4%

1. Would you prefer (ROTATE: a Republican or a Democrat) as your next congressman?

	SEN	LEAN R	SWING
REPUBLICAN	37%	42%	39%
DEMOCRAT	34%	35%	38%
DEPENDS ON CANDIDATES (VOLUNTEERED)	22%	17%	18%
DON'T KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)	. 7%	6%	6%

2. Overall, do you think your congressman deserves reelection, or do you think it is time to give someone else a chance?

	SEN	LEAN R	SWING
DESERVES REELECTION	29%	25%	29%
TIME FOR SOMEONE ELSE	50%	53%	52%
DON'T KNOW	21%	22%	19%

3. In primary elections for state and federal offices, do you generally vote (ROTATE: in the Republican primary, in the Democratic primary), or do you usually not vote in primary elections?

	SEN	LEAN R	SWING
REPUBLICAN PRIMARY	32%	38%	32%
DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY	33%	29%	34%
NOT A PRIMARY VOTER	28%	28%	28%
DON'T KNOW	7%	5%	6%

Note: Percentages may not equal 100 percent due to rounding.

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE, ASK: Would that be strongly (approve/disapprove), or just somewhat (approve/disapprove)?

		SEN	LEAN R	SWING
	STRONGLY APPROVE	. 19%	23%	20%
	SOMEWHAT APPROVE	. 18%	19%	22%
	SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE	. 11%	8%	12%
	STRONGLY DISAPPROVE	. 46%	45%	39%
	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	6%	5%	7%
COLLAPSED	APPROVE	. 37%	42%	42%
	DISAPPROVE	. 57%	53%	51%
	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	6%	5%	7%

Attitudes Toward Health Care Reform Law

5. Do you support or oppose the health care reform law that passed in 2010, also known as the Affordable Care Act or ObamaCare? (IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK: Would that be strongly (SUPPORT/OPPOSE) or just somewhat (SUPPORT/OPPOSE)?

		SEN	LEANR	SWING
	STRONGLY SUPPORT	23%	22%	25%
	SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	11%	16%	14%
	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	11%	11%	9%
	STRONGLY OPPOSE	47%	44%	43%
	DON'T KNOW	8%	8%	8%
COLLAPSED	SUPPORT	34%	38%	39%
	OPPOSE	58%	55%	52%
	DON'T KNOW	8%	8%	8%

6. Do you believe that you and your family will be personally impacted by the health care reform law passed in 2010, also known as the Affordable Care Act or ObamaCare? (IF YES, ASK: Do you think those changes will be good or bad for you and your family?)

	SEN	LEAN R	SWING
YES/GOOD	18%	23%	23%
YES/BAD	48%	43%	41%
NO	25%	22%	27%
DON'T KNOW	9%	11%	9%

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ASK QUESTION 7 ONLY OF OPPONENTS (PUNCHES 3 AND 4 IN Q. 5)

- 7. Some people believe that ObamaCare will have a negative effect on health care and the economy. Which comes closer to your view about the best way to prevent these problems that the healthcare law may cause: (ROTATE)
 - a. Opponents of the law should not try to fix these problems with ObamaCare now, but wait until they are in a position to repeal the entire law at once. Fixing it piece-by-piece will only improve ObamaCare and reduce the pressure to get rid of the law entirely.
 - b. Opponents of the law should force action to dismantle the worst parts of ObamaCare now, because the earliest they could fully repeal the law would be in 2017 after Obama leaves office, and once the law is implemented it will be even harder to get rid of.

	SEN	LEAN R	SWING
WAIT FOR FULL REPEAL	. 29%	24%	25%
DISMANTLE PARTS NOW	. 64%	67%	69%
DON'T KNOW	7%	9%	6%

Note: results are based on opponents of ObamaCare (347 in SEN, 164 in LEAN R, and 157 in SWING).

- 8. Which of the following comes closer to your view (ROTATE):
 - a. The health care reform law known as the Affordable Care Act or ObamaCare should be implemented on schedule and not delayed. Any problems can be worked out in the course of implementation, and delaying it now is just an excuse to not let the law go into effect.
 - b. The health care reform law known as the Affordable Care Act or ObamaCare should be delayed for at least a year. The Administration has already delayed the requirement for employers to provide health care, and the IRS is not ready to determine the income eligibility for subsidies, creating a huge loophole that will allow fraud in the law.

	SEN	LEAN R	SWING
IMPLEMENT ON SCHEDULE	36%	40%	43%
DELAY FOR AT LEAST A YEAR	54%	51%	48%
DON'T KNOW	10%	9%	9%

9. As you may know, the IRS has said that it is not ready to verify the eligibility of citizens who apply for health care subsidies from the federal government. This means the government will have to trust citizens to be honest about their income and subsidy needs. How concerned are you that this could result in rampant fraud and the waste of billions of taxpayer dollars: very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?

	SEN	LEAN R	SWING
VERY CONCERNED	55%	51%	49%
SOMEWHAT CONCERNED	24%	28%	24%
NOT TOO CONCERNED	10%	9%	14%
NOT AT ALL CONCERNED	. 9%	10%	10%
DON'T KNOW	. 2%	3%	3%

Note: Percentages may not equal 100 percent due to rounding.

10. As you may know, the IRS has a major role in overseeing and enforcing Obamacare. How much do you trust the IRS to manage a database that includes your personal tax and health information, and keep your information private: a great deal, some, not much, or none at all?

	SEN	LEAN R	SWING
GREAT DEAL	20%	24%	21%
SOME	25%	27%	29%
NOT MUCH	17%	12%	14%
NONE AT ALL	36%	36%	33%
DON'T KNOW	2%	1%	3%

11. When the health care reform law known as the Affordable Care Act or ObamaCare was passed in 2010, it required Members of Congress and their staffs to get coverage through the same health exchanges that ordinary Americans have to use. But in response to congressional pressure, the Obama Administration announced it would use a loophole in the law to allow Congress to keep the more generous benefits their current coverage provides. Do you think Members of Congress and their staffs should get their coverage through the exchanges created by the health care law, or do you think they should continue to get the coverage they are receiving now?

	SEN	LEAN R	SWING
EXCHANGES	. 53%	65%	59%
CURRENT FEDERAL PROGRAM	. 38%	26%	35%
DON'T KNOW	9%	9%	5%

12. Who do you blame most for the loophole in the law that allows Members of Congress and their staffs to get out of using the health care exchanges in the way that ordinary Americans have to: (ROTATE: President Obama, Democrats in Congress, or Republicans in Congress)?

	SEN	LEAN R	SWING
PRESIDENT OBAMA	24%	20%	18%
DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS	22%	25%	21%
REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS	28%	31%	32%
DON'T KNOW	27%	24%	29%

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13. Some people say that ObamaCare is so bad that an effort to repeal it should be attached to a bill necessary to keep the government running, which could lead to a temporary government shutdown. Do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea for opponents of ObamaCare to risk shutting down the government temporarily in an effort to get rid of the law?

	SEN	LEAN R	SWING
GOOD IDEA	31%	26%	28%
BAD IDEA	59%	64%	62%
DON'T KNOW	11%	10%	10%

13a. Which of the following statements comes closer to your view: (ROTATE)

- a. If Republicans pass a spending bill that funds all of the federal government except ObamaCare, and President Obama refuses to sign it, it will be Obama's fault if the government shuts down. President Obama will have chosen to shut down the federal government rather than keep it running just because his signature law wasn't funded.
- b. If Republicans pass a spending bill that funds all of the federal government except ObamaCare, and President Obama refuses to sign it, it will be the Republicans' fault if the government shuts down. They will have chosen to shut down the federal government rather than pay for a law they never liked but is now the law of the land.

	SEN	LEAN R	<i>SWING</i>
OBAMA'S FAULT	. 48%	49%	41%
REPUBLICANS' FAULT	. 39%	38%	44%
DON'T KNOW	. 14%	13%	15%

- 14. Now let's talk about that question a little more. Which of the following comes closer to your view about funding ObamaCare: (ROTATE)
 - a. Republicans in Congress need to stand up for American families who will see higher health care costs and fewer jobs because of ObamaCare. Since it will be impossible to get rid of once it is fully implemented, Republicans need to do everything they can to defund ObamaCare now, including a showdown on a bill required to fund the federal government and risking a temporary government shutdown.
 - b. Republicans in Congress oppose President Obama so intensely that they are willing to hurt the American people to get their way. They are threatening to stop paying for our military, our schools, and law enforcement, just to fight President Obama. It is fair for them to try to change the parts of the health care law they don't like, but they should not force a government shutdown to achieve their goals.

	SEN	LEAN R	SWING
REPUBLICANS NEED TO STAND UP	46%	41%	40%
REPUBLICANS SHOULD NOT FORCE SHUTDOWN.	45%	49%	48%
DON'T KNOW	9%	10%	12%

Note: Percentages may not equal 100 percent due to rounding.

Congress is considering a number of actions that could address problems in the health care reform law known as the Affordable Care Act or ObamaCare. For each one, please tell me if you support or oppose that change: (ROTATE)

		S	UPPORT	OPPOSE	DON'T KNOW
15.	Require the defunding of ObamaCare as a	SEN	42%	47%	12%
	condition of passing legislation that keeps the	LEAN R	41%	48%	11%
	government running, even if that risks a temporary government shutdown.	SWING	45%	46%	8%
16.	Delay the insurance mandates and	SEN	52%	39%	10%
	tax penalties on businesses.	LEAN R	50%	41%	9%
		SWING	47%	44%	9%
17.	Delay the insurance mandates and	SEN	50%	42%	8%
	tax penalties on individuals and families.	LEAN R	53%	40%	7%
		SWING	51%	41%	8%
18.	Get rid of every provision in the law that would	SEN	51%	40%	9%
	drive up health insurance costs for young people.	LEAN R	47%	44%	9%
		SWING	55%	36%	9%
19.	Get rid of every provision in the law that lessens	SEN	60%	29%	11%
	Medicare coverage for seniors and restore full	LEAN R	60%	28%	12%
	funding for Medicare Advantage.	SWING	60%	28%	12%
20.	Get rid of parts of the law that will cause	SEN	44%	46%	10%
	employers to drop the health insurance coverage	LEAN R	39%	51%	10%
	they currently provide to employees and their families.	SWING	42%	50%	8%
21.	Remove the IRS from enforcing the mandates and	SEN	58%	32%	10%
	penalties in the law.	LEAN R	53%	38%	9%
		SWING	57%	32%	10%

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SPLIT SAMPLE Q22a AND Q22b

22a. Here are some things political leaders are saying about the issue of defunding President Obama's health care law. Which of the following statements comes closer to your view: (ROTATE)

- a. Republicans in Congress say that if they won't make a stand on blocking funding for ObamaCare, what will they stand for? The spending bill that funds the government's operations is their last chance to block ObamaCare, and once an entitlement program goes into effect, it never gets undone in Washington. President Obama is already implementing this law selectively, and exempting big companies from key provisions. Americans should be asking why President Obama is willing to shut down the federal government to save his broken law.
- b. If Republicans in Congress insist on blocking funding for ObamaCare, the federal government will shut down and Republicans will get the blame. Moreover, it will not defund ObamaCare, because most of the spending for ObamaCare is mandatory spending through Medicaid anyway, so a government shutdown will not affect it, and the President will get to make all the decisions on how money is spent during a shutdown. Shutting down the government would create major problems for our country and still won't accomplish the goals of Republicans.

	SEN	LEAN R	<i>SWING</i>
LAST CHANCE TO BLOCK	43%	35%	45%
SHUTTING DOWN WON'T WORK	43%	52%	45%
DON'T KNOW	14%	13%	9%

22b.Here are some things political leaders are saying about the issue of defunding President Obama's health care law. Which of the following statements comes closer to your view: (ROTATE)

- a. Republicans in Congress say that if they won't make a stand on blocking funding for ObamaCare, what will they stand for? The spending bill that funds the government's operations is their last chance to block ObamaCare, and once an entitlement program goes into effect, it never gets undone in Washington. President Obama is already implementing this law selectively, and exempting big companies from key provisions. Americans should be asking why President Obama is willing to shut down the federal government to save his broken law.
- b. President Obama says that at a time when the economy is starting to recover, when we're making progress putting people back to work, the last thing we need is a government shutdown caused by Republicans in Congress. Millions of people who depend on government services, like farmers and veterans, would be hurt. Instead of threatening to shut down the government in order to block a law they don't like, Republicans should be working with Democrats to pass a responsible spending bill and help more people get back to work.

	SEN	LEAN R	<i>SWING</i>
LAST CHANCE TO BLOCK	33%	39%	33%
WORK TOGETHER	59%	56%	58%
DON'T KNOW	8%	5%	9%

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23. If the federal government shuts down at the end of September, do you think that would affect you and your family a great deal, somewhat, not much, or not at all?

	SEN	LEAN R	SWING
GREAT DEAL	33%	29%	29%
SOMEWHAT	34%	41%	33%
NOT MUCH	15%	15%	20%
NOT AT ALL	14%	13%	14%
DON'T KNOW	4%	3%	3%

24. Which do you think would hurt the American economy more: (ROTATE: funding and implementing ObamaCare, or shutting down the federal government)?

	SEN	LEAN R	SWING
FUNDING OBAMACARE	45%	39%	40%
SHUTTING DOWN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	47%	54%	52%
DON'T KNOW	9%	7%	8%

Demographics

Now I have a few questions just for statistical purposes.

25. When thinking about politics today, do you normally consider yourself to be (ROTATE: very conservative, somewhat conservative, moderate, somewhat liberal, or very liberal)?

	SEN	LEAN R	<i>SWING</i>
VERY CONSERVATIVE	22%	21%	20%
SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE	29%	24%	27%
MODERATE	22%	23%	22%
SOMEWHAT LIBERAL	14%	19%	18%
VERY LIBERAL	9%	8%	8%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	5%	6%	5%

26. Would you say you strongly support, somewhat support, or do not support the goals of the Tea Party movement?

	SEN	LEAN R	SWING
STRONGLY SUPPORT	16%	16%	14%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	36%	28%	33%
DO NOT SUPPORT	37%	44%	44%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	11%	11%	9%

Note: Percentages may not equal 100 percent due to rounding.

27. Would you please stop me when I read the last level of education you completed?

	SEN	LEANR	SWING
LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL	3%	1%	4%
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE	17%	17%	14%
SOME COLLEGE	26%	28%	29%
COLLEGE GRADUATE	33%	31%	30%
GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL	18%	20%	21%
REFUSED (DO NOT READ)	3%	3%	2%

28. Are you single, married, divorced, or widowed?

	SEN	LEAN R	SWING
SINGLE	23%	17%	17%
MARRIED	58%	67%	67%
DIVORCED	. 9%	8%	5%
WIDOWED	. 7%	5%	8%
REFUSED (DO NOT READ)	. 3%	3%	2%

29. Are you, or is any member of your immediate family, a member of a labor union?

IF YES, ASK: Is that a public-sector union, or a private-sector union?

SEN	LEAN R	SWING
YES/PUBLIC SECTOR11%	9%	14%
YES/PRIVATE SECTOR6%	8%	8%
NO, NOT UNION MEMBER 79%	78%	73%
REFUSED 4%	5%	5%

30. Would you please stop me when I read the correct category for your age?

SEN	LEAN R	SWING
18 TO 24	11%	9%
25 TO 29	4%	7%
30 TO 34	4%	4%
35 TO 39	8%	5%
40 TO 44	10%	15%
45 TO 49	8%	7%
50 TO 54	12%	14%
55 TO 59	14%	9%
60 TO 64	7%	9%
65 OR OLDER	22%	21%
REFUSED (DO NOT READ)	0%	0%

Note: Percentages may not equal 100 percent due to rounding.

31. Would you please stop me when I read the correct category for your total household income?

SEN	V LEAN R	SWING
\$25,000 OR LESS	6 14%	13%
\$25,000 TO \$50,00021%	6 15%	15%
\$50,000 TO \$75,000	6 18%	18%
\$75,000 TO \$100,00016%	6 14%	11%
\$100,000 TO \$150,000	6 16%	15%
\$150,000 TO \$200,000	6 4%	5%
\$200,000 OR MORE	6 4%	8%
REFUSED (DO NOT READ)12%	6 15%	16%

32. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

IF NO, ASK: What would you say is your main race: white, African American, Asian, or something else?

S_{i}	EN	LEAN R	SWING
YES/HISPANIC	3%	4%	8%
NO/WHITE78	3%	83%	78%
NO/BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN 12	2%	9%	8%
NO/ASIAN	ე%	1%	1%
NO/OTHER	5%	2%	6%
REFUSED	1%	1%	0%

33. Gender (from observation):

MALE	. 49%	48%	48%
FEMALE	. 51%	52%	52%

ASK IN CELL SAMPLE ONLY

34. Thinking about your telephone use, is there at least one telephone inside your home that is working and is not a cell phone?

	SEN	LEAN R	SWING
YES	46%	50%	75%
NO	49%	30%	25%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	5%	20%	0%

ASK IN LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY

35. Thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?

	SEN	LEAN R	SWING
YES	78%	84%	83%
NO	20%	12%	14%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	2%	4%	3%

Note: Percentages may not equal 100 percent due to rounding.

DO NOT ASK IF Q.34 IS NO OR IF Q.35 IS NO

36. Of all the personal telephone calls that you receive, do you get all of them on cell phones, almost all of them on cell phones, some on cell and some on your regular home phone, almost all on your regular home phone, or all on your regular home phone?

	SEN	LEAN R	SWING
ALL ON CELL PHONE	. 12%	6%	5%
ALMOST ALL ON CELL PHONES	. 22%	17%	16%
SOME ON CELL/SOME ON HOME PHONE	. 36%	40%	42%
ALMOST ALL ON HOME PHONE	. 17%	21%	21%
ALL ON HOME PHONE	6%	10%	10%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	7%	7%	5%

37. Finally, in what state do you live?

Those are all the questions I have. Thank you very much for sharing your opinions with us.

38. APPEND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Note: Percentages may not equal 100 percent due to rounding.