

Congressional District Surveys Among Democratic Leader and No Vote Democrats Interview Schedule

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There are two columns of data in this document:

- ▶ **DEM LDR** – N=450 Registered Voters (75 from each of the 6 Congressional Districts of Congressional Democratic Leaders) including CA-08 (Speaker Pelosi), CA-07 (Miller), CA-30 (Waxman), MD-05 (Hoyer), SC-06 (Clyburn), NY-15 (Rangel). Conducted March 18, 2010. The margin of error in this survey is MoE = $\pm 4.6\%$
 - ▶ **DEM 'NO'** – N=800 Registered Voters (Roughly 22 from each of the 36 Congressional Districts of Democrats who voted NO on the House-passed Health Care Legislation) conducted March 16-17, 2010. The margin of error in this survey is MoE = $\pm 3.46\%$
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Below are a few quick tips that will assist when interpreting the data:

- An asterisk (*) in a response category means that less than 0.5% of respondents chose that response category.
 - “Skip base” is the percentage of respondents that are asked a question because they meet a criteria based on a response to a previous question, meaning not all 450 respondents from the Democratic Leader survey and not all 800 respondents on the ‘No’ Vote Democratic District survey received that question.
 - “Total base” is the percentage of the total sample, in these surveys that is 450 respondents from the Democratic Leader survey and 800 respondents on the ‘No’ Vote Democratic District survey.
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Before we begin, I am going to ask you a few questions about yourself, just to be sure we have a representative sample. **(DO NOT PAUSE)**

A. Are you registered to vote at this address?

| | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----|
| DEM | DEM | |
| <u>LDR</u> | <u>'NO'</u> | |
| 100% | 100% | YES |

B. Are you, or is anyone in your household, employed by a newspaper, television or radio station, or a political party, or by a candidate for political office?

| | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|----|
| DEM | DEM | |
| <u>LDR</u> | <u>'NO'</u> | |
| 100% | 100% | NO |

1. Now, thinking about the November election for Congress and other offices... Please tell me how interested you are in those elections. On a scale of one to ten, with one meaning NOT AT ALL interested and ten meaning VERY interested, how interested would you say you are in that election? (**RECORD RESPONSE**)

| | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| DEM | DEM | |
| <u>LDR</u> | <u>'NO'</u> | |
| 41% | 47% | %10 |
| 57% | 68% | %8-10 |
| 42% | 32% | %1-7 |
| 7.6 | 8.0 | MEAN |

| | | |
|-----|-----|---|
| 6% | 6% | 9 |
| 10% | 15% | 8 |
| 14% | 9% | 7 |
| 5% | 3% | 6 |
| 13% | 11% | 5 |
| 2% | 1% | 4 |
| 3% | 2% | 3 |
| 1% | 1% | 2 |
| 4% | 4% | 1 |

| | | |
|---|---|------------|
| * | * | DON'T KNOW |
| * | - | REFUSED |

2. And, do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as President?

(IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE, ASK:) And would you say you **STRONGLY** (approve/disapprove) or just **SOMEWHAT** (approve/disapprove)?

| DEM | DEM | |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u>LDR</u> | <u>'NO'</u> | |
| 65% | 42% | TOTAL APPROVE |
| 29% | 54% | TOTAL DISAPPROVE |
| 39% | 21% | STRONGLY APPROVE |
| 26% | 21% | SOMEWHAT APPROVE |
| 8% | 13% | SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE |
| 21% | 41% | STRONGLY DISAPPROVE |
| 5% | 4% | DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ) |
| 1% | * | REFUSED (DO NOT READ) |

3. And, if the 2010 election for US CONGRESS were being held today, for whom would you vote ... **(ROTATE)**

the Republican candidate
.... OR
the Democratic candidate

for Congress from this district?

(IF ANSWER, ASK:) And would you DEFINITELY vote for (choice) or just PROBABLY vote for (choice)?

(IF UNDECIDED, ASK:) Which way do you lean as of today, towards... **(REPEAT NAMES)**

| DEM | DEM | |
|------------|-------------|--|
| LDR | 'NO' | |
| 26% | 43% | TOTAL REPUBLICAN |
| 59% | 37% | TOTAL DEMOCRATIC |
| 20% | 30% | DEFINITELY REPUBLICAN |
| 5% | 9% | PROBABLY REPUBLICAN |
| 1% | 4% | LEAN REPUBLICAN |
| 11% | 17% | HARD UNDECIDED/NOT SURE (DO NOT READ) |
| 3% | 3% | LEAN DEMOCRATIC |
| 9% | 9% | PROBABLY DEMOCRATIC |
| 47% | 25% | DEFINITELY DEMOCRATIC |
| 1% | 1% | CANDIDATE NOT RUNNING (DO NOT READ) |
| 3% | 2% | REFUSED (DO NOT READ) |

Changing topics...

4. Do you think it is the responsibility of the Federal government to... **(ROTATE PUNCHES 1 & 2)**

| DEM | DEM | |
|------------|-------------|--|
| LDR | 'NO' | |
| 39% | 20% | Provide government-run health care coverage to all Americans, |
| 30% | 32% | Assist those Americans who can least afford health care coverage to purchase it, |
| | | ...OR... |
| 24% | 43% | is it not the Federal government's responsibility? |
| 5% | 4% | DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ) |
| 2% | 1% | REFUSED (DO NOT READ) |

5. Now, thinking about the effort to reform health care... how closely have you been following the discussion in Congress over health care reform? (**ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP**)

| DEM | DEM | |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u>LDR</u> | <u>'NO'</u> | |
| 86% | 86% | TOTAL CLOSELY |
| 13% | 14% | TOTAL NOT CLOSELY |
| 40% | 40% | Very closely |
| 46% | 46% | Somewhat closely |
| 9% | 10% | Not very closely |
| 4% | 4% | Not at all closely |
| * | * | DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ) |
| * | — | REFUSED (DO NOT READ) |

6. Overall, given what you know about them, would you say you support or oppose the proposed changes to the health care system being developed by Congress and the Obama administration?

(IF NO OPINION, THEN ASK:) I know you said you have no opinion, but if you had to choose, which way would you lean?

(IF CHOICE, THEN ASK:) And would you say that you feel that way **STRONGLY** or **SOMEWHAT**?

| DEM | DEM | |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| <u>LDR</u> | <u>'NO'</u> | |
| 62% | 35% | TOTAL SUPPORT |
| 30% | 60% | TOTAL OPPOSE |
| 36% | 18% | Strongly support |
| 22% | 14% | Somewhat support |
| 4% | 3% | Lean to support |
| 1% | 2% | Lean to oppose |
| 5% | 11% | Somewhat oppose |
| 24% | 47% | Strongly oppose |
| 4% | 4% | No opinion (DO NOT READ) |
| 3% | 1% | DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ) |
| 1% | * | REFUSED (DO NOT READ) |

ABC/Washington Post Trend among Adults (18+) Nationally:

| | Support | | | Oppose | | | No |
|---------------|---------|----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|---------|
| | NET | Strongly | Somewhat | NET | Somewhat | Strongly | opinion |
| 2/8/10 | 46 | 22 | 25 | 49 | 11 | 38 | 5 |

7. And, do you think it would be better ...**(ROTATE)** to pass the health care plan being developed by Congress and the Obama administration and make its changes to the health care system ...OR... or to not pass this plan and keep the current health care system?

| DEM | DEM | |
|-------------------|--------------------|---|
| <u>LDR</u> | <u>'NO'</u> | |
| 62% | 37% | Better to pass this plan, make these changes |
| 30% | 56% | Better to not pass this plan, keep current system |
| 3% | 3% | No opinion (DO NOT READ) |
| 4% | 3% | DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ) |
| * | * | REFUSED (DO NOT READ) |

8. Now, if Democratic (Congressman/Congresswoman) (insert name) votes to pass the current health care bill being developed by Congress and the Obama administration, would you be **(ROTATE)** – more likely or less likely – to vote for (him or her) this November, or would it make no difference to you either way in your vote?

| DEM | DEM | |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <u>LDR</u> | <u>'NO'</u> | |
| 34% | 23% | More likely |
| 23% | 43% | Less likely |
| 40% | 31% | No difference either way |
| 3% | 3% | DON'T KNOW/REF (DO NOT READ) |

(ASK IF, Q6:1-3)(ASKED OF 280 REGISTERED VOTERS FROM DEM LEADER SEATS AND 279 REGISTERED VOTERS FROM DEM 'NO' SEATS)(MULTIPLE RESPONSES WERE ACCEPTED SO DATA TOTALS MORE THAN 100%)

You mentioned earlier you supported the proposed changes to the health care system being developed by Congress and the Obama administration...

8a. And, which one or two, if any, of the following reasons do you most agree with for supporting these proposed changes to the health care system? **(IF ALL/NONE OF THESE, SAY:)** Well, if you had to choose just two, which would you choose? **(RANDOMIZE LIST.)**

SKIP BASE:

| DEM | DEM | |
|-------------------|--------------------|---|
| <u>LDR</u> | <u>'NO'</u> | |
| 48% | 35% | It could provide health care coverage for almost all Americans |
| 28% | 28% | It allows you to get and keep health insurance even with a pre-existing condition |
| 24% | 25% | It could help lower and control health care costs |
| 23% | 25% | It could prevent insurance companies from unfairly raising premiums |
| 14% | 9% | It could be years before we have another chance to fix health care |
| — | — | NONE OF THESE (DO NOT READ) |
| 10% | 14% | ALL OF THESE (DO NOT READ) |
| 1% | 3% | DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ) |
| 1% | * | REFUSED (DO NOT READ) |

TOTAL BASE:

| DEM | DEM | |
|-------------------|--------------------|---|
| <u>LDR</u> | <u>'NO'</u> | |
| 30% | 12% | It could provide health care coverage for almost all Americans |
| 18% | 10% | It allows you to get and keep health insurance even with a pre-existing condition |
| 15% | 9% | It could help lower and control health care costs |
| 14% | 8% | It could prevent insurance companies from unfairly raising premiums |
| 9% | 3% | It could be years before we have another chance to fix health care |
| — | — | NONE OF THESE (DO NOT READ) |
| 6% | 5% | ALL OF THESE (DO NOT READ) |
| 1% | 1% | DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ) |
| 1% | * | REFUSED (DO NOT READ) |

(ASK IF, Q6:4-6)(ASKED OF 136 REGISTERED VOTERS FROM DEM LEADER SEATS AND 477 REGISTERED VOTERS FROM DEM 'NO' SEATS)(MULTIPLE RESPONSES WERE ACCEPTED SO DATA TOTALS MORE THAN 100%)

You mentioned earlier you opposed the proposed changes to the health care system being developed by Congress and the Obama administration...

8b. And, which one or two, if any, of the following reasons do you most agree with for opposing these proposed changes to the health care system? **(If ALL/NONE OF THESE, SAY:)** Well, if you had to choose just two, which would you choose? **(RANDOMIZE LIST.)**

SKIP BASE:

| DEM | DEM | |
|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| <u>LDR</u> | <u>'NO'</u> | |
| 28% | 25% | It is too big and tries to change too many things all at once |
| 19% | 18% | It could increase the federal deficit |
| 18% | 18% | It could cut funding to Medicare, the government health care program for seniors |
| 17% | 19% | It includes too many special deals that were made with Members of Congress |
| 16% | 18% | It could expand the role of government in providing health care |
| 16% | 17% | It could raise taxes |
| 1% | 2% | NONE OF THESE (DO NOT READ) |
| 26% | 23% | ALL OF THESE (DO NOT READ) |
| – | 1% | DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ) |
| – | 1% | REFUSED (DO NOT READ) |

TOTAL BASE:

| DEM | DEM | |
|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| <u>LDR</u> | <u>'NO'</u> | |
| 8% | 15% | It is too big and tries to change too many things all at once |
| 6% | 11% | It could increase the federal deficit |
| 6% | 11% | It could cut funding to Medicare, the government health care program for seniors |
| 5% | 11% | It could expand the role of government in providing health care |
| 5% | 11% | It includes too many special deals that were made with Members of Congress |
| 5% | 10% | It could raise taxes |
| * | 1% | NONE OF THESE (DO NOT READ) |
| 8% | 14% | ALL OF THESE (DO NOT READ) |
| – | 1% | DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ) |
| – | * | REFUSED (DO NOT READ) |

(ASK ALL)
(RANDOMIZE Q9-Q11)

9. Now, if President Obama and Congress agree and pass a health care reform bill, do you think the quality of your health care will get **(ROTATE :1 and :2)** – better or worse, – or stay about the same as now?

| DEM | DEM | |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <u>LDR</u> | <u>'NO'</u> | |
| 19% | 15% | Quality will get better |
| 25% | 49% | Quality will get worse |
| 52% | 33% | Quality will stay the same |
| 4% | 3% | DON'T KNOW/REF (DO NOT READ) |

10. Now, if President Obama and Congress agree and pass a health care reform bill, do you think that the cost of your health care will... **(ROTATE :1 and :2)** – increase or decrease, – or stay about the same?

| DEM | DEM | |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <u>LDR</u> | <u>'NO'</u> | |
| 40% | 57% | Costs will increase |
| 17% | 11% | Costs will decrease |
| 38% | 25% | Stay about the same |
| 5% | 7% | DON'T KNOW/REF (DO NOT READ) |

11. Now, if President Obama and Congress agree and pass a health care reform bill, do you think that the federal deficit will... **(ROTATE :1 and :2)** – increase or decrease, – or stay about the same?

| DEM | DEM | |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <u>LDR</u> | <u>'NO'</u> | |
| 48% | 69% | Increase |
| 21% | 7% | Decrease |
| 24% | 20% | Stay about the same |
| 7% | 4% | DON'T KNOW/REF (DO NOT READ) |

And, thinking some more about this...

12. Suppose the health care reform bill passes Congress and is signed into law by President Obama, this November for whom would you vote **IF... (ROTATE)**

The Republican candidate proposes repealing and overturning the health care reform bill
.... AND
(Congressman/Congresswoman) (insert name), votes to pass the health care reform bill

(IF ANSWER, ASK:) And would you DEFINITELY vote for (choice) or just PROBABLY vote for (choice)?

(IF UNDECIDED, ASK:) Which way do you lean as of today, towards... **(REPEAT CHOICES)**

| DEM | DEM | |
|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| <u>LDR</u> | <u>'NO'</u> | |
| 27% | 50% | TOTAL REPUBLICAN |
| 61% | 38% | TOTAL DEMOCRAT |
| 9% | 8% | HARD UNDECIDED |
| 20% | 38% | DEFINITELY REPUBLICAN |
| 5% | 10% | PROBABLY REPUBLICAN |
| 2% | 2% | LEAN REPUBLICAN |
| 2% | 2% | LEAN DEMOCRATIC |
| 12% | 11% | PROBABLY DEMOCRATIC |
| 47% | 25% | DEFINITELY DEMOCRATIC |
| 1% | 1% | CANDIDATE NOT RUNNING (DO NOT READ) |
| 2% | 3% | REFUSED (DO NOT READ) |

GENERIC 2010 BALLOT (Q3):

| DEM | DEM | |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>LDR</u> | <u>'NO'</u> | |
| 26% | 43% | TOTAL REPUBLICAN |
| 59% | 37% | TOTAL DEMOCRATIC |
| 11% | 17% | HARD UNDECIDED |

Now, I have just a few more questions for statistical purposes only

D1. And, just to be sure we have a representative sample, in what year were you born?

| DEM | DEM | |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| <u>LDR</u> | <u>'NO'</u> | |
| 2% | 3% | 18 to 24 |
| 11% | 11% | 25 to 34 |
| 22% | 24% | 35 to 44 |
| 17% | 18% | 45 to 54 |
| 29% | 24% | 55 to 64 |
| 18% | 19% | 65 and over |
| 1% | 1% | REFUSED (DO NOT READ) |

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

| DEM | DEM | |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <u>LDR</u> | <u>'NO'</u> | |
| 20% | 33% | HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS |
| 25% | 26% | SOME COLLEGE |
| 54% | 40% | COLLEGE+ |
| * | * | SOME GRADE SCHOOL (1-8) |
| 3% | 5% | SOME HIGH SCHOOL (9-11) |
| 17% | 28% | GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL (9-12) |
| 2% | 3% | TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL (12) |
| 23% | 23% | SOME COLLEGE (13-15) |
| 33% | 28% | GRADUATED COLLEGE (16) |
| 21% | 12% | GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL (16+) |
| 1% | 1% | REFUSED (DO NOT READ) |

D3. And 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?

| DEM | DEM | |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u>LDR</u> | <u>'NO'</u> | |
| 24% | 41% | TOTAL REPUBLICAN |
| 60% | 38% | TOTAL DEMOCRAT |
| 10% | 21% | STRONG REPUBLICAN |
| 6% | 8% | NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN |
| 8% | 12% | LEAN TO REPUBLICANS |
| 14% | 20% | SOMETHING ELSE/INDEPENDENT |
| 10% | 5% | LEAN TO DEMOCRATS |
| 10% | 9% | NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT |
| 40% | 24% | STRONG DEMOCRAT |
| 1% | * | DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ) |
| 1% | 1% | REFUSED (DO NOT READ) |

D4. 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)**?

| DEM | DEM | |
|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| <u>LDR</u> | <u>'NO'</u> | |
| 25% | 47% | TOTAL CONSERVATIVE |
| 33% | 16% | TOTAL LIBERAL |
| 9% | 26% | VERY CONSERVATIVE |
| 16% | 21% | SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE |
| 38% | 32% | MODERATE |
| 15% | 9% | SOMEWHAT LIBERAL |
| 18% | 7% | VERY LIBERAL |
| 3% | 5% | UNDECIDED/NOT SURE(DO NOT READ) |
| 1% | * | REFUSED (DO NOT READ) |

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

D5. Regardless of how you may feel today...for which of the following candidates did you vote for
President... **(ROTATE PUNCHES 1-2, ROTATE PUNCHES 3 AND 4 LAST)**

| DEM | DEM | |
|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| <u>LDR</u> | <u>'NO'</u> | |
| 24% | 46% | John McCain |
| 65% | 41% | Barack Obama |
| 1% | 2% | Ralph Nader |
| | | ...OR... |
| — | 1% | Bob Barr |
| 1% | 1% | SOMEONE ELSE (DO NOT READ) |
| 4% | 4% | DID NOT VOTE (DO NOT READ) |
| — | 1% | DON'T KNOW/DON'T RECALL (DO NOT READ) |
| 5% | 4% | REFUSED (DO NOT READ) |

D6. Other than being an American, what is your main ethnic or racial heritage? (**READ CHOICES**)

| DEM | DEM | |
|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| <u>LDR</u> | <u>'NO'</u> | |
| 21% | 10% | AFRICAN AMERICAN OR BLACK |
| 59% | 81% | WHITE |
| 10% | 3% | HISPANIC AMERICAN OR LATINO |
| 3% | 1% | ASIAN AMERICAN |
| 2% | 2% | OTHER (DO NOT READ) (IF PUNCH , THEN ASK:) 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? |
| 5% | 3% | REFUSED (DO NOT READ) |

D7. GENDER (**BY OBSERVATION, BUT ASK EVERYONE**) Are you employed outside of the home, are you a homemaker, or are you retired?

| DEM | DEM | |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| <u>LDR</u> | <u>'NO'</u> | |
| 48% | 48% | TOTAL MALE |
| 52% | 52% | TOTAL FEMALE |
| 33% | 30% | MALE/EMPLOYED |
| * | — | MALE/HOMEMAKER |
| 10% | 13% | MALE/RETIRED |
| 3% | 5% | MALE/NOT IN LABOR FORCE |
| 2% | * | MALE/REFUSED |
| 27% | 26% | FEMALE/EMPLOYED |
| 6% | 7% | FEMALE/HOMEMAKER |
| 16% | 15% | FEMALE/RETIRED |
| 3% | 4% | FEMALE/NOT IN LABOR FORCE |
| * | * | FEMALE/REFUSED |
