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Question: Are you personally covered by a health care plan, or not?

Yes 86%
No 13%


Question: Please tell me if you feel financially secure in the following areas...Your health insurance coverage.

Yes 77%
No 23%


Most of the public finds its health coverage OK, but a substantial minority doesn't. Many worry about the impact of major illness.

Question: Generally, how confident are you that you have enough money or health insurance to pay for...a major illness.

Very Confident 34%
Somewhat Confident 32%
Not Very Confident 16%
Not at all Confident 15%
Unsure 3%

Note: Survey by the Gallup Organization for the American Medical Association, January-February, 1990.

Question: Suppose you became critically ill. Taking into account whatever medical insurance you have and also your current finances, do you think you would be able to afford good medical care today, or not?

Yes 48%
No 48%
Not Sure 4%

Note: Survey by the Los Angeles Times, January 21-24, 1990.
Question: Do you believe that medical costs in the United States can be reduced substantially without affecting the quality of health care, or do you think that's not possible?

Question: (Agree/Disagree) All things considered, the high quality of health care in the United States justifies the high cost of health care.

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The general idea of national health insurance wins approval. Paying for it is another matter.

Question: Do you favor or oppose national health insurance, which would be financed by tax money, paying for most forms of health insurance?

Question: If it meant an increase in your taxes, would you favor or oppose a comprehensive national health insurance plan for all Americans?


Note: Survey by the Los Angeles Times, January 21-24, 1990.
Question: About how much each year would you be willing to pay in additional taxes to support expanded health insurance coverage for all Americans?

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