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Note: Q.29-37 and 40 should be reported as a USA Today/Gallup poll.

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted November 4-7, 2010 with a random sample of -1,021—adults, aged 18+, living in the continental U.S., selected using random-digit dial sampling.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of -511—national adults in Form A and -510—national adults in Form B, the maximum margins of sampling error are ±5 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones (for respondents with a landline telephone) and cellular phones (for respondents who are cell phone only). Each sample includes a minimum quota of 150 cell phone only respondents and 850 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents for gender within region. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted on the basis of gender, age, race, education, region and phone lines. Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2009 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in continental U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

12. Do you think it is the responsibility of the federal government to make sure all Americans have health care coverage, or is that not the responsibility of the federal government?

|                  | Yes, government responsibility | No, not government responsibility | No<br><u>opinion</u> |
|------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2010 Nov 4-7     | 47                             | 50                                | 3                    |
| 2009 Nov 5-8     | 47                             | 50                                | 3                    |
| 2008 Nov 13-16 ^ | 54                             | 41                                | 5                    |
| 2007 Nov 11-14 ^ | 64                             | 33                                | 3                    |
| 2006 Nov 9-12 ^  | 69                             | 28                                | 3                    |
| 2005 Nov 7-10 ^  | 58                             | 38                                | 4                    |
| 2004 Nov 7-10 ^  | 64                             | 34                                | 2                    |
| 2003 Nov 3-5 ^   | 59                             | 39                                | 2                    |
| 2002 Nov 11-14   | 62                             | 35                                | 3                    |
| 2001 Nov 8-11 ^  | 62                             | 34                                | 4                    |
| 2000 Sep 11-13   | 64                             | 31                                | 5                    |
| 2000 Jan 13-16   | 59                             | 38                                | 3                    |

<sup>^</sup> Asked of a half sample.

Which of the following approaches for providing health care in the United States would you prefer -- [ROTATED: a government run health care system, (or) a system based mostly on private health insurance]?

|              | Government run system | System based on private insurance | No<br><u>opinion</u> |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2010 Nov 4-7 | 34                    | 61                                | 5                    |

**For comparison:** Which of the following approaches for providing health care in the United States would you prefer -- [ROTATED: replacing the current health care system with a new government run health care system, (or) maintaining the current system based mostly on private health insurance]?

|                  | Replacing the current system | Maintaining the<br>current system | No<br>opinion |
|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 2009 Nov 5-8     | 32                           | 61                                | 7             |
| 2009 Mar 27-29   | 39                           | 56                                | 5             |
| 2008 Nov 13-16 ^ | 41                           | 49                                | 10            |
| 2007 Nov 11-14 ^ | 41                           | 48                                | 11            |
| 2006 Nov 9-12 ^  | 39                           | 51                                | 10            |
| 2005 Nov 7-10 ^  | 41                           | 49                                | 10            |
| 2004 Nov 7-10 ^  | 32                           | 63                                | 5             |
| 2003 Nov 3-5 ^   | 38                           | 57                                | 5             |
| 2001 Nov 8-11 ^  | 33                           | 61                                | 6             |

<sup>^</sup> Asked of a half sample.