# SEIU / Center for American Progress Action Fund California, 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Frequency Questionnaire

October 30-November 4, 2007 **397 Likely Voters** 

	V <sub>2</sub> .	Total
	Yes No	
	(Refused)(ref:SCREEN1)	
	ren't able to vote in the 2004 election for president between about you? Were you able to vote, or for some reason	
		Total
	Voted	
	Not registered in 2004/Ineligible/too young	
	Did not vote	
	(Can't remember/Don't know)	
	(Refused) (ref:VOTE00)	
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Q.6 In what year wer	e you born?	Total
	18 - 24	
	25 - 29	
	30 - 34	
	35 - 39	
	40 - 44	
	45 - 49	12
	50 - 54	14
	55 - 59	10
	60 - 64	8
	Over 64	23
	Over 64	

Q.7 I know it's a long way off, but what are the chances of you voting in the election for president in 2008: are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

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Almost certain	97
Probably	3
50-50	
Will not vote	
(Don't know)	
(Refused)	
(ref:CP3)	

Q.8 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George Bush is handling his job as president?

	Total
Strongly approve	20
Somewhat approve	
Somewhat disapprove	11
Strongly disapprove	39
(Don't know/refused)	
Total approve	43
Total disapprove	50
Approve - disapprove(ref:CANDAPP2)	7

Q.9 Now, I'd like to rate your feelings toward some people and organizations, with one hundred meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; zero meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold. You can use any number from zero to one hundred, the higher the number the more favorable your feelings are toward that person or organization. If you have no opinion or never heard of that person or organization, please say so.

9 The Republican Party		% <b>Warm</b> 45	% <b>Cool</b> 37	% <b>ID</b> 98
10 The Democratic Party	. 43.1	33	45	98
11 George W. Bush	. 44.7	44	44	99
12 John Doolittle	. 37.9	26	45	87
13 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	. 52.9	44	33	92
14 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups	45.6	35	45	97
15 Gay marriage	. 39.6	31	51	97
[199 Respondents] 16 (SPLIT A) Pharmaceutical companies	. 41.2	23	42	90
[198 Respondents] 17 (SPLIT B) Health insurance companies	. 41.5	27	50	96
[199 Respondents] 18 (SPLIT A) HMO's	. 44.6	27	39	88
[198 Respondents] 19 (SPLIT B) State Children's Health Insurance Program, or S-CHIP(ref:THERM204)	. 54.7	30	19	63

Q.20 I know it is a long way off, but thinking about the election in 2008, if the election for president were held today, for whom would you vote -- the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

	Total
Democratic candidate	36
Lean Democratic candidate	
Republican candidate	48
Lean Republican candidate	
(Other candidate)	
Lean (Other candidate)	
(Undecided)	
(Refused)	2
Total Democratic candidate	39
Total Republican candidate	
Total (Other candidate)	
<b>Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.</b> (ref:PRES08)	12

Q.26 I know it is a long way off, but thinking about the election for U.S. Congress in 2008, if the election for Congress were held today, would you be voting for Democrat Charlie Brown or Republican John Doolittle?

	Total
Democrat Charlie Brown	39
Lean Democrat Charlie Brown	2
Republican John Doolittle	33
Lean Republican John Doolittle	6
(Other candidate)	
Lean (Other candidate)	
(Undecided)	
(Refused)	
Total Democrat Charlie Brown	
Total Republican John Doolittle	39
Total (Other candidate)	
Charlie Brown - John Doolittle(ref:CON08)	2

Q.28 Even though you are not supporting Charlie Brown now, what are the chances that you might support Charlie Brown in the election for U.S. House in 2008 -- is there a fair chance that you might support Charlie Brown a small chance, just a very slight chance or no chance at all that you might support Charlie Brown

Fain about a	Total
Fair chanceA small chance	
Very slight chance	
No chance at all	19
(Don't know/Refused)	7
Charlie Brown Supporter(ref:CONVCS1)	42

Q.29 Even though you are not supporting John Doolittle now, what are the chances that you might support John Doolittle in the election for U.S. House in 2008 -- is there a fair chance that you might support John Doolittle a small chance, just a very slight chance or no chance at all that you might support John Doolittle

	Total
Fair chance	8
A small chance	6
Very slight chance	10
No chance at all	33
(Don't know/Refused)	4
John Doolittle Supporter	39
(ref:CONVCS2)	

Q.30 Do you support or oppose reforming our current health care system to provide affordable health coverage for all Americans?

	Total
Strongly support	53
Somewhat support	
Somewhat oppose	
Strongly oppose	
(Don't know/refused)	
Total support	69
Total oppose	
Support - Oppose	43
(ref:HCSUPP)	

#### [274 Respondents]

Q.31 (IF SUPPORT IN HCSUPP) Would you support or oppose reforming our current health care system to provide affordable health coverage for all Americans if it meant government taking a much larger role in our health care system?

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	·	Total
	Strongly support	39
	Somewhat support	29
	Somewhat oppose	
	Strongly oppose	
	(Don't know/refused)	
	Total support	68
	Total oppose	
	Support - Oppose	43
	CORPORATING RESULTS OF Q.30 – POSITI GER GOVERNMENT ROLE)	ON ON REFORM
(INOLODINO LAIK	SER SOVERRIMENT ROLL,	Total
	Firm Support	
	Conditional Support	
	Firm Oppose	
	(Don't know/Refused)	
	(ref:HCSUPP2)	

#### [186 Respondents]

Q.32 (IF SUPPORT IN HCSUPP2) Would you support or oppose reforming our current health care system to provide affordable health coverage for all Americans if it meant that you would have to pay more in taxes?

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Strongly support	51
Somewhat support	
Somewhat oppose	
Strongly oppose	5
(Don't know/refused)	
Total support	87
Total oppose	10
Support - Oppose	76

# Q.30/32 TOTAL INCORPORATING RESULTS OF Q.30 AND Q. 31 – POSITION ON REFORM (INCLUDING LARGER GOVERNMENT ROLE AND TAX INCREASE)

	Total
Firm Support	41
Conditional Support	28
Firm Oppose	26
(Don't know/Refused)	5
(ref:HCSUPP3)	

## [199 Respondents]

Q.33 (SPLIT A) Thinking again about the American health care system, which of the following is the ONE biggest problem with the current system.

	Comb	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Health care costs are too high for American families	63	36	27
tape and often deny necessary care There are too many people without	39	21	19
health coverage There is too much government	35	14	22
involvement in health care	21	14	7
out of business	20	8	12
any time	10	3	8
(Other)		1	2
(None)		2	1
(Don't Know/Refuse) (ref:HCCONC/HCCONC2)	1	1	3

#### [198 Respondents]

Q.35 (SPLIT B) Thinking about health care reform, which ONE of the following values is the most important in guiding health care reform.

	Comb	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Every American should have a choice of doctors and hospitals	46	19	27
have a shared responsibility for covering health care costs	44	23	22
private and market-driven, not government run	39	24	15
every American should be guaranteed coverage that can never be taken away American businesses should not be hurt	38	25	13
by health care costs	20	4	15
(Other)		2	1
(None)	0	0	4
(Don't Know/Refuse)(ref:HCVALUE/HCVALUE2)	2	2	2

Q.37 Now I'd like to read you some elements from a health care plan proposed by the Democrats in Congress. Please tell me if you support or oppose each of these elements.

				Strng Opp		Total Supp		Supp - Opp
[198 Respondents] 37 (SPLIT C) Expand Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Plan to cover all low-income Americans		29	12	25	4	5 <b>9</b>	37	22
[199 Respondents] 38 (SPLIT D) Require insurance companies to offer coverage at a fair price, regardless of age, medical history, or pre-existing condition	53	27	9	9	2	80	18	62
[198 Respondents] 39 (SPLIT C) Give all Americans a choice of keeping what they have now or joining a national insurance pool that offers a choice of private and public plans, including the same options that Members of Congress receive	43	28	7	15	7	71	22	48
[199 Respondents] 40 (SPLIT D) Give all Americans a choice of keeping what they have now or joining a national insurance pool that offers a choice of private and public plans, including a plan like Medicare	37	33	7	12	11	70	19	52
[198 Respondents] 41 (SPLIT C) Provide refundable tax credits to ensure that no one pays more than 5 to 7 percent of their income on health insurance	32	32	9	15	11	65	24	41
[199 Respondents] 42 (SPLIT D) Require all businesses to provide health care for their employees or contribute to a fund to help pay for their coverage	32	22	15	28	3	54	43	11
[198 Respondents] 43 (SPLIT C) Include an individual mandate that requires all Americans to have health insurance while providing financial assistance to those who cannot afford it	21	30	16	31	2	51	47	3

						Total Supp		Supp - Opp
[199 Respondents]								
44 (SPLIT D) Invest in more								
preventative health care to help people								
lead healthy lifestyles and reduce								
diseases such as diabetes, cancer and								
heart disease	60	22	5	9	4	82	14	68
(ref:DEMELEM)								

Q.45 Now I'd like to read you some elements from a health care plan proposed by the Republicans in Congress. Please tell me if you support or oppose each of these elements.

[198 Respondents]	_	Smwt Supp		_	Dk/ Ref	Total Supp		Supp - Opp
45 (SPLIT C) Reform malpractice laws to rein in frivolous lawsuits against doctors	49	24	10	11	5	73	22	52
[199 Respondents] 46 (SPLIT D) Expand the use of Health Savings Accounts that allow families to set aside some money to pay health expenses tax-free	41	33	7	12	6	74	20	55
[198 Respondents] 47 (SPLIT C) Provide families up to a 15,000 dollar tax deduction to help them afford coverage	35	32	14	14	6	67	27	39
[199 Respondents] 48 (SPLIT D) Provide tax credits for lower income families to help them afford coverage	45	30	10	10	5	75	20	55
[199 Respondents] 49 (SPLIT D) Deregulate insurance markets by allowing people to shop for insurance across state lines	44	27	9	6	15	71	14	56
[198 Respondents] 50 (SPLIT C) Offer block grants to states to encourage them to develop their own innovative solutions(ref:REPELEM)	18	30	17	24	11	48	41	7

Q.51 After hearing elements of both plans, which health care plan do you support more:

A Democratic plan that would guarantee affordable health insurance for all Americans. This plan would lower costs throughout the system, and allow people to choose between their current coverage or several private and public insurance options. Critics say this plan will cost too much and lead to higher taxes and government-run health care.

Or

A Republican plan that would offer people tax credits and savings accounts to purchase private insurance and lower their costs in the private market. This plan would not require more government involvement in health care. Critics say this plan will leave millions of people without coverage or at risk of losing it and will only help wealthier Americans.

	Total
Support Democratic plan strongly	34
Support Democratic plan not so strongly	
Support Republican plan not so strongly	16
Support Republican plan strongly	
(Neither)	
(Both)	1
(Don't know/refused)	
Total Democrat	46
Total Republican	44
Democrat - Republican(ref:PREPAIR)	2

Q.52 Let me read you some statements Democrats in Congress make in support of their health care plan. Please tell me if each statement would make you more or less likely to support the Democratic plan.

	More	Smwt More Likly	More				Much/S Smwt	
[199 Respondents] 52 (SECURITY) (SPLIT E) In our current system, even if you have health insurance and a good job, it's too easy for you to lose your coverage at any time. Under our plan, families will have the security of knowing that if they become ill or lose their jobs, they will never lose their coverage		25	10	16	18	1	56	65
[199 Respondents] 53 (UNIVERSAL COVERAGE) (SPLIT E) Even though we are the richest and most powerful country in the world, 47 million Americans lack health insurance. We have a moral obligation to change that and our plan does. We will make sure every man, woman and child has coverage they can afford	29	16	9	19	25	2	45	54
[198 Respondents] 54 (BUREAUCRACY / CHOICE) (SPLIT F) Our plan builds on the private system we now have. It keeps you in charge of your own health care by preserving full choice of your plan and your doctor, and it does it without creating any new government bureaucracy.	30	29	11	16	12	3	59	69
[198 Respondents] 55 (COST) (SPLIT F) Our plan will drive down costs by modernizing the system, preventing disease, and squeezing out wasteful spending. And, it will make premiums affordable for families by limiting premium payments for basic health coverage to a fixed percent of family income.	18	30	13	17	18	4	48	61

	More	Smwt More Likly	More				Much/ Smwt	
[199 Respondents] 56 (DISCRIMINATION) (SPLIT E) Under the current system, Americans are at the mercy of the insurance companies. In most states, they can deny you coverage or jack up your premiums if your needs threaten their high profits. Our plan gives the power back to the American people and prohibits insurance companies from discriminating and denying coverage		21	12	16	19	2	52	64
[198 Respondents] 57 (BUSINESS) (SPLIT F) American businesses understand that our health care system is in need of fundamental reform because they are bearing much of the burden of the broken system. Our plan will help lift this burden and make American businesses more competitive. That's why many of the country's top businessmen are demanding reform.	14	26	15	19	21	6	39	54
(ref:DEMMES)	17	20	10	10	۲ ۱	J	00	<del>-</del>

Q.58 Let me read you some statements Republicans in Congress make in support of the their health care plan. Please tell me if each statement would make you more or less likely to support the Republican plan.

	More		More		Less Likly		Much/S	_
[199 Respondents] 58 (MARKETS) (SPLIT E) Our plan promotes the private health care system. By empowering millions of Americans to make their own decisions about health care, the free market will accomplish what the government cannot - lower costs and higher quality.		25	14	11	23	1	50	64
[198 Respondents] 59 (INDIVIDUAL CHOICE) (SPLIT F) It's your health, you should make your own health care decisions. Our plan empowers Americans to make their own choices so families can purchase as much or as little private insurance as they need.	29	27	12	13	17	2	56	68
[199 Respondents] 60 (TORT REFORM) (SPLIT E) Because of the explosion of frivolous lawsuits by unscrupulous trial lawyers, many doctors have been forced to practice costly defensive medicine or leave the practice of medicine altogether. By ending lawsuit abuse, we will bring the cost of medicine down and allow doctors to get back to work	36	27	13	12	10	1	63	77
[198 Respondents] 61 (AFFORDABILITY) (SPLIT F) Under our plan, if your family buys its own healthcare you can deduct \$15,000 automatically from your taxes. That will mean real financial relief and make health insurance more affordable for American families struggling with high health care costs	36	21	12	12	17	2	57	69

Q.62 Let me read you some criticisms some people make about the Republicans' health care plan. Please tell me whether these statements raise very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts or no real doubts in your own mind about the Republican candidate's plan.

	Very Ser Dbts		Minor Dbts		DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[199 Respondents] 62 (BUSH) (SPLIT E) Republicans are just offering more of George Bush's failed policies. Rather than offer meaningful solutions, the Republican plan is to wait around for the health insurance industry to magically fix itself while millions of Americans continue to suffer.	18	21	22	37	2	39	59
[198 Respondents] 63 (INDUSTRY) (SPLIT F) The Republicans have taken millions of dollars from the big insurance companies. When they were in charge of Congress and the White House they did nothing to fix the system and now they are trying to stop meaningful reform in order to protect insurance company profits	19	28	21	30	2	47	51
[199 Respondents] 64 (RISK AND GREED) (SPLIT E) The Republican plan would create an every-man- for-himself system dominated by profit and greed. It will leave you at the mercy of big insurance companies, who will favor the wealthy and healthy over the middle-class and those most in need of care	18	25	18	36	2	44	54
[199 Respondents] 65 (DOESNT FIX PROBLEM) (SPLIT E) The Republican plan doesn't actually fix the problem. It won't provide coverage for the 47 million Americans without insurance and it won't reduce costs for the average American. The only thing it does is give big tax shelters to the very wealthy.	24	25	13	35	3	49	48

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts		DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[198 Respondents] 66 (BENEFITS DON'T HELP THOSE WHO NEED IT) (SPLIT F) The Republican plan will be great for the healthiest and wealthiest Americans, but it will leave most Americans in dire straits. Most Americans would see few benefits from the Republicans' tax incentives, and those who need the most help affording coverage could see the few option they have now disappear	20	29	21	28	1	49	49
[198 Respondents] 67 (SCHIP VETO) (SPLIT F) The Republican plan will do nothing to cover the millions of American children without health insurance. In fact, most Republicans supported President Bush when he vetoed legislation that would have expanded the children's health care program to cover 10 million kids (ref:REPDOUBT)	15	28	21	31	5	44	52

Q.68 Let me read you some criticisms some people have about the Democrats' health care plan. Please tell me whether these statements raise very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts or no real doubts in your own mind about the Democratic candidate's plan.

	Very Ser Dbts		Minor Dbts		DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[199 Respondents] 68 (SOCIALIZED MEDICINE) (SPLIT E) The Democrats don't believe in free markets or the American people. Instead, they believe in a government-run socialist system that promotes "one-size-fits all" health care, waiting lists like they have in France, and a destruction of private medicine.	22	23	19	35	1	45	54
[198 Respondents] 69 (GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACY) (SPLIT F) The Democrats want Washington bureaucrats to run our health care system. They'd put the people who managed Katrina and Walter Reed in charge of your health care.	22	32	19	24	4	54	42

	Very Ser Dbts		Minor Dbts		DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[198 Respondents] 70 (STIFLE INNOVATION) (SPLIT F) Our country has the finest health care and best medical technology in the world because our market-based system encourages innovation. The Democrats' government-run plan will destroy this system and stifle the innovative research that could eventually yield the cure for cancer and Alzheimer's disease.	16	27	21	30	6	43	51
[198 Respondents] 71 (HIGHER TAXES) (SPLIT F) The Democrats' plan will cost over 100 billion a year. They admit that, to pay for it, they will raise taxes. This means you will end up paying more, not less, for health care	28	35	18	17	2	63	35
[199 Respondents] 72 (HILLARYCARE) (SPLIT E) Everyone remembers what happened the last time Democrats tried to overhaul our health care system. Hillary Clinton came up with a complicated scheme to put the government in charge of our health care. Now Democrats want to revive Hillarycare, and bring back a complex, government-run system.	26	24	20	30	-	51	49
[199 Respondents] 73 (ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS) (SPLIT E) The Democrats want to expand government health insurance to everyone, including illegal immigrants and their families. Their plan would raise your taxes to help pay for a new benefit for those in this country illegally	39	23	14	23	1	61	38

Q.74 Now let me ask you again, which health care plan do you support more:

A Democratic plan that would guarantee affordable health insurance for all Americans. This plan would lower costs throughout the system, and allow people to choose between their current coverage or several private and public insurance options. Critics say this plan will cost too much and lead to higher taxes and government-run health care.

Or

A Republican plan that would offer people tax credits and savings accounts to purchase private insurance and lower their costs in the private market. This plan would not require more government involvement in health care. Critics say this plan will leave millions of people without coverage or at risk of losing it and will only help wealthier Americans.

Support the Democratic plan strongly	
Total Democrat  Total Republican  Democrat - Republican  (ref:REFAVOR)	47

Q.77 Let me ask you again, thinking about the election for U.S. Congress in 2008, if the election for Congress were held today, would you be voting for Democrat Charlie Brown or Republican John Doolittle?

Democrat Charlie BrownLean Democrat Charlie Brown	
Republican John DoolittleLean Republican John Doolittle	39 3
(Other candidate)	1 1
Total Democrat Charlie Brown  Total Republican John Doolittle  Total (Other candidate)	41
Charlie Brown - John Doolittle(ref:RECON08)	

Q.79 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. What	is the last
year of schooling that you have completed?	
	Total

1 - 11th grade	ı otal 2
High School graduate	
Non-college post H.S.	
Some college	29
College graduate	37
Post-graduate school	
(Don't know/refused)(ref:EDUC)	1
(101.200)	

Q.80 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	
Household member	8
No member belongs	77
(Don't know/Refused)	1
Union Household	22
Non College Non Union	37
Non union worker	21
(ref:UNION)	

Q.81 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

Married	
Separated/DivorcedWidowed	8
(Don't know/refused)	
Sep/Div/Wid(ref:MARITAL)	13

Q.82 Do you have health insurance at this time?

	Total
Yes	93
No	6
(Don't know/refused)	0
(ref:INSURANC)	

#### [371 Respondents]

Q.83 (IF YES IN INSURANC) Is your insurance provided by your employer, by the government, or do you buy your own?

Employer	Total
Government	
Individual	21
(Other)	8
(Don't know/refused)	0
(ref:INSUR2)	

Q.84 About how much do you pay each month on health care expenses? This would include the cost of insurance and out-of-pocket costs for things like doctor's visits, treatments and prescription drugs.

	Total
0	5
1 - 50	14
51 - 100	12
101 - 250	20
251 - 500	23
501 - 1000	
1001 to 5000	4
More than 5000	
(Don't know/Refused)	10
Mean	473.6
(ref:COST)	

Q.85 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	21
Weak Democrat	11
Independent-lean Democrat	8
Independent	6
Independent-lean Republican	9
Weak Republican	13
Strong Republican	31
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.88 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal	21
Moderate	36
Conservative	41
(Don't know/refused)	2
(ref:IDEO1)	

### Q.89 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant	41
Catholic	20
Jewish	1
(Other/none/refused)	39
Muslim	
(ref:RELIG1)	

#### [393 Respondents]

Q.90 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE00) In the 2004 election for President, did you vote for Democrat John Kerry or Republican George Bush?

	Total
Democrat John Kerry	37
Republican George Bush	58
(Ralph Nader)	1
(Other candidate)	1
(Don't know/Refused)	
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**Democrat John Kerry - Republican George Bush.....-20** (ref:VOTE2004)

Q.91 In the 2006 election for Congress, did you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

	Total
Democratic candidate	38
Republican candidate	48
(Other candidate)	3
(Don't know/Refused)	6
(Did not vote)	

**Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....-11** (ref:VOTE2006)

Q.92 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	Total
African-American or Black	
Hispanic or Latino	9
Native American	2
Asian	1
(Other)	
(Don't know/Refused)	2
(ref:RACETHN)	

Q.94 Last year, that is in 2006, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

	Total
Less than \$10K	2
\$10K to under \$20K	5
\$20K to under \$30K	6
\$30K to under \$50K	13
\$50K to under \$75K	15
\$75K to under \$100K	14
\$100K or more	27
(Refused)	16
(Don't know)	3
(ref:INCOMÉ)	

# Q.3 Record respondent's gender

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Male	47
Female	
(ref:GENDER)	