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**FEDERATION OF AMERICAN HOSPITALS
Uninsured Survey
February 5-7, 2007
N=1200 Registered Voters**

Hello, my name is_____, and I'm calling on behalf of AMERICAN VIEWPOINT, an independent market research firm located in Alexandria, Virginia. This is not a sales call. We are doing a survey on issues facing the Nation today, and we would like to have your opinions.

A. Are you or is anyone in your household a reporter or active in any political campaigns this year?

1. Yes **[terminate]**
2. No

B. Are you registered to vote at this address?

1. Yes **[go to Q1]**
2. No **[go to QC]**

C. Is there anyone in your household who is registered to vote at this address? **[IF YES ASK: May I please speak to that person?]**

1. Yes **[repeat introduction]**
2. No **[terminate]**

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1. Thinking back on the different state and federal elections in which you have been eligible to vote in the past few years, would you say that you have **[READ RESPONSES 1 THROUGH 5]**

54% Voted in all of these elections **[continue]**
18% Voted in almost all elections **[continue]**
15% Voted in most of them **[continue]**
4% Voted in about half of them **[continue]**
9% Voted in less than half **[continue]**

2. Now I would like to read you a list of financial concerns that some people have said worry or concern them. Please listen as I read the list and tell me which one of these worries or concerns you the most. **[READ AND ROTATE 1 THROUGH 7]**

32% Losing your health care benefits or being able to pay for you and your family's or parent's health care
15% Having enough money to retire
15% The amount of taxes you and your family pay
7% The price of gasoline
6% Losing your job or having your hours or pay reduced
6% Being able to pay for college for your children
4% Being able to afford to buy, or pay the mortgage for a home
10% Combination/More than one equally **[volunteered]**
1% Other **[specify]**
3% None
1% Don't know
* Refused

Now I'd like to try something a little different. I'd like you to rate your feelings toward some people, programs and organizations using a zero to one hundred scale – with 100 meaning you have a very warm, favorable feeling, zero meaning a very cold, unfavorable feeling, and 50 meaning not particularly warm or cold. If you don't know enough to rate it, just say so. **[RANDOMIZE SERIES]**

SCALE	Don't Know	Refused
<u>0-100</u>	9	0

3. Hospitals

9% 0 To 20 – Cold and Unfavorable
10% 21 To 40
32% 41 To 60 – Neither Warm/Cold, Favorable/Unfavorable
28% 61 To 80
17% 81 To 100 – Warm and Favorable
3% Don't Know/Refused
60.1 MEAN RATING

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4. The Medicare Program, the federal health care program for seniors

12% 0 To 20 – Cold and Unfavorable
12% 21 To 40
31% 41 To 60 – Neither Warm/Cold, Favorable/Unfavorable
20% 61 To 80
14% 81 To 100 – Warm and Favorable
10% Don't Know/Refused
55.5 MEAN RATING

5. The Social Security System

18% 0 to 20 – Cold and Unfavorable
17% 21 to 40
29% 41 to 60 – Neither Warm/Cold, Favorable/Unfavorable
18% 61 to 80
17% 81 to 100 – Warm and Favorable
2% Don't know / Refused
51.9 MEAN RATING

6. Pharmaceutical companies

32% 0 to 20 – Cold and Unfavorable
19% 21 to 40
29% 41 to 60 – Neither Warm/Cold, Favorable/Unfavorable
10% 61 to 80
6% 81 to 100 – Warm and Favorable
4% Don't know / Refused
37.3 MEAN RATING

7. **[HALF SAMPLE]** Health Insurance Companies

29% 0 To 20 – Cold and Unfavorable
22% 21 To 40
32% 41 To 60 – Neither Warm/Cold, Favorable/Unfavorable
8% 61 To 80
5% 81 To 100 – Warm and Favorable
3% Don't Know/Refused
38.0 MEAN RATING

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7A. **[HALF SAMPLE]** HMOs or Health Maintenance Organizations

22% 0 To 20 – Cold and Unfavorable
17% 21 To 40
34% 41 To 60 – Neither Warm/Cold, Favorable/Unfavorable
12% 61 To 80
7% 81 To 100 – Warm and Favorable
8% Don't Know/Refused
43.6 MEAN RATING

8. The new Medicare prescription drug benefit

19% 0 To 20 – Cold and Unfavorable
10% 21 To 40
29% 41 To 60 – Neither Warm/Cold, Favorable/Unfavorable
11% 61 To 80
9% 81 To 100 – Warm and Favorable
22% Don't Know/Refused
46.2 MEAN RATING

9. Our current health care system

26% 0 To 20 – Cold and Unfavorable
21% 21 To 40
31% 41 To 60 – Neither Warm/Cold, Favorable/Unfavorable
13% 61 To 80
5% 81 To 100 – Warm and Favorable
3% Don't Know/Refused
40.8 MEAN RATING

10. Your health care coverage

12% 0 To 20 – Cold and Unfavorable
6% 21 To 40
21% 41 To 60 – Neither Warm/Cold, Favorable/Unfavorable
27% 61 To 80
32% 81 To 100 – Warm and Favorable
2% Don't Know/Refused
66.1 MEAN RATING

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11. **[HALF SAMPLE]** Poor people who do not have health care insurance

15% 0 To 20 – Cold and Unfavorable
7% 21 To 40
22% 41 To 60 – Neither Warm/Cold, Favorable/Unfavorable
16% 61 To 80
29% 81 To 100 – Warm and Favorable
11% Don't Know/Refused
61.6 MEAN RATING

11A. **[HALF SAMPLE]** Working people who do not have health care insurance

21% 0 To 20 – Cold and Unfavorable
9% 21 To 40
23% 41 To 60 – Neither Warm/Cold, Favorable/Unfavorable
9% 61 To 80
27% 81 To 100 – Warm and Favorable
10% Don't Know/Refused
54.9 MEAN RATING

12. Medicaid, the state program for the poor and disabled

14% 0 To 20 – Cold and Unfavorable
12% 21 To 40
31% 41 To 60 – Neither Warm/Cold, Favorable/Unfavorable
18% 61 To 80
15% 81 To 100 – Warm and Favorable
10% Don't Know/Refused
54.0 MEAN RATING

13. Universal health care coverage

23% 0 To 20 – Cold and Unfavorable
9% 21 To 40
24% 41 To 60 – Neither Warm/Cold, Favorable/Unfavorable
14% 61 To 80
20% 81 To 100 – Warm and Favorable
10% Don't Know/Refused
51.3 MEAN RATING

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14. Which of the following domestic issues do you think is most important for the President and Congress to address? **[READ AND ROTATE 1-5]**
- 31% Health care
 - 24% Immigration reform
 - 21% Government spending
 - 13% Education
 - 7% Taxes
 - 2% Other **[specify]**
 - 1% Don't know
 - * Refused
15. I would now like to read to you several issues related to health care and have you tell me which one you think is most important for President Bush and Congress to address. **[READ AND ROTATE 1-5]**
- 43% Provide health care coverage for the 47 million uninsured Americans
 - 19% Entitlement reform of Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid
 - 12% Require that Medicare negotiates prescription drug prices
 - 11% Address medical malpractice reform
 - 8% Allow Americans to buy prescription drugs from Canada
 - 4% More than one equally **[VOLUNTEERED]**
 - 1% None **[VOLUNTEERED]**
 - 1% Other **[SPECIFY] [VOLUNTEERED]**
 - 2% Don't know
16. Which of the following three statements comes closest to expressing your view of the health care system in the United States? **[READ AND ROTATE 1 THROUGH 3 TOP/BOTTOM BOTTOM/TOP]**
- 20% On the whole, the state of the health care system works pretty well and only minor changes are necessary to make it work better
 - 60% There are some good things in our health care system, but major changes are needed
 - 19% Our health care system has so much wrong with it that we need to completely rebuild it
 - 1% Don't know
 - * Refused

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17. Do you think that health care coverage for the uninsured needs major changes, minor changes, or are no changes needed?
- 70% Major changes
 - 22% Minor changes
 - 5% No changes needed
 - 3% Don't know
 - * Refused
18. **[HALF SAMPLE]** Do you believe the problem of 47 million people in the U.S. having no health insurance is **[ROTATE]** a societal problem or a hospital problem?
- 80% Societal problem
 - 10% Hospital problem
 - 7% Neither/Both **[volunteered]**
 - 3% Don't know
 - 0% Refused
- 18A. **[HALF SAMPLE]** Do you believe the problem of 47 million people in the U.S. having no health insurance is **[ROTATE]** a societal problem or a health insurance industry problem?
- 59% Societal problem
 - 29% Health insurance industry problem
 - 10% Neither/Both **[volunteered]**
 - 2% Don't know
 - 1% Refused
19. 47 million people in this country are uninsured. Do you think that that the President and Congress need to address the issue of health care coverage for the uninsured immediately, in the next year, before the next election, or do you think that Congress doesn't need to address it?
- 44% Immediately
 - 22% Within the next year
 - 20% Before next election
 - 11% Doesn't need to address it
 - 2% Don't know
 - 1% Refused

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20. How important will a Presidential candidate's position on addressing the issue of health care coverage for the uninsured be in deciding your vote in 2008? **[READ 1 THROUGH 4]**

- 35% Extremely important
- 44% Somewhat important
- 11% Not too important
- 9% Not at all important
- 1% Don't know
- * Refused

21. Now I'd like to introduce to you a new health care proposal called Health Coverage Passport that would require all Americans to have health care coverage with assistance in purchasing coverage for those who need it. For those who currently have coverage, little would change. The poorest Americans would receive health care coverage through public programs such as Medicaid. For lower to middle income Americans, assistance at different levels based on income would be given to purchase insurance. Also, higher income Americans who do not already receive tax-free coverage through their employer would receive tax relief for purchasing their own insurance. Knowing what you do, do you favor or oppose the Health Coverage Passport proposal? **[PROBE: Strongly/Somewhat]**

- 20% Strongly favor
- 38% Somewhat favor
- 13% Somewhat oppose
- 15% Strongly oppose
- 4% Neither favor nor oppose **[volunteered]**
- 9% Don't know
- 59% TOTAL FAVOR**
- 27% TOTAL OPPOSE**

I would now like to read you several goals of Health Coverage Passport and have you tell me how important each is for the plan to address on a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 is not at all important and 10 is extremely important. **[RANDOMIZE LIST] [PROBE: Strongly/Somewhat]**

22. Lower premium costs to those with insurance since part of their premium currently goes to pay health care costs for the uninsured.

- 30% 10 Rating Extremely Important
- 19% 8-9 Rating Very Important
- 35% 5-7 Rating Moderately Important
- 12% 1-4 Rating Not Very Important
- 3% Don't Know
- 1% Refused
- 7.1 MEAN RATING**

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23. Every American, regardless of income, be treated equitably and get the health care coverage they need.

54% 10 Rating Extremely Important
17% 8-9 Rating Very Important
17% 5-7 Rating Moderately Important
10% 1-4 Rating Not Very Important
2% Don't Know
1% Refused
8.2 MEAN RATING

24. Every American would be responsible for having health coverage for themselves and their families and the Health Coverage Passport proposal would provide a way to meet this obligation for those who need it.

32% 10 Rating Extremely Important
20% 8-9 Rating Very Important
29% 5-7 Rating Moderately Important
14% 1-4 Rating Not Very Important
4% Don't Know
1% Refused
7.1 MEAN RATING

25. Reform the insurance market so those individuals buying health insurance on their own would have coverage as good as Federal workers at a fair price.

48% 10 Rating Extremely Important
22% 8-9 Rating Very Important
19% 5-7 Rating Moderately Important
7% 1-4 Rating Not Very Important
3% Don't Know
* Refused
8.2 MEAN RATING

26. Allow employees to maintain coverage their employer already provides for them.

45% 10 Rating Extremely Important
24% 8-9 Rating Very Important
22% 5-7 Rating Moderately Important
7% 1-4 Rating Not Very Important
3% Don't Know
1% Refused
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27. Allow Americans to continue to make health care choices that fit their needs.

57% 10 Rating Extremely Important
23% 8-9 Rating Very Important
15% 5-7 Rating Moderately Important
3% 1-4 Rating Not Very Important
1% Don't Know
* Refused
8.7 MEAN RATING

I would now like to read to you several aspects of Health Coverage Passport and have you tell me whether you favor or oppose each. **[DON'T RANDOMIZE] [PROBE: Strongly/Somewhat]**

28. Medicaid will be expanded to cover all uninsured Americans with annual incomes at or below the federal poverty level. For example, the federal poverty level for a family of 4 is \$20,650.

38% Strongly favor
33% Somewhat favor
11% Somewhat oppose
12% Strongly oppose
1% Neither favor nor oppose **[volunteered]**
4% Don't know
71% TOTAL FAVOR
23% TOTAL OPPOSE

29. Offer Health Coverage Passport on a sliding scale based on income for those who earn too much to qualify for programs such as Medicaid, but not enough to afford health insurance.

43% Strongly favor
35% Somewhat favor
10% Somewhat oppose
9% Strongly oppose
1% Neither favor nor oppose **[volunteered]**
2% Don't know
78% TOTAL FAVOR
19% TOTAL OPPOSE

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30. Allow people with sufficient income who do not already receive tax-free coverage from their employers, and who purchased their own insurance by themselves to deduct these costs from their taxes.

58% Strongly favor
26% Somewhat favor
5% Somewhat oppose
7% Strongly oppose
* Neither favor nor oppose **[volunteered]**
3% Don't know
84% TOTAL FAVOR
12% TOTAL OPPOSE

31. Ensure that all Americans are meeting their obligation to have health insurance, by charging a premium to anyone who is uninsured when they file their tax returns. Those who are without coverage at that time will be enrolled in coverage and tax penalties will apply to the time that they were without health care coverage.

15% Strongly favor
21% Somewhat favor
18% Somewhat oppose
39% Strongly oppose
1% Neither favor nor oppose **[volunteered]**
5% Don't know
36% TOTAL FAVOR
57% TOTAL OPPOSE

32. To assist uninsured Americans to meet their responsibility to have insurance, and to treat everyone else equitably, the Health Coverage Passport plan would add \$100 billion in net annual government spending, but, at the same time, it would save American families who already have insurance, on average, \$300 a year in how much they spend on health care.

27% Strongly favor
39% Somewhat favor
12% Somewhat oppose
14% Strongly oppose
2% Neither favor nor oppose **[volunteered]**
5% Don't know
66% TOTAL FAVOR
26% TOTAL OPPOSE

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33. Now knowing what you do, do you favor or oppose the Health Coverage Passport proposal?
[PROBE: Strongly/Somewhat]

20% Strongly favor
43% Somewhat favor
13% Somewhat oppose
14% Strongly oppose
3% Neither favor nor oppose **[volunteered]**
7% Don't know
63% TOTAL FAVOR
27% TOTAL OPPOSE

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And now I have just a few questions for statistical purposes only...

34. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

32% Republican
32% Democrat
32% Independent
2% Other
1% Don't Know
2% Refused

35. On political issues, do you consider yourself to be . . . ROTATE Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

IF CONSERVATIVE OR LIBERAL ASK: And would you say you are very conservative/liberal or just somewhat conservative/liberal?

IF MODERATE ASK: Do you think of yourself as more **ROTATE** conservative or liberal?

6% Very Liberal
10% Somewhat Liberal
7% Lean Liberal
25% Moderate
9% Lean Conservative
23% Somewhat Conservative
16% Very Conservative
4% Don't Know/Refused
16% TOTAL LIBERAL
41% TOTAL MODERATE
39% TOTAL CONSERVATIVE

36. What is your age?

2% 18-24
4% 25-29
7% 30-34
7% 35-39
10% 40-44
11% 45-49
15% 50-54
13% 55-59
11% 60-64
5% 65-69
5% 70-74
9% 75 And Over
1% Refused

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37. Is your home in an urban area, suburb, medium sized city, small town or a rural area?

13% Urban
28% Suburb
15% Medium sized
21% Small town
22% Rural area
1% Don't know
* Refused

38. What is your current marital status?

64% Married
14% Single / Never Married
12% Divorced / Separated
9% Widowed
0% Other
1% Refused / No Answer

39. Do you have any children under 18 years old living at home?

30% Yes
69% No
1% Refused

40. What is the last grade of school you completed?

* Grade school or less
4% Some high school
20% High school graduate
4% Vocational / Technical training
11% Some college (Less than 2 years)
16% Some college (2 years or more)
26% College graduate
17% Post-graduate work
1% Don't know / Refused

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41. Which of the following income groups includes your total household income in 2006 before taxes?

- 4% Under \$10,000
- 4% \$10,000 _ \$14,999
- 4% \$15,000 _ \$19,999
- 5% \$20,000 _ \$24,999
- 6% \$25,000 _ \$29,999
- 8% \$30,000 _ \$39,999
- 10% \$40,000 _ \$49,999
- 18% \$50,000 _ \$74,999
- 10% \$75,000 _ \$99,999
- 18% \$100,000 And Over

42. In your retirement, **[IF 65+ “Do you/Did You,” if under 65 “Will you”]**

UNDER 65

- 19% WILL YOU rely almost exclusively on Social Security
- 46% ARE YOU SAVE/SAVING to supplement Social Security, OR
- 30% WILL YOU not COUNTING/COUNT on Social Security for any of your retirement
- 3% Don't know
- 2% Refused

65 AND OVER

- 33% DO YOU rely almost exclusively on Social Security
- 35% DID YOU SAVE to supplement Social Security, OR
- 23% DO YOU NOT COUNT on Social Security for any of your retirement
- 7% Don't know
- 3% Refused

43. Do you consider yourself to be White, Black, Hispanic, Asian or something else?

- 81% White
- 9% Black
- 3% Hispanic **[SKIP 43A]**
- 1% Asian
- 3% Other
- * Don't Know
- 3% Refused

43A. Are you yourself of Hispanic or Latino descent – for instance Mexican American, or Cuban or Puerto Rican, or not?

- 1% Yes
- 96% No
- * Don't know
- 2% Refused

44. SEX OF RESPONDENT:

48% Male
52% Female

45. Are you employed outside the home, are you a homemaker, or are you retired?

31% Male, Employed
1% Male, Homemaker
13% Male, Retired
2% Male, Not Employed
26% Female, Employed
10% Female, Homemaker
14% Female, Retired
2% Female, Not Employed
1% Refused

Region

6% New England
15% Mid-Atlantic
18% South Atlantic
6% East South Central
10% West South Central
18% East North Central
7% West North Central
5% Mountain
15% Pacific