



National Survey

Method: Online Interviews

Universe: Likely Voters 55-Plus / AARP Members

Fielded: April 23-30, 2023

Sample Size: 698

Margin of Error: +/- 3.7%

1. ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE AT YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS?

Total	698
YES, REGISTERED	100.0

2. THINKING AHEAD, HOW LIKELY IS IT YOU WILL VOTE IN THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS?

Total	698
DEFINITELY	79.6
VERY/SOMEWHAT LIKELY	20.4
Very Likely	16.3
Somewhat Likely	4.2
Mean	2.75

3. IF THE ELECTION FOR CONGRESS WERE HELD TODAY, WHICH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES HOW YOU ARE LIKELY TO VOTE BETWEEN THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE AND THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE?

Total	698
REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE	40.2
Definitely	21.1
Probably	12.2
Lean	6.9
DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE	50.0
Definitely	35.9
Probably	9.0
Lean	5.1
UNDECIDED	9.8
Net Diff.	-9.8
Mean	3.64

4. GENERALLY SPEAKING, WOULD YOU SAY THINGS IN THE UNITED STATES ARE GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION OR ARE THEY OFF ON THE WRONG TRACK?

Total	698
RIGHT DIRECTION	27.1
WRONG TRACK	68.0
DON'T KNOW	4.9
Net Diff.	-40.9

5. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING DAILY ECONOMIC CONCERNS IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Total	698
DAILY COSTS	62.4
Cost Of Food	39.0
Cost Of Fuel/Utilities	12.6
Housing & Rentals Costs	10.8
TAXES/SPENDING	17.1
Government Spending	12.2
Increased Taxes	4.9
HEALTHCARE COSTS	11.0
Cost Of Health Insurance	7.2
Cost/Prscrip ⁿ Medicines	3.8
JOB/RETIREMENT	9.5
Retirement Savings	8.2
Unemployment/Job Loss	1.3

6. FROM THE SAME LIST, WHICH DAILY ECONOMIC CONCERN IS THE SECOND MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Total	698
DAILY COSTS	57.2
Cost Of Fuel/Utilities	25.0
Cost Of Food	23.1
Housing & Rentals Costs	9.1
TAXES/SPENDING	18.4
Government Spending	9.7
Increased Taxes	8.7
HEALTHCARE COSTS	16.7
Cost Of Health Insurance	10.5
Cost/Prscrip ⁿ Medicines	6.2
JOB/RETIREMENT	7.7
Retirement Savings	5.5
Unemployment/Job Loss	2.3

ECONOMIC CONCERN ISSUE COMBO:

Total	698
DAILY COSTS	82.5
Cost Of Food	62.2
Cost Of Fuel/Utilities	37.6
Housing & Rentals Costs	19.9
TAXES/SPENDING	32.7
Government Spending	21.9
Increased Taxes	13.6
HEALTHCARE COSTS	25.5
Cost Of Health Insurance	17.7
Cost/Prscrip ⁿ Medicines	10.0
JOB/RETIREMENT	16.9
Retirement Savings	13.7
Unemployment/Job Loss	3.6

7. WHICH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING HEALTHCARE AFFORDABILITY ISSUES IS MOST CONCERNING TO YOU?

1. COST OF MONTHLY HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS
2. COST OF OUT-OF-POCKET MEDICAL EXPENSES LIKE INSURANCE CO-PAYS AND DEDUCTIBLES
3. COST OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS
4. COST OF LONG-TERM CARE

Total	698
OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES	31.9
HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS	26.7
LONG-TERM CARE	23.5
PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS	17.7
DON'T KNOW	0.1

8. FROM THE SAME LIST, WHICH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING HEALTHCARE AFFORDABILITY ISSUES IS THE SECOND MOST CONCERNING TO YOU?

1. COST OF MONTHLY HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS
2. COST OF OUT-OF-POCKET MEDICAL EXPENSES LIKE INSURANCE CO-PAYS AND DEDUCTIBLES
3. COST OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS
4. COST OF LONG-TERM CARE

Total	698
OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES	30.7
PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS	23.8
HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS	22.1
LONG-TERM CARE	17.9
DON'T KNOW	5.4

9. ARE YOU CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING IN ANY TRADITIONAL OR SUPPLEMENTAL MEDICARE PLANS OR PROGRAMS?

Total	698
YES	69.2
NO	30.8
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	38.3

10. WHICH MEDICARE PLAN ARE YOU CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN? PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY.

Total	483
YES, ENROLLED	96.7
Traditional Medicare	39.2
Medicare Advantage	55.6
Medigap	12.4
NONE OF THE ABOVE	3.3
DON'T KNOW	0.0

11. WHEN IT COMES TO MEDICARE, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS CLOSEST TO YOUR VIEW?

1. MEDICARE IS A BENEFIT YOU OR YOUR FAMILY RECEIVE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.
2. MEDICARE IS SOMETHING YOU OR YOUR FAMILY HAVE EARNED FROM WORKING AND PAYING INTO THE PROGRAM YOURSELVES.

Total	698
BENEFIT FROM FED. GOV'T	12.6
EARNED BY WORKING	87.3
DON'T KNOW	0.1
Net Diff.	74.7

12. WHEN IT COMES TO POTENTIAL CHANGES TO MEDICARE THAT COULD SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT SENIORS' MEDICARE PLANS AND BENEFITS, DO YOU BELIEVE THAT ANY CHANGES SHOULD BE...?

1. VOTED ON BY YOUR OWN ELECTED OFFICIALS IN CONGRESS.
2. DECIDED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY EMPLOYEES.

Total	698
VOTED BY OFFICIALS	77.0
DECIDED BY FEDS	22.7
DON'T KNOW	0.3
Net Diff.	54.4

13. WOULD IT BE ACCEPTABLE IF THE MEDICARE "SAVINGS" IDENTIFIED BY CONGRESS WERE TO BE PHASED IN OVER SEVERAL YEARS FOR MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES, BUT THE TAX CUTS AND SUBSIDIES BENEFITING INDIVIDUALS AND INDUSTRIES UNRELATED TO THE MEDICARE PROGRAM WERE MADE AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY AND IN ADVANCE OF MUCH OF THE DRUG SAVINGS GOING TO SENIORS IN MEDICARE?

Total	698
YES, ACCEPTABLE	40.9
NO, UNACCEPTABLE	58.8
DON'T KNOW	0.3
Net Diff.	17.8

14. JUST PRIOR TO THE 2022 ELECTIONS, CONGRESS PASSED A \$740 BILLION DOLLAR SPENDING PLAN CALLED THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT THAT MADE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO MEDICARE. HOW FAMILIAR ARE YOU WITH THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT?

Total	698
FAMILIAR	47.0
Very	8.8
Somewhat	38.1
NOT THAT FAMILIAR	53.0
Heard About it	45.9
Never Heard of it	7.2
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	-6.1
Mean	2.49

15. ARE YOU CONCERNED OR NOT CONCERNED WITH EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF THE [IRA] PLAN?

AN ESTIMATED \$280 BILLION IN PROJECTED MEDICARE DRUG SAVINGS WILL BE DIVERTED AWAY FROM MEDICARE TO PAY FOR OTHER UNRELATED GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS.

Total	698
CONCERNED	92.1
NOT CONCERNED	7.9
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	84.2

16. MUCH OF THE MEDICARE DRUG SAVINGS WILL NOT BENEFIT SENIORS UNTIL AFTER MANY BILLIONS OF DOLLARS ARE USED TO PAY FOR OTHER UNRELATED GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS FIRST.

Total	698
CONCERNED	93.1
NOT CONCERNED	6.9
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	86.2

17. FUNDS FROM MEDICARE SAVINGS WILL BE USED FOR TAX BREAKS FOR THINGS LIKE ELECTRIC VEHICLES, SOLAR PANELS, AND SUBSIDIES PAID TO LARGE HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES.

Total	698
CONCERNED	89.3
NOT CONCERNED	10.7
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	78.6

18. THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE COLLECTING AND SPENDING MEDICARE DRUG SAVINGS ON UNRELATED PROGRAMS RATHER THAN PASSING DISCOUNTS ON MEDICINES DIRECTLY TO INDIVIDUAL SENIORS IN MEDICARE.

Total	698
CONCERNED	93.5
NOT CONCERNED	6.5
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	87.1

19. WITH BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN PROJECTED MEDICARE SAVINGS FROM THE [IRA] PLAN BEING USED TO PAY FOR SPENDING PROGRAMS UNRELATED TO MEDICARE, WHICH COMES CLOSER TO YOUR VIEW?

- 1. CONGRESS SHOULD NOT DIVERT MEDICARE REVENUES MEANT TO LOWER PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS FOR SENIORS TO PAY FOR SPENDING PROGRAMS UNRELATED TO MEDICARE.**
- 2. CONGRESS SHOULD BE ABLE TO DIVERT MEDICARE REVENUES MEANT TO LOWER PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS FOR SENIORS IN MEDICARE TO PAY FOR OTHER SPENDING PROGRAMS UNRELATED TO MEDICARE.**

Total	698
NOT DIVERT REVENUE	83.5
SHOULD BE ABLE TO DIVERT	16.5
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	67.1

20. CRITICS OF THE [IRA] PLAN HAVE WARNED THAT PLACING THE GOVERNMENT IN CHARGE OF NEGOTIATING PRICES FOR MEDICINES IN MEDICARE BY USING THE THREAT OF A 95% TAX ON DRUGMAKERS COULD LEAD TO FEWER LIFESAVING DRUGS BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO PATIENTS.

HOW CONCERNED ARE YOU THAT THE [IRA] PLAN COULD LEAD TO PATIENT ACCESS RESTRICTIONS TO NEWER CUTTING-EDGE MEDICINES?

Total	698
CONCERNED	79.8
Very	44.6
Somewhat	35.3
NOT CONCERNED	20.2
Not That	15.2
Not at All	4.9
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	59.7
Mean	3.19

21. DESPITE GOVERNMENT REPORTS ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE [IRA] PLAN WOULD LEAD TO FEWER NEW MEDICINES AND CURES BEING DEVELOPED DUE TO DIMINISHED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENTS, SUPPORTERS OF THE [IRA] PLAN LARGELY DISMISSED THESE CONCERNS. HOWEVER, FOLLOWING THE PASSAGE OF THE [IRA] PLAN, SEVERAL DRUG DEVELOPERS HAVE ALREADY ANNOUNCED THEY ARE CUTTING BACK RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENTS IN SEVERAL DISEASE AREAS OR FOR NEW THERAPIES. HOW CONCERNED ARE YOU THAT THE [IRA] PLAN COULD LEAD TO A SIGNIFICANT LOSS IN NEW CUTTING-EDGE MEDICINES AND CURES TO TREAT CHRONIC AND RARE DISEASES?

Total	698
CONCERNED	83.9
Very	49.8
Somewhat	34.1
NOT CONCERNED	16.1
Not That	13.6
Not at All	2.5
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	67.8
Mean	3.31

22. FOLLOWING THE PASSAGE OF THE [IRA] PLAN, WHICH DO YOU PERSONALLY BELIEVE AMERICAN SENIORS ARE MOST LIKELY TO SEE WITH RESPECT TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL DRUG COSTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

- 1. PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS FOR SENIORS WILL LIKELY END UP INCREASING**
- 2. PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS FOR SENIORS WILL LIKELY END UP STAYING ABOUT THE SAME**
- 3. PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS FOR SENIORS WILL LIKELY END UP DECREASING**

Total	698
INCREASING	49.6
STAYING ABOUT THE SAME	33.4
DECREASING	17.0
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	32.5

23. IN YOUR OPINION, WHO IS MOST LIKELY TO BENEFIT UNDER THE [IRA] PLAN'S CHANGES TO MEDICARE?

- 1. SENIORS AND PATIENTS BENEFITING THROUGH LOWER DRUG COSTS.**
- 2. POLITICIANS WHO WANT TO USE MEDICARE FUNDS TO PAY FOR UNRELATED GOVERNMENT SPENDING.**
- 3. BIG HEALTH INSURANCE AND MIDDLEMEN CORPORATIONS WHO'LL EARN MORE PROFITS.**
- 4. INDIVIDUALS NOT ENROLLED IN MEDICARE BENEFITING FROM LARGE TAX BREAKS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES, PRIVATE HEALTH CARE, OR OTHER UNRELATED SPENDING PROGRAMS.**

Total	698
POLITICIAN DIVERT MEDICARE	46.1
LOWER DRUG COSTS	24.1
BIG HEALTH INSR.	15.8
NOT MEDICARE BENEFITING	13.9
DON'T KNOW	0.0

24. IN YOUR OPINION, SHOULD ORGANIZATIONS THAT CLAIM TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF SENIORS AND ALL OTHER MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES, INCLUDING THE AARP, HAVE SUPPORTED OR NOT SUPPORTED THIS [IRA] PLAN AND ITS CHANGES TO MEDICARE

- 1. YES, ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING SENIORS SHOULD HAVE SUPPORTED IT.**
- 2. NO, ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING SENIORS SHOULD NOT HAVE SUPPORTED IT.**

Total	698
YES	54.0
NO	45.7
DON'T KNOW	0.3
Net Diff.	-8.3

25. MANY IN CONGRESS ARE NOW CALLING FOR A BAN ON WHAT THEY CALL "JUNK FEES" OR ADDED FEES TO PURCHASES AND EXPENSES ON SUCH THINGS AS CONCERT TICKETS, HOTEL BILLS, CHECKING ACCOUNTS AND OTHER ITEMS. DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE BANNING SUCH FEES?

Total	698
SUPPORT	78.2
Strongly	50.7
Somewhat	27.5
OPPOSE	21.8
Somewhat	9.3
Strongly	12.4
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	56.5
Mean	3.16

26. DO YOU HAVE A FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE OPINION OF AARP, THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS? IF YOU HAVE NO OPINION OR HAVE NEVER HEARD OF AARP, JUST SAY SO.

Total	698
FAVORABLE	84.7
Very	40.8
Somewhat	43.9
UNFAVORABLE	8.8
Somewhat	6.8
Very	2.0
NO OPINION	6.5
NEVER HEARD OF	0.0
Net Diff	75.9
Mean	4.15

27. ARE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE A MEMBER OF AARP?

Total	698
YES	100.0
NO	0.0
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	100.0

28. WHETHER YOU ARE A MEMBER OR NOT, HOW FAMILIAR ARE YOU WITH THE AARP, ALSO KNOWN AS THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS?

Total	698
FAMILIAR	98.0
Very	54.9
Somewhat	43.1
NOT FAMILIAR AT ALL	2.0
DON'T KNOW	0.0

29. WHILE AARP HAS LONG PRESENTED ITSELF AS AN ADVOCATE FOR OLDER AMERICANS, TODAY IT ALSO HAS SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH MANY LARGE CORPORATIONS. IN FACT, AARP IS NOW PAID OVER ONE BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR IN CORPORATE ROYALTIES. THESE PAYMENTS MAKE UP MORE THAN HALF OF AARP'S ANNUAL OPERATING REVENUES AND EXCEED MORE THAN THREE TIMES WHAT THEY EARN IN DUES FROM THEIR OWN MEMBERS. MOST OF THIS CORPORATE REVENUE – TOTALING OVER \$6 BILLION OVER THE LAST DECADE – COMES FROM A SINGLE CORPORATION, UNITEDHEALTHCARE, ONE OF AMERICA'S LARGEST HEALTH INSURANCE AND PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER COMPANIES. THIS IS LARGELY DERIVED FROM A ROYALTY EQUAL TO NEARLY 5 PERCENT OF WHAT AARP IS PAID FROM MONTHLY PREMIUMS FROM CERTAIN AARP-BRANDED UNITEDHEALTHCARE MEDICARE POLICIES.

Total	698
CONCERNING	85.2
Very	43.9
Somewhat	41.3
NOT CONCERNING	14.8
Not That	12.7
Not at All	2.1
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	70.4
Mean	3.27

30. ARE YOU CONCERNED THAT OVER HALF OF AARP'S OPERATING REVENUE – OVER \$1 BILLION – COMES FROM CORPORATE ROYALTIES, WITH MOST OF THAT COMING FROM A SINGLE CORPORATION, UNITEDHEALTHCARE?

Total	698
CONCERNED	81.5
Very	44.6
Somewhat	36.9
NOT CONCERNED	18.5
Not That	16.1
Not at All	2.4
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	62.9
Mean	3.24

31. DO YOU PERSONALLY BELIEVE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY PAID TO AARP IN CORPORATE ROYALTIES FROM HEALTH INSURERS LIKE UNITEDHEALTHCARE CREATES A CONFLICT OF INTEREST THAT COULD IMPACT AARP'S ABILITY TO BEST REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THEIR MEMBERS AND OTHER OLDER AMERICANS THAT RELY ON MEDICARE?

Total	698
YES	75.5
NO	24.4
DON'T KNOW	0.1
Net Diff.	51.1

32. HOW FAMILIAR ARE YOU WITH UNITEDHEALTHCARE, AARP'S LARGEST CORPORATE PARTNER, AND OTHER LARGE INSURANCE COMPANIES, BEING THE SUBJECT OF WELL-PUBLICIZED ALLEGATIONS, CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS RELATED TO OVERCHARGING GOVERNMENT HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS LIKE MEDICARE AND MEDICAID MULTIPLE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN RECENT YEARS?

Total	698
FAMILIAR	44.5
Very	13.3
Somewhat	31.3
NOT THAT FAMILIAR	55.5
Heard About it	34.5
Never Heard of it	20.9
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	-11.0
Mean	2.37

33. HOW CONCERNING IS IT THAT AARP MAINTAINS SUCH A SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH UNITEDHEALTHCARE CONSIDERING THE ALLEGATIONS THAT THEY AND OTHER INSURANCE COMPANIES HAVE POSSIBLY OVERCHARGED MEDICARE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS?

Total	698
CONCERNING	90.0
Very	48.4
Somewhat	41.6
NOT CONCERNING	10.0
Not That	8.3
Not at All	1.7
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	80.0
Mean	3.37

34. WITH RESPECT TO THE ROYALTY EQUAL TO NEARLY 5% OF MONTHLY PREMIUMS AARP RECEIVES ON MANY UNITEDHEALTHCARE MEDICARE PREMIUMS AS A RESULT OF AARP'S FINANCIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH UNITEDHEALTHCARE, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING COMES CLOSEST TO YOUR VIEW?

- 1. THE NEARLY 5% ROYALTY AARP RECEIVES FROM AARP-BRANDED UNITEDHEALTHCARE POLICIES IS AN UNNECESSARY "JUNK FEE."**
- 2. THE NEARLY 5% ROYALTY AARP RECEIVES FROM AARP-BRANDED UNITEDHEALTHCARE POLICIES IS AN APPROPRIATE LICENSING FEE.**

Total	698
JUNK FEE	63.2
APPROPRIATE FEE	36.1
DON'T KNOW	0.7
Net Diff.	27.2

35. ARE YOU AWARE OR UNAWARE THAT AARP ENDORSED AND SUPPORTED THE [IRA] SPENDING PLAN PASSED BY CONGRESS THAT COSTS \$740 BILLION AND MAKES SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO MEDICARE? IF YOU ARE UNAWARE, JUST SAY SO.

Total	698
AWARE	24.2
UNAWARE	75.8
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	-51.6

36. KNOWING THE [IRA] PLAN ALLOWED FUNDS FROM PROJECTED MEDICARE DRUG SAVINGS TO BE USED FOR SPENDING PROGRAMS AND TAX BREAKS UNRELATED TO MEDICARE. WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE AARP SHOULD HAVE DONE?

- 1. AARP SHOULD HAVE SUPPORTED USING THOSE MEDICARE FUNDS FOR UNRELATED SPENDING AND TAX BREAKS.**
- 2. AARP SHOULD HAVE OPPOSED USING THOSE MEDICARE FUNDS FOR UNRELATED SPENDING AND TAX BREAKS.**

Total	698
SHOULD HAVE SUPPORTED	12.4
SHOULD HAVE OPPOSED	87.6
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	75.1

37. KNOWING THE [IRA] PLAN ALLOWED BILLIONS OF FUNDS FROM PROJECTED MEDICARE DRUG SAVINGS TO BE USED FOR UNRELATED SPENDING PROGRAMS AND TAX BREAKS IN ADVANCE OF THOSE FUNDS BEING USED TO LOWER SENIORS' DRUG COSTS. WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE AARP SHOULD HAVE DONE?

- 1. AARP SHOULD HAVE SUPPORTED USING THOSE MEDICARE FUNDS FOR UNRELATED SPENDING AND TAX BREAKS IN ADVANCE OF THOSE FUNDS BEING USED TO LOWER SENIORS' DRUG COSTS.**
- 2. AARP SHOULD HAVE OPPOSED USING THOSE MEDICARE FUNDS FOR UNRELATED SPENDING AND TAX BREAKS IN ADVANCE OF THOSE FUNDS BEING USED TO LOWER SENIORS' DRUG COSTS.**

Total	698
SHOULD HAVE SUPPORTED	17.9
SHOULD HAVE OPPOSED	82.1
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	64.2

38. CRITICS OF THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT HAVE ARGUED THAT BIG HEALTH INSURERS STAND TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT FOLLOWING ITS PASSAGE – FIRST, BECAUSE IT DIVERTS SOME OF THE PROJECTED MEDICARE DRUG SAVINGS TO SUBSIDIZE PREMIUMS PAID TO HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES FOR PEOPLE NOT ENROLLED IN MEDICARE, AND SECOND, BECAUSE NEW GOVERNMENT DRUG PRICING CONTROLS IN MEDICARE COULD SAVE INSURERS SIGNIFICANT MONEY IF THE GOVERNMENT IMPOSES LOWER PRICES AND INSURERS DO NOT PASS THE SAVINGS ON TO PATIENTS. CONSIDERING THE POTENTIAL FINANCIAL BENEFIT UNITEDHEALTHCARE AND OTHER HEALTH INSURERS MAY RECEIVE AS A RESULT OF THE AARP SUPPORTING THE [IRA] PLAN, HOW CONCERNING IS IT TO YOU THAT THE AARP USED ITS INFLUENCE WITH LEGISLATORS AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO HELP PASS THIS LEGISLATION IN VIEW OF ITS FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH UNITEDHEALTHCARE?

Total	698
CONCERNING	89.1
Very	46.7
Somewhat	42.5
NOT CONCERNING	10.9
Not That	9.6
Not at All	1.3
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	78.3
Mean	3.35

39. DO YOU BELIEVE AARP SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO PUBLICLY DISCLOSE ITS FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH COMPANIES IN AARP'S ADVERTISING, LOBBYING OF LEGISLATORS, AND COMMUNICATIONS WITH ITS MEMBERSHIP RELATED TO PENDING LEGISLATION AND OTHER PUBLIC POLICY DEBATES WHEN THOSE COMPANIES STAND TO BE IMPACTED BY THE OUTCOME OF THOSE DECISIONS?

Total	698
YES	95.9
NO	4.1
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	91.7

40. DO YOU PERSONALLY BELIEVE AARP'S FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH UNITEDHEALTHCARE POSITIVELY OR NEGATIVELY IMPACTS ITS ABILITY TO SERVE THE BEST INTERESTS OF OLDER AMERICANS?

- 1. POSITIVELY IMPACTS AARP'S ABILITY TO SERVE OLDER AMERICANS**
- 2. NEGATIVELY IMPACTS AARP'S ABILITY TO SERVE OLDER AMERICANS**

Total	698
POSITIVE IMPACTS	35.5
NEGATIVE IMPACTS	64.4
DON'T KNOW	0.1
Net Diff.	-28.9

41. AARP HAS BEEN QUITE VOCAL ON PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICING ISSUES. FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING, DO YOU BELIEVE AARP SHOULD BE EQUALLY VOCAL WITH LEGISLATORS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND THE MEDIA ON THE NEED TO ADDRESS INSURER- AND PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER-GENERATED COSTS AND OBSTACLES IMPACTING OLDER AMERICANS? LOWERING MEDICARE ADVANTAGE & MEDIGAP INSURANCE PREMIUMS.

Total	698
YES/AARP SHOULD BE VOCAL	96.6
NO/AARP SHLDN'T BE VOCAL	3.4
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	93.1

42. LOWERING OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES LIKE INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLES AND CO-PAYS.

Total	698
YES/AARP SHOULD BE VOCAL	98.1
NO/AARP SHLDN'T BE VOCAL	1.9
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	96.3

43. PROVIDING GREATER ACCESS TO PREFERRED DOCTORS AND SPECIALISTS.

Total	698
YES/AARP SHOULD BE VOCAL	94.6
NO/AARP SHLDN'T BE VOCAL	5.4
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	89.1

44. ADDRESSING INSURANCE COVERAGE DENIALS FOR TREATMENTS.

Total	698
YES/AARP SHOULD BE VOCAL	94.4
NO/AARP SHLDN'T BE VOCAL	5.6
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	88.8

45. FIGHTING AGAINST MEDICARE OVERCHARGES FROM HEALTH INSURERS AND PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS.

Total	698
YES/AARP SHOULD BE VOCAL	98.1
NO/AARP SHLDN'T BE VOCAL	1.9
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	96.3

46. ENSURING SENIORS CAN UTILIZE LOCAL INDEPENDENT PHARMACIES AT THE SAME COST AS HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES' PREFERRED PHARMACIES.

Total	698
YES/AARP SHOULD BE VOCAL	96.0
NO/AARP SHLDN'T BE VOCAL	4.0
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	92.0

47. MUCH LIKE AARP HAS FOCUSED ON PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICING, DO YOU BELIEVE AARP SHOULD ENGAGE MORE PUBLICLY TO ADDRESS THE IMPACT OF COSTS AND OTHER CORPORATE PRACTICES ASSOCIATED WITH LARGE HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES AND PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS?

Total	698
YES	97.1
NO	2.9
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	94.3

48. EVERY YEAR, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LOSES BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO IMPROPER PAYMENTS, FRAUD, AND OVERCHARGES BILLED TO MEDICARE AND OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS. WOULD YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE A DEDICATED CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION TO EXPLORE WAYS TO RECOUP THAT MONEY AND PENALIZE THOSE FOUND TO HAVE ABUSED THE SYSTEM TO HELP MAKE THE MEDICARE PROGRAM MORE SECURE LONG-TERM?

Total	698
SUPPORT	96.9
Strongly	69.2
Somewhat	27.7
OPPOSE	3.1
Somewhat	2.0
Strongly	1.1
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	93.7
Mean	3.65

49. DO YOU PERSONALLY BELIEVE AARP IS MORE OR LESS VOCAL ON ISSUES OF MEDICARE OVERCHARGES AND THE BILLING PRACTICES OF INSURANCE COMPANIES AND PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS BECAUSE OF ITS FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITEDHEALTHCARE CORPORATION?

Total	698
MORE VOCAL	40.7
LESS VOCAL	59.3
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	-18.7

50. DOES KNOWING THAT AARP HELD MULTIPLE DOZENS OF EVENTS AND PETITION DRIVES RELATED TO DRUG PRICING POLICIES AND THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY FOR DEMOCRATS – BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER THE VOTE ON THE LEGISLATION – CONCERN YOU CONSIDERING AARP'S STATUS AS A NONPARTISAN ORGANIZATION?

Total	698
YES, CONCERNS ME	72.3
NO, DSN'T CONCERN ME	27.7
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	44.5

51. WHICH COMES CLOSEST TO YOUR VIEW AS TO WHY YOU PERSONALLY BELIEVE AARP'S LEADERSHIP SUPPORTED THE RECENT SPENDING BILL – THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT?

- 1. THE SPENDING BILL WAS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF SENIORS IN MEDICARE.**
- 2. THE SPENDING BILL WAS BENEFICIAL TO AARP'S CORPORATE PARTNERS AND ITS OWN FINANCIAL INTERESTS.**
- 3. THE SPENDING BILL WAS A LEGISLATIVE AND POLITICAL PRIORITY OF DEMOCRAT LEADERS IN CONGRESS.**

Total	698
BEST INTEREST/SENIORS	30.3
BENEFITS CORP. PARTNERS	44.4
POLITICAL PRIORITY/DEMS	25.3
DON'T KNOW	0.0

52. MOVING FORWARD, ARE YOU MORE OR LESS LIKELY TO TRUST AARP HAS THE BEST INTEREST OF OLDER AMERICANS WHEN IT ADVOCATES FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC POLICIES RELATED TO MEDICARE, OR ABOUT THE SAME?

1. MORE LIKELY TO TRUST AARP ACTING IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OLDER AMERICANS
2. LESS LIKELY TO TRUST AARP ACTING IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OLDER AMERICANS

Total	698
MORE LIKELY TO TRUST AARP	14.3
LESS LIKELY TO TRUST AARP	48.1
ABOUT THE SAME	37.6
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	-33.8

53. DO YOU BELIEVE IT IS APPROPRIATE TO UTILIZE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN PROJECTED MEDICARE DRUG SAVINGS TO PROVIDE SUBSIDIES AND TAX BREAKS FOR HIGHER-INCOME EARNERS OUTSIDE OF THE MEDICARE PROGRAM FOR THINGS LIKE ELECTRIC VEHICLES, SOLAR PANELS, AND PRIVATE INSURANCE?

1. YES, SAVINGS FROM CHANGES TO MEDICARE SHOULD BE USED TO PROVIDE SUBSIDIES FOR HIGHER-INCOME EARNERS OUTSIDE OF THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.
2. NO, ALL SAVINGS FROM CHANGES TO MEDICARE SHOULD BE APPLIED ONLY TO MEDICARE AND THOSE ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM.

Total	698
YES	7.7
NO	92.3
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	-84.7

54. THINKING BACK, FOR WHOM DID YOU VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION?

Total	698
DONALD TRUMP	40.4
JOE BIDEN	54.6
ANOTHER CANDIDATE	3.4
DID NOT VOTE	1.6
DON'T KNOW	0.0
Net Diff.	-14.2

55. THINKING ABOUT A POLITICAL PARTY, WOULD YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A...?

Total	698
REPUBLICAN	33.8
DEMOCRAT	42.9
INDEPENDENT/OTHER	23.4
Net Diff.	-9.1

56. IF YOU WERE TO LABEL YOURSELF, WOULD YOU SAY YOU ARE A LIBERAL, A MODERATE, OR A CONSERVATIVE IN YOUR POLITICAL BELIEFS?

Total	698
LIBERAL	30.0
Very	9.1
Somewhat	20.9
MODERATE	36.1
CONSERVATIVE	33.9
Somewhat	20.5
Very	13.4
DK/REFUSED	0.0
Net Diff.	3.8
Mean	3.08

57. WHAT IS YOUR RELIGION?

Total	698
PROTESTANT	48.1
CATHOLIC	27.0
AGNOSTIC	4.7
JEWISH	3.8
ATHEIST	2.9
MORMON/LDS	0.7
SECULAR	0.1
MUSLIM/ISLAMIC	0.0
OTHER	1.7
NONE	10.9
DON'T KNOW	0.0

58. WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT MARITAL STATUS?

Total	698
SINGLE	14.9
MARRIED	49.7
SEPARATED	2.6
DIVORCED	19.0
WIDOWED	13.8

59. WHAT IS THE LAST GRADE OF FORMAL EDUCATION YOU HAVE COMPLETED?

Total	698
LESS/COLLEGE GRAD	74.4
Less/H.S. Diploma	1.3
High School Grad.	19.6
Some College/Trade	34.5
Associates Degree	19.0
COLLEGE GRADUATE	25.6
Bachelors Degree	13.5
Post-Graduate Degree	12.1
DK/REFUSED	0.0
Net Diff.	48.9

60. WOULD YOU CONSIDER WHERE YOU LIVE TO BE A URBAN, SUBURBAN OR RURAL AREA?

Total	698
URBAN AREA	25.2
SUBURBAN AREA	53.3
RURAL AREA	21.5
DON'T KNOW	0.0

61. ARE YOU OR IS A MEMBER OF YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY FROM A LATINO, HISPANIC OR SPANISH SPEAKING BACKGROUND?

Total	698
YES	8.9
NO	91.1

62. WHAT IS YOUR MAIN RACIAL BACKGROUND?

Total	698
HISPANIC	8.9
AFRICAN AMERICAN	12.3
ASIAN	2.7
WHITE	74.9
OTHER	1.1

63. WHAT IS YOUR AGE? ARE YOU BETWEEN...

Total	698
55-59	17.0
60-64	17.2
65-69	21.1
70-74	18.4
75 AND OVER	26.3
Mean	67.74

64. GENDER:

Total	698
MALE	45.9
FEMALE	54.1

65. REGION:

Total	698
NEW ENGLAND	5.3
MIDDLE ATLANTIC	15.8
EAST NORTH CENTRAL	16.1
WEST NORTH CENTRAL	6.0
SOUTH ATLANTIC	23.1
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	4.4
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL	8.6
MOUNTAIN	7.5
PACIFIC	13.1

66. AREA:

Total	698
EAST	21.1
MIDWEST	22.1
SOUTH	36.1
WEST	20.7

67. BATTLEGROUND STATES:

Total Answering	698
BGS STATE	49.3
NON-BGS STATE	50.7