



Annotated Questionnaire

Telephone interviews conducted with 808 registered voters by landline (70%) and cell phone (30%) between 8/21/18 and 8/29/18. All data have been weighted by age, gender, and geographic distribution according to July 2018 Minnesota 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=808
47	1 Male
53	2 Female

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

%	n=808
30	1 Cell phone
70	2 Wired landline phone
0	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

S2. Are you currently registered to vote?

%	n=808
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=808
16	1 50-54
18	2 55-59
18	3 60-64
16	4 65-69
11	5 70-74
11	6 75-79
6	7 80-84
4	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=808
81	1 Very likely
10	2 Fairly likely
4	3 Just somewhat likely
2	4 Not that likely
<1	5 Or will you not vote
2	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_H]

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=808
44	28	16	9	2	<1	A. How divided America and Americans have become
34	27	23	15	1	<1	B. Prices rising faster than your income
21	30	31	17	1	1	C. The threat of terrorism in our country today
31	24	22	22	<1	<1	D. Not being able to afford the health care you need
12	14	25	42	5	3	E. Having to take care of an aging family member
25	18	15	34	5	3	F. Not being able to retire when you want to, due to financial reasons
26	26	25	20	2	1	G. Paying too much in taxes
34	25	21	18	1	1	H. The rising cost of prescription drugs

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

%	n=808
38	1 Approve
51	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=808
22	1 Approve
56	2 Disapprove
21	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=808
25	1 Approve
52	2 Disapprove
21	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
2	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 1-2]

%	n=808
43	1 Democrat, Tim Walz
36	2 Republican, Jeff Johnson
19	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 1-2]

%	n=808
55	1 Democrat, Amy Klobuchar
33	2 Republican, Jim Newberger
12	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 U.S. Senate Special Election would you be most likely to vote for? [READ LIST] [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF 1-2]

%	n=808
42	1 Democrat, Tina Smith
36	2 Republican, Karin Housley
21	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	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=808
15	1 Getting much stronger
32	2 Getting somewhat stronger
22	3 Staying the same
19	4 Getting somewhat weaker
8	5 Getting much weaker
4	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

FIN-2. How would you describe your personal financial situation? Would you say you are... [READ LIST]

%	n=808
3	1 Rapidly increasing your wealth
22	2 Slowly getting ahead
38	3 Staying where you are
25	4 Struggling to keep up
11	5 Falling backward
<1	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
2	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

FIN-3. Which of the following best describes your current employment status? Are you... [READ LIST]

%	n=808
38	1 Retired and not working
9	2 Retired and working at least part time
29	3 Employed full time
10	4 Employed part time
4	5 Not employed but looking for work
9	6 Not employed and not looking for work
1	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

FIN-4a. **(IF FIN-3=Retired and not working)** How confident are you that you have enough money saved for retirement? [READ LIST]

%	n=310
23	1 Very confident
38	2 Somewhat confident
17	3 Not very confident
16	4 Not confident at all
5	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
2	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

FIN-4b. **(IF FIN-3≠Retired and not working)** How confident are you that you will have enough money saved for retirement? [READ LIST]

%	n=498
8	1 Very confident
32	2 Somewhat confident
25	3 Not very confident
29	4 Not confident at all
5	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

FIN-5. Forty percent of Minnesota workers do not have a way to save for retirement at work. One way to help more residents save would be to set up a retirement savings program in Minnesota. The program would be managed as a private-public partnership but workers would be in control of their retirement savings, allowing them to choose whether to participate, to decide how much to contribute, and to take their account with them if they change jobs. Pre-tax money would automatically be taken out of workers' paychecks and deposited into their retirement savings. Thinking about this, do you agree or disagree with the following statement: *Elected officials in Minnesota should support legislation that makes it easier for workers to save their own money for retirement so they can take care of themselves in their later years.* Do you... [READ LIST]

%	n=808
39	1 Strongly agree
36	2 Somewhat agree
12	3 Neither agree nor disagree (DO NOT READ)
4	4 Somewhat disagree
3	5 Strongly disagree
6	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=808
82	1 Very important
16	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=808
70	1 Immediately
16	2 Within the next 2 years
6	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)
4	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=808
92	1 Very important
6	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=808
7	1 Improve the coordination of patient care
1	2 Reduce hospital re-admissions
16	3 Reduce prescription drug costs
7	4 Reduce unnecessary tests and procedures
3	5 Put better use to technology
51	6 All of these (DO NOT READ)
2	7 None of these (DO NOT READ)
12	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=808
87	1 Yes, should be legal
3	2 No, should not be legal
10	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=808
47	1 Strongly support
16	2 Somewhat support
8	3 Somewhat oppose
20	4 Strongly oppose
8	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=808
67	1 A lot of influence
21	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. 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 Minnesota? Would you say you are... [READ LIST]

%	n=808
26	1 Extremely concerned
36	2 Very concerned
29	3 Somewhat concerned
7	4 Not at all concerned
3	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

HC-2. How important is it to you that elected officials support efforts to ensure that prescription drugs and health coverage, including public programs such as MinnesotaCare, are accessible and affordable to Minnesota residents? [READ LIST]

%	n=808
60	1 Extremely important
23	2 Very important
12	3 Somewhat important
2	4 Not important
3	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
<1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

HC-3. 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 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=808
81	1 It is unfair to deny coverage or make those with pre-existing conditions pay more for their health care.
4	2 We should repeal protection for those with pre-existing conditions because it increases the cost of insurance.
14	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

HC-4. 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=808
8	1 Older Americans use more health care and it is not fair to raise premiums for everyone else.
82	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.
10	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=808
12	1 Yes, I currently provide care
85	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=690
39	1 Yes, provided care in past
60	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=690
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8	1 Extremely likely
16	2 Very likely
29	3 Somewhat likely
36	4 Not at all likely
12	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
<1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

CG-4. 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=808
47	1 Strongly support
33	2 Somewhat support
11	3 Neither support nor oppose (DO NOT READ)
3	4 Somewhat oppose
1	5 Strongly oppose
6	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
<1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

CG-5. 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=808
38	1 At home with assistance from a family caregiver
36	2 At home with assistance from paid, professional help
13	3 In an assisted living facility or group home
1	4 In a nursing home
11	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
<1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

AL-1. There has been significant growth in the number of assisted living facilities in Minnesota, yet there is little government oversight of their operations. The federal government does not regulate assisted living facilities and Minnesota does not currently license these facilities. How strongly would you support or oppose legislation to expand public oversight of assisted living facilities to ensure consumer protection and quality care? Do you...? [READ LIST]

%	n=808
52	1 Strongly support
30	2 Somewhat support
9	3 Neither support nor oppose (DO NOT READ)
3	4 Somewhat oppose
1	5 Strongly oppose
6	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 this fall support investments in [ITEM]? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF AFC-1_A THROUGH AFC-1_C]**

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=808
31	42	16	6	5	<1	A. Broadband internet access in rural areas
45	39	9	5	2	<1	B. Public transportation
66	26	5	2	2	<1	C. Affordable housing

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=808
56	37	5	1	2	<1	A. Jobs and the economy
41	44	9	4	3	<1	B. Helping people save for retirement
52	39	6	2	2	<1	C. Helping older people live independently
37	48	10	2	3	<1	D. Supporting family caregivers
41	41	11	3	3	<1	E. Addressing opioid and drug addiction problems
74	23	2	<1	1	<1	F. Strengthening and reforming Social Security
66	29	3	1	2	<1	G. Strengthening and reforming Medicare
68	25	4	1	1	<1	H. Addressing rising prescription drug costs
76	21	2	1	1	<1	I. Lowering healthcare costs
41	31	14	6	8	1	J. Nomination of a new Supreme Court justice
24	29	25	17	5	<1	K. Expanding access to medical marijuana

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=808
74	1 Local TV news
48	2 National TV news
36	3 Printed newspaper
20	4 Online newspaper
28	5 Online news sources
21	6 Friends and family
23	7 Radio
2	8 Twitter
12	9 Facebook
4	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=808
<1	1 Grade school
1	2 Some high school
21	3 High school graduate (GED)
24	4 Some college, no degree
17	5 Associate's degree (2-year college degree)
23	6 Bachelor's degree (4-year degree)
4	7 Some postgraduate work, no degree
9	8 Master's degree
3	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=808
11	1 Single
6	2 Unmarried, living with partner
58	3 Married
<1	4 Separated
10	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=808
43	1 Yes, AARP member
57	2 No, not AARP member
1	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

F4. Do you currently collect Social Security benefits?

%	n=808
52	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=808
49	1 Yes
51	2 No
1	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

F6. Are you an active or former military member?

%	n=808
15	1 Yes
85	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=808
3	1 Yes
97	2 No
0	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

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

%	n=808
20	1 Liberal or progressive
34	2 Moderate
35	3 Conservative
11	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

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

%	n=808
34	1 A Democrat
24	2 An Independent
31	3 A Republican
4	4 Something else
1	7 Other (DO NOT READ)
4	8 Not sure/ nothing (DO NOT READ)
2	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=808
13	1 Less than \$25,000
26	2 \$25,000 to less than \$50,000
19	3 \$50,000 to less than \$75,000
17	4 \$75,000 to less than \$100,000
11	5 \$100,000 to less than \$150,000
5	6 \$150,000 or more
3	8 Not sure/ nothing (DO NOT READ)
6	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)