2020 AARP SURVEY OF NORTH DAKOTA ADULTS AGE 45 AND OLDER:

Annotated Questionnaire

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[Annotation]

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Interviews were conducted with 722 North Dakota residents age 45 and older between 7/24/20 and 7/30/20. 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 North Dakota. 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 North Dakota. Your views are important and we would greatly appreciate your participation.")

Screeners

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=722
0	Under 45 [TERMINATE]
14	45-49
14	50-54
16	55-59
16	60-64
12	65-69
11	70-74
7	75-79
6	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 NORTH DAKOTA OR DON'T KNOW/REFUSED, ASK FOR RESIDENT IN HH; TERMINATE IF NO ONE IN HH IS AGE 45+ RESIDENT OF NORTH DAKOTA] (Web: TERMINATE IF NOT A MATCH)

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

%	n=722
93	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=722
90	Very likely
5	Somewhat likely
2	Not very likely
2	Not likely at all
1	Don't know
<1	Refused (Web: "Prefer not to say")

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

%	n=722
10	Self-employed full-time
2	Self-employed part-time
29	Employed full-time
6	Employed part-time
5	Unemployed and looking for work
42	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)
<1	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

Health

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=722	Extremely important %	Very important %	Somewhat important %	Not very important %	Not at all important %	Don't know %	Refused %
A. Having adequate health insurance coverage	48	42	6	2	1	1	<1
B. Having Medicare benefits available to you in the future	45	42	9	1	2	1	0
C. Staying mentally sharp	44	49	5	1	1	<1	0
D. Staying physically healthy	38	52	8	1	1	<1	0
E. Paying for prescription drugs	32	43	17	4	3	1	0
F. Paying for health care expenses, including premiums and co-pays	36	46	13	3	2	1	0
AI. Developing or maintaining healthy behaviors	28	49	19	2	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=722
26	Yes
74	No
<1	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=533
45	Yes
54	No
1	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

Prescription Drugs

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

%	n=722
14	Nothing/ \$0
10	More than \$0 but less than \$10 per month
28	\$10 to less than \$50 per month
20	\$50 to less than \$100 per month
11	\$100 to less than \$200 per month
8	\$200 to less than \$500 per month
5	\$500 to less than \$1,000 per month
2	More than \$1,000 per month
1	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=722
24	Yes
76	No
<1	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=174
44	Cost of the drug
16	I did not think the drug was necessary
15	Didn't need/ no longer needed
14	Side effects of drug
4	Was a narcotic
4	Drug did not help
3	Read or heard something about the drug that concerned me
3	Thought drug wouldn't help much
3	Condition the drug was prescribed for improved
2	I am already taking too many (prescription) drugs
2	I don't like taking (prescription) drugs
2	OTC less expensive
2	Confused about the drug
2	Used or looked into other methods of treatment
1	Use on a temporary basis/ for a short period of time
1	No need for drug after receiving second opinion
1	No need for drug, due to seasonal allergies only
13	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=722
22	Extremely concerned
18	Very concerned
25	Somewhat concerned
19	Not very concerned
16	Not concerned at all
<1	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=722
81	Yes, should be legal
13	No, should not be legal
6	Don't know
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

PER9. Many people face difficult decisions when buying prescription medications. In the past 12 months, have you [ITEM]? [RANDOMIZE ORDER]

n=722	Yes %	No %	Don't know %	Refused %
A. <i>Delayed</i> getting a prescription filled because of the cost	14	86	<1	0
B. Taken less medicine than prescribed to make it last longer	13	87	<1	0
C. Cut back on such items as food, fuel, or electricity to afford prescription drugs	6	94	0	0
D. <i>Decided not to fill</i> a prescription because of the cost of the drug	17	83	0	0
E. Ordered your prescription drugs by mail or Internet from another country because they cost less	4	96	0	0
F. Traveled to Canada or another country to purchase prescription drugs because they cost less	5	95	0	0

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=722	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	37	13	2	2	<1	<1
H. Having good employment opportunities in your community	21	45	20	6	7	1	<1
I. Protection from age discrimination	18	34	32	9	7	1	0
J. Maintaining relevant job skills and experience	13	39	26	10	10	2	<1
K. [IF S3≠Retired and not working at all] Having enough income or savings to retire (n=419)	48	41	8	2	2	<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=375)	27	38	22	10	3	<1	0
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n=722	Extremely important %	Very important %	Somewhat important %	Not very important %	Not at all important %	Don't know %	Refused %
M. Protecting yourself against consumer fraud	32	46	18	2	2	<1	0
N. Protecting yourself against unfair financial practices	33	46	16	3	3	1	<1
O. Having online security	27	41	21	5	5	1	0
U. Having financial security throughout your life	45	43	9	1	1	<1	<1
V. Having affordable utilities	32	48	18	1	2	<1	0
W. Being able to afford groceries or other household necessities	46	43	7	2	2	<1	<1
AB. Having access to high-speed Internet	14	37	32	8	9	1	<1

Fraud Issues

FRA2. About how often do you shred your personal and financial information after you've reviewed it? (READ LIST)

%	n=722
42	Always
25	Sometimes
13	Rarely
20	Never
0	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
<1	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

FRA4. How concerned are you, personally, about becoming the target or victim of a scam or fraud? (READ LIST)

%	n=722
13	Extremely concerned
22	Very concerned
39	Somewhat concerned
16	Not very concerned
10	Not concerned at all
<1	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

FRA4_1. How concerned are you, personally, about each of the following? (READ LIST) [RANDOMIZE ORDER]

n=722	Extremely concerned %	Very concerned %	Somewhat concerned %	Not very concerned %	Not concerned at all %	Don't know %	Refused %
A. Becoming the target or victim of a scam or fraud over the phone	14	19	26	23	17	0	0
B. Becoming the target or victim of a scam or fraud on the Internet	17	19	31	17	15	1	<1
C. Having your identity stolen by someone who uses your name and other identifying information to open new credit accounts	25	28	31	9	6	<1	0
D. Having hackers get access to your identifying information from companies that you have done business with	24	30	31	9	5	<1	0
E. Losing money due to unfair or fraudulent financial practices	17	23	32	16	12	<1	0

FRA18. How confident are you that you could detect a scam or fraudulent offer intended to trick YOU out of your money or personal information? (READ LIST)

%	n=722
17	Extremely confident
40	Very confident
37	Somewhat confident
4	Not very confident
2	Not confident at all
<1	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
<1	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

FRA19. In the last 12 months, have you been a victim of a scam or fraud?

%	n=722
12	Yes
86	No
1	Don't know
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

FRA19_A. [IF FRA19=Yes] Did you report it to the police or to appropriate local or state authorities?

%	n=90
54	Yes
46	No
0	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (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=722
26	Retirement/ Social Security/ finances/ cost-of-living
21	Access to healthcare (finding insurance, providers, etc.)
16	Health generally/ health problems
10	Healthcare cost (insurance cost, cost for services)
7	Government
5	COVID-19/ coronavirus/ pandemic
4	Economy
2	Prescription drug costs
2	Staying involved/ connected/ contributing to society
1	Assistance/ care at home
1	Not being respected/ accepted
1	Employment
1	Housing
<1	Loneliness/ social isolation
<1	Racial justice
<1	Transportation
<1	Climate change/ environment
7	Other
5	Don't know/ refused

Livable Communities

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=722	Extremely important %	Very important %	Somewhat important %	Not very important %	Not at all important %	Don't know %	Refused %
AH. Safe streets	32	45	15	3	3	1	<1
AC. Sidewalks	12	29	32	13	13	1	<1
AD. Outdoor recreation	11	37	37	9	5	1	0
AE. Public transportation	7	20	32	22	18	1	<1
AF. Bike lanes	4	9	29	27	30	2	1
AG. Affordable housing	28	41	20	6	5	<1	<1
AM. Affordable recreation	7	27	46	11	7	2	<1

n=722	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	42	15	4	2	<1	0
Q. Having high quality long-term care in your community	29	50	15	3	2	1	0
R. Getting to the places you need to go independently	31	48	16	3	2	<1	<1
S. Caring for a loved one	35	45	13	3	3	1	<1
T. Having paid time off to care for yourself or a seriously ill family member	20	35	20	10	11	3	<1
X. Having flexibility in your schedule to care for a loved one	27	40	19	6	7	2	<1
AA. Staying in your community as you get older	20	42	27	8	3	<1	<1

Demographics

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

%	n=722
65	Yes
35	No
0	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

D16. Do you personally have a working cell phone?

%	n=722
93	Yes
7	No
0	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	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=722
85	Yes
13	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=722
19	Yes, I have
38	Yes, a family member has
47	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=722
20	Yes
79	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=722
2	0 through 12 th grade (no diploma)
17	High school graduate (or equivalent)
6	Post- high school vocational or technical training
36	Some college (no degree), Associate's degree, 2-year college degree
25	College graduate (4-year degree)
2	Post-graduate study
12	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=722
53	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=722
66	Married
3	Living with a partner
11	Widowed
12	Divorced or separated
8	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=722
34	Yes
65	No
1	Don't know
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

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

%	n=722
96	White (non-Hispanic/Latino)
1	American Indian or Alaska Native
1	Asian
<1	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
<1	Hispanic/ Latino
<1	Multi-race [SPECIFY]
0	Black or African American (non-Hispanic/Latino)
0	Some other 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=722
51	Conservative
29	Moderate
14	Liberal
0	Other [SPECIFY]
3	Don't know
3	Refused (Web: "Prefer not to say")

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

%	n=722
20	Democrat
38	Republican
32	Independent
2	Progressive
<1	Other [SPECIFY] (VOL)
2	Don't know (VOL)
5	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=722
3	Less than \$10,000
8	\$10,000 to less than \$25,000
17	\$25,000 to less than \$50,000
21	\$50,000 to less than \$75,000
15	\$75,000 to less than \$100,000
14	\$100,000 to less than \$150,000
5	\$150,000 to less than \$200,000
6	\$200,000 or more
11	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

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

%	n=722
94	Straight or heterosexual
<1	Gay or lesbian
1	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")

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=722
29	TV
22	Local newspaper
20	Social media like Facebook or Twitter
13	Email
9	Mail
5	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.