



Annotated Questionnaire

Telephone interviews conducted with 804 registered voters by landline (70%) and cell phone (30%) between 8/16/18 and 8/26/18. All data have been weighted by age, gender, and geographic distribution according to July 2018 Maine State Voter Registration Database. 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=804
47	1 Male
53	2 Female

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

%	n=804
35	1 Cell phone
64	2 Wired landline phone
1	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

S2. Are you currently registered to vote?

%	n=804
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=804
16	1 50-54
17	2 55-59
18	3 60-64
16	4 65-69
12	5 70-74
9	6 75-79
5	7 80-84
6	8 85+
1	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=804
89	1 Very likely
5	2 Fairly likely
3	3 Just somewhat likely
2	4 Not that likely
1	5 Or will you not vote
1	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
0	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=804
52	23	13	11	1	<1	A. How divided America and Americans have become
38	28	15	19	<1	<1	B. Prices rising faster than your income
25	28	25	22	<1	<1	C. The threat of terrorism in our country today
31	21	15	33	1	1	D. Not being able to afford the health care you need
17	14	14	52	1	2	E. Having to take care of an aging family member
21	17	11	46	2	3	F. Not being able to retire when you want to, due to financial reasons
32	23	18	26	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=804
40	1 Approve
53	2 Disapprove
7	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=804
25	1 Approve
61	2 Disapprove
13	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=804
29	1 Approve
58	2 Disapprove
13	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=804
39	1 Democrat, Janet Mills
38	2 Republican, Shawn Moody
4	3 Independent, Terry Hayes
2	4 Independent, Alan Caron
15	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 U.S. Senator would you be most likely to vote for? [READ LIST] **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF 1-4]**

%	n=804
5	1 Democrat, Zak Ringlestein
23	2 Republican, Eric Brakey
56	3 Independent, Angus King
2	4 Libertarian, Chris Lyons
12	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
2	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

POL-3A. **(IF DISTRICT 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 1-3]**

%	n=405
49	1 Democrat, Chellie Pingree
30	2 Republican, Mark Holbrook
6	3 Independent, Marty Grohman
14	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

POL-3B. **(IF DISTRICT 2)** 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=399
37	1 Democrat, Jared Golden
40	2 Republican, Bruce Poliquin
4	3 Independent, Tiffany Bond
2	4 Independent, Will Hoar
16	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
3	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=804
18	1 Getting much stronger
31	2 Getting somewhat stronger
22	3 Staying the same
19	4 Getting somewhat weaker
8	5 Getting much weaker
3	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
0	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

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

%	n=804
4	1 Getting much stronger
27	2 Getting somewhat stronger
35	3 Staying the same
23	4 Getting somewhat weaker
8	5 Getting much weaker
3	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
0	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

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

%	n=804
2	1 Rapidly increasing your wealth
17	2 Slowly getting ahead
46	3 Staying where you are
26	4 Struggling to keep up
7	5 Falling backward
1	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=804
45	1 Retired and not working
10	2 Retired and working at least part time
28	3 Employed full time
5	4 Employed part time
3	5 Not employed but looking for work
8	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=363
22	1 Very confident
38	2 Somewhat confident
17	3 Not very confident
20	4 Not confident at all
3	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=441
17	1 Very confident
31	2 Somewhat confident
17	3 Not very confident
31	4 Not confident at all
3	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=804
90	1 Very important
8	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)

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=804
68	1 Immediately
16	2 Within the next 2 years
8	3 Within the next 5 years
2	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)
2	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=804
95	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)
0	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

MC-2. Medicare is adequately funded today, but if changes are not made, it has been projected that in eleven years the program will not be able to fully pay for the hospital benefits it does now. How soon, if at all, do you think the government should do something to strengthen Medicare for the future? Do you think they should do something...? [READ LIST]

%	n=804
73	1 Immediately
14	2 Within the next 2 years
7	3 Within the next 4 years
2	4 Within the next 10 years
1	5 Or not at all
1	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
<1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

MC-3. 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=804
10	1 Improve the coordination of patient care
2	2 Reduce hospital re-admissions
29	3 Reduce prescription drug costs
9	4 Reduce unnecessary tests and procedures
5	5 Put better use to technology
33	6 All of these (DO NOT READ)
4	7 None of these (DO NOT READ)
8	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=804
86	1 Yes, should be legal
7	2 No, should not be legal
7	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=804
50	1 Strongly support
12	2 Somewhat support
9	3 Somewhat oppose
22	4 Strongly oppose
6	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
<1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

RX-3. Currently, Medicare is prohibited by law from negotiating prescription drug prices with pharmaceutical companies. Some policymakers have proposed allowing Medicare to use its bargaining power to negotiate lower prices for prescription drugs like the Veteran’s Administration currently does. Do you support or oppose allowing Medicare to use its bargaining power to negotiate lower prices for prescription drugs? [READ LIST]

%	n=804
81	1 Strongly support
12	2 Somewhat support
2	3 Somewhat oppose
2	4 Strongly oppose
2	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
<1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

RX-4. How much influence do you think prescription drug companies have over members of Congress? Would you say they have... [READ LIST]

%	n=804
75	1 A lot of influence
16	2 Some influence
2	3 Only a little influence
2	4 No influence at all
5	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
0	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=804
82	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.
8	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 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=804
13	1 Older Americans use more health care and it is not fair to raise premiums for everyone else.
80	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.
6	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 Maine? Would you say you are... [READ LIST]

%	n=804
44	1 Extremely concerned
32	2 Very concerned
17	3 Somewhat concerned
6	4 Not at all concerned
1	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
<1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

Age-Friendly Community

AFC-1. A livable community is one that is safe and secure, has affordable housing and transportation options, offers supportive community services for people of all ages, and allows people to remain in their communities as they age. How important is it to you that the candidates running for office in Maine this fall will work to ensure communities in Maine are more livable for their residents? [READ LIST]

%	n=804
66	1 Very important
26	2 Somewhat important
3	3 Not very important
3	4 Not at all important
3	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=804
72	24	2	1	1	0	A. Jobs and the economy
49	36	8	4	2	1	B. Helping people save for retirement
71	23	5	1	<1	1	C. Helping older people live independently
59	32	6	2	1	<1	D. Supporting family caregivers
63	27	6	4	1	<1	E. Addressing opioid and drug addiction problems
78	17	2	1	2	<1	F. Strengthening and reforming Social Security
74	21	3	1	1	1	G. Strengthening and reforming Medicare
77	19	2	1	<1	<1	H. Addressing rising prescription drug costs
81	17	1	1	<1	<1	I. Lowering healthcare costs
56	28	9	3	3	1	J. Nomination of a new Supreme Court justice
37	40	15	7	1	<1	K. Ensuring that affordable, reliable, high speed Internet service, is available in all parts of the state
81	16	1	1	1	0	L. Ensuring there is adequate and affordable health care available in Maine

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=804
59	1 Local TV news
57	2 National TV news
35	3 Printed newspaper
24	4 Online newspaper
33	5 Online news sources
22	6 Friends and family
27	7 Radio
4	8 Twitter
13	9 Facebook
2	97 Other (VOL)
<1	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=804
1	1 Grade school
3	2 Some high school
24	3 High school graduate (GED)
18	4 Some college, no degree
14	5 Associate's degree (2-year college degree)
21	6 Bachelor's degree (4-year degree)
4	7 Some postgraduate work, no degree
12	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=804
8	1 Single
3	2 Unmarried, living with partner
58	3 Married
1	4 Separated
13	5 Widowed
16	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=804
46	1 Yes, AARP member
52	2 No, not AARP member
2	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

F4. Do you currently collect Social Security benefits?

%	n=804
57	1 Yes, collect Social Security benefits
42	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=804
55	1 Yes
44	2 No
1	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

F6. Are you an active or former military member?

%	n=804
19	1 Yes
81	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=804
5	1 Yes
95	2 No
<1	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

F8. Which of the following do you feel best describes your political perspective? [READ LIST]

%	n=804
25	1 Liberal or progressive
35	2 Moderate
36	3 Conservative
5	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

F9. Do you think of yourself as **[INSERT 1-3, ROTATE ORDER]**, or something else?

%	n=804
29	1 A Democrat
34	2 An Independent
30	3 A Republican
5	4 Something else
1	7 Other (DO NOT READ)
1	8 Not sure/ nothing (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

F10. 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=804
20	1 Less than \$25,000
28	2 \$25,000 to less than \$50,000
16	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
2	8 Not sure/ nothing (DO NOT READ)
7	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)