

**2016 AARP New York Primary 50+ Registered Voter Survey  
N=800 (401 Democrats; 399 Republicans) Fielded April 5-8, 2016**

**INTRODUCTION**

Hello, this is \_\_\_\_\_ calling from Precision Opinion, a national opinion research firm. We are not telemarketers and are not trying to sell you anything. We are calling New Yorkers to ask about their opinions on some issues that may affect them and their families and would like to include your views in our study. We would greatly appreciate your participation and all of your responses will be kept entirely confidential.

**SCREENER**

S1. First, to ensure that we interview a wide variety of people, I have a few questions about you. Can you please tell me your age as of your last birthday? CAPTURE ACTUAL AGE. DON'T READ LIST UNLESS NECESSARY.

	Under 50	[ASK TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE IN THE HH AGE 50 OR OLDER]		
		Democrat	Republican	
N=		401	399	
1.	50-59	32%	42%	
2.	60-64	20%	15%	
3.	65-69	17%	12%	
4.	70-74	10%	12%	
5.	75-84	14%	12%	
6.	85 or older	7%	7%	
99	REFUSED			[GO TO S2.]

S2. [If refused in S1:] We understand that some people are not comfortable giving their age, but would you let me know which of the following age ranges you fall into?

1.	Under 50	[ASK TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE IN THE HH AGE 50 OR OLDER]		
2.	50-59			
3.	60-64			
4.	65-74			
5.	75-85			
6.	85 or older			
99	REFUSED			[THANK AND TERMINATE]

S3. RECORD RESPONDENT'S GENDER. ASK ONLY IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY: "To ensure it is recorded accurately, could you please state your gender?"

	Democrat	Republican
N=	401	399
Male	42%	48%
Female	58%	52%

S4. Are you registered to vote in New York?

		Democrat	Republican	
	N=	401	399	
1.	Yes	100%	100%	<b>CONTINUE</b>
2.	No			<b>[ASK TO SPEAK TO A REGISTERED VOTER AGE 50+ IN THE HOUSEHOLD. IF NONE, TERMINATE]</b>
3.	NOT SURE			
4.	REFUSED			

S5. Are you registered as [INSERT AND ROTATE ORDER A-B] or something else?

	Democrat	Republican
N=	401	399
A. A Democrat (GO TO S5a.)	100%	-
B. A Republican (GO TO S5b.)	-	100%
C. Something else [ALWAYS ANCHOR TO BOTTOM] (TERMINATE).		
None of above/No party registration (DO NOT READ) (TERMINATE).		
Don't know (DO NOT READ) (TERMINATE).		
Refused (DO NOT READ) (TERMINATE).		

D5a. On April 19th, there will be a primary election in New York to help select the presidential nominees for each party. Are you planning to vote for [INSERT AND ROTATE ORDER A-B] in the upcoming primary, or are you undecided?

	Democrat	Republican
N=	401	399
A. Hillary Clinton	48%	
B. Bernie Sanders	21%	
C. Undecided/Don't know [ALWAYS ANCHOR TO BOTTOM]	26%	
D. None of above/Not voting (DO NOT READ)	2%	
E. Refused (DO NOT READ)	3%	

D5b. On April 19th, there will be a primary election in New York to help select the presidential nominees for each party. Are you planning to vote for [INSERT AND ROTATE ORDER A-C] in the upcoming primary, or are you undecided?

	Democrat	Republican
N=	401	399
A. Donald Trump		40%
B. John Kasich		9%
C. Ted Cruz		12%
D. Undecided/Don't know [ALWAYS ANCHOR TO BOTTOM]		36%
E. None of above/Not voting (DO NOT READ)		4%
F. Refused (DO NOT READ)		-

1. When considering your vote for president, how important do you consider the following qualities in a candidate? (RANDOMIZE A-C)

a. Leadership

	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republic</b>
N=	401	399
Very important	89%	89%
Somewhat important	9%	10%
Not too important	<.5%	<.5%
Not important at all	1%	1%
Not sure/refused	1%	1%

b. Shares your values

	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republic</b>
N=	401	399
Very important	74%	66%
Somewhat important	20%	28%
Not too important	2%	4%
Not important at all	2%	5%
Not sure/refused	2%	3%

c. Experience

	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republic</b>
N=	401	399
Very important	75%	44%
Somewhat important	20%	40%
Not too important	3%	9%
Not important at all	2%	5%
Not sure/refused	1%	2%

2. How important is it to you that the next president and Congress take action to make Social Security financially sound for future generations—very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?

	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republic</b>
N=	401	399
Very important	86	82%
Somewhat important	13	14%
Not too important	<.5%	2%
Not important at all	<.5%	1%
Not sure/refused	1%	1%

3. How important would you say it is that presidential candidates lay out their plans to update Social Security for future generations?

	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republic</b>
N=	401	399
Very important	75%	67%
Somewhat important	21%	25%
Not too important	2%	3%
Not important at all	1%	3%
Not sure/refused	<.5%	2%

4. Please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statement.

Having a plan for Social Security is a basic threshold for presidential leadership.

	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>
N=	401	399
Strongly agree	51%	42%
Somewhat agree	39%	41%
Somewhat disagree	7%	11%
Strongly disagree	1%	4%
Not sure/refused	2%	2%

5. Every presidential candidate has laid out a plan to make Social Security financially sound except Donald Trump. How important is it that Donald Trump lay out a plan to make Social Security financially sound?

	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>
N=	401	399
Very important	53%	52%
Somewhat important	10%	27%
Not too important	8%	7%
Not important at all	22%	11%
Not sure/refused	7%	4%

## **DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS**

**Our last questions are used for grouping purposes and will be kept entirely confidential.**

- D1. What is your current marital status? (READ IF NEEDED)

	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>
N=	401	399
Married or living with a partner	60%	71%
Widowed	13%	12%
Divorced or separated	11%	9%
Never married	16%	7%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	1%	1%

D2. What is the highest level of education that you completed? [ONLY READ LIST IF NEEDED]

	Democrat	Republican
N=	401	399
0 to 12th grade, but with no diploma	5%	4%
High school graduate or equivalent	18%	25%
Post high school education, but with no degree	10%	12%
2 year degree	15%	15%
4 year degree	19%	18%
Graduate or professional degree	32%	26%
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1%	<.5%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	<.5%	1%

D3. Are you of Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino origin or descent?

	Democrat	Republican
N=	401	399
Yes	8%	5%
No	90%	93%
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	<.5%	-
Refused (DO NOT READ)	2%	3%

D4. And which of the following best describes your race?

	Democrat	Republican
N=	401	399
White or Caucasian	73%	92%
Black or African American	18%	1%
Asian	1%	-
Native American or Alaskan Native	1%	1%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	-	-
Or are you some other race? [RECORD ANSWER]	5%	3%
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	<.5%	-
Refused (DO NOT READ)	1%	3%

D5. How would you characterize your political views? Would you say you are...[INSERT A-C, ROTATE ORDER]...or none of these?

	Democrat	Republican
N=	401	399
Conservative	15%	56%
Moderate	34%	29%
Liberal	41%	6%
None of these [ALWAYS ANCHOR]	7%	6%
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	3%	2%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	1%	1%

D6. Which of the following best describes your total annual household income before taxes in 2015?  
Is it... READ LIST AND SELECT ONE

	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>
N=	401	399
Less than \$50,000	33%	25%
\$50,000 but less than \$100,000	32%	32%
\$100,000 or more	23%	31%
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	3%	2%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	9%	11%

D7. What is your 5-digit zip code? \_\_\_\_ \_

**That was our last question for tonight. Thank you very much for taking the time to help us out. Have a great day/night!**