

AARP Poll of NY CD 12: Annotated Questionnaire

Study population: Adults 50 or older, Registered Democrats in New York's 12th Congressional District

Field dates: May 27 — June 1, 2026

Data collection vendor: Siena Research Institute, powered by ReconMR

TOTAL sample size (and breakout of any subgroups): 416

MOE or appropriate estimate of error: ± 5.0 pct pts for total population

Notes:

- 303 respondents were contacted through a dual frame (landline and cell phone) mode and 113 completed via text to web
- Data from collection modes was statistically adjusted by age, gender, race/ethnicity, and voter likelihood, a computed score that combines voter history, stated voter likelihood and modeled turnout by respondent
- Due to rounding, percentages may not add to 100%
- Default base for all tables is 416 unless otherwise stated
- A value of 0% represents a percentage that is less than 1%, rounded down for display purposes



AGES: We are looking to speak with registered voters in various age groups... Are you age...

	TOTAL
<i>Unweighted n:</i>	416
Under 30 [TERMINATED]	0%
30 to 49 [TERMINATED]	0%
50 to 64	38%
65 and older	62%
Refused [TERMINATED]	0%

QPARTY: Are you currently enrolled to vote as a:

	TOTAL
<i>Unweighted n:</i>	416
Democrat	100%
Republican [TERMINATED]	0%
Independent (No party) [TERMINATED]	0%
or as a member of another political party [TERMINATED]	0%
Refused [TERMINATED]	0%



Q1: Is the United States on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?

	TOTAL
<i>Unweighted n:</i>	416
Right track	6%
Wrong direction	91%
Don't know/No opinion	2%

Q2: How likely are you to vote in the upcoming Democratic Primary on June 23rd? Are you:

	TOTAL
<i>Unweighted n:</i>	416
Almost certain to vote	79%
Very likely to vote	17%
Somewhat likely to vote	2%
Not very likely to vote	1%
Not at all likely to vote	1%
Don't know/Refused	0%

Q3. If the Democratic primary election for Member of Congress from the 12th Congressional District were held today, who would you vote for if the candidates were: [CHOICES ROTATED]

	TOTAL
<i>Unweighted n:</i>	416
Alex Bores	21%
George Conway	13%
Chris Diep	0%
Laura Dunn	1%
Micah Lasher	32%
Jack Schlossberg	9%
Nina Schwalbe	2%
Patrick Timmins	1%
Someone else	0%
Don't know/Refused	21%



Q4. Now specifically, from the following list, please tell me which issue is personally most important to you in deciding your vote in the June primary: [CHOICES ROTATED]

	TOTAL
<i>Unweighted n:</i>	416
Social Security and Medicare	7%
Taxes	2%
Jobs and the economy	8%
Prices and cost of living	9%
Immigration and border security	2%
Environment and climate change	5%
Health care	5%
Crime and gun control	3%
Threats to democracy	49%
Foreign policy and military defense	4%
Housing costs	2%
Don't know/Refused	3%

Q5. How serious a problem do you think the affordability of life here in New York City is for New Yorkers like you? Is this a ...

	TOTAL
<i>Unweighted n:</i>	416
Very serious problem	56%
Somewhat serious problem	32%
Not very serious problem	8%
Not at all a serious problem	3%
Don't know/Refused	1%



Q6. How serious a problem do you think affordability of housing is for New Yorkers like you? Is this a..

	TOTAL
<i>Unweighted n:</i>	416
Very serious problem	55%
Somewhat serious problem	28%
Not very serious problem	13%
Not at all a serious problem	4%
Don't know/Refused	0%

Q7. Which two of the following are you most concerned about in relation to rising prices and affordability? If you are not concerned about any rising prices, please just say so. [CHOICES ROTATED]

	TOTAL
<i>Unweighted n:</i>	416
Groceries	51%
Gasoline	10%
Housing	48%
Utilities like electricity	15%
Health insurance	46%
Prescription drugs	12%
Not concerned	3%
Don't know/Refused	2%



Q8. Which of the following initiatives should be a priority for the next congressional representative?
[CHOICES ROTATED] Select all that apply

	TOTAL
<i>Unweighted n:</i>	416
Providing support for unpaid family caregivers who assist older loved ones	48%
Developing options to make it easier for New Yorkers to remain in their current home or community as they age	59%
Making the cost of living more affordable	70%
Ensuring Social Security payments will be available in-full in the future	73%
Working to increase the supply of affordable housing	62%
Lowering the cost of prescription drugs	49%
Lowering the cost of health care	68%
Reducing fraud and scams targeting New Yorkers	45%
Don't know/Refused	2%

Q9. Of those, which single initiative would you most like the next congressional representative to prioritize? [CHOICES ROTATED]

	TOTAL
<i>Unweighted n:</i>	410
Providing support for unpaid family caregivers who assist older loved ones	2%
Developing options to make it easier for New Yorkers to remain in their current home or community as they age	6%
Making the cost of living more affordable	25%
Ensuring Social Security payments will be available in-full in the future	24%
Working to increase the supply of affordable housing	13%
Lowering the cost of prescription drugs	2%
Lowering the cost of health care	20%
Reducing fraud and scams targeting New Yorkers	4%
Don't know/Refused	3%

Q10KEY. Please tell me how important each of the following issues are when deciding your vote in June's primary: very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important.
[ROTATE Q10A-Q10F]



Q10A. Social Security

	TOTAL
<i>Unweighted n:</i>	416
Very important	77%
Somewhat important	18%
Not too important	4%
Not at all important	1%
Don't know/Refused	0%

Q10B. Medicare

	TOTAL
<i>Unweighted n:</i>	416
Very important	74%
Somewhat important	19%
Not too important	5%
Not at all important	1%
Don't know/Refused	1%

Q10C. Cost of prescription drugs

	TOTAL
<i>Unweighted n:</i>	416
Very important	48%
Somewhat important	39%
Not too important	10%
Not at all important	2%
Don't know/Refused	0%



Q10D. Policies to help older New Yorkers live independently at home as they age

	TOTAL
<i>Unweighted n:</i>	416
Very important	51%
Somewhat important	40%
Not too important	7%
Not at all important	1%
Don't know/Refused	0%

Q10E. Cost of health care

	TOTAL
<i>Unweighted n:</i>	416
Very important	79%
Somewhat important	18%
Not too important	2%
Not at all important	0%
Don't know/Refused	0%

Q10F. Protection of New Yorkers from fraud and scams

	TOTAL
<i>Unweighted n:</i>	416
Very important	35%
Somewhat important	44%
Not too important	16%
Not at all important	3%
Don't know/Refused	1%



Q11KEY. Thinking about issues that could be addressed in Washington, for each of the following statements, please tell me if you would be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate that advocated this position. If it would have no impact on your vote, just say so. [ROTATE Q11A-Q11C]

Q11A. Making sure workers get their full Social Security payments

	TOTAL
<i>Unweighted n:</i>	416
Much more likely	71%
Somewhat more likely	21%
Somewhat less likely	1%
Much less likely	0%
No impact either way	5%
Don't know/Refused	1%

Q11B. Support unpaid family caregivers who are helping their loved ones live independently in their homes by providing funding for home and community services, and tax credits to help caregivers with out-of-pocket costs

	TOTAL
<i>Unweighted n:</i>	416
Much more likely	30%
Somewhat more likely	49%
Somewhat less likely	5%
Much less likely	3%
No impact either way	13%
Don't know/Refused	1%



Q11C. Protecting consumers from fraud and scams

	TOTAL
<i>Unweighted n:</i>	416
Much more likely	30%
Somewhat more likely	46%
Somewhat less likely	7%
Much less likely	1%
No impact either way	16%
Don't know/Refused	0%

Q12. Do you believe you will be able to afford to retire in New York City or will you have to move to a location with a lower cost of living?

	TOTAL
<i>Unweighted n:</i>	416
Yes, able to afford to retire in New York City	52%
Will have to move to a location with a lower cost of living	22%
Already retired	16%
Don't know/Refused	10%



Q13. Is Social Security now, or do you expect it to be a major source of income for your household, a minor source of income for your household, or not a source of income for your household?

	TOTAL
<i>Unweighted n:</i>	416
Major source	43%
Minor source	48%
Not a source	5%
Don't know/Refused	3%

QSCALE: Before we finish, I'd like you to rate your chance of voting in the primary election either in person on June 23rd or through early voting on a scale of 10 to 1. If TEN represents a person who definitely will vote and ONE represents a person who definitely will NOT vote, where on this scale of 10 to 1 would you place yourself?

	TOTAL
<i>Unweighted n:</i>	416
One (definitely will NOT vote)	0%
Two	1%
Three	0%
Four	0%
Five	1%
Six	0%
Seven	1%
Eight	4%
Nine	7%
Ten (definitely will vote)	85%
Don't know/No opinion	0%



About AARP

AARP is the nation's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering people 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With a nationwide presence, AARP strengthens communities and advocates for what matters most to the 125 million Americans 50-plus and their families: health and financial security, and personal fulfillment. AARP also produces the nation's largest-circulation publications: AARP The Magazine and AARP Bulletin. To learn more, visit www.aarp.org/about-aarp/, www.aarp.org/español or follow @AARP, @AARPLatino and @AARPadvocates on social media.



For more information, contact Dr. Don Levy, Don.Levy@ReconMR.com.
For media inquiries, contact media@aarp.org.