2020 AARP SURVEY OF WYOMING ADULTS AGE 45 AND OLDER:

Annotated Questionnaire

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Interviews were conducted with 706 Wyoming residents age 45 and older between 7/30/20 and 8/10/20. All data have been weighted by age and gender according to 2018 U.S. Census Bureau Current Population Survey (CPS) statistics. Survey results have a 3.7% margin of error.

Hello, this is _____ calling from Alan Newman Research, a national opinion research firm. We are not telemarketers and are not trying to sell you anything. We are interested in your thoughts about issues of importance to you and people like you in Wyoming. Your views are important and we would greatly appreciate your participation. (Web: "We are interested in your thoughts about issues of importance to you and people like you in Wyoming. Your views are important and we would greatly appreciate your participation.")

Screener

S1. Our study is interested in the opinions of certain age groups. Could you please tell me your age as of your last birthday? (IN YEARS) [RECORD AGE; TERMINATE IF UNDER AGE 45 OR REFUSED] (Web: "Our study is interested in the opinions of certain age groups. What is your age as of your last birthday?") [AGE CODED]

%	n=706
0	Under 45 [TERMINATE]
11	45-49
15	50-54
15	55-59
21	60-64
15	65-69
10	70-74
6	75-79
5	80-84
4	85+
0	Refused (Web: "Prefer not to say") [TERMINATE]

S2. What is your 5-digit zip code? _____ [ENTER ZIP CODE; VERIFY MATCH – IF NOT A MATCH TO WYOMING OR DON'T KNOW/REFUSED, ASK FOR RESIDENT IN HH; TERMINATE IF NO ONE IN HH IS AGE 45+ RESIDENT OF WYOMING] (Web: TERMINATE IF NOT A MATCH)

S4. Are you registered to vote in Wyoming?

%	n=706
96	Yes
4	No
1	Don't know
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

S5. And did you vote in the November 2016 election?

%	n=706
94	Yes
6	No
<1	Don't know (Web: "Don't recall")
0	Refused (Web: "Prefer not to say")

S6. How likely are you to vote in the November 2020 elections? (READ LIST)

%	n=706
94	Very likely
3	Somewhat likely
<1	Not very likely
2	Not likely at all
1	Don't know (VOL)
<1	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

S3. What is your current employment status? (READ LIST AS NEEDED TO CLARIFY) [CODE RESPONSE]

%	n=706
13	Self-employed full-time
2	Self-employed part-time
32	Employed full-time
4	Employed part-time
4	Unemployed and looking for work
40	Retired and not working at all
6	Or are you not in the labor force for other reasons
0	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

Health

I1. Next, I am going to read a list of issues, and I'd like you to please tell me how important each is to you, personally. Is [ITEM] extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all to you? [RANDOMIZE ORDER] (Web: "For the following list of issues, please indicate how important each is to you, personally." [MATRIX LAYOUT])

n=706	Extremely important %	Very important %	Somewhat important %	Not very important %	Not at all important %	Don't know %	Refused %
A. Having adequate health insurance coverage	49	39	8	1	3	1	0
B. Having Medicare benefits available to you in the future	46	41	10	2	1	<1	<1
C. Staying mentally sharp	49	43	6	1	1	<1	0
D. Staying physically healthy	44	47	8	<1	0	<1	0
E. Paying for prescription drugs	31	45	16	4	4	1	0
F. Paying for health care expenses, including premiums and co-pays	37	44	11	4	3	1	<1

Caregiving

CARE1. Are you currently providing unpaid help to a relative or friend 18 years or older to help them take care of themselves? This would include doing things for them such as grocery shopping, providing transportation, managing finances, arranging for healthcare or other services, or preparing meals.

%	n=706
32	Yes
68	No
0	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

CARE1_A. [IF CARE1≠Yes] Have you ever provided this type of unpaid help in the past?

%	n=482
48	Yes
52	No
<1	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

Prescription Drugs

PER2. Approximately how many different prescription medications do you take on a regular basis such as daily, weekly, or monthly? (READ LIST)

%	n=706
25	None
18	1 prescription medication
26	2 to 3 prescription medications
15	4 to 5 prescription medications
16	6 or more prescription medications
0	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
<1	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

PER3. In the past 12 months, approximately how much have you spent out of your own pocket for prescription drugs? (READ LIST)

%	n=706
20	Nothing/ \$0
12	More than \$0 but less than \$10 per month
27	\$10 to less than \$50 per month
14	\$50 to less than \$100 per month
10	\$100 to less than \$200 per month
10	\$200 to less than \$500 per month
3	\$500 to less than \$1,000 per month
2	More than \$1,000 per month
2	Don't know (VOL)
<1	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

PER4. In the last two years, did you ever decide not to fill a prescription that your doctor had given you?

%	n=706
27	Yes
73	No
0	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

PER4_A. [IF PER4=Yes] Why did you decide not to fill a prescription that your doctor had given you (Web: Multiple choice question; allow multiple responses for 1-97) [CODED OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES]

%	n=193
47	Cost of the drug
13	Didn't need/ no longer needed
8	Side effects of drug
6	I did not think the drug was necessary
5	Was a narcotic
5	Used or looked into other methods of treatment
4	Drug did not help
3	Read or heard something about the drug that concerned me
2	Condition the drug was prescribed for improved
2	I don't like taking (prescription) drugs
1	I am already taking too many (prescription) drugs
1	Already had some/ had some leftover from a previous situation
1	Confused about the drug
1	Use on a temporary basis/ for a short period of time
<1	Thought drug wouldn't help much
14	Other [SPECIFY]
0	Don't know
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

PER5. How concerned are you about being able to afford the cost of needed prescription drugs over the next two years? (READ LIST)

%	n=706
21	Extremely concerned
19	Very concerned
24	Somewhat concerned
18	Not very concerned
19	Not concerned at all
0	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

PER7. Currently, U.S. law largely prohibits people from importing prescription drugs from other countries like Canada or Europe. Some people believe that the laws should be changed to allow Americans to buy less expensive 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 it should be legal for people in the U.S. to buy drugs from Canada and Europe, or not?

%	n=706
83	Yes, should be legal
13	No, should not be legal
4	Don't know
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

PER8. Currently Medicare is prohibited by law from negotiating prescription drug prices with pharmaceutical companies. Some policymakers have proposed allowing Medicare to use its bargaining power to negotiate lower prices for prescription drugs. Do you support or oppose allowing Medicare to use its bargaining power to negotiate lower prices for prescription drugs? (And is that strongly or somewhat?) (Web: Do not include “And is that strongly or somewhat?”)

%	n=706
74	Strongly support
19	Somewhat support
3	Somewhat oppose
2	Strongly oppose
2	Don't know
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

RX-3b. How much influence do you think prescription drug companies have over federal elected officials? Would you say they have...? (READ LIST) (Web: “How much influence do you think prescription drug companies have over federal elected officials?”)

%	n=706
73	A lot of influence
19	Some influence
4	Only a little influence
1	No influence at all
3	Don't know (VOL)
<1	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

Telehealth

TEL-4. About how long would it take you, in minutes, to travel to...? [RANDOMIZE ORDER] [Phone: Code response to list)

n=706	<5 minutes %	5-10 minutes %	11-15 minutes %	16-30 minutes %	31-45 minutes %	46 minutes to 1 hour %	More than 1 hour %	Don't know %	Refused %
A. The nearest hospital	13	32	13	21	10	5	6	<1	0
B. A doctor's office for primary care	15	35	12	19	8	7	4	<1	0
C. A doctor's office for specialty care—like a cardiologist, neurologist, or other specialist	6	17	8	14	7	9	37	2	0

TEL-5. Have you ever heard the term "telehealth" or "telemedicine"?

%	n=706
81	Yes
19	No
<1	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

TEL-6. Telehealth is a way for people to have one-on-one interactions with their healthcare providers without having to be in the same location at the same time, by using technologies like cellphones, computers, and tablets.

Examples of how telehealth provides more connected care could include a patient wearing a monitoring device that tracks vital signs or alerts a family caregiver if there is a serious injury, or an online conversation between patients and their doctors to get a diagnosis, get advice, get a prescription filled, or to get a second opinion.

How interested are you in using telehealth services for yourself or a loved one if needed? (READ LIST)

%	n=706
21	Extremely interested
26	Very interested
31	Somewhat interested
11	Not very interested
11	Not at all interested
<1	Don't know (VOL)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

TEL-7. Would you support or oppose policies that [ITEM]? (Is that strongly or somewhat?) (Web: Do not include "And is that strongly or somewhat?") [RANDOMIZE ORDER]

n=706	Strongly support %	Somewhat support %	Neither support nor oppose %	Somewhat oppose %	Strongly oppose %	Don't know %	Refused %
A. Allow you or a loved one to remain at home and receive telehealth services from a healthcare provider located at their office	55	34	3	2	4	2	<1
B. Provide greater access to in-home medical monitoring technologies that allow patients with chronic health conditions to connect, consult, and monitor their condition along with healthcare providers, via computers or tablets	55	33	4	2	4	2	<1
C. Allow for the coverage of telehealth services, regardless of the distance between a person's home and their healthcare provider's office	53	33	4	3	4	2	<1

TEL-8. [IF TEL-6=Extremely interested, very interested, somewhat interested, or not very interested] What would you want to use telehealth services for? (DO NOT READ LIST) [Phone: CODE OPEN-ENDED RESPONSE; MULTIPLE RESPONSES ALLOWED FOR 1-6] (Web, add: "Select all that apply.")

%	n=629
41	For a routine visit to the doctor
39	To renew prescriptions
26	For diagnosing an illness
25	To discuss a new medical issue
17	To get help providing care to a loved one
23	Something else [SPECIFY]
6	None of these
8	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

TEL-9. [IF TEL-6=Extremely interested, very interested, somewhat interested, or not very interested] If you were interested in using telehealth services, what are some of the barriers you might experience in trying to use it? (DO NOT READ LIST) [Phone: CODE OPEN-ENDED RESPONSE; ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES FOR 1-7]

%	n=629
28	Don't have access to high-speed internet service
14	Don't know how to use telehealth
14	Concerned about the possibility of medical errors
9	Concerned about my health information remaining confidential
9	Am not sure that my doctor's office offers telehealth services
7	Don't have a computer
26	Other [SPECIFY]
21	Don't know
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

TEL-10. Do you know if your health insurance provider offers telehealth services?

%	n=706
38	Yes, my insurance provider does offer telehealth services
13	No, my insurance provider does not offer telehealth services
44	I'm not sure (VOL)
5	Not applicable— I don't have health insurance at this time (VOL)
<1	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

TEL-11. What do you view as the main advantage to telehealth services? (DO NOT READ LIST) [Phone: CODE OPEN-ENDED RESPONSE; DO NOT PROBE; ACCEPT 1 RESPONSE ONLY]

%	n=706
32	No need for transportation
15	Greater access to care in a remote area
10	Avoiding overcrowding of clinic and hospital waiting rooms
5	Greater access to care in an urban or suburban area
4	The ability to take less time off work
24	Other [SPECIFY]
10	Don't know
1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

TEL-12. Has the COVID-19 pandemic increased your willingness to try telehealth in the future?

%	n=706
45	Yes
50	No
5	Don't know
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

Wealth

11. Next, I am going to read a list of issues, and I'd like you to please tell me how important each is to you, personally. Is [ITEM] extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all to you? [RANDOMIZE ORDER] (Web: "For the following list of issues, please indicate how important each is to you, personally." [MATRIX LAYOUT])

n=706	Extremely important %	Very important %	Somewhat important %	Not very important %	Not at all important %	Don't know %	Refused %
G. Having adequate Social Security benefits available to you in the future	46	39	11	2	2	<1	<1
H. Having good employment opportunities in your community	27	43	17	8	5	1	0
I. Protection from age discrimination	24	35	24	10	8	<1	<1
J. Maintaining relevant job skills and experience	17	39	26	10	8	<1	0
K. [IF S3≠Retired and not working at all] Having enough income or savings to retire (n=427)	49	37	9	2	3	<1	0
L. [IF S3=Employed (full-time, part-time), self-employed (full-time, part-time), or unemployed and looking for work] Being able to stop working for pay at the age you want (n=387)	29	38	22	5	6	<1	0
M. Protecting yourself against consumer fraud	34	44	16	3	3	<1	0
N. Protecting yourself against unfair financial practices	39	41	14	3	3	<1	<1
O. Having online security	29	40	19	6	5	1	<1
U. Having financial security throughout your life	45	44	9	1	1	<1	0
V. Having affordable utilities	33	50	14	1	1	0	<1
W. Being able to afford groceries or other household necessities	48	41	8	2	2	<1	<1
AB. Having access to high-speed Internet	14	32	35	9	9	<1	0

Self

Q1. What do you think is the single most important problem or challenge facing mid-life or older adults as they age? (Web: Large text box, open-end) [CODED OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES]

%	n=706
28	Access to healthcare (finding insurance, providers, etc.)
26	Retirement/ Social Security/ finances/ cost-of-living
15	Health generally/ health problems
8	Government
7	Healthcare cost (insurance cost, cost for services)
4	Economy
3	COVID-19/ coronavirus/ pandemic
2	Assistance/ care at home
1	Prescription drug costs
1	Employment
1	Staying involved/ connected/ contributing to society
1	Loneliness/ social isolation
1	Climate change/ environment
1	Transportation
1	Not being respected/ accepted
<1	Housing
7	Other
5	Don't know/ refused

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n=706	Extremely important %	Very important %	Somewhat important %	Not very important %	Not at all important %	Don't know %	Refused %
P. Staying in your own home as you get older	42	43	12	2	2	<1	0
Q. Having high quality long-term care in your community	36	42	16	4	2	<1	<1
R. Getting to the places you need to go independently	31	50	16	2	1	<1	0
S. Caring for a loved one	43	43	8	3	2	1	<1
T. Having paid time off to care for yourself or a seriously ill family member	24	33	21	9	10	1	<1
X. Having flexibility in your schedule to care for a loved one	28	44	19	5	4	<1	<1
Y. Having affordable housing options in your community	25	40	24	7	4	1	<1
Z. Improvements to Wyoming's long-term care services so fewer residents leave the state	30	42	19	5	3	1	<1
AA. Staying in your community as you get older	25	42	24	6	2	1	<1

Demographics

D1. Other than a data plan on your cell phone, do you have high-speed Internet service at home such as cable Internet, DSL, FIOS, or satellite Internet service? [IF D16=No, don't know, or refused] Do you have high-speed Internet service at home such as cable Internet, DSL, FIOS, or satellite Internet service?

%	n=706
81	Yes
17	No
2	Don't know
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

D2. Have you or a family member ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard? [ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES FOR 1-2]

%	n=706
18	Yes, I have
45	Yes, a family member has
42	No
<1	Don't know
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

Thank you for your time so far. I have just a few final questions for classification purposes. All of your responses will be completely confidential. (Web: Do not include)

D3. What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed? (CODE BELOW; READ TO CLARIFY IF NEEDED)

%	n=706
1	0 through 12 th grade (no diploma)
21	High school graduate (or equivalent)
3	Post- high school vocational or technical training
33	Some college (no degree), Associate's degree, 2-year college degree
23	College graduate (4-year degree)
3	Post-graduate study
16	Graduate or professional degrees (Master's degree/ PhD/ Law)
0	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

D4. How do you identify your gender? (CODE BELOW; READ TO CLARIFY IF NEEDED)

%	n=706
52	Female
47	Male
0	Other gender identity [SPECIFY]
0	Don't know (VOL)
<1	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

D5. What is your current marital status? (CODE BELOW; READ TO CLARIFY IF NEEDED)

%	n=706
70	Married
2	Living with a partner
10	Widowed
11	Divorced or separated
7	Never married
0	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
<1	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

D6. [IF D5=Married or 'Not married, living with a partner'] Are you or your (spouse/partner) currently a member of AARP? [IF D5≠Married or 'Not married, living with a partner'] Are you currently a member of AARP?

%	n=706
37	Yes
62	No
1	Don't know
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

D9. In general, how would you describe your political views? Would you say you are conservative, moderate, liberal, or something else? (Web: "In general, how would you describe your political views?")

%	n=706
56	Conservative
28	Moderate
13	Liberal
<1	Other [SPECIFY]
2	Don't know
1	Refused (Web: "Prefer not to say")

D10. Are you...? (READ LIST) [ROTATE ORDER]

%	n=706
16	Democrat
59	Republican
19	Independent
1	Progressive
1	Other [SPECIFY] (VOL)
1	Don't know (VOL)
2	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

D11. What income range includes your household's total income from all sources in 2019? (READ LIST)

%	n=706
3	Less than \$10,000
9	\$10,000 to less than \$25,000
20	\$25,000 to less than \$50,000
20	\$50,000 to less than \$75,000
16	\$75,000 to less than \$100,000
15	\$100,000 to less than \$150,000
5	\$150,000 to less than \$200,000
5	\$200,000 or more
7	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

D12. What is your sexual orientation? (READ LIST)

%	n=706
94	Straight or heterosexual
<1	Gay or lesbian
2	Bi-sexual
0	Or something else [SPECIFY]
1	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
4	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

D17. What is your primary source of news? (READ LIST) [SINGLE RESPONSE ONLY; RANDOMIZE ORDER OF 1-5]

%	n=706
51	TV
17	Websites
13	Radio
10	Print newspaper
6	Social media like Facebook or Twitter
1	Other [SPECIFY] (VOL)
1	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
1	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

D18. What is the best way to inform you about events happening in the community? (READ LIST) [SINGLE RESPONSE ONLY; RANDOMIZE ORDER OF 1-6]

%	n=706
30	Local newspaper
25	Social media like Facebook or Twitter
12	Email
10	TV
8	Phone call
8	Mail
5	Other [SPECIFY] (VOL)
1	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
1	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

Thank you very much for participating in this survey.