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NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG STUDY

1. How important will the issue of prescription drug benefits for senior citizens be to you in deciding how to vote in the presidential election? Will it be ...

Very important	44
Somewhat important	34
Not very important	12
Not important at all	10
Not sure	-
Total Important	77
Total Not Important	23

2. Do you think the federal government should negotiate with drug companies for lower prescription drug prices for seniors, or should drug companies set those prices without government involvement?

Should negotiate	71
Should set prices without government involvement ...	26
Not sure	3

3. Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the Republican party or the Democratic party is more likely to make prescription drugs for seniors more affordable?

Republicans	33
Democrats	52
Not sure	15

4. Do you or does someone in your family take prescription drugs...

On a frequent basis	62
Occasionally	19
Rarely	10
Never	9
Not sure	-

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY IN Q.4 THAT THEY OR SOMEONE IN THEIR FAMILY TAKES PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.)

- 5a. In the past year, have you or has anyone in your family had difficulty paying for prescription drugs?

Yes	33
No	67
Not sure	-

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY YES IN Q.5a.)

5b. Would you say you or someone in your family had had difficulty paying for prescription drugs ...

Frequently	59
Occasionally	33
Rarely	8
Not sure	-

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY YES IN Q.5a.)

6. Have you or has anyone in your family cut back or stretched out prescribed dosages, or put off getting a prescription filled, because of its cost?

Have cut back on dosage	73
Have not cut back on dosage	26
Not sure	1

7. Some want the federal government to make it easier for people to buy prescription drugs from Canada or other countries at lower cost. Others oppose that, arguing that the safety of prescription drugs from other countries cannot be assured. Do you favor or oppose the federal government making it easier for people to buy prescription drugs from other countries?

Favor	65
Oppose	32
Not sure	3

8. Have you or has anyone in your household ever bought prescription drugs from Canada, Mexico or from another foreign country to get a better price or not?

Yes, have bought prescription drugs from other countries	13
No, have not bought prescription drugs from other countries	87
Not sure	-

DEMOGRAPHICS

NOTE: Results for demographic questions represent all adults unless otherwise indicated.

D1a. First of all, in what year were you born?

D1b. Have you already had a birthday this year?

(IF RESPONDENT REFUSES Q.D1a OR Q.D1b, Q.D1c ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

D1c. Are you:

18-34	31
35-49	28
50-64	24
65 and over	16
Refused/not sure	1

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	63
Full time	51
Part time	12
Not employed	17
Retired	20
Refused/not sure	-

(Q.D3 ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO ARE EMPLOYED FULL OR PART-TIME IN Q.D2.)

D3. We would also like to have just a general idea of what type of occupation you have. Which one of the following best describes your current job?

Professional	15
Senior executive or manager	7
Clerical or administrative	7
Sales or services	11
A skilled trade or technical occupation.....	10
Blue-collar work or laborer.....	7
Farming or fishing	1
Other (VOL)	5
Refused/not sure	-
Not Employed Full/Part Time (Q.D2)	37

D4. What is the last year of school you completed?

Grade school or some high school	7
Completed high school	27
Some college but did not finish.....	24
Completed a two year college degree	10
Completed a four year college degree.....	20
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	11
Refused/not sure	1

D5. Are you currently married?

Yes	58
No	42
Refused/not sure	-

D6. Including yourself and any children, how many people are currently living in your household?

1	17
2	35
3	19
4	16
5	8
6 or more	4
Refused/not sure	1

(Q.D7a-c ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN HOUSEHOLD IN Q.D6.)

D7a. How many children under 6 years are currently living in your household?

D7b. How many children ages 6 to 12 are currently living in your household?

D7c. How many children ages 13 to 17 are currently living in your household?

ANY CHILDREN – NET	39
Under 6	20
6-12	19
13-17	14
NO CHILDREN	60
Refused/not sure	1

D8. Are you currently registered to vote at this address, or not?

Yes	77
No	23
Refused/not sure	-

(Q.D9a-d ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY THEY ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN Q.D8.)

D9a. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?

(IF “DEMOCRAT” TO Q.D9a, Q.D9b ASKED. IF “REPUBLICAN” TO Q.D9a, Q.D9c ASKED. IF “INDEPENDENT” or “NONE OF THESE” TO Q.D9a, Q.D9d ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

D9b. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Democratic Party?

D9c. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Republican Party?

D9d. Do your beliefs tend to lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

	REGISTERED
	<u>VOTERS</u>
Strongly Republican	17
Moderately Republican	26
Definitely Independent/neither	9
Moderately Democrat	27
Strongly Democrat	20
Refused/not sure	1
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Total Republican	43
Total Democrat	47

D10. Do you currently own stocks, bonds or mutual funds?

Yes	48
No	49
Refused/not sure	3

(Q.D11 ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY THEY OWN STOCKS, BONDS OR MUTUAL FUNDS IN Q.D10.)

D11. In the past 12 months, how many times did you make changes in your investments - buying or selling stocks or stock mutual funds either within or outside an employer-sponsored 401K plan?

	<u>INVESTORS</u>
None.....	36
1 time.....	21
2 times.....	10
3 times.....	9
4 times.....	5
5 to 9 times.....	7
10 to 14 times.....	5
15 to 19 times.....	1
20 to 24 times.....	1
25 times or more	2
Refused/not sure	3
Active Investors (5 times or more).....	16

D12. Do you own your home, or do you rent?

Own	69
Rent.....	29
Refused/not sure	2

D13a. What religion are you? Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, or some other religion?

Protestant	49
Catholic	24
Jewish	1
Some other religion	13
(DO NOT READ) No religion	10
Refused/not sure	3

D13b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or born-again Christian, or neither?

Born-again Christian.....	25
Fundamentalist.....	7
Neither.....	66
Refused/not sure	2

D14. Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2003?

Under \$15,000.....	10
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	6
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	7
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	6
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	16
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	7
\$100,000 or more	13
Refused/not sure	17

D15a. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

(Q.D15b ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE HISPANIC IN Q.D15a.)

D15b. Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

(RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

White	79
Black.....	8
Hispanic.....	6
Asian.....	2
American Indian.....	2
Other.....	2
Refused	1

REGION:

Northeast.....	20
Midwest	23
South	34
West	23

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban	26
Suburban.....	51
Rural.....	23

GENDER:

Male	48
Female	52