



Annotated Questionnaire

Telephone interviews conducted with 806 North Dakota residents by landline (70%) and cell phone (30%) between 8/22/18 and 8/31/18. All data have been weighted by age, gender, race/ethnicity, and geographic distribution according to June 2018 North Dakota Central Voter File 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=806
47	1 Male
53	2 Female

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

%	n=806
34	1 Cell phone
66	2 Wired landline phone
1	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

S2_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=806
14	1 50-54
16	2 55-59
20	3 60-64
17	4 65-69
11	5 70-74
8	6 75-79
7	7 80-84
6	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=806
83	1 Very likely
6	2 Fairly likely
5	3 Just somewhat likely
3	4 Not that likely
2	5 Or will you not vote
1	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=806
45	28	14	12	1	<1	A. How divided America and Americans have become
32	25	19	24	1	<1	B. Prices rising faster than your income
21	30	25	23	1	1	C. The threat of terrorism in our country today
28	19	14	38	1	<1	D. Not being able to afford the health care you need
12	16	14	55	2	1	E. Having to take care of an aging family member
20	14	11	51	3	1	F. Not being able to retire when you want to, due to financial reasons
26	27	18	28	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=806
53	1 Approve
38	2 Disapprove
8	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=806
34	1 Approve
51	2 Disapprove
13	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
2	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

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

%	n=806
23	1 Approve
63	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 U.S. Senator would you be most likely to vote for? [READ LIST] **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF 1-2]**

%	n=806
43	1 Democrat, Heidi Heitkamp
46	2 Republican, Kevin Cramer
9	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
2	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

POL-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 1-2]**

%	n=806
30	1 Democrat, Mac Schneider
49	2 Republican, Kelly Armstrong
19	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
2	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=806
22	1 Getting much stronger
32	2 Getting somewhat stronger
20	3 Staying the same
14	4 Getting somewhat weaker
7	5 Getting much weaker
4	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
<1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

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

%	n=806
12	1 Getting much stronger
33	2 Getting somewhat stronger
29	3 Staying the same
16	4 Getting somewhat weaker
7	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=806
4	1 Rapidly increasing your wealth
23	2 Slowly getting ahead
47	3 Staying where you are
17	4 Struggling to keep up
8	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=806
43	1 Retired and not working
12	2 Retired and working at least part time
30	3 Employed full time
7	4 Employed part time
2	5 Not employed but looking for work
7	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=343
34	1 Very confident
43	2 Somewhat confident
10	3 Not very confident
12	4 Not confident at all
1	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=463
22	1 Very confident
40	2 Somewhat confident
17	3 Not very confident
19	4 Not confident at all
2	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=806
83	1 Very important
13	2 Somewhat important
2	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=806
62	1 Immediately
17	2 Within the next 2 years
10	3 Within the next 5 years
4	4 Within the next 10 years
1	5 Within the next 15 years
3	6 Or not at all
<1	7 Some other timeframe (VOL)
3	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=806
90	1 Very important
9	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=806
13	1 Improve the coordination of patient care
2	2 Reduce hospital re-admissions
29	3 Reduce prescription drug costs
14	4 Reduce unnecessary tests and procedures
8	5 Put better use to technology
16	6 All of these (DO NOT READ)
4	7 None of these (DO NOT READ)
13	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=806
82	1 Yes, should be legal
11	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=806
41	1 Strongly support
16	2 Somewhat support
12	3 Somewhat oppose
23	4 Strongly oppose
7	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=806
69	1 A lot of influence
23	2 Some influence
3	3 Only a little influence
2	4 No influence at all
4	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=806
79	1 It is unfair to deny coverage or make those with pre-existing conditions pay more for their health care.
13	2 We should repeal protection for those with pre-existing conditions because it increases the cost of insurance.
7	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=806
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-3. Recent Congressional proposals would cap the amount of Medicaid funding states receive to care for everyone in the program, including disabled children, and adults and the most vulnerable seniors. This change would mean that North Dakota would be restricted in the number of people they can care for in their own homes and communities. Do you support or oppose capping Medicaid funding?

%	n=806
7	1 Strongly support
11	2 Somewhat support
6	3 Neither support nor oppose (DO NOT READ)
21	4 Somewhat oppose
46	5 Strongly oppose
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=806
16	1 Yes, I currently provide care
83	2 No
1	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
0	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=669
45	1 Yes, provided care in past
54	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=669
9	1 Extremely likely
13	2 Very likely
33	3 Somewhat likely
37	4 Not at all likely
8	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
0	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=806
36	1 At home with assistance from a family caregiver
34	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=806
59	1 Strongly support
28	2 Somewhat support
4	3 Neither support nor oppose (DO NOT READ)
5	4 Somewhat oppose
3	5 Strongly oppose
2	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=806
63	31	2	1	2	<1	A. Jobs and the economy
48	37	7	4	4	<1	B. Helping people save for retirement
61	33	4	2	1	<1	C. Helping older people live independently
51	41	5	1	3	<1	D. Supporting family caregivers
55	33	7	3	2	1	E. Addressing opioid and drug addiction problems
73	22	2	1	1	<1	F. Strengthening and reforming Social Security
66	29	1	2	2	1	G. Strengthening and reforming Medicare
73	22	3	2	1	<1	H. Addressing rising prescription drug costs
79	18	1	<1	1	<1	I. Lowering healthcare costs
57	26	10	3	4	<1	J. Nomination of a new Supreme Court justice

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=806
68	1 Local TV news
60	2 National TV news
42	3 Printed newspaper
21	4 Online newspaper
28	5 Online news sources
24	6 Friends and family
29	7 Radio
4	8 Twitter
14	9 Facebook
1	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=806
1	1 Grade school
2	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)
24	6 Bachelor's degree (4-year degree)
2	7 Some postgraduate work, no degree
10	8 Master's degree
2	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=806
10	1 Single
2	2 Unmarried, living with partner
65	3 Married
1	4 Separated
12	5 Widowed
10	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=806
43	1 Yes, AARP member
56	2 No, not AARP member
1	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

F4. Do you currently collect Social Security benefits?

%	n=806
58	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=806
54	1 Yes
46	2 No
1	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

F6. Are you an active or former military member?

%	n=806
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=806
3	1 Yes
97	2 No
<1	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

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

%	n=806
<1	1 Yes, Hispanic
99	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=806
97	1 White
<1	2 Black/African American
<1	3 Asian
<1	4 Hispanic (VOL)
1	5 Something else/ other
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=806
14	1 Liberal or progressive
31	2 Moderate
46	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=806
21	1 A Democrat
32	2 An Independent
38	3 A Republican
4	4 Something else
1	7 Other (DO NOT READ)
3	8 Not sure/ nothing (DO NOT READ)
1	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=806
14	1 Less than \$25,000
21	2 \$25,000 to less than \$50,000
20	3 \$50,000 to less than \$75,000
15	4 \$75,000 to less than \$100,000
12	5 \$100,000 to less than \$150,000
7	6 \$150,000 or more
3	8 Not sure/ nothing (DO NOT READ)
8	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)