Flu shots

Now, a few questions about the influenza virus, commonly known as the flu.

Medical experts agree that the flu is spread as a result of sneezing, touching or personal interaction.

Flu vaccines have been developed to lower the risk of catching the flu. The vaccine is mostly given by injection, known as a flu shot.

1. Did you get a flu shot for this year’s flu season?

   Yes
   No

2. How many times in the past 5 years have you gotten the flu shot?

   Never in the past 5 years
   1-2 times
   3-4 times
   Every year

3. As a general rule, do you think the flu shot is effective in reducing the occurrence and severity of flu:

   [Rows]
   In the general community
   For the individual who gets a flu shot

   [Columns]
   Not at all effective
   Not very effective
   Mostly effective
   Very Effective

4. Some have argued that flu shots should be legally required for people in certain occupations. Please indicate whether you would support or oppose requiring each of following to get a flu shot annually:

   [RANDOMIZE]
   Emergency room doctors
   Family doctors
   Nurses
   Hospital staff (janitors, cooks, etc)
   Elementary school teachers
   Nursing home staff
5. [ASK ONLY THOSE WHO DIDN’T GET A FLU SHOT] You indicated that you did not get a flu shot this year. What would you say are the main reasons that you didn’t get the shot? Select up to two reasons from the list below.

[RANDOMIZE]
Just never think of it
Don’t know where/how to get it
It’s inconvenient/Don’t have time
Don’t think it works
Concerned about side effects/risks
Hate needles
Don’t think I need it
Don’t want to pay for it
Other specify:

6. Did you or anyone in your household get the flu so far this winter? (and by flu we mean you needed to take a day or two off work to stay in bed to recover – not just a cold or headache)

Yes, me
Yes, someone in my household
[EXCLUSIVE]No, no flu