



Annotated Questionnaire

Telephone interviews conducted with 324 registered voters by landline (55%) and cell phone (44%) between 8/22/18 and 9/1/18. All data have been weighted by age, gender, and geographic distribution according to July 2018 Tennessee State Voter Registration Database statistics. These survey results have a 5.4% 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=332
38	1 Male
62	2 Female

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

%	n=332
44	1 Cell phone
55	2 Wired landline phone
1	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

S2. Are you currently registered to vote?

%	n=332
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=332
19	1 50-54
22	2 55-59
18	3 60-64
16	4 65-69
7	5 70-74
7	6 75-79
4	7 80-84
5	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=332
89	1 Very likely
5	2 Fairly likely
2	3 Just somewhat likely
1	4 Not that likely
1	5 Or will you not vote
3	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=332
49	21	12	15	3	2	A. How divided America and Americans have become
47	21	14	17	1	<1	B. Prices rising faster than your income
27	21	25	24	3	<1	C. The threat of terrorism in our country today
32	23	13	30	2	1	D. Not being able to afford the health care you need
21	13	15	48	2	1	E. Having to take care of an aging family member
29	18	11	36	4	3	F. Not being able to retire when you want to, due to financial reasons
32	28	14	23	3	<1	G. Paying too much in taxes

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

%	n=332
7	1 Approve
80	2 Disapprove
11	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=332
5	1 Approve
75	2 Disapprove
18	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=332
46	1 Approve
24	2 Disapprove
29	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
2	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

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

%	n=332
77	1 Democrat, Karl Dean
3	2 Republican, Bill Lee
3	3 An Independent (specify)
16	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

POL-2. If the election for U.S. Senator was being held today, which one of the following would you be most likely to vote for? [READ LIST] **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF 1-4]**

%	n=332
84	1 Democrat, Phil Bredeson
4	2 Republican, Marsha Blackburn
2	3 An Independent candidate
9	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=332
4	1 Getting much stronger
17	2 Getting somewhat stronger
24	3 Staying the same
22	4 Getting somewhat weaker
22	5 Getting much weaker
10	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

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

%	n=332
5	1 Getting much stronger
20	2 Getting somewhat stronger
39	3 Staying the same
15	4 Getting somewhat weaker
12	5 Getting much weaker
9	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=332
2	1 Rapidly increasing your wealth
19	2 Slowly getting ahead
34	3 Staying where you are
34	4 Struggling to keep up
9	5 Falling backward
3	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=332
45	1 Retired and not working
6	2 Retired and working at least part time
26	3 Employed full time
5	4 Employed part time
6	5 Not employed but looking for work
10	6 Not employed and not looking for work
0	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=150
17	1 Very confident
28	2 Somewhat confident
17	3 Not very confident
29	4 Not confident at all
8	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
2	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=182
7	1 Very confident
25	2 Somewhat confident
22	3 Not very confident
40	4 Not confident at all
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=332
89	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=332
76	1 Immediately
12	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
2	6 Or not at all
0	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=332
94	1 Very important
4	2 Somewhat important
<1	3 Not very important
0	4 Not at all important
2	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 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=332
20	1 Improve the coordination of patient care
5	2 Reduce hospital re-admissions
24	3 Reduce prescription drug costs
9	4 Reduce unnecessary tests and procedures
5	5 Put better use to technology
24	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=332
68	1 Yes, should be legal
16	2 No, should not be legal
13	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
3	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=332
34	1 Strongly support
12	2 Somewhat support
12	3 Somewhat oppose
28	4 Strongly oppose
13	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=332
59	1 A lot of influence
19	2 Some influence
8	3 Only a little influence
3	4 No influence at all
10	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=332
83	1 It is unfair to deny coverage or make those with pre-existing conditions pay more for their health care.
8	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=332
13	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.
8	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
2	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 Tennessee? Would you say you are... [READ LIST]

%	n=332
35	1 Extremely concerned
27	2 Very concerned
28	3 Somewhat concerned
8	4 Not at all concerned
3	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
0	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

HC-4. Do you think elected officials are doing too much, too little, or just enough to address the opioid addiction problem in Tennessee?

%	n=332
4	1 Too much
62	2 Too little
21	3 Right amount
12	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
2	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=332
23	1 Yes, I currently provide care
76	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=252
45	1 Yes, provided care in past
55	2 No
1	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
0	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=252
14	1 Extremely likely
11	2 Very likely
28	3 Somewhat likely
28	4 Not at all likely
20	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=332
47	1 At home with assistance from a family caregiver
37	2 At home with assistance from paid, professional help
9	3 In an assisted living facility or group home
2	4 In a nursing home
5	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=332
65	1 Strongly support
23	2 Somewhat support
3	3 Neither support nor oppose (DO NOT READ)
2	4 Somewhat oppose
1	5 Strongly oppose
6	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
<1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

CG-6. Twenty-two states have passed a proposal to modernize outdated rules related to nurse practitioners and advanced practice registered nurses. These nurses, who have additional training in specific areas like elder care, often visit older patients in their homes. By updating the rules, nurse practitioners can serve as the primary or acute care provider for a patient. Do you support or oppose modernizing outdated rules to allow nurse practitioners, who have advanced training, to serve as the primary or acute care provider for patients? [READ LIST]

%	n=332
49	1 Strongly support
30	2 Somewhat support
6	3 Neither support nor oppose (DO NOT READ)
6	4 Somewhat oppose
2	5 Strongly oppose
7	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
<1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

LTSS-1. Currently, Tennessee spends about 25 percent of its Medicaid budget and state funds for long-term care on services provided in the home and about 75 percent on institutional care, such as nursing home care. How strongly would you support or oppose shifting some of Tennessee’s long-term care funds so that more money is spent on home care and less on institutional care? Would you ...?

%	n=332
48	1 Strongly support
28	2 Somewhat support
8	3 Neither support nor oppose (DO NOT READ)
7	4 Somewhat oppose
2	5 Strongly oppose
7	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
<1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

LTSS-2. How prepared would you say Tennessee is to support the growing aging population? Would you say...

%	n=332
5	1 Very prepared
35	2 Somewhat prepared
25	3 Not very prepared
17	4 Not at all prepared
18	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
0	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=332
79	17	2	<1	1	<1	A. Jobs and the economy
58	29	8	1	4	<1	B. Helping people save for retirement
69	25	2	1	3	<1	C. Helping older people live independently
66	28	2	1	3	<1	D. Supporting family caregivers
63	26	7	2	2	<1	E. Addressing opioid and drug addiction problems
84	12	2	0	2	<1	F. Strengthening and reforming Social Security
78	17	2	1	2	<1	G. Strengthening and reforming Medicare
81	13	3	1	2	<1	H. Addressing rising prescription drug costs
86	10	1	1	2	<1	I. Lowering healthcare costs
43	33	13	4	7	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=332
80	1 Local TV news
51	2 National TV news
25	3 Printed newspaper
20	4 Online newspaper
25	5 Online news sources
27	6 Friends and family
24	7 Radio
4	8 Twitter
17	9 Facebook
2	97 Other (VOL)
0	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=332
1	1 Grade school
3	2 Some high school
31	3 High school graduate (GED)
30	4 Some college, no degree
11	5 Associate's degree (2-year college degree)
9	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=332
21	1 Single
4	2 Unmarried, living with partner
34	3 Married
2	4 Separated
16	5 Widowed
23	6 Divorced
0	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=332
38	1 Yes, AARP member
59	2 No, not AARP member
3	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

F4. Do you currently collect Social Security benefits?

%	n=332
53	1 Yes, collect Social Security benefits
46	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=332
45	1 Yes
53	2 No
2	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

F6. Are you an active or former military member?

%	n=332
13	1 Yes
87	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=332
13	1 Yes
87	2 No
<1	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

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

%	n=332
0	1 Yes, Hispanic
100	2 No, not Hispanic
0	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

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

%	n=332
0	1 White
100	2 Black/African American
0	3 Asian
0	4 Hispanic (VOL)
0	5 Other or something else
0	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

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

%	n=332
22	1 Liberal or progressive
40	2 Moderate
23	3 Conservative
15	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

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

%	n=332
70	1 A Democrat
14	2 An Independent
6	3 A Republican
3	4 Something else
1	7 Other (DO NOT READ)
4	8 Not sure/ nothing (DO NOT READ)
3	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=332
29	1 Less than \$25,000
32	2 \$25,000 to less than \$50,000
16	3 \$50,000 to less than \$75,000
10	4 \$75,000 to less than \$100,000
4	5 \$100,000 to less than \$150,000
3	6 \$150,000 or more
3	8 Not sure/ nothing (DO NOT READ)
5	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)