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Annotated Questionnaire

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Interviews were conducted with 800 Indiana residents age 45 and older between July 6, 2021 and July 13, 2021. All data have been weighted by age, gender, and race/ethnicity according to 2019 U.S. Census Bureau Current Population Survey (CPS) statistics. Survey results have a 3.5% 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 Indiana. 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 Indiana. 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=800
0	Under 45 [TERMINATE]
11	45-49
15	50-54
13	55-59
18	60-64
15	65-69
15	70-74
6	75-79
2	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 INDIANA OR DON'T KNOW/REFUSED, ASK FOR RESIDENT IN HH; TERMINATE IF NO ONE IN HH IS AGE 45+ RESIDENT OF INDIANA] (Web: TERMINATE IF NOT A MATCH)

S4. Are you registered to vote in Indiana?

%	n=800
92	Yes
7	No
1	Don't know
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

S5. [If S4=Yes] Did you vote in the November 2020 election?

%	n=735
93	Yes
6	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) [CODE RESPONSE]

%	n=800
6	Self-employed full-time
3	Self-employed part-time
24	Employed full-time
5	Employed part-time
4	Unemployed and looking for work
48	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)
<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=800	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	4	1	1	1	<1
B. Having Medicare benefits available to you in the future	57	34	6	1	2	1	<1
C. Staying mentally sharp	55	38	7	<1	<1	<1	<1
D. Staying physically healthy	48	44	8	<1	1	0	<1
E. Paying for prescription drugs	44	33	12	5	4	2	<1
F. Paying for health care expenses, including premiums and co-pays	45	38	10	3	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=800
27	Yes
73	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=585
44	Yes
56	No
<1	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

COVID-19

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

%	n=800
6	Extremely worried
5	Very worried
21	Somewhat worried
31	Not very worried
37	Not at all worried
<1	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

CVD-11. Have you gotten or do you plan to get the COVID-19 vaccine? (READ LIST AS NEEDED TO CONFIRM)

%	n=800
72	Yes, already got the COVID-19 vaccine (either all shots or 1 shot out of 2)
3	Yes, plan to get the COVID-19 vaccine
22	No, I do not plan to get the COVID-19 vaccine
2	Don't know (VOL)
1	Refused (VOL) (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=800
17	Nothing/ \$0
12	More than \$0 but less than \$10 per month
28	\$10 to less than \$50 per month
19	\$50 to less than \$100 per month
7	\$100 to less than \$200 per month
8	\$200 to less than \$500 per month
4	\$500 to less than \$1,000 per month
2	More than \$1,000 per month
3	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=800
31	Yes
69	No
0	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

PER12. How reasonable are the prices of prescription drugs?

%	n=800
5	Extremely reasonable
10	Very reasonable
32	Somewhat reasonable
21	Not very reasonable
25	Not at all reasonable
7	Don't know
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

Wealth

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=800	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	61	28	9	1	1	<1	0
H. Having good employment opportunities in your community	31	37	17	6	9	1	<1
I. Protection from age discrimination	36	30	21	8	5	1	0
J. Maintaining relevant job skills and experience	22	30	25	11	10	2	<1
K. [IF S3≠Retired and not working at all] Having enough income or savings to retire (n=418)	62	29	6	1	1	<1	<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=341)	44	33	17	2	4	1	0
M. Protecting yourself against consumer fraud	45	37	12	4	1	1	<1
N. Protecting yourself against unfair financial practices	46	36	12	4	1	1	<1
O. Having online security	38	35	16	5	5	1	<1

Payday Lending

PD1. Payday loans are high interest, small dollar loans that are due in full on a borrower's next payday. Indiana law allows payday lenders to charge borrowers annual interest rates up to 459% for a \$100 loan. Have you or someone else in your household borrowed money from a payday lender in the past 12 months?

%	n=800
5	Yes
93	No
2	Don't know
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

PD2. While 31 states mirror Indiana's law, 19 other states do not allow lenders to charge annual interest rates above 36%. Given this, which statement best represents your opinion? (IF NECESSARY, READ AGAIN: "*Payday loans are high interest, small dollar loans that are due in full on a borrower's next payday. Indiana law allows payday lenders to charge borrowers annual interest rates up to 459% for a \$100 loan.*") (READ LIST) [ROTATE ORDER OF 1-2; KEEP 3 LAST]

%	n=800
79	Indiana law should be changed to set limits or place caps on payday lending rates and fees
9	Indiana law should remain as is and allow annual interest rates
4	Neither reflect my opinion (VOL)
8	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=800
30	Retirement/ Social Security/ finances/ cost-of-living
20	Health generally/ health problems
19	Access to healthcare (finding insurance, providers, etc.)
6	Healthcare cost (insurance cost, cost for services)
4	Government
4	Prescription drug costs
4	Economy
3	Employment
2	Loneliness/ social isolation
2	Assistance/ care at home
2	Staying involved/ connected/ contributing to society
1	Not being respected/ accepted
1	Housing
1	Keeping up with technology
<1	Racial justice
<1	Transportation
<1	Climate change/ environment
<1	COVID-19/ coronavirus/ pandemic
0	Nursing home safety
6	Other
5	Don't know/ refused

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=800	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	51	35	11	2	1	1	<1
Q. Having high quality long-term care in your community	42	38	15	2	2	1	0
R. Getting to the places you need to go independently	42	42	12	2	2	<1	<1
S. Caring for a loved one	46	37	11	2	3	1	<1

Home Repair and Aging in Place

REP2. For each of the following, would you rate your community as excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?
[RANDOMIZE ORDER]

n=800	Excellent %	Very good %	Good %	Fair %	Poor %	Don't know %	Refused %
A. Sidewalks that are in good condition, safe for pedestrians, and accessible for wheelchairs or other assistive mobility devices	12	19	28	17	17	6	1
J. Affordable housing options that are in walking distance to your downtown or village center	6	14	22	18	25	16	1
K. Public bus services	8	11	17	15	26	23	2
L. Accessible and well-maintained bus stops	7	12	15	14	23	27	2

REP3. How would you rate your community on [ITEM]? Is it excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor? (Web: "How would you rate your community on the following?" [MATRIX LAYOUT]) [RANDOMIZE ORDER]

n=800	Excellent %	Very good %	Good %	Fair %	Poor %	Don't know %	Refused %
B. Affordable housing options for adults of varying income levels such as older active adult communities, assisted living and communities with shared facilities and outdoor spaces	7	15	28	20	19	12	0
C. Homes that are built with features like a no-step entrance, wider doorways, and first floor bedrooms and bathrooms	5	12	25	20	18	21	0
L. Conveniently located public parking lots that include handicapped parking	14	24	29	16	11	6	<1

Community and Home Issues

COMM8. Some people find that they need or want to move out of their community as they get older. If you were to consider moving out of your current community, would the following be a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor at all in your decision to move? [RANDOMIZE ORDER]

n=800	A major factor %	A minor factor %	Not a factor at all %	Don't know %	Refused %
A. Your personal safety or security concerns	57	18	23	1	<1
B. Wanting to move to an area that has better health care facilities	33	29	35	2	<1
C. Wanting to be closer to family	48	20	32	1	<1
D. Needing more access to public transportation	23	29	45	3	<1
E. Wanting to live in a different climate	32	31	35	1	<1
F. Wanting to live in an area that has a lower cost of living	47	25	27	2	<1
G. Wanting to live in an area with better opportunities for social interaction	26	34	38	2	<1

COMM14. Whom would you turn to for information if you, a family member, or friend needed services for older adults such as caregiving services, home-delivered meals, home repair, medical transport, or social activities? [RECORD AND CODE FROM LIST; ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES FOR 1-12] (Web: Large text box, open-end)

%	n=800
19	Family or friends
13	Internet
11	Your doctor or other health care professional
9	Local government offices like the Health Department
7	Local Area Agency on Aging (AAA)
7	Local Senior Centers
4	Faith-based organizations like churches or synagogues
3	Local nonprofit organizations
2	AARP
<1	Phonebook
<1	Library
0	Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)
11	Other (record)
19	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

Livable Communities

ADU-1. An Accessory Dwelling Unit, or ADU, is a residential unit built on the same lot as an existing single family home and may be attached or detached to the home. It is commonly referred to as a “granny flat” or “in-law quarters.” ADUs provide complete separate living quarters, including a kitchen and bathroom, that can allow older adults to age in their existing home with live-in care, make it possible for adults to assist their aging parents, other relatives and loved ones, or be used for rental income. Do you currently have an ADU on your property?

%	n=800
2	Yes
97	No
<1	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

ADU-2. [IF ADU-1=No] If you had the space to create an ADU within your home or on your property, would you consider doing that?

%	n=777
45	Yes
53	No
2	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

ADU-3. Do you support or oppose town ordinances that make it easier for property owners to create an ADU on their property? (Is that strongly or somewhat?) (Web: Do not include "And is that strongly or somewhat?")

%	n=800
47	Strongly support
32	Somewhat support
6	Somewhat oppose
3	Strongly oppose
9	Neither (VOL)
2	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

ADU-3a. [IF ADU-3=Somewhat oppose or strongly oppose] What is the reason you oppose this? [RECORD OPEN-ENDED RESPONSE] (Web: Large text box, open-end)

GEN-1. As the demand for housing has grown in Indiana, many neighborhoods that have been home for mostly low- and moderate-income households are seeing an increase in higher-income households and higher housing prices. Have you or someone you know had to move from their neighborhood in the past 5 years due to price changes in the housing market?

%	n=800
15	Yes
83	No
2	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

GEN-2. Looking ahead, how concerned are you about having to move from your current neighborhood because of changes in the housing market? (READ LIST)

%	n=800
11	Very concerned
13	Somewhat concerned
23	Not very concerned
54	Not concerned at all
0	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
<1	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

Transportation Issues

TRA1. How do you usually get around your community for things like shopping, visiting the doctor, running errands, or other things? (READ LIST AS NEEDED TO CLARIFY) [CODE RESPONSE; ONE RESPONSE ALLOWED] (Web: List response options; one response allowed)

%	n=800
86	Drive yourself
10	Have others drive you
1	Walk
1	Use a special transportation service, such as one for seniors or persons with disabilities
1	Use public transportation
<1	Use a ride source company such as Uber or Lyft
<1	Take a taxi
<1	Ride a bike
0	Some other way [SPECIFY]
0	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
<1	Refused (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=800
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=800
14	Yes, I have
43	Yes, a family member has
45	No
2	Don't know
<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=800
4	0 through 12 th grade (no diploma)
28	High school graduate (or equivalent)
6	Post- high school vocational or technical training
30	Some college (no degree), Associate's degree, 2-year college degree
17	College graduate (4-year degree)
2	Post-graduate study
12	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=800
54	Female
46	Male
0	Other gender identity [SPECIFY]
<1	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=800
56	Married
3	Living with a partner
13	Widowed
15	Divorced or separated
13	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=800
37	Yes
62	No
1	Don't know
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

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

%	n=800
3	Yes
96	No
<1	Don't know
1	Refused (Web: 'Prefer not to say')

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

%	n=800
87	White
8	Black or African American
2	American Indian or Alaska Native
<1	Asian
<1	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
<1	Some other race [SPECIFY]
1	Multi-race [SPECIFY]
0	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=800
41	Conservative
30	Moderate
16	Liberal
<1	Other [SPECIFY]
8	Don't know
5	Refused (Web: "Prefer not to say")

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

%	n=800
39	Republican
28	Democrat
22	Independent
1	Progressive
<1	Other [SPECIFY] (VOL)
3	Don't know (VOL)
7	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

D11. What income range includes your household's total income from all sources in 2020? (READ LIST)

%	n=800
4	Less than \$10,000
15	\$10,000 to less than \$25,000
25	\$25,000 to less than \$50,000
17	\$50,000 to less than \$75,000
11	\$75,000 to less than \$100,000
11	\$100,000 to less than \$150,000
4	\$150,000 to less than \$200,000
2	\$200,000 or more
11	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

Thank you very much for participating in this survey.