

SEIU / CAP Action Fund - Oregon Frequency Questionnaire

October 30-November 1, 2007
504 Likely Voters

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

	Total
Yes	100
No.....	-
(Refused).....	-
(ref:SCREEN1)	

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?

	Total
Voted	99
Not registered in 2004/Ineligible/too young	1
Did not vote	-
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	-
(Refused).....	-
(ref:VOTE00)	

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	6
25 - 29	7
30 - 34	9
35 - 39	7
40 - 44	7
45 - 49	11
50 - 54	10
55 - 59	13
60 - 64	8
Over 64.....	22
(No answer).....	2
(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?

	Total
Almost certain.....	94
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?

	Total
Strongly approve	17
Somewhat approve	19
Somewhat disapprove.....	10
Strongly disapprove.....	47
(Don't know/refused)	7
Total approve.....	36
Total disapprove.....	58
Approve - disapprove	-22
(ref:CANDAPP2)	

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.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
9 The Republican Party	45.4	34	46	98
10 The Democratic Party	49.2	42	36	97
11 George W. Bush	39.1	36	57	99
12 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	54.0	45	34	93
13 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	47.7	37	43	96
14 Gay marriage	40.3	30	47	94
[252 Respondents]				
15 (SPLIT A) Pharmaceutical companies	39.3	18	50	94
[252 Respondents]				
16 (SPLIT B) Health insurance companies.....	42.0	25	46	94
[252 Respondents]				
17 (SPLIT A) HMO's	40.9	17	43	86
[252 Respondents]				
18 (SPLIT B) State Children's Health Insurance Program, or S-CHIP	59.2	43	22	81
(ref:THERM204)				

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?

	Total
Democratic candidate.....	47
Lean Democratic candidate.....	6
Republican candidate.....	32
Lean Republican candidate.....	5
(Other candidate)	2
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	7
(Refused).....	1
Total Democratic candidate	52
Total Republican candidate.....	37
Total (Other candidate)	2
Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	15
(ref:PRES08)	

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

	Total
Strongly support	60
Somewhat support	19
Somewhat oppose.....	5
Strongly oppose	12
(Don't know/refused)	4
Total support	80
Total oppose	16
Support - Oppose	63
(ref:HCSUPP)	

[403 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?

	Total
Strongly support	40
Somewhat support	31
Somewhat oppose.....	10
Strongly oppose	12
(Don't know/refused)	7
Total support	70
Total oppose	22
Support - Oppose	48

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

	Total
Firm Support.....	56
Conditional Support.....	24
Firm Oppose	16
(Don't know/Refused).....	4
(ref:HCSUPP2)	

[282 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?

	Total
Strongly support	53
Somewhat support	34
Somewhat oppose.....	4
Strongly oppose	9
(Don't know/refused)	1
Total support	87
Total oppose	12
Support - Oppose	74

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

	Total
Firm Support.....	49
Conditional Support.....	31
Firm Oppose	16
(Don't know/Refused).....	4
(ref:HCSUPP3)	

[252 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	1st	2nd
Health care costs are too high for American families	59	34	29
There are too many people without health coverage.....	40	21	22
Insurance companies have too much red tape and often deny necessary care	38	20	21
Malpractice lawsuits are putting doctors out of business	17	9	9
There is too much government involvement in health care.....	15	8	8
It is too easy to lose your coverage at any time.....	10	4	7
(Other)	4	3	1
(None)	0	0	2
(Don't Know/Refuse)	1	1	1

(ref:HCCONC/HCCONC2)

[252 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.

	Comb	1st	2nd
Every American should have a choice of doctors and hospitals	57	18	41
Individuals, businesses and government have a shared responsibility for covering health care costs.....	46	31	15
Health care is a fundamental right -- every American should be guaranteed coverage that can never be taken away.....	43	30	14
America's health care system should be private and market-driven, not government run	24	13	12
American businesses should not be hurt by health care costs	14	2	13
(Other)	1	-	1
(None)	1	1	2
(Don't Know/Refuse)	4	4	2

(ref:HCVALUE/HCVALUE2)

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.

	Strng Supp	Smwt Supp	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	Dk/ Ref	Total Supp	Total Opp	Supp - Opp
[252 Respondents]								
28 (SPLIT C) Expand Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Plan to cover all low-income Americans	47	24	11	14	4	71	26	45
[252 Respondents]								
29 (SPLIT D) Require insurance companies to offer coverage at a fair price, regardless of age, medical history, or pre-existing condition	65	20	8	6	1	85	13	72
[252 Respondents]								
30 (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	40	36	5	12	7	76	17	59
[252 Respondents]								
31 (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	33	38	8	13	9	71	20	51
[252 Respondents]								
32 (SPLIT C) Provide refundable tax credits to ensure that no one pays more than 5 to 7 percent of their income on health insurance	44	29	9	12	7	73	20	52
[252 Respondents]								
33 (SPLIT D) Require all businesses to provide health care for their employees or contribute to a fund to help pay for their coverage	36	30	10	22	2	67	31	35
[252 Respondents]								
34 (SPLIT C) Include an individual mandate that requires all Americans to have health insurance while providing financial assistance to those who cannot afford it	31	30	13	19	7	61	32	29

	Strng Supp	Smwt Supp	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	Dk/ Ref	Total Supp	Total Opp	Supp - Opp
[252 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.	61	25	6	7	1	85	13	72
(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.

	Strng Supp	Smwt Supp	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	Dk/ Ref	Total Supp	Total Opp	Supp - Opp
[252 Respondents]								
36 (SPLIT C) Reform malpractice laws to rein in frivolous lawsuits against doctors	44	27	11	13	5	70	24	46

[252 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	39	30	13	15	3	69	28	42

[252 Respondents]								
38 (SPLIT C) Provide families up to a 15,000 dollar tax deduction to help them afford coverage	30	35	15	13	7	66	28	38

[252 Respondents]								
39 (SPLIT D) Provide tax credits for lower income families to help them afford coverage	35	39	10	12	3	74	22	52

[252 Respondents]								
40 (SPLIT D) Deregulate insurance markets by allowing people to shop for insurance across state lines.....	36	28	12	13	10	64	26	38

[252 Respondents]								
41 (SPLIT C) Offer block grants to states to encourage them to develop their own innovative solutions	24	34	18	15	9	58	33	25
(ref:REPELEM)								

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	40
Support Democratic plan not so strongly	17
Support Republican plan not so strongly	15
Support Republican plan strongly	19
(Neither)	6
(Both).....	0
(Don't know/refused)	4
Total Democrat	56
Total Republican	34
Democrat - Republican	23
(ref:PREPAIR)	

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.

	Much More Likly	Smwt More Likly	Lttle More Likly	No More Likly	Less Likly	DK/ Ref	Much/ Smwt/ Lttle	Smwt Lttle
[252 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.....	47	25	5	5	17	2	71	76

[252 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.	37	24	9	8	20	2	61	70

[252 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.	30	33	10	9	14	4	63	72

[252 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.	26	24	17	9	20	4	50	67

	Much More Likly	Smwt More Likly	Ltle More Likly	No More Likly	Less Likly	DK/ Ref	Much/ Smwt/ Ltle
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[252 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.....

37	25	11	4	19	4	62	74
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[252 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.....
(ref:DEMMES)

13	30	12	16	22	8	43	55
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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.

	Much More Likly	Smwt More Likly	Ltle More Likly	No More Likly	Less Likly	DK/ Ref	Much/ Smwt/ Ltle	Much Smwt Ltle
[252 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.....	23	20	12	12	27	4	43	56

[252 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	29	7	11	28	4	50	57

[252 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.	31	23	13	7	22	5	53	66

[252 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.	26	28	8	7	28	3	54	62

(ref:REPMES)

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	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[252 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.	20	26	20	31	2	47	51
[252 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.....	24	27	21	24	3	52	45
[252 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	26	23	25	2	50	48
[252 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.	28	28	18	25	2	55	42

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[252 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.....							
	28	27	21	19	5	55	40

[252 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.							
	29	23	22	21	4	52	44
(ref:REPDOUBT)							

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	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[252 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.							
	19	24	21	33	2	43	55

[252 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.							
	21	30	26	20	3	52	46

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[252 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.	11	24	25	39	2	34	63
[252 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.	24	27	21	26	1	51	47
[252 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.	20	30	23	25	2	50	48
[252 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. (ref:DEMDOUBT)	33	27	16	22	2	60	38

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	42
Support the Democratic plan not so strongly	15
Support the Republican plan not so strongly	11
Support the Republican plan strongly	25
(Neither)	5
(Both).....	0
(Don't know/refused)	2
Total Democrat	57
Total Republican	36
Democrat - Republican	21
(ref:REFAVOR)	

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	22
Non-college post H.S.	3
Some college.....	30
College graduate	25
Post-graduate school	16
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:EDUC)	

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

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	12
Household member	8
No member belongs.....	80
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
Union Household.....	20
Non College Non Union	46
Non union worker.....	35
(ref:UNION)	

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

	Total
Married	66
Single	17
Separated/Divorced.....	9
Widowed.....	7
(Don't know/refused)	1
Sep/Div/Wid.....	16
(ref:MARITAL)	

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

	Total
Yes	88
No.....	12
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:INSURANC)	

[443 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	54
Government.....	16
Individual	24
(Other)	4
(Don't know/refused)	2
(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	13
101 - 250	20
251 - 500	21
501 - 1000	8
1001 to 5000	2
More than 5000	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	16
Mean	951.9
(ref:COST)	

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

	Total
Strong Democrat	22
Weak Democrat.....	15
Independent-lean Democrat.....	12
Independent	6
Independent-lean Republican	7
Weak Republican	19
Strong Republican.....	17
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

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

	Total
Liberal.....	24
Moderate	36
Conservative	36
(Don't know/refused)	4
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.76 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant	53
Catholic	13
Jewish	1
(Other/none/refused).....	32
Muslim	-
(ref:RELIG1)	

[499 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?

	Total
Democrat John Kerry	48
Republican George Bush	47
(Ralph Nader).....	0
(Other candidate)	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
 Democrat John Kerry - Republican George Bush.....	 1
(ref:VOTE2004)	

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

	Total
Democratic candidate.....	54
Republican candidate.....	27
(Other candidate)	4
(Don't know/Refused).....	8
(Did not vote).....	7
 Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	 27
(ref:VOTE2006)	

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

	Total
White	88
African-American or Black.....	0
Hispanic or Latino.....	4
Native American	1
Asian	1
(Other).....	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
(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.

	Total
Less than \$10K	4
\$10K to under \$20K	8
\$20K to under \$30K	13
\$30K to under \$50K	17
\$50K to under \$75K	20
\$75K to under \$100K	10
\$100K or more.....	12
(Refused).....	12
(Don't know)	4
(ref:INCOME)	

Q.3 Record respondent's gender

	Total
Male.....	47
Female	53
(ref:GENDER)	