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Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ calling on behalf of Marie Brighton of the Consumer Opinion Panel. (IF ONLY A MALE OR ONLY A FEMALE IN THE HOUSEHOLD) (PMs name) is a member of our panel, and today, we would like to speak to (the male/female) head of your household. (**WHERE BOTH MALE AND FEMALE ARE PRESENT, HALF OF THE TIME, ASK FOR THE MALE / HALF ASK FOR FEMALE:** (PMs name) is a member of our panel, and today we would like to speak to the male / female head of your household.) Would you be/May I please speak to that person? This is a short survey and will only take about nine minutes. **[DO NOT PAUSE]**

**1.** Are you currently registered to vote?

- 1 YES (GO TO Q2)
- 2 NO (GO TO Q1a)
- 3 Don't know (GO TO Q1a)
- 4 Refused (GO TO Q1a)

**1A.** Is there another adult in the household who is registered to vote?

- 1 YES (**ASK FOR THAT ADULT; REINTRODUCE AND CONTINUE**)
- 2 NO (**THANK AND TERMINATE**)
- 3 DON'T KNOW (**THANK AND TERMINATE**)
- 4 REFUSED (**THANK AND TERMINATE**)

**2.** Gender [**BY OBSERVATION**]

- 1 MALE
- 2 FEMALE

Thinking about Congress and its performance for a moment. . .

3. In general, are you . . . with Congress's performance this year?

- 1 VERY SATISFIED
- 2 SOMEWHAT SATISFIED
- 3 INDIFFERENT
- 4 SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED
- 5 VERY DISSATISFIED
- 6 DK/REFUSED [**NOT READ**]

Thinking about foreign affairs for a moment...

4. Is the situation in Iraq...?

- 1 BETTER THAN YOU EXPECTED
- 2 WORSE THAN YOU EXPECTED
- 3 ABOUT WHAT YOU EXPECTED
- 4 DK/REFUSED [**NOT READ**]

5. And would you say that you...of the President's handling of the situation in Iraq?

- 1 APPROVE
- 2 DISAPPROVE
- 3 DK/REFUSED [**NOT READ**]

Thinking about the problems with doctors and medical malpractice for a moment...

6. When doctors strike or quit the profession because they cannot afford malpractice insurance, which of the following do you think is to blame? Please select as many as you think apply. **[ROTATE]**

- 1 TRIAL LAWYERS
- 2 INSURANCE COMPANIES
- 3 JURIES
- 4 DOCTORS
- 5 ALL OF THE ABOVE **[NOT READ]**
- 6 NONE OF THE ABOVE **[NOT READ]**
- 7 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **[NOT READ]**
- 8

7. How do you think this problem should be fixed?

- 1 PLACE A CAP ON THE AMOUNT JURIES CAN AWARD PLAINTIFFS
- 2 REGULATE INSURANCE COMPANIES BETTER
- 3 CHANGE THE WAY WE PAY FOR HEALTHCARE
- 4 REIN IN TRIAL LAWYERS
- 5 DK/REFUSED **[NOT READ]**

Thinking for a moment about health care . . .

8. Who do you trust the most on health care issues?

- 1 THE REPUBLICANS
- 2 THE DEMOCRATS
- 3 NEITHER **[DO NOT READ]**
- 4 BOTH **[DO NOT READ]**
- 5 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **[DO NOT READ]**

9. And would you say that you . . . of the President's performance on health care?  
**[ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP]**

- 1 APPROVE
- 2 DISAPPROVE
- 3 HAVE NO OPINION **[DO NOT READ]**
- 4 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **[DO NOT READ]**

10. Did you know that the President recently signed into law a bill that would reform Medicare and provide for a prescription drug benefit for seniors?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 3 DON'T KNOW **[DO NOT READ]**
- 4 REFUSED **[DO NOT READ]**

11. How much do you know about this recent legislation? **[READ CODES 1 – 4]**

- 1 A LOT **(CONTINUE)**
- 2 SOME **(CONTINUE)**
- 3 NOT MUCH, or **(CONTINUE)**
- 4 NOTHING **(SKIP TO Q31)**
- 5 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **[DO NOT READ] (CONTINUE)**

12. Based on what you know about the recently passed Medicare prescription drug bill do you approve or disapprove of the legislation? **[DO NOT READ LIST. ENTER SINGLE RESPONSE]**

- 1 APPROVE
- 2 DISAPPROVE
- 3 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **[DO NOT READ]**

13. Which is the best feature of the legislation? **[RANDOMIZE CODES 1 - 2]**

- 1 THE REFORMS TO MEDICARE
- 2 THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT
- 3 OTHER **[DO NOT READ]**
- 4 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **[DO NOT READ]**

14. And which is the worst feature of the legislation? **[RANDOMIZE CODES 1 - 3]**

- 1 THE REFORMS ARE NOT EXTENSIVE ENOUGH
- 2 SOME SENIORS MAY WIND UP PAYING MORE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
- 3 THE LEGISLATION WILL COST TAXPAYERS TOO MUCH
- 4 OTHER **[DO NOT READ]**
- 5 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **[DO NOT READ]**

15. Who do you think the legislation favors the most? **[RANDOMIZE CODES 1 - 4]**

- 1 SENIORS
- 2 PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES
- 3 HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND HOSPITALS
- 4 INSURANCE COMPANIES
- 5 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **[DO NOT READ]**

16. And who do you think the legislation damages the most?  
[READ, RANDOMIZE CODES 1 - 4]

- 1 SENIORS
- 2 TAXPAYERS
- 3 HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND HOSPITALS
- 4 INSURANCE COMPANIES
- 5 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [DO NOT READ]

17. How would you change the legislation? [READ, RANDOMIZE CODES 1 - 2]

- 1 MAKE THE DRUG BENEFIT COVER MORE COSTS
- 2 MAKE MORE REFORMS TO MEDICARE
- 3 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [DO NOT READ]

18. Which of the following reforms do you think the program needs most? [READ, RANDOMIZE CODES 1 - 3]

- 1 A MORE GENEROUS DRUG BENEFIT
- 2 BETTER CHOICES IN PROVIDERS
- 3 LOWER PREMIUMS
- 4 OTHER [DO NOT READ]
- 5 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [DO NOT READ]

19. Do you think the legislation will . . . ? [ROTATE]

- 1 MOSTLY HELP SENIORS
- 2 MOSTLY HURT SENIORS
- 3 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [DO NOT READ]

20. The Republicans have said that the legislation is a good first step in securing benefits for seniors. Which of the following do you trust to take the next step?

- 1 THE REPUBLICANS
- 2 THE DEMOCRATS
- 3 NEITHER [DO NOT READ]
- 4 BOTH [DO NOT READ]
- 5 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [DO NOT READ]

21. Do you think the program will . . . over time?

- 1 GROW LARGER
- 2 GROW SMALLER
- 3 STAY THE SAME
- 4 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **[DO NOT READ]**

I am going to read you several statements about the newly-signed Medicare reform legislation. For each statement, I would like you to tell me whether you . . . with the statement.

AGREE  
DISAGREE, or  
HAVE NO OPINION

22. The law is an important first step in improving Medicare and providing a prescription drug benefit to seniors.

- 1 AGREE
- 2 DISAGREE
- 3 HAVE NO OPINION
- 4 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **[DO NOT READ]**

23. The legislation will force seniors into HMOs.

- 1 AGREE
- 2 DISAGREE
- 3 HAVE NO OPINION
- 4 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **[DO NOT READ]**

24. The legislation will ultimately cost too much

- 1 AGREE
- 2 DISAGREE
- 3 HAVE NO OPINION
- 4 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **[DO NOT READ]**

25. The legislation will encourage employers to drop retirees from their existing health care coverage.

- 1 AGREE
- 2 DISAGREE
- 3 HAVE NO OPINION
- 4 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **[DO NOT READ]**

26. The legislation is the first step in getting rid of Medicare.

- 1 AGREE
- 2 DISAGREE
- 3 HAVE NO OPINION
- 4 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **[DO NOT READ]**

27. The law will have a positive effect on the health of seniors.

- 1 AGREE
- 2 DISAGREE
- 3 HAVE NO OPINION
- 4 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **[DO NOT READ]**

28. I am more likely to support to a candidate who voted for the law.

- 1 AGREE
- 2 DISAGREE
- 3 HAVE NO OPINION
- 4 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **[DO NOT READ]**

29. Assuming they are all true, which of the following statements would cause you the most concern? **[ROTATE]**

- 1 THE LEGISLATION WILL FORCE SENIORS INTO AN H-M-O
- 2 THE LEGISLATION WILL ENCOURAGE EMPLOYERS TO DROP RETIREES FROM THEIR EXISTING HEALTH COVERAGE
- 3 THE LEGISLATION PREVENTS THE IMPORTATION OF DRUGS FROM CANADA
- 4 THE LEGISLATION IS THE FIRST STEP IN GETTING RID OF MEDICARE
- 5 SENIORS ARE COMPLETELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL DRUG COSTS BETWEEN 2200 AND 5000 DOLLARS ANNUALLY
- 6 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **[DO NOT READ]**

30. If Medicare reform legislation turns out to be a success, to whom will you give most of the credit? **[READ, RANDOMIZE CODES 1 - 2]**

- 1 THE REPUBLICANS
- 2 THE DEMOCRATS
- 3 BOTH **[DO NOT READ]**
- 4 NEITHER **[DO NOT READ]**
- 5 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **[DO NOT READ]**

31. **[ASK ALL:]** How important will the issue of prescription drugs be in your decision on who to vote for in the 2004 elections? **[READ CODES 1 - 4]**

- 1 IT IS MY MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE
- 2 IT IS IN THE TOP THREE OR FOUR ISSUES I CARE ABOUT
- 3 IT IS SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT, or
- 4 IT IS NOT VERY IMPORTANT
- 5 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **[DO NOT READ]**

Switching topics for a moment . . .

32. If the election for President were held today, for whom would you vote? [**READ, RANDOMIZE CODES 1 – 2**]

- 1 PRESIDENT BUSH
- 2 SENATOR KERRY
- 3 RALPH NADER
- 4 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [**DO NOT READ**]

33. Who do you think will do a better job with the economy? [**READ, RANDOMIZE CODES 1 – 2**]

- 1 PRESIDENT BUSH
- 2 SENATOR KERRY
- 3 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [**DO NOT READ**]

34. Who do you think will keep the country safer? [**READ, RANDOMIZE CODES 1 – 2**]

- 1 PRESIDENT BUSH
- 2 SENATOR KERRY
- 3 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [**DO NOT READ**]

35. Who do you think will win? [**READ, RANDOMIZE CODES 1 – 2**]

- 1 PRESIDENT BUSH
- 2 SENATOR KERRY
- 3 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [**DO NOT READ**]

36. During the past year, the White House and Congress have been controlled by the Republican party. With the upcoming election in mind, which of the following would you prefer?

- 1 TO HAVE THE PRESIDENCY AND THE CONGRESS TO BE HELD BY DIFFERENT PARTIES
- 2 TO HAVE THE PRESIDENCY AND THE CONGRESS BOTH HELD BY THE REPUBLICANS
- 3 TO HAVE THE PRESIDENCY AND THE CONGRESS BOTH HELD BY DEMOCRATS
- 4 SENATOR KERRY
- 5 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **[DO NOT READ]**

Thinking about the 9/11 commission for a moment . . .

37. Do you approve/disapprove of what you've seen, heard, or read about the Commission?

- 1 AGREE
- 2 DISAGREE
- 3 HAVE NO OPINION
- 4 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **[DO NOT READ]**

38. Which do you think the Commission should be focused on?

- 1 DECIDING WHO WAS AT FAULT
- 2 FIXING THE PROBLEM
- 3 BOTH **[DO NOT READ]**
- 4 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **[DO NOT READ]**

39. Who do you think is mostly responsible for 9/11?

- 1 PRESIDENT CLINTON
- 2 PRESIDENT BUSH
- 3 OSAMA BIN LADEN
- 4 ALL **[DO NOT READ]**
- 5 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **[DO NOT READ]**

40. In the next three months Congress may address energy policy, highway funding, class action reform, and bankruptcy reform – which is most important to you?  
[ROTATE]

- 1 ENERGY POLICY
- 2 HIGHWAY FUNDING
- 3 CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT REFORM
- 4 BANKRUPTCY REFORM
- 5 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [DO NOT READ]

41. And the second most important?

- 1 ENERGY POLICY
- 2 HIGHWAY FUNDING
- 3 CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT REFORM
- 4 BANKRUPTCY REFORM
- 5 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [DO NOT READ]

42. In the next six months, would like to see the President focus mostly on . . .  
[ROTATE]

- 1 WORKING WITH CONGRESS TO PASS LAWS LIKE THE  
HIGHWAY FUNDING AND ENERGY BILLS
- 2 THE WAR IN IRAQ
- 3 BOTH [DO NOT READ]
- 4 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [DO NOT READ]

43. In general, do you think the Democrats in the Senate . . . [ROTATE]

- 1 WANT TO WORK WITH THE REPUBLICANS
- 2 WANT TO OBSTRUCT THE REPUBLICANS
- 3 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [DO NOT READ]

Finally, we have a few questions for demographic purposes . . .

44. What is your age please? [READ CODES ONLY IF NECESSARY]

- 1 UNDER 35
- 2 35 TO 54 [QUOTA ALL UNDER 55 TO 400]
- 3 55 AND OVER [QUOTA TO 400]
- 4 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [DO NOT READ]

45. Into which category does your annual household income fall? Just stop me when I get to the right category. **[READ CODES 1 – 3]**

- 1 LESS THAN \$40,000
- 2 \$40 TO \$80,000
- 3 MORE THAN \$80,000
- 4 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED TO ANSWER **[DO NOT READ]**

46. Thinking about politics for a moment, would you describe yourself as . . . **[READ CODES 1 – 5]**

- 1 A DEMOCRAT
- 2 AN INDEPENDENT
- 3 A REPUBLICAN
- 4 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **[DO NOT READ]**

47. What is the highest level of education you have completed? **[READ CODES ONLY IF NECESSARY]**

- 1 SOME HIGH SCHOOL
- 2 HIGH SCHOOL
- 3 SOME COLLEGE
- 4 COLLEGE
- 5 SOME POST-GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL
- 6 COMPLETED POST-GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL DEGREE
- 7 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **[DO NOT READ]**

48. State **[FROM LIST]**

- 1 EAST [ME, VT, MA, NH, CT, NY, NJ, PA DE, MD, RI, DC]
- 2 INDUSTRIAL MIDWEST [OH, IL, IN, WI, MN, MO, IA, MI, WV]
- 3 WEST/INTERMOUNTAIN [ND, SD, NE, OK, ID, CO, UT, WY, NM, AZ, MT, NV, KS]
- 4 SOUTH [VA, NC, SC, GA, FL, AL, MS, TN, KY, TX, AR, LA]
- 5 PACIFIC [CA, WA, OR, AK, HI]