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GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES: HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted November 15-18, 2012 with a random sample of –1,015— adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ±3 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –515— men, the maximum margin of sampling error is ±5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –500— women, the maximum margin of sampling error is ±6 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample includes a minimum quota of 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents per 1,000 respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents by region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, population density and phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and being cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2011 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ U.S. population. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

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.

7. What would you say is the most urgent health problem facing this country at the present time? *[OPEN-ENDED]*

	Access	Cost	Obesity	Cancer	Government Interference	Heart disease	Diabetes	AIDS	Flu	Finding cures for diseases	Drug\alcohol abuse	Smoking	Bioterrorism	Other	No opinion
2012 Nov 15-18	23	19	16	13	2	2	2	1	--	1	*	*	*	6	15
2011 Nov 3-6	27	20	14	13	3	1	1	1	*	*	*	*	--	4	15
2010 Nov 4-7	24	19	14	12	10	2	1	1	1	1	1	*	--	5	9
2009 Nov 5-8	27	18	8	9	5	2	1	1	16	*	--	*	--	3	10
2008 Nov 13-16	29	25	12	11	1	2	2	2	--	1	*	1	--	4	10
2007 Nov 11-14	29	26	10	14	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	*	--	4	9
2006 Nov 9-12	22	29	8	14	*	3	1	6	1	1	1	*	*	6	8
2005 Nov 7-10	15	25	9	15	*	4	1	6	10	1	1	1	*	3	7
2004 Nov 7-10	28	29	7	9	1	2	*	5	2	1	*	*	*	8	8
2003 Nov 3-5	25	27	7	13	*	3	1	8	*	*	1	1	1	7	6
2002 Nov 11-14	13	25	7	21	*	5	1	8	1	1	*	2	1	5	9
2001 Nov 8-11	8	14	4	19	*	6	1	7	1	2	1	1	22	6	8
2000 Sep 11-13	13	25	3	20	*	3	1	18	--	1	2	1	--	6	7
1999 Feb 8-9	1	13	1	23	--	5	--	33	--	--	2	3	--	13	6
1997 Oct 3-5	13	9	*	15	--	3	--	29	--	--	6	2	--	18	5
1992 Mar 26-29	--	30	--	5	--	2	--	41	--	--	--	--	--	18	4
1991 Nov 14-17	--	20	--	6	--	2	--	55	--	--	--	--	--	14	3
1991 May 2-5	2	10	1	16	--	2	--	45	--	--	5	*	--	15	4
1987 Oct 23-26 ^	--	1	3	14	--	7	--	68	--	--	4	1	--	8	3

^ Total adds to more than 100% due to multiple responses.