



Annotated Questionnaire

Telephone interviews conducted with 616 registered voters by landline (71%) and cell phone (29%) between 9/7/18 and 9/19/18. All data have been weighted by age, gender, race/ethnicity, and geographic distribution according to August 2018 Iowa State Voter Registration Database statistics. These survey results have a 4.0% 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=616
47	1 Male
54	2 Female

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

%	n=616
29	1 Cell phone
71	2 Wired landline phone
<1	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

S2. Are you currently registered to vote?

%	n=616
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=616
17	1 50-54
18	2 55-59
19	3 60-64
16	4 65-69
9	5 70-74
7	6 75-79
7	7 80-84
7	8 85+
2	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=616
78	1 Very likely
10	2 Fairly likely
6	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=616
42	25	21	10	1	<1	A. How divided America and Americans have become
40	27	20	12	<1	1	B. Prices rising faster than your income
25	27	28	19	1	0	C. The threat of terrorism in our country today
30	19	24	27	<1	<1	D. Not being able to afford the health care you need
13	14	22	47	3	2	E. Having to take care of an aging family member
23	15	16	39	4	3	F. Not being able to retire when you want to, due to financial reasons
30	22	26	20	2	<1	G. Paying too much in taxes

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

%	n=616
33	1 Approve
51	2 Disapprove
14	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
2	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=616
25	1 Approve
58	2 Disapprove
13	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
4	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

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

%	n=616
34	1 Approve
47	2 Disapprove
15	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
4	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

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

%	n=616
50	1 Democrat, Abby Finkenaur
31	2 Republican, Rod Blum
3	3 Libertarian, Troy Hageman
1	4 Green Party, Henry Gaff
11	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
5	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

Financial Security and Retirement

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

%	n=616
10	1 Getting much stronger
30	2 Getting somewhat stronger
23	3 Staying the same
20	4 Getting somewhat weaker
10	5 Getting much weaker
7	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

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

%	n=616
7	1 Getting much stronger
20	2 Getting somewhat stronger
32	3 Staying the same
26	4 Getting somewhat weaker
8	5 Getting much weaker
6	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

TAR-1. Do you think that raising tariffs on aluminum, steel, and other imports will hurt or help Iowa's economy? [READ LIST]

%	n=616
4	1 Strongly help
14	2 Somewhat help
32	3 Somewhat hurt
31	4 Strongly hurt
16	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
3	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

TAR-2. Which of the following comes closest to your view: [READ LIST]

%	n=616
66	1 Government should pursue more free-trade agreements to open additional markets to American-made goods and services.
15	2 Government should pursue tariffs and other barriers against competing products from other countries.
14	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
5	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

TAR-3. As you may know, the Trump administration is planning to provide around \$12 billion in federal aid to farmers and ranchers that have been affected by other countries retaliating against the Trump administration's tariffs on goods like steel and aluminum. Based on what you know, how strongly do you support or oppose this plan? [READ LIST]

%	n=616
17	1 Strongly support
33	2 Somewhat support
16	3 Somewhat oppose
18	4 Strongly oppose
16	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=616
2	1 Rapidly increasing your wealth
18	2 Slowly getting ahead
42	3 Staying where you are
27	4 Struggling to keep up
8	5 Falling backward
1	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
2	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

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

%	n=616
42	1 Retired and not working
7	2 Retired and working at least part time
33	3 Employed full time
9	4 Employed part time
3	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=257
26	1 Very confident
41	2 Somewhat confident
10	3 Not very confident
20	4 Not confident at all
2	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	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=359
8	1 Very confident
31	2 Somewhat confident
24	3 Not very confident
32	4 Not confident at all
4	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
2	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=616
83	1 Very important
14	2 Somewhat important
2	3 Not very important
<1	4 Not at all important
1	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
0	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=616
65	1 Immediately
15	2 Within the next 2 years
9	3 Within the next 5 years
3	4 Within the next 10 years
1	5 Within the next 15 years
2	6 Or not at all
1	7 Some other timeframe (VOL)
5	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=616
92	1 Very important
6	2 Somewhat important
<1	3 Not very important
0	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=616
12	1 Improve the coordination of patient care
4	2 Reduce unnecessary hospital re-admissions
31	3 Reduce prescription drug costs
10	4 Reduce unnecessary tests and procedures
7	5 Put technology to better use
19	6 All of these (DO NOT READ)
3	7 None of these (DO NOT READ)
14	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=616
79	1 Yes, should be legal
10	2 No, should not be legal
11	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=616
39	1 Strongly support
14	2 Somewhat support
12	3 Somewhat oppose
25	4 Strongly oppose
10	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=616
65	1 A lot of influence
23	2 Some influence
4	3 Only a little influence
2	4 No influence at all
6	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
0	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

Healthcare

HC-1. As you may know, the Affordable Care Act was signed in 2010. Based on what you know about the Affordable Care Act, do you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of it? [READ LIST]

%	n=616
18	1 Very favorable
23	2 Somewhat favorable
12	3 Neither favorable nor unfavorable
14	4 Somewhat unfavorable
21	5 Very unfavorable
11	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

HC-2. 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=616
83	1 It is unfair to deny coverage or make those with pre-existing conditions pay more for their health care.
9	2 We should repeal protection for those with pre-existing conditions because it increases the cost of insurance.
9	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
<1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

HC-3. 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=616
14	1 Older Americans use more health care and it is not fair to raise premiums for everyone else.
78	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-4. 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 your state? Would you say you are... [READ LIST]

%	n=616
25	1 Extremely concerned
27	2 Very concerned
35	3 Somewhat concerned
10	4 Not at all concerned
3	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=616
17	1 Yes, I currently provide care
83	2 No
1	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=509
38	1 Yes, provided care in past
62	2 No
0	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=509
9	1 Extremely likely
17	2 Very likely
31	3 Somewhat likely
33	4 Not at all likely
9	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

CG-4. 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=616
39	1 At home with assistance from a family caregiver
32	2 At home with assistance from paid, professional help
16	3 In an assisted living facility or group home
5	4 In a nursing home
8	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
<1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

CG-5. 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=616
51	1 Strongly support
32	2 Somewhat support
8	3 Neither support nor oppose (DO NOT READ)
3	4 Somewhat oppose
2	5 Strongly oppose
4	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=616
64	29	4	2	1	<1	A. Jobs and the economy
46	40	8	4	1	1	B. Helping people save for retirement
49	40	9	1	2	<1	C. Helping older people live independently
46	41	11	1	1	<1	D. Supporting family caregivers
45	39	12	3	1	1	E. Addressing opioid and drug addiction problems
77	19	2	<1	1	0	F. Strengthening and reforming Social Security
70	26	2	<1	1	<1	G. Strengthening and reforming Medicare
71	25	2	<1	2	<1	H. Addressing rising prescription drug costs
80	17	1	<1	1	<1	I. Lowering healthcare costs

CG-6. Recently, Iowa privatized Medicaid for low-income seniors and people with disabilities as a cost saving measure. To date, this change has resulted in a loss of services for some seniors and people with disabilities. Do you support or oppose the continuation of Medicaid privatization? [READ LIST]

%	n=616
9	1 Strongly support
11	2 Somewhat support
9	3 Neither support nor oppose (DO NOT READ)
19	4 Somewhat oppose
44	5 Strongly oppose
8	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

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=616
64	1 Local TV news
41	2 National TV news
31	3 Printed newspaper
14	4 Online newspaper
25	5 Online news sources
22	6 Friends and family
18	7 Radio
2	8 Twitter
15	9 Facebook
3	97 Other (VOL)
0	98 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
<1	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=616
<1	1 Grade school
1	2 Some high school
27	3 High school graduate (GED)
21	4 Some college, no degree
14	5 Associate's degree (2-year college degree)
24	6 Bachelor's degree (4-year degree)
3	7 Some postgraduate work, no degree
5	8 Master's degree
4	9 Doctoral or law degree (including PhD)
1	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=616
9	1 Single
5	2 Unmarried, living with partner
62	3 Married
<1	4 Separated
10	5 Widowed
13	6 Divorced
<1	8 Other (VOL)
<1	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=616
35	1 Yes, AARP member
64	2 No, not AARP member
2	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

F4. Do you currently collect Social Security benefits?

%	n=616
51	1 Yes, collect Social Security benefits
48	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=616
48	1 Yes
50	2 No
3	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

F6. Are you an active or former military member?

%	n=616
15	1 Yes
85	2 No
<1	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=616
4	1 Yes
95	2 No
1	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

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

%	n=616
1	1 Yes, Hispanic
98	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=616
95	1 White
2	2 Black/African American
1	3 Asian
<1	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=616
22	1 Liberal or progressive
33	2 Moderate
32	3 Conservative
13	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

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

%	n=616
37	1 A Democrat
29	2 An Independent
27	3 A Republican
3	4 Something else
0	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=616
15	1 Less than \$25,000
28	2 \$25,000 to less than \$50,000
21	3 \$50,000 to less than \$75,000
14	4 \$75,000 to less than \$100,000
9	5 \$100,000 to less than \$150,000
4	6 \$150,000 or more
3	8 Not sure/ nothing (DO NOT READ)
6	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)