



Favorability and Job Approval

Now, I'm going to read you the names of a few people and groups. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable view of them. If you haven't heard of them or are unfamiliar with them, just tell me that.

	Very fav	Smwt fav	Smwt unfav	Very unfav	Heard of but no opinion	Have not heard of	Don't know	FAV	UNFAV	UNFAM
Q4. Donald Trump	43	15	5	36	1	0	1	58	40	2
Q7. Joe Manchin	22	28	19	26	4	2	1	50	44	6
Q6. Patrick Morrissey	11	21	15	34	8	7	4	32	49	19
Q5. Jim Justice	10	32	18	29	4	4	3	42	47	11

Q8. Do you strongly approve of the job Donald Trump is doing as President, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President?

Approve	43
Somewhat approve	17
Somewhat disapprove	6
Strongly disapprove	33
Don't know	1

APPROVE	60
DISAPPROVE	39

Q9. Which of the following comes closest to your own opinion?

I support Donald Trump's policies and like his leadership style	43
I support Donald Trump's policies but dislike his leadership style	19
I don't support Donald Trump's policies or leadership style	35
Don't know/Refused	2

Senate Horserace

HR1. This November, there will be a general election for US Senator from West Virginia. If the election were held today and the candidates were, Democrat Joe Manchin and Republican Patrick Morrissey, for whom would you vote ...?

Joe Manchin, the Democratic candidate	50
Patrick Morrissey, the Republican candidate	39
Other	3
Don't Know	8

Mindset

Mindset questions asked of voters age 50+ only

Now I'd like to ask you about your thoughts on statewide and nationwide issues.

Q10. In your opinion, what is the single most important issue facing West Virginia today?

Jobs	43
Economy	15
Drug addiction/opioids	15
Health care	9
Education	5
Roads/infrastructure	4
Coal/coal jobs	3
Environment/pollution	2
Corruption	2
Immigration	2
Other	5
Don't know/refused	3

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Q11. Please briefly describe the biggest fear you have facing you and your family today.

Health care	17
Economy/loss of work	15
None/no fears	9
Social Security/Medicare cuts	7
Inflation/cost of living	7
Trump policies	6
Immigration/illegal immigration	4
Democrats/liberals	4
Death/health problems	3
War mongering/politicians who want war	3
Drug addiction/opioids	3
Debt/deficits	3
Collapse of the government	3
Defense/national security	2
Environmental protection	2
Taxes/tax breaks for the wealthy	2
Not enough support for Trump	2
Anti-Christian sentiment/war on religion	2
Other	6
Don't know/refused	5

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Q12. In general, would you say West Virginia's economy is...?

Getting much stronger	16
Getting somewhat stronger	33
Staying the same	28
Getting somewhat weaker	13
Getting much weaker	8
Don't know	2
GETTING STRONGER	49
GETTING WEAKER	22

Q13. In general, would you say the U.S. economy is...?

Getting much stronger	35
Getting somewhat stronger	28
Staying the same	20
Getting somewhat weaker	9
Getting much weaker	5
Don't know	2
GETTING STRONGER	63
GETTING WEAKER	14

Q14. How would you describe your personal financial situation? Would you say you are...?

Rapidly increasing your wealth	4
Slowly getting ahead	26
Staying where you are	45
Struggling to keep up	18
Falling backward	6
Don't know	1
INCR/AHEAD	30
AHEAD/STAY	71
STAY/STRG	63
STRG/FALL	24

Q15. Overall how confident are you that you will have enough money to live comfortably throughout your retirement years?

Very confident	22
Somewhat confident	47
Not too confident	16
Not at all confident	14
Don't know	2
CONFIDENT	69
NOT CONFIDENT	30

Next I'm going to read you a list of activities that many people do, and I'm going to ask if you are doing each of these things more, less, or about the same amount than you were compared to a year ago. Are you doing this...?

	More than one year ago	Less than one year ago	About same amount	Don't know
Q19. Struggling to cover the cost of health care and prescription drugs	22	10	64	5
Q17. Putting some money aside in savings	17	27	53	4
Q16. Splurging from time to time on little treats for yourself or your family	15	25	58	2
Q18. Struggling to pay the bills each month	14	15	68	3

Now I'm going to mention some things that some people worry about. After hearing each, please tell me how often you personally worry about each one - very often, somewhat often, from time to time, or almost never. Do you worry about this...?

	Very often	Smwt often	From time to time	Almost never worry	Don't know	OFTEN	NOT OFTEN
Q25. How divided America and Americans have become	53	22	10	13	1	76	24
Q27. The opioid crisis	43	28	13	15	1	71	28
Q20. Prices rising faster than your income	35	25	17	23	0	60	40
Q28. The quality of the schools that your children or grandchildren go or will go to	31	24	13	30	2	55	43
Q21. Not being able to afford the health care you or your family need	27	20	13	39	1	47	52
Q26. The threat of terrorism in our country today	24	32	20	24	0	56	44
Q23. Having to take care of an aging parent or family member	24	14	9	50	2	38	60
Q24. Not being able to retire when you want to, for financial reasons	17	15	10	55	4	32	65
Q22. Not being able to afford the education that you or your family need	11	13	10	63	3	24	73

Q29. What do you think is most responsible for rising health care costs in this country? You may select up to two things.

Drug companies charging too much for medications and treatment	53
Health care insurance companies being too focused on profits and not people's health	46
Doctors, hospitals and other providers ordering unnecessary treatments and over-testing	23
The Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare	25
Medical malpractice lawsuits	9
An aging U.S. population	10
Other	6
Don't know	3

Election Mindsets

Election Mindset questions asked of voters age 50+ only

Now I'd like to ask you about your thoughts on the upcoming November elections. If a candidate for wanted to do this, would you...?

	Def vote for them	Prob vote for them	Might or might not	Prob not vote for them	Def not vote for them	Don't know	VOTE FOR	NOT VOTE FOR
Q35. Strengthen Social Security and Medicare to make them financially stable and improve benefits to the most vulnerable	50	25	13	3	4	5	75	7
Q31. Require prescription drug companies to reduce the cost of prescriptions	43	29	18	3	3	3	72	7
Q34. Reform Social Security and Medicare to make them financially stable	37	24	25	5	4	4	62	9
Q37. Put limits on corporate and PAC money in political campaigns	34	23	18	10	9	5	57	19
Q36. Be a loyal and 100% faithful supporter of President Trump's agenda	30	16	15	6	31	2	46	37
Q32. Create new ways to help Americans save for retirement	28	29	29	4	4	5	58	8
Q33. Increase funding and assistance for the opioid crisis	22	28	25	10	10	6	50	19
Q38. Let health insurance companies deny coverage for people with pre-existing conditions	7	8	14	15	52	4	15	67
Q39. Let health insurance companies charge people over 50 up to 600 percent more for insurance than people under 50	5	3	9	18	63	3	8	81

Q40. Of the two candidates for Senate, who do you think cares more about people like you?

Joe Manchin	53
Patrick Morrissey	30
Both	1
Neither	9
Don't know	7

Q41. Of the two candidates for Senate, who do you think better represents your views on Social Security and Medicare?

Joe Manchin	52
Patrick Morrissey	28
Both	1
Neither	7
Don't know	12

Opioids

Opioid questions asked of voters age 50+ only

Now I'd like to ask you some questions about opioids.

Q42. How concerned are you about heroin and opioid abuse in West Virginia?

Extremely concerned	63
Somewhat concerned	25
Not that concerned	5
Not concerned at all	5
Don't know	1

CONCERNED	88
NOT CONCERNED	10

Q43. Do you personally know anyone who has struggled with heroin or opioid addiction?

Yes	53
No	46
Don't know	1

Q44. Do you... of the job President Trump is doing dealing with the problem of heroin and opioid addiction?

Strongly approve	24
Somewhat approve	27
Somewhat disapprove	9
Strongly disapprove	28
Don't know	12
APPROVE	51
DISAPPROVE	37

Q45. Do you...of the job that Governor Justice is doing dealing with the problem of heroin and opioid addiction? Do you...?

Strongly approve	10
Somewhat approve	35
Somewhat disapprove	14
Strongly disapprove	25
Don't know	16
APPROVE	45
DISAPPROVE	39

Q46. Which concerns you more...?

We aren't doing enough to stop the opioid epidemic and need to do more to stop dangerously addicting drugs from being over-prescribed to patients	48
It's now becoming too difficult for patients who are truly in pain to get the medicine they need because of opioid crackdowns	36
Both	10
Don't know	7

Prescription Drugs

Prescription Drugs questions asked of voters age 50+ only

Now I'd like to ask you about prescription drugs. I'm going to read you some different proposals that have been made. Please tell me if you support or oppose each. Do you...?

	Strongly support	Smt support	Smt oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Q47. Allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies for lower prices	80	16	1	2	1	96	3
Q48. Close loopholes that allow pharmaceutical companies to keep prices high	58	8	6	25	3	67	31
Q49. Limit the profits that drug companies can make on medications	57	18	9	12	4	75	21
Q50. Limit what drug companies can spend on marketing, tv commercials, and other advertising	48	18	10	17	7	67	26
Q51. Allow Americans to order prescription drugs from other countries if the price for that same drug is higher in the U.S.	42	20	12	21	5	62	34

Q52. Would you say that prescription drug companies...?

Charge as much as possible for drugs because they know that people who are sick, have a health condition or are in pain will pay for it	68
Charge as much as they need to for drugs because research and development is expensive and many drugs fail to reach market	22
Don't Know	10

Social Security

Social Security questions asked of voters age 50+ only

Now I'd like to ask you about Social Security.

Q53. When it comes to the future of Social Security, which of the following concerns you more?

Congress will make changes to Social Security that will harm seniors	47
Congress won't make changes to Social Security and the program will go bankrupt	33
Both	9
Neither	4
Don't know	7

Q54. 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, do you think the government should do something to strengthen Social Security for the future?

Immediately	62
Within the next 2 years	15
Within the next 5 years	11
Within the next 10 years	4
Within the next 15 years	3
Not at all	1
Don't know	3

Medicare

Medicare questions asked of voters age 50+ only

Now I'd like to ask you about issues related to Medicare, which provides access to health care for seniors and certain individuals with disabilities.

Q55. Which of the following worries you more?

Congress will make changes to Medicare that would hurt seniors and near-retirees	52
Congress won't make any changes to Medicare and future retirees and our kids will pay the price	30
Both	7
Neither	3
Don't know	7

Q56. There is a proposal in Congress to restructure Medicare. The proposal says that for future seniors, Medicare would no longer pay for health care services directly but instead would provide each senior with a set amount of money to help purchase an insurance plan in the private marketplace. Do you this proposal, which is sometimes called premium support?

Strongly support	5
Somewhat support	16
Somewhat oppose	14
Strongly oppose	56
Don't know	8
SUPPORT	22
OPPOSE	70

Medicaid

Medicaid questions asked of voters age 50+ only

Now I'd like to ask you about issues related to Medicaid, which provides access to health care for low income individuals.

Q57. Thinking about the Medicaid program generally, would you say you have a ...view of Medicaid?

Very favorable	23
Somewhat favorable	45
Somewhat unfavorable	17
Very unfavorable	10
Don't know	5
FAVORABLE	68
UNFAVORABLE	27

Q58. Currently, West Virginia spends about 30 percent of its Medicaid budget for long-term care on services provided in the home and about 70 percent on institutional care, such as nursing home care. How strongly would you support or oppose shifting some of West Virginia's long-term care funds so that more money is spent on home care and less on institutional care? Would you...?

Strongly support	35
Somewhat support	39
Somewhat oppose	10
Strongly oppose	7
Don't know	9
SUPPORT	74
OPPOSE	17

Caregiving

Caregiving questions asked of voters age 50+ only

- Q59.** A family caregiver is someone who provides UNPAID care for an adult loved one who is ill, frail, elderly, or has a physical, mental, or emotional disability. This unpaid care may include assisting with personal needs like bathing and dressing, household chores, meals, shopping, transportation, or managing finances or medical care. Would you...an income tax credit for family caregivers who take care of an older family member in their home?

Strongly support	75
Somewhat support	18
Somewhat oppose	2
Strongly oppose	3
Don't know	2
SUPPORT	93
OPPOSE	5

Screeners and Demographics

Now I'd like to ask you a quick question about caregiving.

Q2. Regardless of how you are registered, do you consider yourself a:

Strong Democrat	25
Weak Democrat	5
Weak Republican	5
Strong Republican	30
Independent	32
Other	1
Don't know	2
DEM	30
REP	35
IND	35

Q3. How likely are you to vote this November in the elections for U.S. Congress and other offices? Would you say you are...?

Very likely	89
Fairly likely	5
Just somewhat likely	6
Not that likely	0
Not likely at all	0
Not Sure	0
Refused	0

Q60. Which of the following do you do at least a few times a week? Please tell me all that apply. *Asked of voters age 50+ only.*

Read political news online	44
Read Twitter	9
Log on to Facebook	33
Watch political news on local television channels	57
Watch political news on cable television channels	68
Read political news in print	46
Listen to political news on the radio	38
Other	1
None of the above	2
Don't know	1

Q1. Can you please tell me your current age?

Under 18	0
18 to 24 years	4
25 to 29 years	4
30 to 34 years	5
35 to 39 years	6
40 to 44 years	8
45 to 49 years	8
50 to 54 years	8
55 to 59 years	11
60 to 64 years	15
65 to 69 years	12
70 to 74 years	7
75 to 79 years	5
80 or older	5
Don't know/refused	0
NET 50-59	19
NET 60-69	26
NET 70+	18

D2. What is the highest level of education you completed?

Less than high school degree	6
High school graduate	27
Some college: but less than two years of college	12
Some college: two years or more/AA degree	13
College graduate/bachelor's degree/BA/BS	21
Postgraduate courses	3
Master's degree	12
MBA or Law degree	1
PhD or MD	4
Don't know/None specified	1
NET HS OR LESS	33
NET SOME COLLEGE	25
NET <COLLEGE	58
NET COLLEGE+	41
NET GRAD+	21

D3. Do you have any children or grandchildren? *IF YES:* Is that children under age 18, children who are age 18 or older, grandchildren under age 18, or grandchildren who are age 18 or older? *Asked of voters age 50+ only.*

Children under age 18	13
Children who are age 18 or older	53
Grandchildren under age 18	44
Grandchildren who are age 18 or older	23
NO	18
Don't know/None specified	2

D4. What is your current marital status -- are you married, living with a partner, single, widowed, or divorced?

Married	59
Living with a partner	4
Single/never married	19
Widowed	8
Divorced	9
Don't know	1

D5. Are you or your spouse a member of A.A.R.P.?

Yes, AARP member	28
No, not AARP member	70
Not sure/Refused	2

DEmp. Which of the following best describes your current employment status? Are you...? *Asked of voters age 50+ only.*

Retired and not working	49
Retired and working at least part time	9
Employed full time	29
Employed part time	3
Not employed but looking for work	2
Not employed and not looking for work	6
Not sure	3
RETIRE	58
EMPLOYED	32
UNEMPLOYED	8

D8. What is your race?

White/Caucasian	91
Black/African-American/Caribbean-American	2
Hispanic/Latino	1
Asian or Pacific Islander	0
Arab	0
Other	3
Don't know	4

D11. Gender:

Man	51
Woman	49

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