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**TOPLINE RESULTS // NOV 12, 2009**

1. Thinking back to the Fall of 2008, how closely did you follow news about the 2008 presidential race? Did you follow the race very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not closely at all?

Very closely .....	52
Somewhat closely .....	32
Not too closely .....	10
Not closely at all.....	6
Don't Know.....*	

2. What do you think is the most important issue that President Obama, and the Congress should address over the next year? [OPEN-ENDED PRE-CODE TO LIST – ALLOW ONE ANSWER]

Health care .....	32
Fix the economy (generic) .....	27
Immigration reform.....	14
War in Iraq/Afghanistan .....	8
Create more jobs / unemployment.....	7
Housing / mortgages .....	1
Education reform / schools.....	1

[ROTATE 3 & 4]

3. Generally speaking, in the first 9 months of the new Congress, do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

Strongly approve.....	11
Somewhat approve.....	41
Somewhat disapprove.....	19
Strongly disapprove.....	18
Don't know.....	10
Refused.....	1

4. Generally speaking, in the first 9 months of the new Presidency, do you approve or disapprove of the job President Obama is doing?

Strongly approve.....	39
Somewhat approve.....	35
Somewhat disapprove.....	10
Strongly disapprove.....	13
Don't know.....	3

[ ROTATE 5 & 6]

5. With all the different issues the Congress and President must address, how important do you think it is that they should pass a bill on immigration reform before the 2010 congressional election?

Extremely important.....	23
Very important.....	39
Somewhat important.....	22
Not too important.....	8
Not at all important.....	4
Don't know.....	4

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6. With all the different issues the Congress and President must address, how important do you think it is that they should pass a bill on health care reform before the 2010 congressional election?

- Extremely important.....33
- Very important.....40
- Somewhat important.....13
- Not too important.....7
- Not at all important.....5
- Don't know.....2

7. Okay, between the two issues of immigration reform and health care reform, which one is more important for Congress and the President to address, in your opinion?

- Immigration reform.....20
- Health care reform.....67
- Something else.....2
- Both / same / equal.....10
- Don't know.....1

8. When it comes to health care, do you think the Federal government should ensure that all people have health insurance, even if it means raising taxes, or do you think we should continue with the current health care system?

- Universal health care.....60
- Continue current system.....30
- Something else / other option.....5
- Don't know.....3
- Refused.....1

9A. [IF Q8 = 1] Based on the following choices, (RANDOM ORDER) what is the main reason you FAVOR healthcare reform?

- 1. People need health insurance/Too many uninsured..... 30
- 2. System is broken/Needs to be fixed..... 11
- 3. Need to make healthcare more affordable..... 22
- 4. Costs are out of control/Would help control costs.....23
- 5. Respondent or family member currently lacks coverage.....5
- 6. Don't trust insurance companies..... 7
- 88. No opinion/DK..... 3

9B. [IF Q8 = 2] Based on the following choices, (RANDOM ORDER) what is the main reason you OPPOSE healthcare reform?

- 1. Against big government/Too much government involvement.....33
- 2. Need more information/clarity on how healthcare reform would work.....27
- 3. Does not address real problems..... 11
- 4. Will raise costs of insurance/Make it less affordable..... 11
- 5. Will increase the deficit..... 9
- 6. Will affect the respondent's current health insurance..... 6
- 88. No opinion/DK..... 3

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10. There are many different approaches being considered to pay for expansion of health coverage. Please indicate whether you strongly support, support, oppose, or strongly oppose the following payment options.

A. Having health insurance companies pay a tax for offering very expensive policies.

Strongly support.....	33
Somewhat support.....	24
Somewhat oppose.....	13
Strongly oppose.....	21
Don't know.....	8

B. Increase taxes for the wealthiest segments of the US population to pay for covering the uninsured.

Strongly support.....	44
Somewhat support.....	23
Somewhat oppose.....	11
Strongly oppose.....	18
Don't know.....	4

C. Tax employer contributions to health coverage by treating some of this funding as income.

Strongly support.....	18
Somewhat support.....	33
Somewhat oppose.....	15
Strongly oppose.....	20
Don't know.....	13

D. Increase taxes on un-healthy products, such as alcoholic and sugary beverages, and cigarettes.

Strongly support.....	54
Somewhat support.....	16
Somewhat oppose.....	10
Strongly oppose.....	17
Don't know.....	2

11. One of the proposals offered to change healthcare would create a public option—a government run health plan that would compete with private insurance so that people could choose between public and private options. Which of the following best describes your view of the public option plan? Do you [rotate front to back/back to front: strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, strongly oppose]

Strongly support.....	44
Somewhat support.....	30
Somewhat oppose.....	9
Strongly oppose.....	13
Don't know.....	4

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12. If the public health care option is implemented by Congress, do you think (RANDOM ORDER) would get better, would not change, get worse, or do you have no opinion?

A. the healthcare coverage you and your family receive

Get better .....	32
Would not change.....	29
Would get worse .....	19
Don't know .....	24

B. insurance company requirements you have to meet to get certain treatments covered

Get better .....	33
Would not change.....	14
Would get worse .....	27
Don't know .....	26

C. The costs you and your family pay for healthcare

Get better .....	32
Would not change.....	19
Would get worse .....	26
Don't know .....	23

D. The quality of healthcare you and your family receive

Get better .....	33
Would not change.....	24
Would get worse .....	22
Don't know .....	20

13. Thinking back over the past 12 months, please tell me whether or not each of these has been a major problem for you, a minor problem for you, or not a problem at all.

A. Difficulty communicating with doctors or other health care providers because of language barriers

Major problem.....	5
Minor problem .....	8
Not a problem at all.....	86

B. Difficulty keeping the same medical care provider, or lacking a permanent place to go to for health care

Major problem.....	13
Minor problem .....	12
Not a problem at all.....	73
Don't know .....	2

C. Difficulty getting to a medical care facility due to lack of transportation, or lack of medical care facilities in your community

Major problem.....	7
Minor problem .....	10
Not a problem at all.....	81
Don't know .....	1

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D. Waiting too long for an appointment to see a doctor

Major problem.....	18
Minor problem .....	18
Not a problem at all.....	63
Don't know .....	1

E. Feeling that doctor's don't understand your needs or culture.

Major problem.....	9
Minor problem .....	13
Not a problem at all.....	76
Don't know .....	1

F. All the costs associated with medical care

Major problem.....	24
Minor problem .....	20
Not a problem at all.....	56

14. [IF Q13 has more than 1 “major” problem] Okay, of these items, which if any of these has been the largest problem for you personally?

[RE-READ MAJOR PROBLEM ITEMS]

1. Difficulty communicating with doctors or other health care providers because of language barriers.....	2
2. Difficulty keeping the same medical care provider, or lacking a permanent place to go to for health care .....	5
3. Difficulty getting to a medical care facility due to lack of transportation, or lack of medical care facilities in your community .....	8
4. Waiting too long for an appointment to see a doctor.....	26
5. Feeling that doctor's don't understand your needs or culture.....	9
6. All the costs associated with medical care.....	37
77. All the same / equal.....	8
88. Don't Know.....	5

15. People prefer certain doctors for a variety of reasons. On a scale of zero to ten, where zero is not at all important and ten is extremely important, please tell me how important it is to you to have a medical doctor who :

	[ Percent who said 9 or 10 ]
A. Is from the same culture as you	24
B. Is the same gender as you	27
C. Speaks Spanish	28
D. Is bilingual	31

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17. Alright, thinking again about the current health care debate in Washington, D.C. How much do you think the public officials take into account the health care needs of the [Latino/Hispanic] community when considering reforms? Is it...

Very much.....	16
Somewhat.....	34
Not too much.....	27
Not at all.....	17
Don't know.....	6

18. If the Congress and President do pass a health reform bill, do you think anyone living in this country should be eligible to buy or receive health care, or should it be restricted to only American citizens and legal residents?

Anyone eligible.....	67
Only citizens/residents.....	25
It depends / maybe.....	4
Don't know.....	4

19. And finally, if the federal government could only enact ONE single health care reform this year, which of the following would be the single best use of public tax dollars?

[ READ AND ROTATE]

- 1. Offer insurance programs that are publicly available to all Americans with..... 31  
payment assistance for those who need it.
- 2. Provide guaranteed health insurance for children.....18
- 3. Offer insurance programs that are publicly available for high risk..... 12  
Americans-persons with disabilities and chronic disease conditions
- 4. Offer health care discounts for people who adopt healthy lifestyle behaviors..... 7
- 5. Recruit more doctors and nurses to provide primary healthcare..... 10
- 6. Fund more school programs to discourage drug, alcohol, and tobacco use..... 13
- 7. Something else..... 4
- 8. None of these..... 1
- 88. Don't know..... 3

20. Switching topics now, when you watch television, do you watch Spanish-language stations more often, English-language stations more often, or do you watch both equally?

If Spanish, ask "Would you say you only watch in Spanish, or you mostly watch in Spanish?"

If English, ask, "Would you say you only watch in English, or you mostly watch in English?"

If both equally ask, "Do you probably watch more in Spanish or in English, or is it exactly equal?"

Do not watch TV.....	1
Only Spanish.....	3
Mostly Spanish.....	5
More Spanish than English.....	5
Both exactly equal.....	36
More English than Spanish.....	15
Mostly English.....	22
Only English.....	12

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21. There are a lot of different sources of news and information. When it comes to news and information about POLITICS, which source do you trust the most to deliver the best information? [ROTATE: Spanish language news or English language news]?

Spanish language news .....	20
English language news .....	58
Both languages equal.....	17
Neither of these sources .....	3
Don't know .....	1

22. During the 2008 election Barack Obama promised to pass immigration reform that provided a pathway to citizenship. More recently, Obama has said that immigration reform may have to wait until later. If immigration reform is not passed before the November 2010 election, would you say that is [rotate: understandable given all the issues faced by the country; going back on a campaign promise]

Understandable.....	42
Going back on promise .....	28
Both / combination.....	26
(Don't know) .....	3
(Refused) .....	1

23A. [IF Q22=2 OR 3] Would that cause you to think about voting against Obama or the Democrats next time around, or would you probably still vote for Obama and the Democrats?

Vote AGAINST Obama / Dems .....	22
Still vote FOR Obama / Dems .....	45
It depends / maybe .....	19
(Didn't vote for Obama in the first place).....	7
(Don't know) .....	5
(Refused) .....	1

23B. [IF Q22=1 OR 3] What if immigration reform is NOT passed by the 2012 presidential election? Would that cause you to think about voting against Obama or the Democrats, or would you probably still vote for Obama and the Democrats?

Vote AGAINST Obama / Dems .....	15
Still vote FOR Obama / Dems .....	56
It depends / maybe .....	14
(Didn't vote for Obama in the first place).....	6
(Don't know) .....	9

Q22 / Q23 COMBINED:

Understandable and will stay with Dems through and through.....	25
Understandable, but will vote against Dems if no bill by 2012.....	6
Understandable, and might vote against Dems if no bill by 2012.....	6
Going back on a promise, will vote against Dems if no bill by 2010.....	12
Going back on a promise, might vote against Dems if no bill by 2010.....	10
Going back on a promise, but will stay with Dems.....	24
Didn't vote for Obama in the first place.....	8
Understandable, and don't know how vote in 2012.....	4
Going back on a promise, and don't know how vote in 2010.....	4
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For sure stay with Dems.....	49
Will vote against Dems if no immig bill.....	18
Might vote against Dems if no bill.....	16

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25. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else?

Republican.....	16
Democrat.....	53
Independent.....	20
Other party.....	5
Don't know.....	5
Refused.....	1

25a. [IF Q25 = 1 OR 2] Do you consider yourself to be a strong [INSERT ANSWER TO Q25] or not so strong?

Strong partisan.....	58
Not so strong partisan.....	41
Don't know.....	2

25b. [IF Q25 = 3 – 99] If you had to pick, do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democratic Party?

Republican.....	24
Democrat.....	44
Neither.....	16
Other party.....	1
Don't know.....	11
Refused.....	4

Q25 COMBINED – PARTY

Democrat – strong.....	31
Democrat – not so strong.....	22
Indep – lean Democrat.....	14
Independent.....	10
Indep – lean Republican.....	8
Republican – not so strong.....	7
Republican – strong.....	9

26 We often learn about politics from a variety of sources. As I read each item, how important would you say each of the following sources have been in learning about what you currently know or think about US politics?

**(RANDOM ORDER; READ EACH ITEM AND THEN ASK)** – Is that very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

\_\_\_ Q.26A News or the media.

Very important.....	53
Somewhat important.....	32
Not too important.....	8
Not at all important.....	6
Don't know.....	1

\_\_\_ Q.26B Friends and co-workers

Very important.....	24
Somewhat important.....	29
Not too important.....	14
Not at all important.....	30
Don't know.....	3



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\_\_\_ Q.26C Your church or place of worship

Very important.....	29
Somewhat important.....	19
Not too important.....	11
Not at all important.....	37
Don't know.....	3

\_\_\_ Q.26D Your children or younger family members

Very important.....	34
Somewhat important.....	22
Not too important.....	9
Not at all important.....	28
Don't know.....	6

\_\_\_ Q.26E Your parents or older family members

Very important.....	33
Somewhat important.....	19
Not too important.....	11
Not at all important.....	31
Don't know.....	5

\_\_\_ Q.26F The Internet

Very important.....	30
Somewhat important.....	25
Not too important.....	11
Not at all important.....	29
Don't know.....	4

\_\_\_ Q.26G Latino community groups

Very important.....	28
Somewhat important.....	28
Not too important.....	11
Not at all important.....	28
Don't know.....	4

27. [IF Q26B<=3] Okay, thinking about your friends and co-workers, did you ever discuss [                    ]

	Pct Yes
A. Who you are going to vote for	60
B. How to register to vote	38
C. The citizenship process	36
D. The 2008 presidential election	67

28. [IF Q26D<=3] Okay, thinking about your children or younger family members, did you ever discuss [                    ]

	Pct Yes
A. Who you are going to vote for	66
B. How to register to vote	53
C. The citizenship process	41
D. The 2008 presidential election	71

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29. [IF Q26E<=3] Okay, thinking about your parents or older family members, did you ever discuss [ ]

	Pct Yes
A. Who you are going to vote for	63
B. How to register to vote	45
C. The citizenship process	44
D. The 2008 presidential election	65

30. How much do you think your success depends on the success of other [Answer to S3]s? Does it depend ... on the success of other [Answer to S3]s? [rotate options top to bottom, then bottom to top]

1: Not at all.....	23
2: A little.....	14
3: Somewhat.....	29
4: A lot.....	30
88. Don't know.....	3

31 Now, we're going to change topics. I am going to read you a list of different groups, and I want you to rank how welcoming you think that the Democratic Party is towards each group on a scale of 0 to 10. 0 is the least welcoming, and 10 is the most welcoming. (ROTATE GROUPS)

	[ Percent who said 9 or 10 ]
____ 31A African Americans	33
____ 31B Whites	40
____ 31C Latinos	31

32 On the same scale of 0 to 10, with 0 being the lowest and 10 being the highest, how welcoming do you think the Republican party is towards: (ROTATE GROUPS)

	[ Percent who said 9 or 10 ]
____ 32A African Americans	7
____ 32B Whites	57
____ 32C Latinos	10

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**DEMOGRAPHICS**

D1. [Hispanics/Latinos] have their roots in many different countries in Latin America. To what country do you or your family trace your ancestry? [OPEN-ENDED WITH LIST OF ALL COUNTRIES]

Mexico .....	55
Puerto Rico .....	9
Cuba .....	5
Dominican Republic.....	3
El Salvador .....	3
Other country .....	25

D2. Were you born in the United States, on the island of Puerto Rico, or in another country?

United States.....	55
Another country.....	39
Puerto Rico .....	6

D3. [IF D2=1]. How about your parents, were they born in the United States, in Puerto Rico, or in another country?

Both parents born in United States.....	44
Both parents born another country. ....	30
Both parents born in Puerto Rico.....	6
1 parent born in U.S. / 1 born abroad .....	18
Don't know .....	2

D4. [IF D3=1]. How about your grandparents? How many were born in the United States ?

all 4 born in U.S. ....	49
3 born in U.S.....	5
2 born in U.S.....	9
1 born in U.S.....	8
None were born in U.S. ....	19
Don't know .....	8
Refused .....	2

D6. How many total people OVER the age of 18 live in your household? Mean = 2.45

D7. What is the highest level of education you completed? Again, just stop me when I read the correct category.

Grades 1 – 8.....	8
Some High School .....	8
High School graduate .....	21
Some College/Technical School .....	25
College graduate .....	23
Post-graduate education.....	12
Don't know .....	*
Refused .....	3

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D8. Which of the following best describes your current work status? Just stop me when I read the correct category:

- 25 Working for a private business
- 20 Working for federal, state, or local government
- 8 Self-employed, or
- 2 Working without pay in a family business
- 25 Retired
- 8 Unemployed
- 4 Student
- 4 DK/NA
- 4 Refused

D9. When it comes to religion, do you consider yourself to be Catholic, Protestant, other Christian, or something else?

Catholic.....	58
Protestant .....	4
Christian .....	20
Atheist or agnostic .....	1
Other.....	9
None .....	3
(DON'T READ) Don't know .....	1
(DON'T READ) Refused .....	4

D10. SPLIT A: We hear a lot of talk these days about liberals and conservatives. When it comes to politics, do you usually think of yourself as a Liberal, a Conservative, a Moderate, or have you not thought much about this? [If "Liberal/Conservative" reply, WAIT AND ASK: Would you call yourself very [Conservative/Liberal] or not? If "Moderate" reply, ASK: Would you say that you are slightly Liberal, slightly Conservative, or neither?]

Very liberal .....	8
Liberal .....	10
Slightly liberal.....	4
Moderate.....	19
Slightly conservative .....	6
Conservative .....	13
Very conservative.....	4
Not thought about it/Don't know.....	31
Refused .....	4

D10. SPLIT B: When it comes to politics, would you place yourself on the left, on the right, or in the center, or have you not thought much about this? [If "Left or Right" reply, WAIT AND ASK: Would you place yourself far to the [Left/Right] or not? If "Moderate" reply, ASK: Would you place yourself slightly to the left or right, or exactly in the center?]

Far left.....	2
Left .....	7
Slightly left.....	4
Center.....	31
Slightly right .....	4
Right.....	5
Far right .....	2
Not thought about it/Don't know.....	36
Refused .....	8

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D11. Do you currently own or rent your home?

Own.....	68
Rent.....	23
Something else.....	3
Don't know.....	1
Refused.....	5

D12. During any time over the last two years, did you go without health insurance, even for a month, or did you have health insurance throughout the entire time?

Went WITHOUT health insurance.....	22
Had insurance entire year.....	73
Don't know.....	1
Refused.....	4

D13. Thinking about your current health insurance status. Do you currently have health insurance coverage?

[IF YES: Is that through your employer or place of work; something you purchase privately; or through a public or government insurance plan?]

No, do NOT have insurance.....	17
Yes – through employer / work.....	43
Yes – privately purchased.....	9
Yes – through public / government.....	21
Yes – through something else / other.....	4
Don't know.....	2
Refused.....	5

D14. Now thinking about the medical care you receive, how satisfied are you with--(ROTATE A&B)-  
(ROTATE: very satisfied, satisfied, dissatisfied (or) very dissatisfied)

A. The quality of medical care available to you and your family

Very satisfied.....	49
Somewhat satisfied.....	33
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	5
Very dissatisfied.....	5
Don't know.....	3
Refused.....	6

B. The cost of medical care for you and your family

Very satisfied.....	31
Somewhat satisfied.....	31
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	14
Very dissatisfied.....	14
Don't know.....	5
Refused.....	5

D15. How long have you lived here in the state of [INSERT STATE NAME]?

Less than 10 years.....	13
10 – 20 years.....	21
Over 20 years.....	65

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V1. In what year were you born?

18 – 34.....	19
34 – 49.....	29
50 – 64.....	29
65 +.....	23

D16. And finally, what was your total combined household income in 2008 before taxes. This question is completely confidential and just used to help classify the responses. Just stop me when I read the correct category.

Less than \$20,000.....	18
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	12
\$40,000 to \$59,999.....	15
\$60,000 to \$79,999.....	11
\$80,000 to \$99,999.....	6
\$100,000 to \$150,000.....	7
More than \$150,000.....	5
Don't know.....	12
Refused.....	15

D17. [ DO NOT ASK] Gender

Male.....	48
Female.....	52

Post1A. [IF survey in English] How would you rate the English abilities of the person you just interviewed?

Excellent.....	90
Good.....	8
Fair.....	2
Poor.....	0
Bad.....	0

Post2A. [IF survey in Spanish] How would you rate the Spanish abilities of the person you just interviewed?

Excellent.....	82
Good.....	14
Fair.....	4
Poor.....	0
Bad.....	1

Post3. How would you rate the respondent's level of interest in the survey?

Very interested.....	62
Only somewhat interested.....	31
Didn't seem too interested.....	7
Not at all interested.....	0