**2022 Elections: In New York’s new 3rd Congressional Districts, the generic Republican narrowly leads a generic Democrat, 46% - 42%, among voters 50+.**

The Republican is ahead thanks to a larger lead among men (17-points) than the Democrat gets among women (8-points). Voters of each major party favor their candidate by 85-points, but Independents are picking the generic Republican by 17%. Voters without 4-year college degrees favor the generic Republican by 21-points, while those with college degrees vote Democrat by 9.

President Biden is underwater on his job approval with voters 50+ in NY-03 with 37% approving and 60% disapproving. His job performance is viewed negatively by men by 34-points and women by 14. Independents have a negative opinion of Biden’s job approval at 28% - 68%.

Voters 50-64 disapprove by a 32-point margin, with voters 65+ disapproving by 15. A similar gap from the generic ballot is present on education with college+ voters less disapproving than those without degrees.

Former President Trump’s recalled job approval with voters 50+ in NY-03 is 51% approve - 48% disapprove.

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**Issues:** The top issues for 50+ voters in NY-03 are the economy and inflation followed by abortion and guns. There are differences by party with Republicans and Independents focused on inflation, the economy, and crime, while Democrats, who are also concerned about economic issues, focus more on abortion, guns, and the environment.

Q: Now specifically, from the following list, please tell me which issue is personally most important to you in deciding your vote for Congress.

- **The economy***: 15%
- **Inflation and rising prices***: 14%
- **Abortion**: 10%
- **Gun control/gun rights**: 10%
- **Law & Order and Crime**: 8%
- **Social Security and Medicare**: 7%
- **Environment and climate change**: 6%
- **Immigration and border security**: 6%
- **Election security**: 5%
- **Taxes, Gov't Spending and Debt***: 5%
- **Traditional Family Values**: 4%
- **Voting Rights**: 4%
- **Healthcare**: 3%
- **Jobs***: 1%
- **Roads and infrastructure**: 1%
- **Drugs and the Opioid Epidemic**: 0%

*Included in “Most Important Issue: Economy Focused” group

35% of NY-03 voters 50+
Handling Key Issues: Each party in Congress has a series of issues on which they’re preferred by 50+ voters in NY-03, but Republicans hold bigger leads on some of their strengths.

Voters favor Republicans in Congress on crime, inflation, immigration, gas prices, and the economy in general by margins of 20-points or more.

Democrats have their biggest lead on abortion, and have advantages in the mid-to-high single digits on Medicare, health care, Social Security and cost of prescription drugs.

Q: In your opinion, who is best able to handle each of the following issues, the Republicans or Democrats in Congress?
Key Issue Actions: Five issues that are AARP priorities in protecting older Americans rank highly as voting issues for this November among those 50+ in NY-03. In addition to their importance, there are a series of extremely popular actions candidates for Congress can take in protecting Medicare & Social Security, allowing Medicare to negotiate on drug prices, expanding access on home care & long-term care, and providing tax credits for retirement and health care.

Q: Please tell me how important to each of the following issues are when deciding your vote this November: extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important.

Social Security: Extremely Important 53, Very Important 30, Total 83

Retirement Savings: Extremely Important 50, Very Important 33, Total 83

Medicare: Extremely Important 47, Very Important 31, Total 78

Cost of Prescription Drugs: Extremely Important 36, Very Important 35, Total 71

Long-Term Care: Extremely Important 33, Very Important 35, Total 68

Q: For each of the following statements, please tell me if you would be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate for Congress that advocated this position. If it would have no impact on your vote, just say so.

Support protecting Medicare from cuts and ensure America’s seniors get the healthcare they need: Much More Likely 61, Total More Likely 91

Support protecting Social Security from cuts to workers’ earned benefits: Much More Likely 62, Total More Likely 89

Support allowing Medicare to negotiate for lower prescription drug prices this year: Much More Likely 60, Total More Likely 89

Support older Americans who want to remain in their homes by allowing them to access Medicaid for home care services, instead of forcing them into nursing homes: Much More Likely 57, Total More Likely 88

Expand access to quality, affordable long-term care for the elderly, from home care to nursing homes: Much More Likely 55, Total More Likely 84

Providing tax credits to help more working families save for retirement: Much More Likely 45, Total More Likely 82

Extend tax credits that help people afford health care coverage purchased through the healthcare marketplace: Much More Likely 41, Total More Likely 76
Key Attitudes: Overall, attitudes are negative among voters 50+ in NY-03, leading to motivation to vote this November. There is widespread pessimism about the direction of the country and members of Congress not listening to them, with 3-in-4 saying they are extremely motivated to vote. Furthermore, there are doubts about how the economy is working for them, worries about their personal financial situations, most think the economy is in recession or will be soon, and gas & food are the top inflation concerns.
AARP commissioned the bipartisan polling team of Fabrizio Ward & Impact Research to conduct a survey. The firms interviewed 321 likely voters age 50 and older in New York’s third congressional district, using the 2022 redistricting lines. This includes a sample of 21 likely voters from a survey of competitive congressional districts across the country, with an oversample of 300 additional likely voters age 50 and older, between July 5-12, 2022. The interviews were conducted via landline (30%), cellphone (35%), and SMS-to-web (35%). The margin of sampling error for 321 likely voters is ±5.47%. Interviews were offered in English and Spanish.

Due to rounding, answer choices may not always add up to 100%. Partisan crosstabs in this report represent how people identify themselves when asked, not how they are registered on the voter file.

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