SEIU / CAP Action Fund - Maine Frequency Questionnaire

October 31-November 4, 2007 **500 Likely Voters**

Q.4 First of all, are you registered to vote at this address?

5	Total
Yes	
No	
(Refused)	
(ref:SCRÉEN1)	

Q.5 Many people weren't able to vote in the 2004 election for president between George Bush and John Kerry. How about you? Were you able to vote, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

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Voted	
Not registered in 2004/Ineligible/too young	1
Did not vote	
(Can't remember/Don't know)	
(Refused)	
(ref:VOTÉ00)	

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	5
25 - 29	6
30 - 34	7
35 - 39	6
40 - 44	
45 - 49	
50 - 54	
55 - 59	
60 - 64	
Over 64	
(No answer)	
(ref:AGE)	

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?

	lotal
Almost certain	
Probably	6
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?

Strongly approve	Total 15
Somewhat approve	
Somewhat disapprove	
Strongly disapprove	53
(Don't know/refused)	4
Total approve	32
Total disapprove	64
Approve - disapprove (ref:CANDAPP2)	32

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.

			% Cool	% ID
9 The Republican Party	45.0	35	43	98
10 The Democratic Party	49.0	40	36	99
11 George W. Bush	36.4	32	57	99
12 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	51.8	42	35	93
13 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups	43.9	31	47	97
14 Gay marriage	42.3	31	45	96
[250 Respondents] 15 (SPLIT A) Pharmaceutical companies	36.6	17	55	93
[250 Respondents] 16 (SPLIT B) Health insurance companies	37.3	20	52	98
[250 Respondents] 17 (SPLIT A) HMO's	39.3	22	42	89
[250 Respondents] 18 (SPLIT B) State Children's Health Insurance Program, or S- CHIP (ref:THERM204)	63.1	46	17	80

Q.19 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?

Democratic candidate Lean Democratic candidate Republican candidate Lean Republican candidate (Other candidate) Lean (Other candidate) (Undecided) (Refused)	7
Total Democratic candidate Total Republican candidate Total (Other candidate)	39
Democratic candidate - Republican candidate (ref:PRES08)	14

Q.21 Do you support or oppose reforming our current health care system to provide affordable health coverage for all Americans?

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

[422 Respondents]

Q.22 (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?

Strongly support	1 otai
Somewhat support	
Somewhat oppose	
Strongly oppose	13
(Don't know/refused)	
Total support	
Total oppose	23
Support - Oppose	46

Q.21/22 TOTAL INCORPORATING RESULTS OF Q.30 – POSITION ON REFORM (INCLUDING LARGER GOVERNMENT ROLE)

	Total
Firm Support	
Conditional Support	
Firm Oppose	
(Don't know/Refused)	
(ref:HCSUPP2)	

[294 Respondents]

Q.23 (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?

Strongly support Somewhat support Somewhat oppose Strongly oppose (Don't know/refused)	
Total support Total oppose Support - Oppose	17

Q.21/23 TOTAL INCORPORATING RESULTS OF Q.30 AND Q. 31 – POSITION ON REFORM (INCLUDING LARGER GOVERNMENT ROLE AND TAX INCREASE)

Firm Support	
Conditional Support	
Firm Oppose	
(Don't know/Refused)	
(ref:HCSUPP3)	

[250 Respondents]

Q.24 (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 st	2 nd
Health care costs are too high for American families Insurance companies have too much rec	56	35	24
tape and often deny necessary care There are too many people without		20	22
health coverage	37	21	19
out of business There is too much government	19	8	12
involvement in health care It is too easy to lose your coverage at	19	9	12
any time	7	2	5
(Other)	3	1	2
(None)		1	1
(Don't Know/Refuse) (ref:HCCONC/HCCONC2)	3	3	2

[250 Respondents]

Q.26 (SPLIT B) Thinking about health care reform, which ONE of the following values is the most important in guiding health care reform.

From American should have a shoirt of	Comb	1 st	2 nd
Every American should have a choice of doctors and hospitals Health care is a fundamental right	54	19	36
every American should be guaranteed coverage that can never be taken away Individuals, businesses and government have a shared responsibility for	52	40	12
covering health care costs America's health care system should be	44	21	24
private and market-driven, not government run American businesses should not be hurt	22	17	5
by health care costs	17	2	16
(Other)		-	1
None)	1	1	2
(Don't Know/Refuse) (ref:HCVALUE/HCVALUE2)	1	1	3

Q.28 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.

							Supp - Opp
	25	13	13	4	70	26	43
63	19	5	12	2	81	17	65
	29	9	10	6	74	19	55
	32	8	10	4	79	17	61
52	27	10	7	4	79	17	62
42	27	15	12	3	69	28	42
30	29	14	24	4	58	37	21
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						Total Supp		Supp - Opp
[250 Respondents]								
35 (SPLIT D) Invest in more								
preventative health care to help people								
lead healthy lifestyles and reduce								
diseases such as diabetes, cancer and								
heart disease	70	20	5	4	1	90	9	81
(ref:DEMELEM)								

Q.36 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.

	-	Smwt Supp		•	Dk/ Ref	Total Supp		Supp - Opp
[250 Respondents] 36 (SPLIT C) Reform malpractice laws to rein in frivolous lawsuits against doctors		27	12	12	6	70	24	46
[250 Respondents] 37 (SPLIT D) Expand the use of Health Savings Accounts that allow families to set aside some money to pay health expenses tax-free	44	27	11	12	5	71	24	47
[250 Respondents] 38 (SPLIT C) Provide families up to a 15,000 dollar tax deduction to help them afford coverage	41	33	12	10	4	74	22	51
[250 Respondents] 39 (SPLIT D) Provide tax credits for lower income families to help them afford coverage	45	35	9	10	1	80	19	61
[250 Respondents] 40 (SPLIT D) Deregulate insurance markets by allowing people to shop for insurance across state lines	53	25	8	8	6	78	16	62
[250 Respondents] 41 (SPLIT C) Offer block grants to states to encourage them to develop their own innovative solutions	17	43	19	16	6	60	35	25

Q.42 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	
Support Democratic plan not so strongly	
Support Republican plan not so strongly	
Support Republican plan strongly	
(Neither)	
(Both)	
(Don't know/refused)	
Total Democrat	
Total Republican	
Democrat - Republican (ref:PREPAIR)	33

Q.43 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		More		Less Likly		Much/Smwt	
[250 Respondents] 43 (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.	-	23	9	8	15	2	66	75
[250 Respondents] 44 (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	39	25	10	8	16	2	65	74
[250 Respondents] 45 (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.	32	32	13	7	14	3	64	77
[250 Respondents] 46 (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.	28	34	13	7	17	1	62	75

	More		More		Less Likly		Much/ Smwt	
[250 Respondents] 47 (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	35	32	8	9	13	3	67	76
[250 Respondents] 48 (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	20	33	14	10	18	5	53	67

Q.49 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 Smwt	
[250 Respondents] 49 (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	-	22	12	14	28	3	43	55
[250 Respondents] 50 (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.	21	31	11	8	27	2	52	63
[250 Respondents] 51 (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	29	28	14	8	16	5	57	71
[250 Respondents] 52 (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	25	30	11	7	25	3	55	66

Q.53 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	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts		DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[250 Respondents] 53 (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.	21	31	24	22	1	52	46
[250 Respondents] 54 (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	27	36	17	19	1	63	36
[250 Respondents] 55 (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	24	37	18	20	0	61	38
[250 Respondents] 56 (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.	25	36	19	20	1	60	39

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts		DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[250 Respondents] 57 (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.	23	34	20	20	3	57	40
[250 Respondents] 58 (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)	25	36	16	21	3	61	36

Q.59 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
[250 Respondents] 59 (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.	21	27	24	25	3	48	50
[250 Respondents] 60 (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.	28	35	20	15	2	63	35

	Very Ser Dbts		Minor Dbts		DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[250 Respondents] 61 (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.		25	28	24	2	45	53
[250 Respondents] 62 (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	21	33	23	21	3	54	43
[250 Respondents] 63 (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.	18	29	23	27	2	48	51
[250 Respondents] 64 (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	31	31	17	18	2	63	35

Q.65 Now let me ask you again, which health care plan do you support more:

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	Total
Support the Democratic plan strongly	45
Support the Democratic plan not so strongly	
Support the Republican plan not so strongly	
Support the Republican plan strongly	
(Neither)	
(Both)	1
(Don'ť know/refused)	2
Total Democrat	60
Total Republican	33
Democrat - Republican	27

Q.66 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	3
High School graduate	
Non-college post H.S.	
Some college	
College graduate	
Post-graduate school	14
(Don't know/refused)	
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.67 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

Yes: Respondent belongs Household member No member belongs	7
(Don't know/Refused)	
Union Household	-
Non College Non Union Non union worker (ref:UNION)	

Q.68 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	
Single	
Separated/Divorced	
Widowed	9
(Don't know/refused)	1

Sep/Div/Wid	. 20
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.69 Do you have health insurance at this time?

	Total
Yes	86
No	13
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:INSURANC)	

[431 Respondents]

Q.70 (IF YES IN INSURANC) Is your insurance provided by your employer, by the government, or do you buy your own?

	Total
Employer	49
Government	22
Individual	
(Other)	
(Don't know/refused)	
(ref:INSUR2)	

Q.71 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	4
1 - 50	13
51 - 100	14
101 - 250	20
251 - 500	22
501 - 1000	8
1001 to 5000	
More than 5000	
(Don't know/Refused)	14
Mean	
(ref:COST)	

Q.72 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

Strong Democrat	Total
Weak Democrat	
Independent-lean Democrat	15
Independent	8
Independent-lean Republican	10
Weak Republican	15
Strong Republican	14
(Don't know/refused)	
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.75 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal	
Moderate	
Conservative	
(Don't know/refused)	4
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.76 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant	48
Catholic	25
Jewish	1
(Other/none/refused)	26
Muslim	
(ref:RELIG1)	

[497 Respondents]

Q.77 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE00) In the 2004 election for President, did you vote for Democrat John Kerry or Republican George Bush?

5	Total
Democrat John Kerry	49
Republican George Bush	44
(Ralph Nader)	
(Other candidate)	2
(Don't know/Refused)	5

Democrat John Kerry - Republican George Bush....... 5 (ref:VOTE2004)

Q.78 In the 2006 election for Congress, did you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

	Total
Democratic candidate	63
Republican candidate	
(Other candidate)	
(Don't know/Refused)	
(Did not vote)	

Q.79 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

TotalWhite93African-American or Black1Hispanic or Latino1Native American1Asian1(Other)0(Don't know/Refused)4(ref:RACETHN)

Q.80 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.

Less than \$10K	Total
\$10K to under \$20K	
\$20K to under \$30K	
\$30K to under \$50K	22
\$50K to under \$75K	22
\$75K to under \$100K	11
\$100K or more	9
(Refused)	11
(Don't know)	2
(ref:INCOME)	

Q.3 Record respondent's gender

-	Total
Male	
Female	
(ref:GENDER)	