



**Final Frequencies (n=1000)**  
**NATIONAL SURVEY**  
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Hello. My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm calling long distance from \_\_\_\_\_. We are conducting a public opinion survey and I would like to ask you some questions. We are not selling anything, and I will not ask you for a contribution or donation. Could I please speak with the male/female 18 or older in your household who celebrated a birthday most recently? First, are you registered to vote at this address? **[IF NO, ASK FOR A FAMILY MEMBER WHO IS. IF NONE, TERMINATE AND MARK TQ1 ON SAMPLE SHEET.]**

**[RECORD, BUT DO NOT ASK, GENDER:]**

male ..... 48  
 female ..... 52

How likely would you say you are to vote in the November 2010 general election for U.S. Senate, Congress and other political offices -- are you almost certain to vote in the election, very likely, about 50-50, not too likely, not at all likely, or aren't you sure?

almost certain ..... 75  
 very likely..... 25  
 about 50-50 ..... **[TERMINATE]**  
 not too likely ..... **[TERMINATE]**  
 not at all likely..... **[TERMINATE]**  
 dk/not sure..... **[TERMINATE]**

I'm going to list some groups and institutions. After each, please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable impression of that particular group or institution. If you haven't heard of the group or institution, {6}, or if you don't know enough about it to have an impression, {5}, just say so and we will move on.

<b>[ROTATE BATTERY Q.2-Q.11]</b>	very fav	smwt fav	smwt unfav	very unfav	don't know	never heard
__Nursing homes .....	22	49	14	8	6	1
__Rehabilitation and skilled nursing facilities.....	29	48	7	2	13	0
__Long-term care facilities .....	23	47	11	4	14	1
__Acute rehabilitation hospitals .....	26	43	6	3	20	3
__Home health care .....	41	41	6	3	8	0
__Assisted-living facilities .....	35	47	7	3	7	1
__Hospitals .....	38	46	10	4	2	0
__Health insurance companies .....	18	31	24	22	5	0
__Pharmaceutical companies.....	14	35	24	22	5	0
__Doctors.....	41	47	6	4	2	0

Which comes closer to your point of view:

**[ROTATE STATEMENTS]**

**Statement A:** Skilled nursing facilities are the best place for patients to receive critical rehabilitation care because these facilities have trained professionals who can provide the right kind of care around the clock, and are able to get the patient back to full health so they leave and go home.

OR

**Statement B:** Many skilled nursing facilities do not give their patients the attention they deserve, and most patients receiving critical rehabilitation care would be better off if they were cared for at their own home by a combination of family, friends, and hired help.

**[If (A/B)]** Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Statement A, strongly.....	40	<b>53</b>
Statement A, not so strongly .....	14	
Statement B, not so strongly .....	10	
Statement B, strongly .....	28	<b>38</b>
DK/No opinion <b>[VOL]</b> .....	9	

**[RESUME ASKING EVERYONE]**

The health care legislation recently passed by Congress and signed into law by the President included \$15 billion in cuts to Medicare reimbursements for care in rehabilitation and skilled nursing facilities. Congress may decide to make further cuts to Medicare payments for care in rehabilitation and skilled nursing facilities. Would you favor or oppose these cuts? **[IF FAVOR/OPPOSE]** Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Favor, strongly .....	9	<b>18</b>
Favor, not so strongly.....	10	
Oppose, not so strongly.....	12	
Oppose, strongly .....	61	<b>73</b>
Not sure/dk <b>[VOL]</b> .....	8	

If your member of Congress voted for more Medicare funding cuts for care in rehabilitation or skilled nursing facilities, would that make you feel **[ROTATE]** \_\_more likely to vote for your Member of Congress, \_\_more likely to vote against your Member of Congress or would it have no effect on your vote for Congress? **[IF VOTE TO REELECT/VOTE AGAINST REELECTING]** Is that much more likely, or only somewhat more likely?

Vote for, much more likely .....	7	<b>12</b>
Vote for, somewhat more likely.....	5	
No effect.....	23	
Vote against, somewhat more likely .....	17	
Vote against, much more likely.....	42	<b>60</b>
Don't know <b>[VOL]</b> .....	5	

As you may know, state legislatures across the country are facing state budget deficits for this upcoming year. In order to help balance the budget, some states have proposed cutting Medicaid funding for rehabilitation and skilled nursing facilities. Do you favor or oppose these proposed funding cuts to rehabilitation and skilled nursing facilities? **[IF FAVOR/OPOSE]:** Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Favor, strongly .....	6	<b>15</b>
Favor, not so strongly.....	9	
Oppose, not so strongly.....	17	
Oppose, strongly .....	61	<b>78</b>
Not sure/dk <b>[VOL]</b> .....	7	

If your state legislator voted for these proposed funding cuts to rehabilitation and skilled nursing facilities, would that make you feel **[ROTATE]** \_\_more likely to vote for your state legislator, \_\_more likely to vote against your state legislator or would it have no effect on your vote for state legislator? **[IF VOTE TO REELECT/VOTE AGAINST REELECTING]** Is that much more likely, or only somewhat more likely?

Vote for, much more likely .....	6	<b>11</b>
Vote for, somewhat more likely.....	5	
No effect.....	23	
Vote against, somewhat more likely .....	19	
Vote against, much more likely.....	45	<b>64</b>
Don't know <b>[VOL]</b> .....	3	

As you may know, Medicaid is a program jointly funded by the federal government and each state. Because each state is required to balance its budget, many states are cutting back on their contributions to Medicaid. Do you favor the federal government providing additional funding to the states to prevent state cuts to Medicaid or would you oppose more federal funding for states to prevent state cuts to Medicaid? **[IF FAVOR/OPOSE]** Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Favor, strongly .....	44	<b>62</b>
Favor, not so strongly.....	18	
Oppose, not so strongly.....	9	
Oppose, strongly .....	19	<b>28</b>
Not sure/dk <b>[VOL]</b> .....	10	

Now I am going to list several reasons to oppose the Medicaid and Medicare funding cuts for rehabilitation and skilled nursing facilities. For each one, please tell me whether you think it is a very convincing reason to oppose them, a somewhat convincing reason, not too convincing, or not convincing at all as a reason to oppose the Medicaid funding cuts for nursing homes.

**[RANDOMIZE BY QUESTION Q.37-Q.46]**

	very conv.	smwt conv.	not too conv.	not at all	DK [vol]
__Most of the funding for rehabilitation and skilled nursing facilities comes from Medicare, and cuts would reduce the quality of care for patients with intense nursing and rehabilitation needs like those who are recovering from a stroke or from surgery.....	37	36	16	8	4

__Two thirds of the patients in nursing homes are paid for by Medicaid, which pays only 6 to 7 dollars an hour per patient, which is less than it costs to provide patients help with the activities of daily living like bathing, eating, and medication management.....	36	35	16	9	4
__Rehabilitation and skilled nursing facilities do much more than provide long-term nursing care for the elderly. Half of patients are there for a short time to receive critical rehabilitation services after accidents like a fall or hip replacement surgery and go home after some weeks or months to lead normal lives .....	37	34	19	7	2
__Most people never think they will need to put their family members with chronic illnesses like Alzheimer's in a nursing home, thinking they can take care of them without help. But most nursing home patients and their families say they received excellent care, and many families are speaking out against Medicaid funding cuts that would put nursing homes out of reach for millions of Americans .....	40	32	18	7	2
__As funding is cut, rehabilitation and skilled nursing facilities must lay off staff, which threatens the quality of care and means that some patients will experience complications, making them more likely to need more care in the future.....	40	34	15	8	2
__The overwhelming majority of rehabilitation and skilled nursing facilities provide an excellent quality of care, and more than 85% of the patients and their families that are surveyed after leaving rehabilitation and skilled nursing facilities say they approved of the care they received .....	34	40	16	8	2
__Rehabilitation and skilled nursing center workers care deeply about their patients, working long hours for little pay. Medicare cuts mean lower salaries, which will make it more difficult for rehabilitation and skilled nursing facilities to recruit highly-trained professionals to provide this care .....	41	32	18	7	2
__These funding cuts to rehabilitation and skilled nursing facilities come at the worst possible time, with aging baby boomers preparing for retirement, the strain on these facilities will be severe.....	40	34	17	6	3
__Medicare patients go to rehabilitation and skilled nursing facilities after they receive acute care at a hospital, relieving the burden on hospitals and providing a cost-effective way to care for recovering patients .....	38	37	14	7	4
__ Rehabilitation and skilled nursing facilities care for patients recovering from hip surgery at approximately half the daily cost of an acute rehabilitation hospital .....	35	36	15	7	6

**THANK YOU. THE FEW REMAINING QUESTIONS ARE FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY.**

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else? **[IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT ASK:]** Do you consider yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or a not so strong (Republican/Democrat)? **[IF INDEPENDENT ASK:]** Would you say that you lean more toward the Republicans or more toward the Democrats?

strong Republican .....	19	31
not so strong Republican .....	5	
independent leans Republican .....	7	
independent.....	27	
independent leans Democratic.....	6	
not so strong Democrat.....	6	
strong Democrat .....	25	37
don't know/refused <b>[VOL]</b> .....	5	

Do you consider yourself very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative or very conservative? **[IF MODERATE, ASK:]** Do you tend to lean toward the liberal or conservative side?

very liberal .....	10	26
somewhat liberal.....	12	
moderate leans liberal.....	5	
moderate .....	29	
moderate leans conservative.....	6	
somewhat conservative.....	18	
very conservative .....	18	42
don't know/refused <b>[VOL]</b> .....	4	

What is your age?

18-29.....	11	43
30-39.....	17	
40-49.....	15	
50-59.....	23	
60+.....	28	52
na/ref.....	5	

What was the last level of schooling you completed?

less than high school graduate .....	5	31
high school graduate.....	25	
some college .....	26	
college graduate.....	31	
post-graduate .....	10	41
don't know/refused <b>[VOL]</b> .....	2	

Are you Hispanic, or of Spanish descent?

yes.....	8
no .....	89
refused [VOL] .....	3

Are you black, white, Asian, Native American or some other race?

black .....	10
white .....	78
Asian.....	1
Native American.....	1
other .....	7
refused [VOL] .....	3

Are you or any members of your family currently residing or have in the past resided in a nursing home or assisted-living facility?

Yes, you, currently.....	2	15
Yes, family, currently .....	12	
Yes, both, currently.....	1	
Yes, you, past.....	2	27
Yes, family, past .....	22	
Yes, both, past .....	3	
No .....	57	
don't know/refused [VOL].....	1	

If you were asked to use one of these given names for the economic class you belong to, which would you say you belong in—upper class, upper middle-class, middle class, working class, or lower class?

upper class .....	2	13
upper middle-class.....	11	
middle-class .....	51	
working class .....	24	
lower class .....	6	30
other [VOL].....	0	
don't know/refused [VOL].....	5	

What is your zip code? \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for answering these questions.