



Annotated Questionnaire

Telephone interviews conducted with 807 registered voters by landline (71%) and cell phone (29%) between 9/12/18 and 9/20/18. All data have been weighted by age, gender, race/ethnicity, and geographic distribution according to July 2018 Connecticut State Voter Registration Database statistics. These survey results have a 3.5% margin of error.

(ASK TO SPEAK WITH PERSON ON LIST) I'm calling from Alan Newman Research, a national public opinion polling firm. We are conducting a survey on issues of importance to people like you, and we'd really like to get your opinions on them. This survey is being conducted for research purposes only, and we promise that your name and individual opinions will be kept confidential.

(IF RESPONDENT MENTIONS THE "DO NOT CALL" LIST, SAY:) The Do Not Call List does not apply to survey research. While we certainly respect your right NOT to participate, I assure you that this interview is being conducted for research purposes only, and we hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to express your opinions. We guarantee that your individual responses will be kept completely confidential, and that no one will try to sell you anything as a result of your participation.

Screener

S0. Gender. (DO NOT ASK.) Record respondent's gender.

%	n=807
46	1 Male
54	2 Female

S1. Have I reached you on a cell phone or a wired landline phone?

%	n=807
29	1 Cell phone
71	2 Wired landline phone
0	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

S2. Are you currently registered to vote?

%	n=807
100	1 Registered
0	2 Not registered [TERMINATE]
0	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ) [TERMINATE]

S3_A. For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me in what year were you born? _____ **[IF 1969 OR LATER, TERMINATE; CODED AS AGE]**

%	n=807
18	1 50-54
18	2 55-59
19	3 60-64
15	4 65-69
12	5 70-74
11	6 75-79
4	7 80-84
2	8 85+
0	9 Refused but before (DATE) 1968 (DO NOT READ)
0	99 <50 [TERMINATE]

Questionnaire

Q1. How likely are you to vote this November in the elections for U.S. Congress and other offices? Would you say you are... **[READ LIST]**

%	n=807
80	1 Very likely
10	2 Fairly likely
4	3 Just somewhat likely
2	4 Not that likely
1	5 Or will you not vote
3	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
<1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

Q2. For each of the following, please tell me whether you worry about this very often, somewhat often, from time to time or almost never? Do you worry about... [READ ITEMS/LIST] [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q2_A THROUGH Q2_G]

1 Very often %	2 Somewhat often %	3 From time to time %	4 Almost never worry %	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ) %	9 Refused (DO NOT READ) %	n=807
49	27	18	5	2	<1	A. How divided America and Americans have become
44	24	21	9	1	<1	B. Prices rising faster than your income
26	29	34	9	1	<1	C. The threat of terrorism in our country today
32	23	23	19	2	1	D. Not being able to afford the health care you need
16	16	19	39	5	5	E. Having to take care of an aging family member
30	15	15	28	6	6	F. Not being able to retire when you want to, due to financial reasons
47	26	18	7	1	1	G. Paying too much in taxes

Q3. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job President Donald Trump is doing?

%	n=807
36	1 Approve
53	2 Disapprove
10	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

[ROTATE ORDER OF Q4_A AND Q4_B]

Q4_A. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republicans in Congress are doing?

%	n=807
24	1 Approve
56	2 Disapprove
20	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

Q4_B. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democrats in Congress are doing?

%	n=807
26	1 Approve
48	2 Disapprove
26	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

POL-1. If the election was being held today, which one of the following candidates for governor would you be most likely to vote for? [READ LIST] **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF 1-4]**

%	n=807
33	1 Democrat, Ned Lamont
34	2 Republican, Bob Stephanowski
2	3 Libertarian, Rod Hanscomb
4	4 Independent, Oz Griebel
26	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

POL-2. If the election was being held today, which one of the following candidates for Connecticut Attorney General would you be most likely to vote for? [READ LIST] **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF 1-3]**

%	n=807
34	1 Democrat, William Tong
32	2 Republican, Susan Hatfield
3	3 Green Party candidate, Peter Goselin
30	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

POL-3. If the election was being held today, which one of the following candidates for Connecticut State Treasurer would you be most likely to vote for? [READ LIST] **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF 1-2]**

%	n=807
32	1 Democrat, Shawn Wooden
29	2 Republican, Thad Gray
38	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

POL-4. If the election was being held today, which one of the following candidates for Connecticut Comptroller would you be most likely to vote for? [READ LIST] **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF 1-3]**

%	n=807
33	1 Democrat, Kevin Lembo
28	2 Republican, Kurt Miller
3	3 Green Party candidate, Ed Heflin
36	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

FIN-1. In general, would you say the U.S. economy is... [READ LIST] [ROTATE DIRECTION OF 1-5]

%	n=807
13	1 Getting much stronger
30	2 Getting somewhat stronger
23	3 Staying the same
18	4 Getting somewhat weaker
11	5 Getting much weaker
5	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
<1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

FIN-2. In general, would you say Connecticut's economy is... [READ LIST] [ROTATE DIRECTION OF 1-5]

%	n=807
2	1 Getting much stronger
7	2 Getting somewhat stronger
21	3 Staying the same
36	4 Getting somewhat weaker
30	5 Getting much weaker
3	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
<1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

FIN-3. How would you describe your personal financial situation? Would you say you are... [READ LIST]

%	n=807
2	1 Rapidly increasing your wealth
15	2 Slowly getting ahead
38	3 Staying where you are
32	4 Struggling to keep up
11	5 Falling backward
2	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

FIN-4. Which of the following best describes your current employment status? Are you... [READ LIST]

%	n=807
41	1 Retired and not working
6	2 Retired and working at least part time
30	3 Employed full time
10	4 Employed part time
7	5 Not employed but looking for work
5	6 Not employed and not looking for work
<1	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

FIN-5a. **(IF FIN-4=Retired and not working)** How confident are you that you have enough money saved for retirement? [READ LIST]

%	n=329
17	1 Very confident
35	2 Somewhat confident
19	3 Not very confident
22	4 Not confident at all
4	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
4	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

FIN-5b. **(IF FIN-4≠Retired and not working)** How confident are you that you will have enough money saved for retirement? [READ LIST]

%	n=478
8	1 Very confident
26	2 Somewhat confident
23	3 Not very confident
38	4 Not confident at all
4	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

FIN-6. In 2016, the Connecticut Retirement Security Program was created. It will give over 600,000 residents in Connecticut a way to save for retirement at work through a payroll deduction. How important is it that the next administration continues to work to get this program started so more workers have a way to save for retirement? [READ LIST]

%	n=807
49	1 Very important
28	2 Somewhat important
3	3 Not very important
4	4 Not at all important
13	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

Social Security and Medicare

SS-1. How important would you say Social Security is to people's financial security in retirement? Would you say it is... [READ LIST]

%	n=807
87	1 Very important
11	2 Somewhat important
1	3 Not very important
<1	4 Not at all important
2	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
<1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

SS-2. According to projections in the latest Social Security Trustees' report, Social Security can pay full benefits for 16 years, but if nothing is done to make the program financially sound for the long term, benefits will be cut by nearly 25 percent starting in 2034. How soon, if at all, do you think the government should do something to strengthen Social Security for the future? Do you think they should do something... [READ LIST]

%	n=807
74	1 Immediately
13	2 Within the next 2 years
5	3 Within the next 5 years
1	4 Within the next 10 years
<1	5 Within the next 15 years
1	6 Or not at all
<1	7 Some other timeframe (VOL)
6	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

MC-1. As you probably know, Medicare is the national health care program for people age 65 and older. How important would you say Medicare is to people's health in retirement? Would you say it is... [READ LIST]

%	n=807
94	1 Very important
4	2 Somewhat important
<1	3 Not very important
<1	4 Not at all important
1	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
<1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

MC-2. Medicare is adequately funded today, but if changes are not made, it has been projected that by 2029 the program will not be able to fully pay for the hospital benefits it does now. Which, if any, of the following should Congress do to help put Medicare on stable ground for the future? Should they... [READ LIST] **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF 1-5; ONE RESPONSE ONLY]**

%	n=807
10	1 Improve the coordination of patient care
1	2 Reduce hospital re-admissions
20	3 Reduce prescription drug costs
8	4 Reduce unnecessary tests and procedures
5	5 Put technology to better use
43	6 All of these (DO NOT READ)
2	7 None of these (DO NOT READ)
11	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

Prescription Drugs

RX-1. Currently, U.S. law bans people from buying prescription drugs from Canada or Europe. Some people believe that the laws should be changed to allow Americans to import lower priced prescription drugs from other countries as long as they are just as safe and effective as those bought in the U.S. Do you believe that people in the U.S. should be able to buy lower-priced drugs from Canada and Europe, or not?

%	n=807
79	1 Yes, should be legal
9	2 No, should not be legal
12	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

RX-2. Some drug companies with prescription patents take steps to prevent other drug companies from entering the market with less costly generic versions of their drugs. How strongly do you support or oppose legislation to prevent drug companies from trying to stop competitors from entering the market? Do you... [READ LIST]

%	n=807
43	1 Strongly support
15	2 Somewhat support
10	3 Somewhat oppose
21	4 Strongly oppose
11	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

RX-3. How much influence do you think prescription drug companies have over members of Congress? Would you say they have... [READ LIST]

%	n=807
67	1 A lot of influence
22	2 Some influence
2	3 Only a little influence
1	4 No influence at all
8	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
<1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

Healthcare

HC-1. Current law prohibits insurance companies from denying coverage or charging those with pre-existing conditions more for their health coverage. Some want to repeal this provision of current law because they believe those with pre-existing conditions cost more. Others believe it is unfair to discriminate against those with pre-existing conditions. Which statement do you agree with more? [READ LIST] **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF 1-2]**

%	n=807
83	1 It is unfair to deny coverage or make those with pre-existing conditions pay more for their health care.
6	2 We should repeal protection for those with pre-existing conditions because it increases the cost of insurance.
10	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

HC-2. Current law allows insurance companies to charge up to three times more for health insurance for those over age 50. Some in Congress have proposed increasing this to allow insurance companies to charge up to five times or more for health insurance. Which of the following statements do you agree with more? [READ LIST] **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF 1-2]**

%	n=807
7	1 Older Americans use more health care and it is not fair to raise premiums for everyone else.
86	2 Older people already pay more than younger people and increasing it from three to five times more would make insurance unaffordable for people who need it most.
7	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

HC-3. Opioids are a group of drugs that include prescription pain killers as well as heroin. How concerned are you about heroin and opioid abuse in Connecticut? Would you say you are... [READ LIST]

%	n=807
43	1 Extremely concerned
28	2 Very concerned
20	3 Somewhat concerned
7	4 Not at all concerned
2	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

Caregiving

CG-1. For this survey, I will use the phrase “family caregiver” to mean someone who provides unpaid care for an adult loved one who is ill, frail, elderly, or has a disability. This unpaid care may include assisting with personal needs like bathing and dressing, household chores, meals, shopping, transportation, managing finances or medical care. Are you currently a family caregiver, or providing UNPAID care to an adult loved one?

%	n=807
16	1 Yes, I currently provide care
82	2 No
2	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

CG-2. **(IF CG-1=No)** Have you been an unpaid family caregiver at any time in the past?

%	n=658
42	1 Yes, provided care in past
57	2 No
1	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
<1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

CG-3. **(IF CG-1=No)** How likely do you think it is that you will provide any caregiving or assistance on an unpaid basis for an adult loved one at some point in the future? Is it...? [READ LIST]

%	n=658
11	1 Extremely likely
14	2 Very likely
33	3 Somewhat likely
29	4 Not at all likely
13	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
<1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

CG-4. Have you ever left a job or stopped working for a period of time to provide care for an adult family member or child?

%	n=807
20	1 Yes
78	2 No
1	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

CG-5. **(If CG-4=Yes)** Do you think taking this time off of work to care for a family member impacted your ability to save for retirement?

%	n=161
58	1 Yes
29	2 No
13	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
0	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

CG-6. If you or a family member needed help when the basic tasks of life became difficult due to aging or illness, where would you prefer to receive that care or help? [READ LIST] **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

%	n=807
38	1 At home with assistance from a family caregiver
42	2 At home with assistance from paid, professional help
8	3 In an assisted living facility or group home
2	4 In a nursing home
9	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
<1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

CG-7. Currently, Connecticut spends about one-third of its Medicaid and state-funded budget for long-term care on services provided in the home and about two-thirds on institutional care, such as nursing home care. How strongly would you support or oppose shifting some of Connecticut's long-term care funds so that more money is spent on home care and less on institutional care? Would you...? [READ LIST]

%	n=807
43	1 Strongly support
33	2 Somewhat support
13	3 Neither support nor oppose (DO NOT READ)
1	4 Somewhat oppose
1	5 Strongly oppose
9	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
0	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

CG-8. How strongly do you support or oppose providing an income tax credit to family caregivers who incur expenses for the care and support of an older family member living with them? [READ LIST]

%	n=807
54	1 Strongly support
30	2 Somewhat support
8	3 Neither support nor oppose (DO NOT READ)
2	4 Somewhat oppose
2	5 Strongly oppose
5	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
0	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

CG-9. Nationally, nearly seven in ten caregivers report having to make work accommodations because of caregiving. These adjustments include arriving late, leaving early, taking time off, cutting back, or stopping work entirely. How strongly do you support a family leave law that provides paid leave to employees who have to take time off for family caregiving purposes? [READ LIST]

%	n=807
54	1 Strongly support
31	2 Somewhat support
4	3 Somewhat oppose
2	4 Strongly oppose
9	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
<1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

Elections

Now I have some questions about this November's elections.

ELC-1. I'm going to mention some issues that voters might feel are important in helping them make their voting decisions this year. For you, how important are the candidates' positions on [ITEM]? Very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important?

1 Very important %	2 Somewhat important %	3 Not very important %	4 Not at all important %	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ) %	9 Refused (DO NOT READ) %	n=807
73	23	2	<1	2	0	A. Jobs and the economy
50	38	9	1	2	<1	B. Helping people save for retirement
59	33	5	<1	2	<1	C. Helping older people live independently
46	43	8	1	3	0	D. Supporting family caregivers
54	34	8	2	2	0	E. Addressing opioid and drug addiction problems
82	14	1	<1	2	0	F. Strengthening and reforming Social Security
73	22	3	0	2	0	G. Strengthening and reforming Medicare
76	20	3	<1	1	0	H. Addressing rising prescription drug costs
84	13	1	<1	1	<1	I. Lowering healthcare costs

ELC-2. How do you get most of your news about elections and major issues? Do you get it mostly from...?
 [READ LIST] [ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

%	n=807
73	1 Local TV news
49	2 National TV news
32	3 Printed newspaper
23	4 Online newspaper
31	5 Online news sources
23	6 Friends and family
23	7 Radio
4	8 Twitter
16	9 Facebook
3	97 Other (VOL)
<1	98 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
0	99 Refused (DO NOT READ)

Demographics

Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. What is the highest level of education that you completed? [DO NOT READ CHOICES]

%	n=807
<1	1 Grade school
1	2 Some high school
21	3 High school graduate (GED)
23	4 Some college, no degree
15	5 Associate's degree (2-year college degree)
19	6 Bachelor's degree (4-year degree)
6	7 Some postgraduate work, no degree
14	8 Master's degree
3	9 Doctoral or law degree (including PhD)
0	99 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

F2. Are you currently single and never married, unmarried and living with a partner, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

%	n=807
13	1 Single
4	2 Unmarried, living with partner
57	3 Married
1	4 Separated
11	5 Widowed
15	6 Divorced
<1	8 Other (VOL)
0	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

F3. Are you **(IF MARRIED ADD: “or your spouse”)** a member of A-A-R-P?

%	n=807
53	1 Yes, AARP member
46	2 No, not AARP member
1	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

F4. Do you currently collect Social Security benefits?

%	n=807
50	1 Yes, collect Social Security benefits
49	2 No, do not collect benefits
1	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

F5. Do you currently have any health insurance coverage through Medicare?

%	n=807
51	1 Yes
47	2 No
2	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

F6. Are you an active or former military member?

%	n=807
11	1 Yes
89	2 No
0	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

F7. Do you **(IF MARRIED: “or your spouse”)** have a parent or older relative living in your household?

%	n=807
9	1 Yes
91	2 No
0	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

F8. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

%	n=807
7	1 Yes, Hispanic
93	2 No, not Hispanic
1	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

F9. What is your race—white, black or African American, Asian, or something else?

%	n=807
88	1 White
4	2 Black/African American
2	3 Asian
5	4 Hispanic (VOL)
1	5 Something else
1	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

F10. Which of the following do you feel best describes your political perspective? [READ LIST]

%	n=807
22	1 Liberal or progressive
41	2 Moderate
28	3 Conservative
9	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

F11. Do you think of yourself as [INSERT 1-3, ROTATE ORDER], or something else?

%	n=807
35	1 A Democrat
32	2 An Independent
25	3 A Republican
2	4 Something else
2	7 Other (DO NOT READ)
3	8 Not sure/ nothing (DO NOT READ)
2	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

F12. Finally, if you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home in 2017, would the total be...? [READ LIST]

%	n=807
14	1 Less than \$25,000
23	2 \$25,000 to less than \$50,000
19	3 \$50,000 to less than \$75,000
19	4 \$75,000 to less than \$100,000
11	5 \$100,000 to less than \$150,000
8	6 \$150,000 or more
1	8 Not sure/ nothing (DO NOT READ)
6	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)