



Annotated Questionnaire

Telephone interviews conducted with 602 registered voters by landline (67%) and cell phone (33%) between 9/7/18 and 9/17/18. All data have been weighted by age, gender, race/ethnicity, and geographic distribution according to August 2018 Virginia 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=602
49	1 Male
51	2 Female

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

%	n=602
33	1 Cell phone
67	2 Wired landline phone
<1	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

S2. Are you currently registered to vote?

%	n=602
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=602
23	1 50-54
20	2 55-59
18	3 60-64
12	4 65-69
12	5 70-74
4	6 75-79
5	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=602
83	1 Very likely
10	2 Fairly likely
4	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=602
53	27	12	6	1	1	A. How divided America and Americans have become
30	24	25	20	1	1	B. Prices rising faster than your income
24	25	32	18	1	1	C. The threat of terrorism in our country today
25	25	22	27	1	1	D. Not being able to afford the health care you need
19	18	23	38	1	1	E. Having to take care of an aging family member
23	23	16	35	2	2	F. Not being able to retire when you want to, due to financial reasons
31	25	22	20	1	2	G. Paying too much in taxes

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

%	n=602
35	1 Approve
57	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=602
21	1 Approve
63	2 Disapprove
15	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=602
29	1 Approve
51	2 Disapprove
18	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
2	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

Q5. Which comes closer to your view about how Members of Congress should represent their constituents? **[ROTATE ORDER OF 1-2]**

%	n=602
91	1 Democrats and Republicans should work together and be willing to compromise to pass legislation
4	2 Members of Congress should only support legislation that includes all of their party's priorities
5	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. Congress would you be most likely to vote for? **[READ LIST] [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF 1-2]**

%	n=602
49	1 Democrat, Jennifer Wexton
35	2 Republican, Barbara Comstock
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. Senate would you be most likely to vote for? **[READ LIST] [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF 1-3]**

%	n=602
52	1 Democrat, Tim Kaine
31	2 Republican, Corey Stewart
3	3 Libertarian, Matt Waters
13	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=602
18	1 Getting much stronger
31	2 Getting somewhat stronger
23	3 Staying the same
17	4 Getting somewhat weaker
5	5 Getting much weaker
5	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
<1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

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

%	n=602
10	1 Getting much stronger
29	2 Getting somewhat stronger
41	3 Staying the same
10	4 Getting somewhat weaker
3	5 Getting much weaker
7	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=602
3	1 Rapidly increasing your wealth
27	2 Slowly getting ahead
41	3 Staying where you are
22	4 Struggling to keep up
6	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=602
33	1 Retired and not working
7	2 Retired and working at least part time
41	3 Employed full time
8	4 Employed part time
4	5 Not employed but looking for work
6	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=201
31	1 Very confident
50	2 Somewhat confident
7	3 Not very confident
10	4 Not confident at all
2	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=401
12	1 Very confident
41	2 Somewhat confident
18	3 Not very confident
26	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=602
77	1 Very important
19	2 Somewhat important
2	3 Not very important
1	4 Not at all important
2	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=602
67	1 Immediately
16	2 Within the next 2 years
8	3 Within the next 5 years
3	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=602
87	1 Very important
11	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 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=602
16	1 Improve the coordination of patient care
4	2 Reduce unnecessary hospital re-admissions
22	3 Reduce prescription drug costs
8	4 Reduce unnecessary tests and procedures
9	5 Put technology to better use
27	6 All of these (DO NOT READ)
4	7 None of these (DO NOT READ)
10	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
0	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=602
77	1 Yes, should be legal
11	2 No, should not be legal
12	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=602
40	1 Strongly support
18	2 Somewhat support
12	3 Somewhat oppose
21	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=602
64	1 A lot of influence
24	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=602
81	1 It is unfair to deny coverage or make those with pre-existing conditions pay more for their health care.
10	2 We should repeal protection for those with pre-existing conditions because it increases the cost of insurance.
9	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=602
12	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.
7	8 Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

HC-3. Leaders in Washington have changed some health care laws making it more difficult for insurance companies to offer coverage for people who don't get their insurance through their job. These actions have caused increases in premiums in Virginia over the last few years. Which of the following statements do you agree with more: [READ LIST]

%	n=602
78	1 Our leaders should work across party lines to shore up the current system and protect access to coverage for people who need it
15	2 Our leaders should scrap the current system and build a new one, even if some people might lose coverage in the meantime
6	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=602
15	1 Yes, I currently provide care
84	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=506
32	1 Yes, provided care in past
68	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=506
13	1 Extremely likely
20	2 Very likely
32	3 Somewhat likely
29	4 Not at all likely
6	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=602
33	1 At home with assistance from a family caregiver
41	2 At home with assistance from paid, professional help
16	3 In an assisted living facility or group home
1	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=602
63	1 Strongly support
23	2 Somewhat support
6	3 Neither support nor oppose (DO NOT READ)
3	4 Somewhat oppose
2	5 Strongly oppose
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=602
65	29	4	2	0	<1	A. Jobs and the economy
49	32	12	4	2	<1	B. Helping people save for retirement
49	35	12	2	2	0	C. Helping older people live independently
40	41	13	4	2	<1	D. Supporting family caregivers
47	36	10	5	2	<1	E. Addressing opioid and drug addiction problems
68	25	4	2	2	1	F. Strengthening and reforming Social Security
63	29	5	2	2	0	G. Strengthening and reforming Medicare
65	30	3	2	1	0	H. Addressing rising prescription drug costs
73	23	3	2	<1	0	I. Lowering healthcare costs
46	31	13	9	1	0	J. Avoiding future government shut-downs

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=602
49	1 Local TV news
44	2 National TV news
27	3 Printed newspaper
26	4 Online newspaper
35	5 Online news sources
20	6 Friends and family
19	7 Radio
7	8 Twitter
10	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=602
1	1 Grade school
1	2 Some high school
11	3 High school graduate (GED)
16	4 Some college, no degree
7	5 Associate's degree (2-year college degree)
30	6 Bachelor's degree (4-year degree)
4	7 Some postgraduate work, no degree
22	8 Master's degree
8	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=602
8	1 Single
4	2 Unmarried, living with partner
69	3 Married
1	4 Separated
10	5 Widowed
8	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=602
42	1 Yes, AARP member
56	2 No, not AARP member
2	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

F4. Do you currently collect Social Security benefits?

%	n=602
32	1 Yes, collect Social Security benefits
67	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=602
36	1 Yes
63	2 No
1	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

F6. Are you an active or former military member?

%	n=602
14	1 Yes
85	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=602
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=602
8	1 Yes, Hispanic
91	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=602
81	1 White
5	2 Black/African American
8	3 Asian
5	4 Hispanic (VOL)
1	5 Something else
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=602
24	1 Liberal or progressive
39	2 Moderate
31	3 Conservative
6	9 Not sure or refused (DO NOT READ)

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

%	n=602
33	1 A Democrat
31	2 An Independent
29	3 A Republican
3	4 Something else
0	7 Other (DO NOT READ)
3	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=602
5	1 Less than \$25,000
9	2 \$25,000 to less than \$50,000
15	3 \$50,000 to less than \$75,000
17	4 \$75,000 to less than \$100,000
18	5 \$100,000 to less than \$150,000
26	6 \$150,000 or more
1	8 Not sure/ nothing (DO NOT READ)
8	9 Refused (DO NOT READ)