



## Annotated Questionnaire

Telephone interviews conducted with 611 registered voters by landline (73%) and cell phone (27%) between 9/6/18 and 9/20/18. All data have been weighted by age, gender, and race/ethnicity according to August 2018 Texas 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=611
45	1 Male
55	2 Female

L1. Would you like to continue the survey in English, or would you prefer to continue in Spanish?

%	n=611
100	1 English
<1	2 Spanish

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

%	n=611
27	1 Cell phone
73	2 Wired landline phone
<1	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

S2. Are you currently registered to vote?

%	n=611
100	1 Registered
0	2 Not registered <b>[TERMINATE]</b>
0	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ) <b>[TERMINATE]</b>

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=611
19	1 50-54
21	2 55-59
18	3 60-64
17	4 65-69
9	5 70-74
7	6 75-79
5	7 80-84
4	8 85+
1	9 Refused but before (DATE) 1968 (DO NOT READ)
0	99 <50 <b>[TERMINATE]</b>

*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=611
81	1 Very likely
11	2 Fairly likely
4	3 Just somewhat likely
3	4 Not that likely
1	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=611
48	27	18	7	1	<1	A. How divided America and Americans have become
31	29	23	15	1	<1	B. Prices rising faster than your income
21	32	31	15	1	0	C. The threat of terrorism in our country today
32	18	20	28	1	<1	D. Not being able to afford the health care you need
16	15	19	44	4	2	E. Having to take care of an aging family member
23	20	18	35	3	2	F. Not being able to retire when you want to, due to financial reasons
29	24	27	19	<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=611
50	1 Approve
41	2 Disapprove
8	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=611
38	1 Approve
50	2 Disapprove
9	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
3	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

Q4\_B. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democrats in Congress are doing?

%	n=611
24	1 Approve
64	2 Disapprove
10	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
3	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 1-2]

%	n=611
36	1 Democrat, Lizzie Pannill Fletcher
50	2 Republican, John Culberson
10	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
4	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=611
30	1 Getting much stronger
31	2 Getting somewhat stronger
17	3 Staying the same
13	4 Getting somewhat weaker
6	5 Getting much weaker
3	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
0	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

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

%	n=611
24	1 Getting much stronger
33	2 Getting somewhat stronger
26	3 Staying the same
9	4 Getting somewhat weaker
4	5 Getting much weaker
4	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=611
5	1 Rapidly increasing your wealth
30	2 Slowly getting ahead
39	3 Staying where you are
19	4 Struggling to keep up
5	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=611
38	1 Retired and not working
8	2 Retired and working at least part time
35	3 Employed full time
8	4 Employed part time
5	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=230
33	1 Very confident
32	2 Somewhat confident
18	3 Not very confident
13	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=381
14	1 Very confident
35	2 Somewhat confident
24	3 Not very confident
21	4 Not confident at all
5	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=611
75	1 Very important
21	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=611
65	1 Immediately
18	2 Within the next 2 years
7	3 Within the next 5 years
2	4 Within the next 10 years
2	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=611
85	1 Very important
11	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)

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=611
13	1 Improve the coordination of patient care
3	2 Reduce unnecessary hospital re-admissions
22	3 Reduce prescription drug costs
12	4 Reduce unnecessary tests and procedures
7	5 Put technology to better use
28	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=611
80	1 Yes, should be legal
9	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=611
40	1 Strongly support
18	2 Somewhat support
13	3 Somewhat oppose
21	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=611
66	1 A lot of influence
22	2 Some influence
4	3 Only a little influence
2	4 No influence at all
6	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=611
77	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.
10	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=611
15	1 Older Americans use more health care and it is not fair to raise premiums for everyone else.
77	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. 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=611
29	1 Extremely concerned
21	2 Very concerned
33	3 Somewhat concerned
12	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=611
14	1 Yes, I currently provide care
85	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=519
38	1 Yes, provided care in past
60	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=519
11	1 Extremely likely
13	2 Very likely
33	3 Somewhat likely
33	4 Not at all likely
10	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=611
34	1 At home with assistance from a family caregiver
40	2 At home with assistance from paid, professional help
13	3 In an assisted living facility or group home
2	4 In a nursing home
11	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=611
58	1 Strongly support
29	2 Somewhat support
4	3 Neither support nor oppose (DO NOT READ)
2	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=611
69	26	4	1	0	<1	A. Jobs and the economy
50	36	9	5	1	<1	B. Helping people save for retirement
49	35	12	3	1	<1	C. Helping older people live independently
44	39	13	3	1	<1	D. Supporting family caregivers
43	38	14	4	1	<1	E. Addressing opioid and drug addiction problems
72	22	3	2	1	0	F. Strengthening and reforming Social Security
69	26	4	1	1	0	G. Strengthening and reforming Medicare
69	26	4	<1	1	0	H. Addressing rising prescription drug costs
73	24	2	<1	1	0	I. Lowering healthcare costs

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=611
55	1 Local TV news
52	2 National TV news
23	3 Printed newspaper
20	4 Online newspaper
36	5 Online news sources
20	6 Friends and family
18	7 Radio
6	8 Twitter
13	9 Facebook
3	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=611
1	1 Grade school
<1	2 Some high school
9	3 High school graduate (GED)
25	4 Some college, no degree
11	5 Associate's degree (2-year college degree)
30	6 Bachelor's degree (4-year degree)
4	7 Some postgraduate work, no degree
16	8 Master's degree
5	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=611
15	1 Single
3	2 Unmarried, living with partner
55	3 Married
1	4 Separated
9	5 Widowed
17	6 Divorced
0	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=611
37	1 Yes, AARP member
62	2 No, not AARP member
1	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

F4. Do you currently collect Social Security benefits?

%	n=611
43	1 Yes, collect Social Security benefits
56	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=611
47	1 Yes
52	2 No
1	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

F6. Are you an active or former military member?

%	n=611
12	1 Yes
88	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=611
9	1 Yes
90	2 No
1	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

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

%	n=611
10	1 Yes, Hispanic
89	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=611
83	1 White
6	2 Black/African American
4	3 Asian
4	4 Hispanic (VOL)
1	5 Something else
2	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

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

%	n=611
19	1 Liberal or progressive
29	2 Moderate
46	3 Conservative
7	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

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

%	n=611
30	1 A Democrat
24	2 An Independent
39	3 A Republican
3	4 Something else
0	7 Other (DO NOT READ)
2	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=611
9	1 Less than \$25,000
23	2 \$25,000 to less than \$50,000
17	3 \$50,000 to less than \$75,000
17	4 \$75,000 to less than \$100,000
13	5 \$100,000 to less than \$150,000
11	6 \$150,000 or more
2	8 Not sure/ nothing (DO NOT READ)
8	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)