

Hello, my name is _____. I'm calling on behalf of the AARP from Alan Newman Research. We are conducting a survey of residents in Iowa to find out about residents' opinions on some important issues. Your views are important, and we would greatly appreciate your participation. Let me assure you, this is NOT a sales call and you will NOT be asked to buy anything either now or later. We are not telemarketers. The survey should take only about 10 minutes to complete.

Of course, as with all Alan Newman Research opinion surveys, your responses are kept entirely confidential.

(IF RESPONDENT ASKS TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE FROM AARP ABOUT THIS STUDY TO VERIFY THAT IT IS IN FACT AN AARP STUDY OR IF THEY HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STUDY SAY: "You may call 1-888-687-2277 and ask for Erica Dinger.")

Respondent Selection

- S1. Are you a resident of Iowa who is age 18 or older?
1) Yes
2) No → [ASK TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE IN HH WHO IS A IOWA RESIDENT AGE 18 plus. IF NONE IN HH, TERMINATE]
- S2. Are you registered to vote in Iowa as a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or with another party?

n=400
49% Democrat
52% Republican

Main Questionnaire

1. Do you think the political system in Washington is seriously broken?

n=400
67% Yes
23% No
10% NOT SURE
<1% REFUSED

2. How do you feel about the job politicians in Washington are doing getting things done on issues of concern to the people?

n=400
2% Very pleased
29% Somewhat pleased
40% Somewhat angry
22% Very angry
7% NOT SURE
<1% REFUSED

3. Do you believe that our health care system and Social Security can be fixed without adding to the deficit and burdening future generations?

n=400
58% Yes
27% No
15% DON'T KNOW
<1% REFUSE

4. Which is closer to your view about the 2008 elections?

n=400
45% I plan to vote for somebody who is going to work in a bipartisan way to get things done, even if that means some compromise will be necessary
43% I plan to vote for somebody who is going to fight for what's right and not compromise on his or her ideals, even if that means Congress is unable to take action
12% NOT SURE
<1% REFUSED

AARP – Iowa Divided We Fail Survey Annotated Questionnaire (Using Data Weighted by Party ID)

Now, please tell me how strongly you support or oppose the following ideas. Do you.....

n=400	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neither support nor oppose	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	N/S	REF.
5. Health care is a basic necessity. Americans should be able to get the health care they need when they need it.	77%	17%	1%	2%	2%	2%	0%
6. Insurance companies and health care providers should provide clear explanations of health care costs so patients know how much they will be charged up front.	82%	13%	2%	2%	<1%	1%	0%
7. Health care costs can be lowered if patients with multiple chronic conditions get better preventive care management.	57%	28%	5%	4%	1%	5%	0%
8. We need a long-term care system that is affordable and doesn't require spending all that you have to get coverage.	74%	16%	3%	3%	2%	2%	<1%
9. Insurance companies, doctors, and hospitals should invest in information technology to improve quality of care, reduce medical errors, and control health costs.	63%	24%	5%	3%	3%	4%	0%
10. Tax incentives should be simplified and increased to help working families save for retirement.	60%	22%	6%	4%	4%	5%	0%
11. Every worker should be enrolled in a savings plan, like a 401(k), so they can keep more of what they earn.	52%	25%	10%	5%	5%	3%	<1%
12. Schools should teach financial literacy to young people, beginning at a very early age.	68%	21%	3%	4%	2%	2%	0%
13. Laws against age discrimination should be strengthened so workers 50 and older can keep working.	63%	25%	6%	2%	2%	2%	0%

Demographics

Now the following questions are for classification purposes only and will be kept entirely confidential.

D1. Record Gender

n=400
39% Male
61% Female

D2. What is your age as of your last birthday?

n=400
5% Under 30
14% 30-44
26% 45-59
53% 60+
2% Refused

D3. What is your current marital status?

n=400
63% Married
5% Not married, living with a partner
1% Separated
6% Divorced
18% Widowed
7% Never married

D4. [ASK if D2 = 50+] Are you [IF D3 = 1 ADD “or your spouse” IF D3=2 ADD “or your partner”] a member of A-A-R-P, formerly the American Association of Retired Persons?

n=283
47% YES
52% NO
1% NOT SURE
0% REFUSED

D5. Do you consider yourself a...

n=400
41% Moderate
15% Liberal
37% Conservative
6% NOT SURE
1% REFUSED

D6. Do you plan on participating in any Iowa caucuses in the next 12 months?

n=400
29% Yes
57% No
12% NOT SURE
1% REFUSED

D7. Which of the following best describes your highest level of education? [READ]

n=400
7% Less than high school
31% High school graduate or equivalent
30% Some college or technical training beyond high school
20% College graduate or,
10% Post-graduate or professional degree?
1% NOT SURE
1% REFUSED

D8. Which of the following best describes your current employment status? Are you currently.. [READ]

n=400
34% Employed full-time
11% Employed part-time
39% Retired and not working
1% Unemployed and looking for work
5% Disabled and not working
6% Homemaker
3% Or something else
1% REFUSED

D9. We understand that income is a private matter and we want to respect people's privacy, so rather than ask specifically about your household income, could you simply stop me when I read the category that includes your annual household income before taxes in 2006?

n=400

5%	Less than \$10,000
16%	\$10,000 but less than \$20,000
12%	\$20,000 but less than \$30,000
14%	\$30,000 but less than \$40,000
11%	\$40,000 but less than \$50,000
13%	\$50,000 but less than \$75,000
14%	\$75,000 or more
4%	DON'T KNOW
11%	REFUSED

D10. What is your 5-digit zipcode? _ _ _ _ _

D11. And, finally, may I verify that I reached you at (____) _____

Thank you and have a great day/night!