2020 AARP SURVEY OF UTAH ADULTS AGE 45 AND OLDER:

Annotated Questionnaire

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Interviews were conducted with 701 Utah residents age 45 and older between 9/3/20 and 9/16/20. All data have been weighted by age, gender, and race/ethnicity 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 Utah. 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 Utah. 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?")

%	n=701
0	Under 45 [TERMINATE]
21	45-49
13	50-54
13	55-59
17	60-64
12	65-69
11	70-74
6	75-79
4	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 UTAH OR DON'T KNOW/REFUSED, ASK FOR RESIDENT IN HH; TERMINATE IF NO ONE IN HH IS AGE 45+ RESIDENT OF UTAH] (Web: TERMINATE IF NOT A MATCH)

S4. Are you registered to vote in Utah?

%	n=701
90	Yes
9	No
1	Don't know
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

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

%	n=701
88	Very likely
4	Somewhat likely
2	Not very likely
4	Not likely at all
2	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=701
7	Self-employed full-time
4	Self-employed part-time
30	Employed full-time
6	Employed part-time
5	Unemployed and looking for work
40	Retired and not working at all
9	Or are you not in the labor force for other reasons
<1	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

Health

Issues of Importance

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=701	Extremely important %	Very important %	Somewhat important %	Not very important %	Not at all important %	Don't know %	Refused %
A. Having adequate health insurance coverage	56	36	7	<1	1	0	<1
B. Having Medicare benefits available to you in the future	53	36	8	1	1	<1	<1
C. Staying mentally sharp	53	43	3	1	1	0	0
D. Staying physically healthy	48	44	7	1	<1	0	0
E. Paying for prescription drugs	40	39	15	3	3	<1	<1
F. Paying for health care expenses, including premiums and co-pays	47	37	11	3	2	<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=701
35	Yes
65	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=453
47	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

PER4. In the last two years, did you ever decide to not take a prescription drug as prescribed by your doctor due to the cost? This could include not filling the prescription, delaying the prescription, stretching out a prescription, finding a cheaper alternative/over-the-counter, etc.

%	n=701
38	Yes
62	No
<1	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

PER10. The following are proposals that have been made to lower the costs of prescription drugs. Do you support or oppose [ITEM]? (And is that strongly or somewhat?) (Web: "The following are proposals that have been made to lower the costs of prescription drugs. Please indicate whether you support or oppose each." [MATRIX]) [RANDOMIZE ORDER]

n=701	Strongly support %	Somewhat support %	Neither support or oppose %	Somewhat oppose %	Strongly oppose %	Don't know %	Refused %
A. Allowing Utah to import prescription drugs from other countries if they can be purchased safely and less expensively than here in the U.S.	58	24	6	3	6	2	<1
B. Prohibiting insurance companies from changing coverage of prescription drugs midway through the year	71	16	3	3	6	1	<1
C. Capping how much Americans have to pay out of pocket for their prescriptions	66	20	5	4	3	2	<1
D. Allowing Utah to create more bulk-purchasing programs to negotiate with drug companies for lower prices	68	24	4	1	2	1	0
E. Create a Utah state prescription drug assistance program that could help certain individuals pay for needed prescription medications	59	29	5	3	3	1	<1
G. Require greater transparency in the prescription drug supply chain to understand large cost increases in drug costs	72	21	3	1	1	2	<1

RX-3a. [ONLINE ONLY] How much influence do you think prescription drug companies have over Utah's elected officials? Would you say they have...? (READ LIST) (Web: "How much influence do you think prescription drug companies have over Utah elected officials?")

%	n=178
36	A lot of influence
40	Some influence
7	Only a little influence
6	No influence at all
12	Don't know (VOL)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

Wealth

Issues of Importance

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n=701	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	56	34	8	2	1	<1	<1
H. Having good employment opportunities in your community	29	40	16	6	7	<1	<1
I. Protection from age discrimination	31	40	19	6	4	<1	0
J. Maintaining relevant job skills and experience	25	34	24	8	7	1	<1
K. [IF S3≠Retired and not working at all] Having enough income or savings to retire (n=424)	58	33	5	2	1	0	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=359)	37	39	18	4	2	<1	0
M. Protecting yourself against consumer fraud	44	41	12	2	1	0	0
N. Protecting yourself against unfair financial practices	44	40	13	1	1	<1	<1
O. Having online security	36	44	16	3	2	<1	0
U. Having financial security throughout your life	57	37	5	1	1	<1	0
W. Being able to afford groceries or other household necessities	57	36	5	1	1	0	<1
AB. Having access to high-speed Internet	24	37	29	6	3	<1	<1

Self

Issues of Importance

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

%	n=701
31	Retirement/ Social Security/ finances/ cost-of-living
24	Access to healthcare (finding insurance, providers, etc.)
22	Health generally/ health problems
6	Healthcare cost (insurance cost, cost for services)
4	COVID-19/ coronavirus/ pandemic
4	Economy
4	Government
2	Employment
1	Not being respected/ accepted
1	Loneliness/ social isolation
1	Staying involved/ connected/ contributing to society
1	Keeping up with technology
1	Prescription drug costs
<1	Assistance/ care at home
<1	Racial justice
<1	Climate change/ environment
<1	Housing
<1	Transportation
0	Nursing home safety
8	Other
2	Don't know/ refused

Livable Communities

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=701	Extremely important %	Very important %	Somewhat important %	Not very important %	Not at all important %	Don't know %	Refused %
AC. Sidewalks	20	36	29	11	5	<1	0
AD. Outdoor recreation	20	38	32	7	4	0	0
AE. Public transportation	12	25	34	18	11	<1	<1
AF. Bike lanes	8	19	33	22	17	<1	0
AG. Affordable housing	39	37	16	5	4	0	0

Independent Living and Long-Term Care

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=701	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	48	38	12	2	1	<1	0
Q. Having high quality long-term care in your community	35	43	19	2	2	<1	0
R. Getting to the places you need to go independently	43	42	11	2	2	1	0
S. Caring for a loved one	41	41	12	3	3	<1	<1
T. Having paid time off to care for yourself or a seriously ill family member	30	33	17	8	10	1	1
X. Having flexibility in your schedule to care for a loved one	27	42	20	5	5	1	<1
Z. Improvements to Utah's long-term care services so fewer residents leave the state	23	35	27	8	5	2	0

Political Advocacy

POL3. How would you prefer to hear about candidates' positions on issues important to you? Would you like to hear about that...? (READ LIST) [MULTIPLE RESPONSES ALLOWED; RANK IN ORDER IF MORE THAN 1 IS SELECTED: "Which of these would you most prefer to hear about candidates' positions on issues? ...And which would you next most prefer?"] [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF 1-6, READ 7 LAST]

%	n=701
47	In debates
43	In a voter guide available online
36	In a voter guide in written form
35	By mail
18	During an in-person meeting or event
14	During an online or phone meeting
8	Other [SPECIFY]
1	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
1	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

POL4. How familiar are you with decisions your state representative and state senator made during the last legislative session? (READ LIST)

%	n=701
4	Extremely familiar
14	Very familiar
46	Somewhat familiar
21	Not very familiar
13	Not familiar at all
2	Don't know (VOL)
<1	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

POL5. How would you most prefer to get information about decisions and actions your legislators took in the last Utah state legislative session? (READ LIST) [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF 1-6; SINGLE RESPONSE ONLY]

%	n=701
33	Local news
27	Newsletter
14	Constituent services webpage
12	Directly from the legislator
6	Town hall style meeting
3	Information from local advocacy organizations
4	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)

POL6. If a vote were held today, would you support or oppose the following ballot initiative proposals? (And is that strongly or somewhat?) (READ LIST) [RANDOMIZE ORDER] (Web: Do not include "And is that strongly or somewhat?")

n=701	Strongly support %	Somewhat support %	Somewhat oppose %	Strongly oppose %	Neither %	Don't know %	Refused %
A. Require employers with 15 or more employees to offer full-time employees at least 40 hours of paid leave per year	46	32	10	8	3	1	<1
B. Raise Utah's minimum wage over three years to \$12 per hour	49	26	11	12	3	<1	0
C. Cap interest rates for payday loans to 36% annual percentage rate	46	24	9	10	7	3	1
D. Limit the amount of individual contributions to state political campaigns	50	28	12	5	5	1	<1

Communications

COMMS2. Which local news station do you trust most? **[RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE]** (Web: Large text box, open-end)

COMMS3. Which social media platform do you use most? (READ LIST)

%	n=701
55	Facebook
29	Do not use social media (VOL)
8	Instagram
4	Other [SPECIFY]
3	Twitter
<1	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
<1	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

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?

%	n=701
87	Yes
11	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=701
13	Yes, I have
41	Yes, a family member has
48	No
<1	Don't know
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

D14. Does any disability, handicap, or chronic disease keep you from participating fully in work, school, household, or other activities?

%	n=701
26	Yes
74	No
0	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
<1	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=701
2	0 through 12 th grade (no diploma)
14	High school graduate (or equivalent)
6	Post- high school vocational or technical training
34	Some college (no degree), Associate's degree, 2-year college degree
27	College graduate (4-year degree)
4	Post-graduate study
14	Graduate or professional degrees (Master's degree/ PhD/ Law)
<1	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
1	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

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

%	n=701
52	Female
48	Male
0	Other [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=701
66	Married
2	Living with a partner
11	Widowed
15	Divorced or separated
6	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=701
28	Yes
70	No
2	Don't know
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

D7. Are you of Spanish, Hispanic or Latino background?

%	n=701
9	Yes
91	No
<1	Don't know
1	Refused (Web: "Prefer not to say")

HL_OR2. [IF D7=Yes] When you are at home, do you...? (READ LIST)

%	n=60
3	Speak Spanish and English equally but prefer Spanish
3	Speak Spanish and English equally and do not have a preference
36	Speak Spanish and English equally but prefer English
12	Speak English most of the time
47	Speak English only
0	Speak Spanish only
0	Speak Spanish most of the time
0	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

HL_OR3. [IF D7=Yes] How well do you read in Spanish? (READ LIST)

%	n=60
22	Very well
14	Well
6	Fair
35	A little
23	Not at all
0	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

D8. Which of the following best describes your race? (READ LIST)

%	n=701
94	White
1	American Indian or Alaska Native
1	Asian
1	Black or African American
<1	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
1	Some other race [SPECIFY]
<1	Multi-race [SPECIFY]
<1	Don't know (VOL)
2	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

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=701
45	Conservative
33	Moderate
13	Liberal
<1	Other [SPECIFY]
6	Don't know
4	Refused (Web: "Prefer not to say")

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

%	n=701
19	Democrat
46	Republican
26	Independent
1	Progressive
1	Other [SPECIFY] (VOL)
4	Don't know (VOL)
4	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=701
2	Less than \$10,000
9	\$10,000 to less than \$25,000
23	\$25,000 to less than \$50,000
19	\$50,000 to less than \$75,000
16	\$75,000 to less than \$100,000
12	\$100,000 to less than \$150,000
4	\$150,000 to less than \$200,000
3	\$200,000 or more
11	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=701
52	TV
24	Websites
8	Social media like Facebook or Twitter
8	Radio
6	Print newspaper
1	Other [SPECIFY] (VOL)
0	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=701
22	Email
22	TV
19	Social media like Facebook or Twitter
17	Mail
15	Local newspaper
3	Phone call
2	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.