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FINAL TOPLINE
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QUESTIONS 1 THROUGH 31 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

QUESTIONS 32 THROUGH 33 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

Q.34 Now, I'd like to get your views on some issues that are being discussed in this country today. All in all, do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose [NEXT ITEM]?

	-----FAVOR-----			-----OPPOSE-----			(VOL.) DK/Ref
	Total	Strongly Favor	Favor	Total	Strongly Oppose	Oppose	
a. The U.S. government guaranteeing health insurance for all citizens, even if it means raising taxes							
March, 2009	61	26	35	35	13	22	4=100
August, 2008	63	30	33	34	13	21	3=100
August, 2007	63	26	37	32	13	19	5=100
Early January, 2007	66	27	39	29	11	18	5=100
July, 2005	64	25	39	30	10	20	6=100
December, 2004	65	31	34	30	10	20	5=100
Early September, 2004	66	30	36	26	11	15	8=100
August, 2003	67	23	44	29	10	19	4=100

QUESTIONS 34B THROUGH 34D HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

Q.35 How much, if anything, would you say you have heard about the issue of embryonic stem cell research? [READ]

- 43 A lot
- 47 A little [OR]
- 9 Nothing at all
- 1 Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)
- 100

ASK ALL:

Q.36 All in all, which is more important... [READ, IN ORDER]

	Conducting embryonic stem cell research that might result in <u>new medical cures</u>	Not destroying the potential life of human embryos involved <u>in this research</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
March, 2009 ¹	54	32	14=100
August, 2007	51	35	14=100
July, 2006	56	32	12=100
July, 2005	57	30	13=100

¹ Prior to March, 2009 the question asked about "Conducting stem cell research..." instead of "Conducting embryonic stem cell research." In July 2005, we conducted an experiment comparing the two different wordings of this option and found no difference in the balance of opinion.

Q.36 CONTINUED...

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December, 2004	56	32	12=100
August, 2004	52	34	14=100
March, 2002	43	38	19=100

Thinking about the health care system in general...

ASK ALL:

Q.37 Do you think the health care system in this country works pretty well and requires only minor changes, do you think it needs fundamental changes, or do you think it needs to be completely rebuilt?

		June <u>1994</u>	Jan <u>1994</u>	April <u>1993</u>
21	Only minor changes	28	21	15
36	Fundamental changes	32	33	26
40	Completely rebuilt	37	42	55
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100	100

NO QUESTIONS 38 THROUGH 42

QUESTIONS 43 THROUGH 49 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

QUESTION 50 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE