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Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: November 2015

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METHODOLOGY

This *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF). The survey was conducted November 10-17, 2015, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,352 adults ages 18 and older, living in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii (note: persons without a telephone could not be included in the random selection process). Computer-assisted telephone interviews conducted by landline (540) and cell phone (812, including 476 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by Princeton Data Source under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI). Both the random digit dial landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International, LLC. For the landline sample, respondents were selected by asking for the youngest adult male or female currently at home based on a random rotation. If no one of that gender was available, interviewers asked to speak with the youngest adult of the opposite gender. For the cell phone sample, interviews were conducted with the adult who answered the phone. KFF paid for all costs associated with the survey.

The combined landline and cell phone sample was weighted to balance the sample demographics to match estimates for the national population using data from the Census Bureau's 2013 American Community Survey (ACS) on sex, age, education, race, Hispanic origin, nativity (for Hispanics only), and region along with data from the 2010 Census on population density. The sample was also weighted to match current patterns of telephone use using data from the July-December 2014 National Health Interview Survey. The weight takes into account the fact that respondents with both a landline and cell phone have a higher probability of selection in the combined sample and also adjusts for the household size for the landline sample. All statistical tests of significance account for the effect of weighting.

The margin of sampling error including the design effect for the full sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. Numbers of respondents and margins of sampling error for key subgroups are shown in the table below. For results based on other subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Sample sizes and margins of sampling error for other subgroups are available by request. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll. Kaiser Family Foundation public opinion and survey research is a charter member of the [Transparency Initiative](#) of the American Association for Public Opinion Research.

Group	N (unweighted)	M.O.S.E.
Total	1,352	±3 percentage points
Party Identification		
Democrats	425	±6 percentage points
Republicans	372	±6 percentage points
Independents	390	±6 percentage points
Insurance Status		
Insured, ages 18-64	838	±4 percentage points
Uninsured, ages 18-64	112	±10 percentage points
Know anyone who has abused, been addicted to, or died from prescription painkillers		
Yes	760	±4 percentage points
No	577	±5 percentage points

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

01/11: Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health *The Public's Health Care Agenda for the 112th Congress* (January 4-14, 2011)

1. As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010. Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? [GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that a very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) opinion?] [INTERVIEWER NOTE: If respondent asks if the health reform law refers to the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare, please answer “yes”] (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/Refused
11/15	19	19	17	28	17
10/15	21	21	15	27	16
09/15	21	20	15	30	14
08/15	23	21	16	25	14
06/29/15	23	20	13	27	17
06/09/15	19	20	16	26	19
04/15	22	21	15	27	14
03/15	22	19	15	28	16
01/15	19	21	16	30	15
12/14	18	23	16	30	14
11/14	18	19	16	30	18
10/14	16	20	16	27	20
09/14	15	20	15	32	19
07/14	15	22	18	35	11
06/14	19	20	15	30	16
05/14	19	19	12	33	17
04/14	19	19	16	30	16
03/14	18	20	14	32	15
02/14	16	19	14	33	18
01/14	17	17	15	35	16
12/13	17	17	12	36	18
11/13	15	18	13	36	18
10/13	21	17	13	31	18
09/13	20	19	13	30	17
08/13	17	20	14	28	20
06/13	15	20	13	30	23
04/13	16	19	12	28	24
03/13	17	20	13	27	23
02/13	18	18	13	29	23
11/12	19	24	12	27	19
10/12	20	18	14	29	19
09/12	25	20	12	28	14
08/12	21	17	13	30	19
07/12	20	18	13	31	17
06/12	25	16	11	30	18
05/12	17	20	12	32	19
04/12	20	22	9	34	15
03/12	18	23	11	29	19
02/12	17	25	16	27	15
01/12	18	19	14	30	19
12/11 ¹	19	22	15	28	17
11/11	17	20	15	29	19
10/11	12	22	20	31	15
09/11	18	23	14	29	16
08/11	16	23	17	27	17
07/11	20	22	12	31	15
06/11	15	27	16	30	12
05/11	19	23	15	29	14
04/11	20	21	14	27	18
03/11	21	21	15	31	13
02/11	16	27	19	29	8
01/11	19	22	16	34	9
12/10	22	20	14	27	18

¹ May 2010 through December 2011 trend wording was “As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law early last year...”

Q.1 continued

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/ Refused
11/10	19	23	12	28	18
10/10	18	24	15	29	15
09/10	19	30	15	25	11
08/10	19	24	13	32	12
07/10	21	29	10	25	14
06/10	20	28	16	25	10
05/10	14	27	12	32	14
04/10 ²	23	23	10	30	14

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

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

² April 2010 trend wording was “[President Obama did sign a health reform bill into law last month...] Given what you know about the new health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? (Is that a very favorable/unfavorable or somewhat favorable/unfavorable opinion?)”

READ TO ALL: On another topic...

3. Next, please tell me how closely you have followed these stories that have been in the news recently. (First/Next,) (INSERT--READ AND RANDOMIZE). READ FOR FIRST ITEM THEN AS NECESSARY: Did you follow this story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

		Closely (NET)	Very closely	Fairly closely	Not closely (NET)	Not too closely	Not at all closely	Don't know/ Refused
a.	The 2016 Presidential Campaigns							
	11/15	74	39	35	25	15	10	1
	10/15	67	36	31	32	18	14	1
	09/15	74	40	34	25	12	13	1
	08/15	69	33	36	31	17	13	1
	06/29/15	54	22	32	45	22	22	1
	06/09/15	55	25	31	43	18	26	1
b.	Discussions in Washington about the federal budget							
	11/15	50	19	30	50	25	25	*
	05/14	51	18	33	47	23	24	2
	04/14	51	19	32	48	24	24	1
	03/14	50	21	30	49	22	26	1
c.	Controversy about government funding for Planned Parenthood							
	11/15	56	28	27	43	20	23	1
	10/15 ³	57	31	26	43	18	24	1
	09/15	60	35	25	39	19	20	1
	08/15	57	27	30	43	19	24	1
d.	Paul Ryan appointed as the new Speaker of the House of Representatives							
	11/15	45	20	25	54	24	30	1
e.	Release of 2016 health insurance premium rates							
	11/15	36	14	22	63	27	35	1
	06/29/15	24	7	17	75	24	51	1
	09/14 ⁴	20	8	12	78	23	55	3
	07/14	30	10	20	69	24	45	1
	06/14	27	8	19	71	25	46	1
f.	The health care law's third open enrollment period							
	11/15	35	14	21	64	30	34	1
	01/15 ⁵	26	6	19	74	27	47	1
	12/14	28	7	21	71	33	37	1
	11/14 ⁶	25	10	15	73	28	45	2
g.	The crash of a Russian Metrojet airplane in Egypt							
	11/15	55	23	32	44	22	22	1

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³ August through October trend was "Controversy about Planned Parenthood".

⁴ Trend wording for June 2014 through September 2014 was "The release of 2015 health insurance premium rates by insurers in some states"

⁵ December 2014 and January 2015 trend for this item was "The health care law's second open enrollment period".

⁶ November 2014 trend for this item was "Preparations for the health care law's second open enrollment period"

		Closely (NET)	Very closely	Fairly closely	Not closely (NET)	Not too closely	Not at all closely	Don't know/ Refused
h. Conflicts involving ISIS and other Islamic militant groups in Iraq and Syria								
	11/15	74	39	34	25	15	10	1
	06/09/15	69	33	36	30	17	13	1
	12/14	70	32	38	29	15	14	1
	11/14	70	34	37	29	17	12	1
	10/14 ⁷	68	32	36	31	18	14	1
i. Damage in Mexico caused by Hurricane Patricia								
	11/15	37	13	24	62	31	31	1

4. How important is it to you personally to have health insurance? (READ 1-4)

	11/15	11/14	01/14	06/13
Important (NET)	95	94	95	96
Very important	85	84	85	87
Somewhat important	10	11	10	9
Not important (NET)	5	5	4	3
Not too important	2	2	3	2
Not at all important	3	3	2	2
Don't know/Refused	*	1	*	1

5. Which of the following comes closer to your view? (READ AND ROTATE)

	11/15	11/14	01/14	06/13
Health insurance is something I need (or)	85	84	85	88
I'm healthy enough that I don't really need health insurance	14	14	14	11
Don't know/Refused	2	2	1	1

READ TO ALL: On a different topic...

6. Now I'd like to ask you about (IF DC SAMPLE READ: possible priorities for the District's mayor and city council) (IF NON-DC SAMPLE READ: possible priorities for your state's governor and legislature). First, (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) should that be a top priority, important but a lower priority, not too important or should it not be done? What about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? Should that be a top priority, important but a lower priority, not too important or should it not be done? [INTERVIEWER: READ RESPONSE OPTIONS FIRST 2 TIMES; THEN, AS NECESSARY]

	Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	Don't know/ Refused
a. Reducing the number of people abusing prescription painkillers or heroin	50	35	10	3	2
b. Making health care more accessible and affordable	68	24	5	2	1
c. Reducing crime	64	28	5	1	2
d. Improving public education	76	19	3	1	1
e. Reforming the criminal justice system	50	35	10	2	3
f. Protecting the environment	54	35	8	2	1
g. Improving infrastructure, like buildings and roads	46	42	9	2	1
h. Attracting and retaining businesses and jobs	64	27	5	2	1

⁷ October 2014 trend for this item was "Airstrikes by the U.S. and others against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria".

7. To the best of your knowledge, which of following is the leading cause of accidental deaths in the United States? (Falls), (drug overdose), or (car accidents)? (RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	11/15
Car accidents	50
Drug overdose	40
Falls	6
Something else (VOL.)	1
Don't know/Refused	3

READ TO ALL: Next, when we ask about prescription painkillers in this poll, we mean strong ones, sometimes called opioids, such as Percocet, OxyContin or Vicodin.

8. Which level of government should be primarily responsible for creating and implementing policies to reduce the number of people abusing prescription painkillers? The federal government, state government or local government?

	11/15
Federal government	36
State government	39
Local government	16
All equally (VOL.)	5
None (VOL.)	2
Don't know/Refused	3

9. How easy or difficult do you think it is for people to get access to prescription painkillers that were not prescribed to them? Very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult?

	11/15
Easy (NET)	77
Very easy	43
Somewhat easy	34
Difficult (NET)	18
Somewhat difficult	13
Very difficult	5
Don't know/Refused	5

10. How easy or difficult do you think it is for people who need prescription painkillers for medical purposes to get access to them? Very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult?

	11/15
Easy (NET)	58
Very easy	23
Somewhat easy	35
Difficult (NET)	39
Somewhat difficult	28
Very difficult	12
Don't know/Refused	3

11. To the best of your knowledge, are heroin and prescription painkillers similar or different types of drugs in terms of how they affect the drug user's body?

	11/15
Similar	54
Different	33
Don't know/Refused	13

12. Which do you think is more risky to use, (prescription painkillers) or (heroin), or do you think they are about equally risky? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENS)

	11/15
Prescription painkillers	5
Heroin	42
They are about equally risky	51
Don't know/Refused	2

13. Do you think prescription painkiller abuse makes a person more likely or less likely to use heroin or other illegal drugs, or do you think it doesn't make much of a difference?

	11/15
More likely	55
Less likely	4
Doesn't make much of a difference	35
Don't know/Refused	6

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

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

15. In order to encourage people to call for help during drug overdoses, some states have laws so that people who call for emergency medical help for a drug overdose for themselves or others are not arrested for having or using the drug. Other states do not have these laws because they think they are too lenient on drug users. Do you think these types of laws are a good idea or a bad idea?

	11/15
Good idea	63
Bad idea	30
Don't know/Refused	7

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

	Effective (NET)	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Not effective (NET)	Not too effective	Not at all effective	Don't know/Refused
a. Public education and awareness programs	80	39	41	18	10	8	1
b. Providing treatment for those who are addicted to prescription painkillers	85	41	43	12	7	5	3
c. Monitoring doctors' prescription painkiller prescribing habits	82	43	39	16	10	6	2
d. Training doctors on the appropriate use of prescription painkillers	79	45	35	19	10	10	2
e. Encouraging people who were prescribed painkillers to dispose of any extras once they no longer medically need them	69	37	33	29	14	15	2

READ: Now I have just a few questions we will use to describe the people who took part in our survey...

D5. What is your age? (RECORD EXACT AGE AS TWO-DIGIT CODE.)

D6. (ASK IF DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED AGE) Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of... (READ LIST)

18-29	22
30-49	33
50-64	28
65 and older	18
Don't know/Refused	*

D4. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time? (READ IF NECESSARY: A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or [Medicaid/Medi-CAL])?

Covered by health insurance	88
Not covered by health insurance	11
Don't know/Refused	1

D4a. Which of the following is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage? Is it a plan through your employer, a plan through your spouse's employer, a plan you purchased yourself either from an insurance company or a state or federal marketplace, are you covered by Medicare or (Medicaid/[INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME]), or do you get your health insurance from somewhere else?

Based on those who are insured (n=1,233)

Plan through your employer	34
Plan through your spouse's employer	12
Plan you purchased yourself	9
Medicare	20
Medicaid/[STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME]	12
Somewhere else	4
Plan through your parents/mother/father (VOL.)	8
Don't know/Refused	1

17. Did you purchase your plan directly from an insurance company, from the marketplace known as healthcare.gov (or [INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC MARKETPLACE NAME]), or through an insurance agent or broker?

Based on those ages 18-64 who purchased own insurance plan (sample size insufficient to report)

Summary D4, D4a, Q17 based on those ages 18-64 (n=955)

	11/15
Covered by health insurance	86
Employer	35
Spouse's employer	12
Self-purchased plan	8
Directly from an insurance company	2
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	3
Through an insurance agent or broker	2
Somewhere else (VOL.)	*
Don't know/Refused	*
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	13
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	9
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	13
Don't know/Refused	1

18. Regardless of how you purchased your plan, do you know if it is a marketplace or [healthcare.gov/INSERT STATE SPECIFIC MARKETPLACE NAME] plan, is it NOT a marketplace or [healthcare.gov/INSERT STATE SPECIFIC MARKETPLACE NAME] plan, or are you not sure? (ENTER ONE ONLY)

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

Summary D4, D4a, Q17, and Q18 based on those ages 18-64 (n=955)

	11/15
Covered by health insurance	86
Employer	35
Spouse's employer	12
Self-purchased plan	8
Directly from insurance company/agent or broker/Other	5
Marketplace plan	1
Non-marketplace plan	2
Not sure/Refused	3
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	3
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	13
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	9
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	13
Don't know/Refused	1

19. What's the MAIN reason you do not currently have health insurance? (OPEN-END. ACCEPT ONE RESPONSE ONLY)

Based on those ages 18-64 who are uninsured (n=112)

	11/15
Too expensive/Can't afford	33
NET Employment	22
Unemployed/lost job	17
Other employment-related	4
Employer doesn't offer it	2
Waiting period for job	--
Not eligible for employer coverage	--
Don't need it/want it	10
Citizenship/Residency issues	9
Missed the deadline/Haven't gotten around to it/Too busy	5
Not eligible/Not eligible for government help	5
In process of signing up	4
Against government requirement/Against ACA	2
Difficulty applying	1
Don't know how to get it	1
Can't get it/refused due to poor health, illness, or age	1
Didn't have enough information	1
Other	6
Don't know/Refused	1

Summary of D4 and Q19 based on those ages 18-64 (n=955)

	11/15
Covered by health insurance	86
Not covered by health insurance	13
Too expensive/Can't afford	4
NET Employment	3
Unemployed/lost job	2
Other employment-related	*
Employer doesn't offer it	*
Waiting period for job	--
Not eligible for employer coverage	--
Don't need it/want it	1
Citizenship/Residency issues	1
Missed the deadline/Haven't gotten around to it/Too busy	1
Not eligible/Not eligible for government help	1
In process of signing up	1
Against government requirement/Against ACA	*
Difficulty applying	*
Don't know how to get it	*
Can't get it/refused due to poor health, illness, or age	*
Didn't have enough information	*
Other	1
Don't know/Refused	*
Don't know/Refused	1

20. Have you tried to get health insurance for yourself in the past 6 months, or not?

Based on those ages 18-64 who are uninsured

	11/15	03/14	02/14	01/14
Yes, have tried to get insurance	32	33	39	41
No, have not tried to get insurance	68	67	61	59
Don't know/Refused	--	--	--	*
	(112)	(n=150)	(n=137)	(n=173)

Summary of D4 and Q20 based on those ages 18-64 (n=955)

	11/15
Covered by health insurance	86
Not covered by health insurance	13
Yes, have tried to get health insurance	4
No, have not tried to get health insurance	9
Don't know/Refused	--
Don't know/Refused	1

21. Do you plan to get health insurance in the next few months, or do you think you will remain uninsured? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF DON'T KNOW, PROBE ONCE: We realize there is still some uncertainty, but if you had to say now, do you think you will get health insurance in the next few months, or do you think you will remain uninsured?)

Based on those ages 18-64 who are uninsured

	Will get insurance	Remain uninsured	Don't know/Refused	N
11/15	55	40	5	112
10/15	49	44	6	102
04/15	55	42	4	111
03/15	51	44	5	133
01/15	56	39	5	149
12/14	57	35	8	131
11/14	49	41	10	154
10/14	59	38	3	145
02/14	49	44	7	137
01/14	50	40	10	173
11/13	58	34	8	151
08/13	58	32	10	178

Summary of D4 and Q21 based on those ages 18-64

	Covered	----- Not covered (NET) -----			Don't know/Refused		N
		Not Covered (NET)	Will get insurance	Remain uninsured	DK/Ref.		
11/15	86	13	7	5	1	1	955
10/15	85	14	7	6	1	*	859
04/15	86	13	7	6	*	*	1,096
03/15	85	15	7	6	1	1	1,132
01/15	82	17	10	7	1	1	1,077
12/14	84	15	9	5	1	1	1,099
11/14	81	18	9	7	2	1	1,027
10/14	83	17	10	6	1	1	1,061
02/14	83	16	8	7	1	1	1,054
01/14	81	19	9	7	2	*	1,122
11/13	79	21	12	7	2	*	843
08/13	80	20	11	6	2	*	1,101

22. In the past 12 months, did you or anyone in your household have problems paying or an inability to pay any medical bills, such as bills for doctors, dentists, medication, or home care? (IF NEEDED: This includes bills you have had problems paying over the past 12 months, even if the initial bill was incurred more than 12 months ago.)

	11/15
Yes	23
No	77
Don't know/Refused	*

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

	11/15
Excellent/ very good/ good (NET)	82
Excellent	18
Very good	32
Good	31
Only fair/poor (NET)	18
Only fair	13
Poor	5
Don't know/Refused	--

- D2a. Does any disability, handicap, or chronic disease keep you from participating fully in work, school, housework, or other activities?

	11/15
Yes	23
No	77
Don't know/Refused	*

READ: I have just a few more questions. Let me remind you that this is a completely confidential interview...

23. Do you personally know anyone who has ever taken a prescription painkiller that was not prescribed to them, or not?

	11/15
Yes	45
No	54
Don't know	*
Refused	*

24. Who do you know that has ever taken a prescription painkiller that was not prescribed to them? Is it (INSERT, READ IN ORDER), or not? Next, is it (INSERT NEXT ITEM), or not?

Based on those who know someone who has abused a prescription painkiller (n=588)

	Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused
a. Yourself	14	86	*
b. A family member	41	58	2
c. A close friend	51	47	2
d. An acquaintance	63	35	1

Summary of Q23 and Q24 based on total⁸

	11/15
Know someone who has abused a prescription painkiller	45
Yourself	6
A family member	14
A close friend	13
An acquaintance/ No or don't know to all	12
Don't know anyone who has abused a prescription painkiller	54
Don't know/Refused	*

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

	11/15
Yes	39
No	60
Don't know	1
Refused	*

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

Based on those who know someone who has been addicted to prescription painkillers (n=536)

	Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused
a. Yourself	5	95	*
b. A family member	39	60	1
c. A close friend	43	56	1
d. An acquaintance	62	38	1

Summary of Q25 and Q26 based on total⁹

	11/15
Know someone who has been addicted to prescription painkillers	39
Yourself	2
A family member	15
A close friend	10
An acquaintance/ No or don't know to all	12
Don't know anyone who has been addicted to prescription painkillers	60
Don't know/Refused	1

27. Do you personally know anyone who has died from a prescription painkiller overdose, or not?

	11/15
Yes	16
No	83
Don't know	1
Refused	*

⁸ Anyone who answered "yes" to multiple items for Q24 was coded by closest relationship (first yourself, then a family member, a close friend and then an acquaintance/ someone else)

⁹ Anyone who answered "yes" to multiple items for Q26 was coded by closest relationship (first yourself, then a family member, a close friend and then an acquaintance/ someone else)

28. Who do you know that has died from a prescription painkiller overdose? Is it (INSERT, READ IN ORDER), or not? Next, is it (INSERT NEXT ITEM), or not?

Based on those who know someone who has died from a prescription painkiller overdose (n=206)

	Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused
a. A family member	26	73	1
b. A close friend	39	60	1
c. An acquaintance	67	31	2

Summary of Q27 and Q28 based on total¹⁰

	11/15	
Know someone who has died from a prescription painkiller overdose	16	
A family member		4
A close friend		5
An acquaintance/ No or don't know to all		7
Don't know anyone who has died from a prescription painkiller overdose	83	
Don't know/Refused	1	

D1. Record respondent's sex

Male	49
Female	51

D2b. Are you currently married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

Married	45
Living with a partner	7
Widowed	7
Divorced	10
Separated	2
Never been married	28
Don't know/Refused	*

D3. What best describes your employment situation today? (READ IN ORDER)

Employed full-time	42
Employed part-time	12
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	7
Unemployed and not seeking employment	2
A student	7
Retired	17
On disability and can't work	8
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent	5
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*

D8. In politics today, do you consider yourself a [ROTATE: Republican, Democrat/Democrat, Republican], an Independent, or what?

Republican	25
Democrat	31
Independent	30
Or what/Other/None/No preference/Other party	10
Don't know/Refused	5

¹⁰ Anyone who answered "yes" to multiple items for Q28 was coded by closest relationship (first yourself, then a family member, a close friend and then an acquaintance/ someone else)

D8a. Do you LEAN more towards the [ROTATE: Republican Party or the Democratic Party/Democratic Party or the Republican Party]?
(ROTATE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS D8)

Summary D8 and D8a based on total

Republican/Lean Republican	38
Democrat/Lean Democratic	44
Other/Don't lean/Don't know	18

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Democrat	31
Independent Lean Democratic	13
Independent/Don't lean	17
Independent Lean Republican	13
Republican	25
Undesignated	1

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

Liberal	24
Moderate	33
Conservative	35
Don't know/Refused	7

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

Yes	77
No	22
Don't know/Refused	1

D11. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? (DO NOT READ)

Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)	2
High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with NO diploma)	6
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)	32
Some college, no degree (includes some community college)	22
Two year associate degree from a college/university	10
Four year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree	15
Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree	1
Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree	11
Don't know/Refused	*

D12. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

D13. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian or some other race? (IF RESPONDENT SAYS HISPANIC ASK: Do you consider yourself a white Hispanic or a black Hispanic?)

White, non-Hispanic	65
Total non-White	34
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	12
Hispanic	15
Asian, non-Hispanic	3
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	4
Undesignated	1

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

Based on Hispanics (n=136)

U.S.	49
Puerto Rico	1
Another country	50
Don't know/Refused	*

D14. Last year—that is, in 2014—what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. (READ)

Less than \$20,000	19
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	13
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	12
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	9
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	4
\$100,000 or more	15
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	10

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



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