



MEMORANDUM

TO: STARTOVER!

**FROM: DAVE SACKETT
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**RE: FINDINGS FROM SURVEYS IN ELEVEN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS
 ON HEALTH CARE REFORM**

DATE: MARCH 9, 2010

The Tarrance Group is pleased to present findings from a series of polls conducted in eleven congressional districts throughout the country. The polls were conducted on behalf of StartOver! among N=300 registered “likely” voters in each district on March 7-8, 2010. The confidence interval associated with the sample in each district is $\pm 5.8\%$.

Congressional districts polled were: AZ-8 (Gabrielle Giffords), CO-4 (Betsy Markey), IN-9 (Baron Hill), NJ-3 (John Adler), OH-1 (Steve Driehaus), OH-16 (John Boccieri), NV-3 (Dina Titus), NY-13 (Mike McMahon), NY-24 (Michael Arcuri), PA-4 (Jason Altmire), and PA-10 (Chris Carney).

Key survey findings include:

Voters Oppose the Obama/Congressional Democrat Healthcare Legislation

- A majority of voters in 10 of the 11 congressional districts oppose the health care reform legislation being proposed by President Obama and the Democrats in Congress. Among voters in New York CD 13, opposition is +6 points greater than support.

AZ-8	CO-4	IN-9	NJ-3	OH-1	OH-16	NV-3	NY-13	NY-24	PA-4	PA-10	
35%	33%	31%	34%	39%	38%	40%	40%	32%	30%	28%	FAVOR
52%	58%	52%	57%	54%	51%	52%	46%	53%	58%	58%	OPPOSE
14%	10%	18%	10%	8%	11%	8%	14%	15%	12%	14%	UNSURE

Majorities Reject Tactic of Reconciliation to Pass Healthcare Reform

- A strong majority of voters in all eleven congressional districts oppose the Democrats in Congress going outside of normal procedures and using a little used parliamentary tactic known as “reconciliation” to pass a health care bill over Republican objections. Across the eleven (11) districts, a mean average of 58.45% of voters indicate that they oppose the use of this tactic.

AZ-8	CO-4	IN-9	NJ-3	OH-1	OH-16	NV-3	NY-13	NY-24	PA-4	PA-10	
31%	26%	26%	33%	34%	28%	30%	35%	25%	29%	26%	FAVOR
60%	63%	57%	59%	57%	58%	59%	52%	58%	60%	60%	OPPOSE
9%	11%	17%	8%	9%	14%	11%	13%	18%	12%	15%	UNSURE

Three Quarters of Voters Worry Obamacare will Increase their Taxes

- Voters overwhelmingly believe that their own taxes will be increased if this health care reform legislation passes. Across the eleven districts, a mean average of 77.0% of voters believe that their taxes would be increased if this proposal is passed.

AZ-8	CO-4	IN-9	NJ-3	OH-1	OH-16	NV-3	NY-13	NY-24	PA-4	PA-10	
78%	77%	76%	80%	76%	77%	73%	75%	77%	81%	77%	YES, MY TAXES WILL BE RAISED
13%	13%	13%	13%	16%	17%	16%	16%	9%	10%	15%	NO, MY TAXES WILL NOT BE RAISED
10%	10%	11%	7%	8%	7%	11%	9%	13%	9%	8%	UNSURE

Members’ Vote on Healthcare Proposal Will Matter Greatly on Election Day

- How Congressional members vote on this health care legislation will be a very significant factor in voters’ determination as to whether they will vote to re-elect them in November. Across the eleven districts, a mean average of 69.45% of voters indicate that their Member’s vote on this proposal will be “very important” to their decision about whether to vote to re-elect them or not. Over 60% of voters in every district indicate that this vote will be very important to their decision.

AZ-8	CO-4	IN-9	NJ-3	OH-1	OH-16	NV-3	NY-13	NY-24	PA-4	PA-10	
63%	72%	67%	66%	75%	69%	71%	64%	69%	81%	67%	VERY IMPORTANT
25%	21%	20%	24%	19%	20%	18%	23%	19%	12%	22%	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT
9%	5%	8%	7%	5%	9%	10%	10%	9%	6%	6%	NOT AT ALL
3%	2%	6%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	4%	2%	5%	UNSURE

