

14. How old are you?

_____ Years
15. Are you ...?

1 Female
2 Male
16. Were you born in this country?

1 Yes
2 No
3 Don't Know
17. Were both of your parents born in this country?

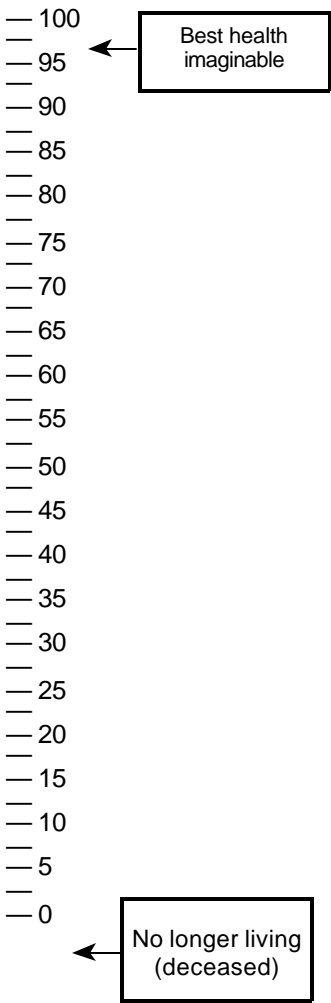
1 Yes
2 No
3 Don't Know
18. How many years of formal education (grade school, high school, college, and/or technical school) have you successfully completed?

_____ Years
19. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or of Spanish origin?

1 Yes
2 No
3 Don't Know
20. What race(s) do you consider yourself to be? (Circle all that apply)

1 White
2 Black or African American
3 Asian
4 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
5 American Indian or Alaska Native
6 Other (Please specify) _____

4. Please place an arrow (°) by the number on this scale that best represents your health today, where 100 is the Best Health Imaginable and 0 is No Longer Living (deceased).



5. There are different types of places you can get health services. Looking at the list below, please indicate the number of times you went to each of them in the last 30 days for your personal medical care. Write “0” for those that you did not use.

Times Used	
_____	General Practitioners
_____	Dentists
_____	Specialists
_____	Physiotherapists
_____	Chiropractors
_____	Traditional Healers
_____	Clinic (staffed mainly by nurses, operating separately from a hospital)
_____	Hospital outpatient unit
_____	Hospital inpatient services
_____	Pharmacy (where you talked to someone about your care and did not just purchase medicine)
_____	Home Health Care Services
_____	Other (<i>Specify</i>) _____
_____	Don't Know

6. Are you covered by any public or private health insurance funds for visits to doctors or other health care providers where you do not stay overnight (outpatient care)?

- 1 Yes
2 No
3 Don't Know

7. Are you covered by any public or private health insurance funds for hospital care?

- 1 Yes
2 No
3 Don't Know

1. In general, how would you rate your health today? (Please circle the number of your answer.)

- 1 Very Good
- 2 Good
- 3 Moderate
- 4 Bad
- 5 Very Bad

2. Next, please think about just the last 30 days and answer the following questions by circling the appropriate answer for each question.

In the last 30 days ...	None —	Mild —	Medium —	Severe —	Extreme —
how much difficulty did you have with moving around?	None	Mild	Medium	Severe	Extreme
how much difficulty did you have with self-care, such as washing or dressing yourself?	None	Mild	Medium	Severe	Extreme
how much difficulty did you have with work or household activities? .	None	Mild	Medium	Severe	Extreme
how much pain or discomfort did you have?	None	Mild	Medium	Severe	Extreme
how much distress, sadness, or worry did you experience?	None	Mild	Medium	Severe	Extreme
how much difficulty did you have with concentrating or remembering things?	None	Mild	Medium	Severe	Extreme
how much difficulty did you have with personal relationships or participation in the community? . .	None	Mild	Medium	Severe	Extreme

3. In the last 30 days, how many days were you completely unable to: (Please write the number of your answer in the blank.)

Do any household work: _____ days
Go to work: _____ days

If not employed, please check here ☐

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21. Please provide this information for all the people in your household, starting with yourself.


Household Member No.	Relation to You (e.g., wife, son, mother)	Gender (F for Female; M for Male)	Age (Years)	Education (Number of Years)
yourself				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				

22. Which income category does your household fall into (net income, before taxes, and other deductions)?

- 1 Less than \$20,000
- 2 \$20,000 to \$39,999
- 3 \$40,000 to \$59,999
- 4 \$60,000 to \$79,999
- 5 \$80,000 to \$99,999
- 6 \$100,000 or more

9. Here are some health situations that people sometimes face. For each one, how would you rate how much pain and discomfort this person has? *(Please circle one answer for each.)*

How do you rate how much pain and discomfort this person has?
(Please circle your answer.)



Mark has joint pains that are present almost all the time. They are at their worst in the first half of the day. Taking medication reduces the pain though it does not go away completely. The pain makes moving around, holding and lifting things quite uncomfortable. None Mild Moderate Severe Extreme


Phil has pain in the hip that causes discomfort while going to sleep. The pain is there throughout the day but does not stop him from walking around. None Mild Moderate Severe Extreme

Jim has back pain that makes changes in body position very uncomfortable. He is unable to stand or sit for more than half an hour. Medicines decrease the pain a little, but it is there all the time and interferes with his ability to carry out even day-to-day tasks. None Mild Moderate Severe Extreme

Laura has a headache once a month that is relieved one hour after taking a pill. During the headache she can carry on with her day-to-day affairs None Mild Moderate Severe Extreme

9. (continued)

How do you rate ho much pain and discomfort this person has?
(Please circle one answer for each.)



Tom has a toothache for about 10 minutes, several times a day. The pain is so intense that Tom finds it difficult to concentrate on work.. . . . None Mild Moderate Severe Extreme

Patricia has a headache once a week that is relieved 3-4 hours after taking a pill. During the headache she has to lie down and cannot do any other tasks. None Mild Moderate Severe Extreme

Steve has excruciating pain in the neck radiating to the arms that is very minimally relieved by any medicines or other treatment. The pain is sharp at all times and often wakes him from sleep. It has necessitated complete confinement to the bed and often makes him think of ending his life None Mild Moderate Severe Extreme

8. Here are some everyday situations that people sometimes face. For each one, how would you rate this person’s difficulty with self-care? (Please circle one answer for each.)

How do you rate this person’s difficulty with self-care?
(Please circle your answer.)

John cannot wash, groom or dress himself without personal help. He has no problems with eating..

None

Mild

Moderate

Severe

Extreme

Peter can wash his face and comb his hair but cannot wash his whole body without help. He needs assistance with putting clothes on over his head, but can put garments on the lower half of his body. He has no problems with eating.

None

Mild

Moderate

Severe

Extreme

Rachel feels pain and discomfort while washing and in combing her hair. As a result, she neglects her personal appearance. She needs assistance with putting on and taking off clothes. She has no problems with eating.

None

Mild

Moderate

Severe

Extreme

Helen keeps herself neat and tidy. She requires no assistance with cleanliness, dressing and eating.

None

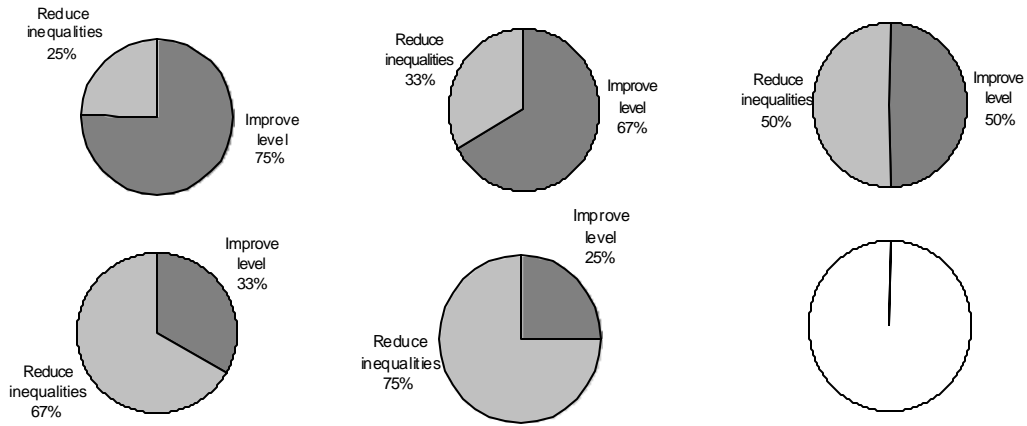
Mild

Moderate

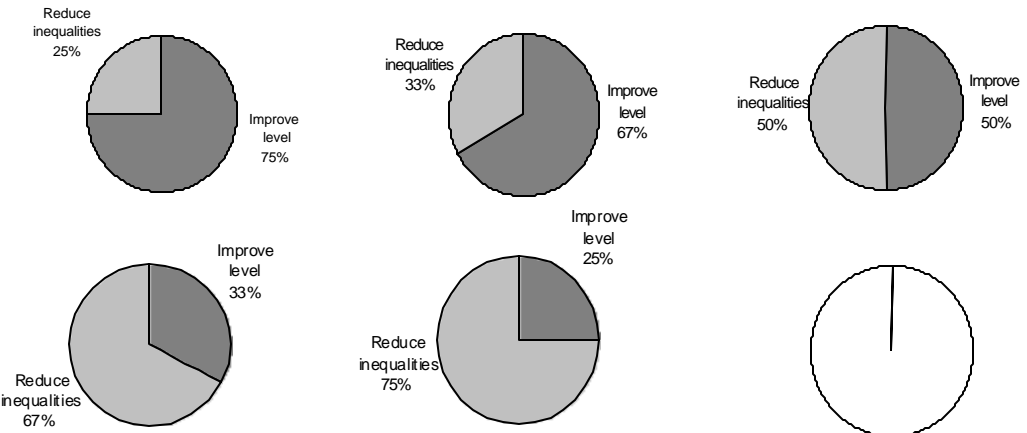
Severe

Extreme

12. Next, please tell us how much importance should be given to these goals by dividing the pie in 2 slices. The two goals here are improving the average level of health vs. reducing inequalities in health. Remember, the larger the size of the slice, the more important the goal. You can pick one of the predrawn pies, or you can draw your own in the blank circle. Please circle the pie of your choice.



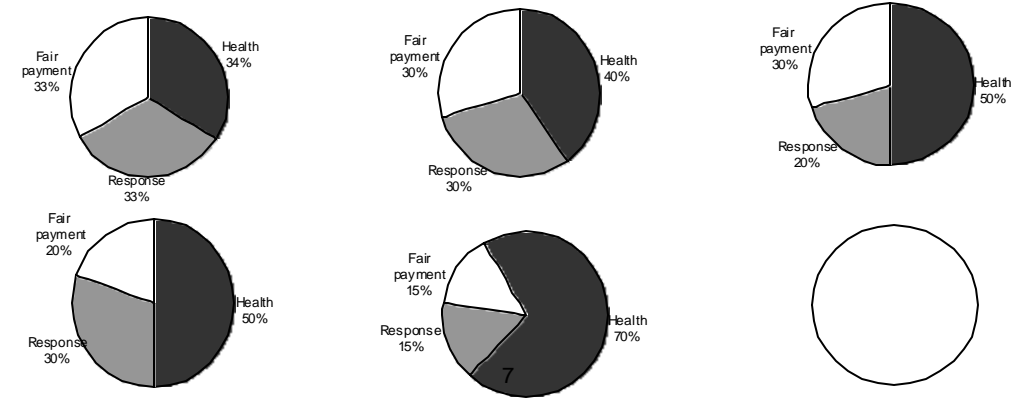
13. Also, please tell us how much importance should be given to these goals by dividing the pie in 2 slices. The two goals here are improving the average level of people’s rights for dignity, confidentiality and the right to choose their own doctor vs. reducing inequalities in people’s rights for dignity, confidentiality and the right to choose their own doctor. Remember, the larger the size of the slice, the more important the goal. You can pick one of the pre-drawn pies, or you can draw your own in the blank circle. Please circle the pie of your choice.



10. Listed below are three possible goals for health care in the United States. We want to know which of these goals you think is the most and least important. Please put a “1” in the box for the goal you think is “Most Important,” a “2” in the box for the “Second Most Important,” and a “3” for the “Least Important.”

- ☐ Improve the health of everyone. This goal means:
 - All people live longer with less illness.
 - There is more equality in people’s health, their illnesses, and how long they live.
- ☐ Improve how people are treated when they receive health care. This goal means:
 - Rights of the individual for dignity, autonomy, confidentiality, and clear communication are respected.
 - Basic amenities—adequate social support and people’s choice of a health care provider.
 - All people are treated equally.
- ☐ Charge people what they can afford. This goal means:
 - Everyone pays a fair share of the costs of health care.
 - Healthy people share costs for the services for the ill.
 - Higher income people pay some of the health care costs for lower income people.

11. Suppose you could tell our nation’s doctors, insurance companies, and the government how much importance should be placed on achieving these goals. The pie below represents the U.S. health system. Each slice represents how important you think each goal is. If you had to divide up the pie, how big a slice would you give to health (improving the health of everyone), how big to response (how people are treated), and how big to fair payment (charging people what they can afford)? The more important you think a goal is, the larger the slice it should be given. You can pick one of the predrawn pies, or you can draw your own in the blank circle. Please circle the pie of your choice.



8. (Continued)

How do you rate this person’s difficulty with self-care?
(Please circle your answer.)

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Anne takes twice as long as others to put on and take off clothes, but needs no help with this. She is able to bathe and groom herself, though that requires effort and leads to reducing the frequency of bathing to half as often as before. She has no problems with eating.	None	Mild	Moderate	Severe	Extreme
Sue requires the constant help of a person to wash and groom herself and has to be dressed and fed.. . . .	None	Mild	Moderate	Severe	Extreme
Paul has no problems with cleanliness, dressing and eating. However, he has to wear clothes with special fasteners as joint problems prevent him from buttoning and unbuttoning clothes.	None	Mild	Moderate	Severe	Extreme

Thank you very much for your help with this world-wide survey of people experiences in getting health care. If you would like to make any additional comments, please use this space.

**Health Care Experiences in the United States:
A Nationwide Survey of 5,000 adults**

Please return your completed questionnaire to:

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Thank You!