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Annotated Questionnaire

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Interviews were conducted with 709 Oregon residents age 45 and older between November 28, 2020 and December 6, 2020. 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 Oregon. 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 Oregon. 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=709
0	Under 45 [TERMINATE]
14	45-49
15	50-54
15	55-59
15	60-64
13	65-69
12	70-74
7	75-79
4	80-84
5	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 OREGON OR DON'T KNOW/REFUSED, ASK FOR RESIDENT IN HH; TERMINATE IF NO ONE IN HH IS AGE 45+ RESIDENT OF OREGON] (Web: TERMINATE IF NOT A MATCH)

S4. Are you registered to vote in Oregon?

%	n=709
96	Yes
4	No
<1	Don't know
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

S5. Did you vote in the November 2020 election?

%	n=709
93	Yes
7	No
<1	Don't know (Web: "Don't recall")
<1	Refused (Web: "Prefer not to say")

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

%	n=709
12	Self-employed full-time
7	Self-employed part-time
29	Employed full-time
8	Employed part-time
2	Unemployed and looking for work
36	Retired and not working at all
5	Or are you not in the labor force for other reasons
<1	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
<1	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=709	Extremely important %	Very important %	Somewhat important %	Not very important %	Not at all important %	Don't know %	Refused %
A. Having adequate health insurance coverage	53	38	6	1	2	<1	<1
B. Having Medicare benefits available to you in the future	47	41	9	1	2	<1	<1
C. Staying mentally sharp	52	43	5	<1	1	<1	<1
D. Staying physically healthy	46	48	6	1	<1	0	<1
E. Paying for prescription drugs	32	40	18	4	4	1	<1
F. Paying for health care expenses, including premiums and co-pays	37	41	14	3	3	1	1

COVID-19

CVD-6. How worried are you about getting coronavirus in the next year? (READ LIST)

%	n=709
14	Extremely worried
20	Very worried
34	Somewhat worried
16	Not very worried
16	Not at all worried
0	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

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=709
31	Yes
69	No
<1	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
<1	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=489
54	Yes
46	No [SKIP TO PER9]
0	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option) [SKIP TO PER9]
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option) [SKIP TO PER9]

RESP4. [IF CARE1=Yes] If a loved one you care for needed more help than you could provide today, would you choose...? [IF CARE1_A=Yes] If a loved one you cared for needed more help than you could provide, would you choose...? (READ LIST) [ONE RESPONSE ALLOWED; RANDOMIZE ORDER OF 1-4]

%	n=484
65	In-home care with professional help
14	An assisted living facility
3	Adult day care
2	A nursing home
14	Don't know (VOL)
2	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

RESP1. *Respite care is temporary or short-term care of an individual that is provided by someone other than the person's normal caregiver. It is designed to give the caregiver brief personal time away from the daily tasks of caregiving. Respite care is provided either in-home or out-of-home. It is offered by community organizations such as mental health centers, nursing homes, churches, or private agencies. These organizations provide either a paid worker or a trained volunteer to provide respite care.*

[IF CARE1=Yes] What types of respite care do you think are available in your area? (READ LIST) (Web add: "Please select all of the types of services that you think are available in your area.") [ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES FOR 1-3; RANDOMIZE ORDER OF 1-3]

%	n=219
57	In-home respite care
43	Residential respite care
39	Day activity programs
34	Don't know what types of respite care programs are available in my area (VOL)
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

RESP3. [IF CARE1 OR CARE1_A=Yes] Do you support or oppose expanding funding for respite care to family caregivers who provide care and support a family member living in Oregon? (And is that strongly or somewhat?) (Web: Do not include "And is that strongly or somewhat?")

%	n=484
63	Strongly support
23	Somewhat support
5	Neither support nor oppose (VOL)
3	Somewhat oppose
3	Strongly oppose
3	Don't know
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

Prescription Drugs

PER9. Many people face difficulties affording healthcare. In the past 12 months, have you...? (READ LIST) [RANDOMIZE ORDER]

n=709	Yes %	No %	Don't know %	Refused %
A. Delayed getting a prescription filled because of the cost	15	84	<1	<1
B. Taken less medicine than prescribed to make it last longer	15	85	0	<1
C. Cut back on such items as food, fuel, or electricity to afford prescription drugs	10	90	<1	<1
D. Decided not to fill a prescription because of the cost of the drug	15	85	<1	<1
E. Ordered your prescription drugs by mail or Internet from another country because they cost less	8	92	<1	<1
F. Traveled to Canada or another country to purchase prescription drugs because they cost less	3	97	0	<1
G. Decided not to go to a doctor or specialist when needed because of the cost	20	80	<1	<1
H. Gone to the emergency room instead of your primary physician	18	82	<1	<1

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=709	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	51	38	9	1	1	<1	<1
H. Having good employment opportunities in your community	26	40	20	5	8	1	1
I. Protection from age discrimination	25	35	29	6	5	<1	1
J. Maintaining relevant job skills and experience	18	34	27	11	9	1	<1
K. [IF S3=Retired and not working at all] Having enough income or savings to retire (n=453)	57	33	8	1	1	0	<1
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=419)	35	33	21	5	5	1	<1
M. Protecting yourself against consumer fraud	34	46	15	3	1	0	<1
N. Protecting yourself against unfair financial practices	34	46	14	3	2	1	<1
O. Having online security	29	42	19	4	5	1	<1
U. Having financial security throughout your life	47	44	7	1	1	<1	<1
AB. Having access to high-speed Internet	22	37	29	5	7	<1	0

Savings & Planning

RET1. How concerned are you about the following? (READ LIST) [RANDOMIZE ORDER]

n=709	Extremely concerned %	Very concerned %	Somewhat concerned %	Not very concerned %	Not concerned at all %	Don't know %	Refused %
A. [IF S3#Retired and not working at all] Having enough income or savings to retire (n=453)	34	22	25	11	8	1	<1
B. Ensuring the solvency and security of your retirement plans	28	22	25	10	12	2	<1
C. [IF S3#Retired and not working at all] Having to postpone retirement (n=453)	22	17	23	17	19	1	<1

RET23. Has the COVID pandemic caused you to make any changes to your retirement plans, like...? (READ LIST) [MULTIPLE RESPONSES ALLOWED FOR 1-6] [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF 1-5]

%	n=709
61	Canceled travel plans
20	Tapped into savings or a 401(k) in 2020
16	Stopped contributions to investments
9	Put off buying or selling your home
8	Delayed retirement
3	Other [SPECIFY]
30	None of these (VOL)
1	Don't know (VOL)
<1	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

Self

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=709
27	Retirement/ Social Security/ finances/ cost-of-living
23	Access to healthcare (finding insurance, providers, etc.)
17	Health generally/ health problems
8	Healthcare cost (insurance cost, cost for services)
7	COVID-19/ coronavirus/ pandemic
4	Government
3	Employment
3	Staying involved/ connected/ contributing to society
3	Housing
2	Economy
2	Loneliness/ social isolation
1	Prescription drug costs
1	Transportation
1	Not being respected/ accepted
1	Assistance/ care at home
1	Climate change/ environment
<1	Keeping up with technology
0	Racial justice
0	Nursing home safety
4	Other
5	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=709	Extremely important %	Very important %	Somewhat important %	Not very important %	Not at all important %	Don't know %	Refused %
AH. Safe streets	31	46	17	2	2	1	1
AC. Sidewalks	14	30	34	12	9	1	1
AE. Public transportation	11	30	32	13	14	1	<1
AF. Bike lanes	7	20	34	18	22	<1	0
AG. Affordable housing	32	41	17	3	6	1	<1

HOU1. Do you think housing affordability is a problem in the area where you live?

%	n=709
79	Yes
19	No
3	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

HOU1_A. [IF HOU1=Yes] Do you think housing affordability is a very serious problem, a fairly serious problem, just somewhat of a problem, or just a minor problem in the area where you live?

%	n=559
62	A very serious problem
26	A fairly serious problem
11	Just somewhat of a problem
1	Just a minor problem
1	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

HOU2. The following are some approaches local, state, or federal government could take to address the problems of housing affordability. Do you favor or oppose...? (READ LIST) (And is that strongly or somewhat?) (Web: Do not include "And is that strongly or somewhat?")

n=709	Strongly favor %	Somewhat favor %	Neither favor nor oppose %	Somewhat oppose %	Strongly oppose %	Don't know %	Refused %
A. Allowing developers to build more housing units if they are affordable to families ("Affordable housing" is defined as housing that is 30% or less of total income)	47	32	5	7	7	2	1
B. Requiring that at least 20% of housing in local communities is affordable for families making less than \$47,785 per year	47	26	4	9	10	3	<1
C. Expanding rental assistance to ensure that the approximately 292,800 Oregon renters who currently qualify for rental assistance but are not receiving it, get it	48	27	5	10	9	2	<1

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=709	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	37	43	16	2	2	<1	<1
Q. Having high quality long-term care in your community	31	45	19	2	2	1	<1
R. Getting to the places you need to go independently	33	50	13	3	1	<1	0
S. Caring for a loved one	43	42	8	4	2	1	<1
T. Having paid time off to care for yourself or a seriously ill family member	28	34	19	6	11	1	1
X. Having flexibility in your schedule to care for a loved one	31	40	18	6	5	1	<1
AA. Staying in your community as you get older	23	39	27	6	4	<1	0
AJ. Having alternatives to nursing home care	32	41	19	3	3	1	<1

Disrupt Aging

DA1. Based on what you have seen or experienced, do you think older workers face discrimination in the workplace today, based on age?

%	n=709
66	Yes
24	No
9	Don't know
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

DA2. [IF DA1=Yes] At what age do you think older workers begin to face age discrimination? (READ LIST)

%	n=471
15	40's
53	50's
25	60's
5	70's
<1	80's and older
2	Don't know
<1	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

DA3. [IF DA1=Yes] How common is age discrimination against older workers in the workplace today? (READ LIST)

%	n=471
14	Extremely common
41	Very common
38	Somewhat common
3	Not very common
1	Not at all common
4	Don't know (VOL)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

DA5. [IF DA1=Yes] Have you ever made a complaint to a supervisor, human resources representative, a government agency, or another organization about age discrimination that you have seen or experienced in the workplace?

%	n=471
9	Yes
91	No
0	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

DA6. Have any of the following happened to you at work since turning 40? (READ LIST) [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF DA6 _A THROUGH DA6 _F; KEEP DA6_E AND DA6_F TOGETHER]

n=709	Yes %	No %	Don't know %	Refused %
A. Passed up for a promotion or a chance to get ahead because of your age	13	80	7	<1
B. Been laid off, fired, or forced out of a job because of your age	8	89	2	<1
C. Not been hired for a job you applied for because of your age	17	77	6	<1
D. Denied access to training or professional development opportunities because of your age	8	87	5	1
E. Heard negative remarks related to your older age from a supervisor or colleague	16	82	2	<1
F. Heard negative remarks related to old age in general from a supervisor or colleague	26	72	1	<1

Demographics

D15. Is there a telephone in your home that is currently working and is not a cell phone?

%	n=709
66	Yes
34	No
0	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

D16. Do you personally have a working cell phone?

%	n=709
93	Yes
7	No
0	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

D1. [IF D16=YES] 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=709
85	Yes
14	No
1	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=709
17	Yes, I have
42	Yes, a family member has
46	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=709
28	Yes
72	No
<1	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=709
2	0 through 12 th grade (no diploma)
16	High school graduate (or equivalent)
6	Post- high school vocational or technical training
32	Some college (no degree), Associate's degree, 2-year college degree
23	College graduate (4-year degree)
4	Post-graduate study
18	Graduate or professional degrees (Master's degree/ PhD/ Law)
0	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=709
53	Female
47	Male
<1	Other gender identity [SPECIFY]
0	Don't know (VOL)
<1	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

D4a. Do you identify as LGBTQ?

%	n=709
4	Yes
90	No
4	Not sure
2	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

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

%	n=709
58	Married
6	Living with a partner
10	Widowed
15	Divorced or separated
12	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=709
34	Yes
65	No
2	Don't know
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

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

%	n=709
6	Yes
93	No
<1	Don't know
<1	Refused (Web: 'Prefer not to say')

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

%	n=709
91	White
2	American Indian or Alaska Native
1	Asian
1	Black or African American
0	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
2	Some other race [SPECIFY]
2	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=709
37	Conservative
29	Moderate
28	Liberal
2	Other [SPECIFY]
3	Don't know
2	Refused (Web: "Prefer not to say")

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

%	n=709
38	Democrat
33	Republican
22	Independent
3	Progressive
<1	Other [SPECIFY] (VOL)
1	Don't know (VOL)
3	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=709
2	Less than \$10,000
10	\$10,000 to less than \$25,000
21	\$25,000 to less than \$50,000
22	\$50,000 to less than \$75,000
15	\$75,000 to less than \$100,000
14	\$100,000 to less than \$150,000
6	\$150,000 to less than \$200,000
4	\$200,000 or more
7	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=709
47	TV
10	Radio
9	Print newspaper
23	Websites
9	Social media like Facebook or Twitter
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)

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=709
23	Social media like Facebook or Twitter
20	Local newspaper
19	Email
19	TV
7	Phone call
6	Mail
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)

Thank you very much for participating in this survey.