

**NCPSSM
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800 Likely 2018 Voters, Nationwide
Oversamples of 25 African Americans and 50 Latinos**

	TOTAL	DEM	IND /DK	REP
Weighted N=	800	304	176	264
Unweighted N=	875	389	193	240
Region				
New England	6	6	6	5
Middle Atlantic	12	12	10	14
East North Central	16	14	17	18
West North Central	8	5	10	9
South Atlantic.....	20	18	22	20
East South Central	6	6	5	6
West South Central	9	10	5	11
Mountain.....	8	8	10	7
Pacific	16	20	15	11

Q1. [DO NOT READ. RECORD GENDER.]

Male	48	39	57	51
Female.....	52	61	43	49

Q2. I know it is a long way off, but how likely are you to vote in the 2018 election for Senate, Congress, and other offices -- are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances about 50-50, are you probably not going to vote, or are you definitely not going to vote?

Almost Certain	88	87	87	90
Probably.....	12	13	13	10
50 - 50	[TERMINATE]			
Probably not	[TERMINATE]			
Definitely not	[TERMINATE]			
(Don't know)	[TERMINATE]			

Q3. Before we begin, I need to know if I have reached you on a cell phone, and if so, are you in a place where you can talk safely? **[IF NOT ON A CELL PHONE, ASK:]** Do you own a cell phone?

Yes, cell and can talk safely	42	43	47	35
Yes, cell and cannot talk safely [SCHEDULE CALL BACK]				
No, not on cell, but own one	52	52	48	59
No, not on cell and do not own one	5	5	4	6
Don't know /refused	0	0	0	0

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Q4. To start, I am going to read you a list of concerns that some people have. Thinking about yourself and your family, please tell me whether you personally are very worried, somewhat worried, a little worried, or not worried at all about each of these concerns. **[READ ITEM]** Are you very worried, somewhat worried, a little worried, or not worried at all about this? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Sorted by “Very worried”

A4c.Social Security being there when you retire.....	36	40	43	28
B4d.Having prescription drug expenses that you cannot afford	35	42	35	28
A4a.Having enough money in retirement to be financially secure.....	32	41	31	21
B4b.Not being able to retire when you want to for financial reasons	28	37	27	19
a. [SSA] Having enough money in retirement to be financially secure				
Very worried.....	32	41	31	21
Somewhat worried.....	31	31	38	30
A little worried	14	9	12	21
Not worried at all.....	23	19	20	27
(Don't know/refused).....	0	1	0	0
Worried	63	72	68	51
Not worried	37	28	32	49
b. [SSB] Not being able to retire when you want to for financial reasons				
Very worried.....	28	37	27	19
Somewhat worried.....	25	21	30	24
A little worried	11	10	9	13
Not worried at all.....	34	29	32	43
(Don't know/refused).....	2	3	1	1
Worried	53	58	58	43
Not worried	45	39	41	56
c. [SSA] Social Security being there when you retire				
Very worried.....	36	40	43	28
Somewhat worried.....	27	30	26	27
A little worried	12	8	10	15
Not worried at all.....	24	21	21	31
(Don't know/refused).....	1	0	1	0
Worried	64	70	69	55
Not worried	36	30	30	45

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d. [SSB] Having prescription drug expenses that you cannot afford				
Very worried.....	35	42	35	28
Somewhat worried.....	31	32	33	26
A little worried.....	8	5	6	14
Not worried at all.....	26	21	25	31
(Don't know/refused).....	1	0	1	2
Worried.....	65	74	68	53
Not worried.....	34	26	31	45

Q5. Now I am going to read you a series of proposals being considered by Congress on Social Security. Please tell me after I read each one if you favor or oppose. [READ ITEM] Do you favor or oppose this proposal? [IF CHOICE] And is that strongly or not so strongly?

Sorted by “Strongly favor”

A5c.Increase Social Security benefits and pay for that increase by having wealthy Americans pay the same rate into Social Security as everyone else.....	69	80	69	58
A5a.Gradually require employees and employers to pay Social Security taxes on all wages above one-hundred twenty-seven thousand dollars, which they do not do now.....	61	69	59	56
B5d.Increase Social Security benefits.....	57	68	53	49
B5b.When calculating Social Security benefits, include credit for up to five years of time spent outside of the paid work force caring for young children, aging seniors, or family members with disabilities.....	56	59	60	49
B5f.Reduce benefits for workers whose average annual lifetime earnings today are 60 thousand dollars or more.....	13	11	18	10
A5e.Raise the retirement age to 69.....	12	7	11	18

a. [SSA] Gradually require employees and employers to pay Social Security taxes on all wages above one-hundred twenty-seven thousand dollars, which they do not do now.

Strongly favor.....	61	69	59	56
Not so strongly favor.....	13	12	16	12
Not so strongly oppose.....	3	3	0	6
Strongly oppose.....	14	7	17	18
(Don't know/refused).....	9	8	9	9
Favor.....	74	81	74	67
Oppose.....	17	11	17	24

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b. [SSB] When calculating Social Security benefits, include credit for up to five years of time spent outside of the paid work force caring for young children, aging seniors, or family members with disabilities.				
Strongly favor.....	56	59	60	49
Not so strongly favor.....	19	23	14	19
Not so strongly oppose.....	7	6	7	9
Strongly oppose.....	12	7	11	17
(Don't know/refused).....	6	6	7	6
Favor.....	75	81	74	67
Oppose.....	19	13	19	26
c. [SSA] Increase Social Security benefits and pay for that increase by having wealthy Americans pay the same rate into Social Security as everyone else.				
Strongly favor.....	69	80	69	58
Not so strongly favor.....	11	7	12	15
Not so strongly oppose.....	4	5	1	8
Strongly oppose.....	10	5	11	16
(Don't know/refused).....	6	4	8	5
Favor.....	79	86	81	72
Oppose.....	14	9	12	23
d. [SSB] Increase Social Security benefits.				
Strongly favor.....	57	68	53	49
Not so strongly favor.....	17	16	17	17
Not so strongly oppose.....	10	5	12	13
Strongly oppose.....	9	3	11	14
(Don't know/refused).....	8	8	6	7
Favor.....	73	84	70	66
Oppose.....	19	8	24	27
e. [SSA] Raise the retirement age to 69.				
Strongly favor.....	12	7	11	18
Not so strongly favor.....	8	7	14	8
Not so strongly oppose.....	11	12	9	10
Strongly oppose.....	66	71	61	62
(Don't know/refused).....	3	3	5	2
Favor.....	20	14	25	26
Oppose.....	77	83	70	72

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f. [SSB] Reduce benefits for workers whose average annual lifetime earnings today are 60 thousand dollars or more.				
Strongly favor.....	13	11	18	10
Not so strongly favor.....	10	9	11	10
Not so strongly oppose.....	17	16	15	18
Strongly oppose.....	52	57	48	51
(Don't know/refused).....	8	8	8	9
Favor.....	23	19	29	21
Oppose.....	69	73	63	70

Q6. Now I am going to read you a series of proposals being considered by Congress on Medicare. Please tell me after I read each one if you favor or oppose. **[READ ITEM]** Do you favor or oppose this proposal? **[IF CHOICE]** And is that strongly or not so strongly?

Sorted by “Strongly favor”

6a.Allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies to bring down the price of prescription drugs.....	84	85	85	81
6b.Raise the Medicare eligibility age to 67.....	19	11	24	27

a. Allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies to bring down the price of prescription drugs.

Strongly favor.....	84	85	85	81
Not so strongly favor.....	9	9	8	10
Not so strongly oppose.....	2	2	1	2
Strongly oppose.....	3	3	2	4
(Don't know/refused).....	2	1	4	2
Favor.....	93	94	94	91
Oppose.....	5	5	3	6

b. Raise the Medicare eligibility age to 67.

Strongly favor.....	19	11	24	27
Not so strongly favor.....	11	10	7	16
Not so strongly oppose.....	11	12	9	11
Strongly oppose.....	54	63	56	41
(Don't know/refused).....	4	4	4	5
Favor.....	30	21	31	43
Oppose.....	65	75	65	52

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And now for some different questions about Social Security.

Q7. If you needed to contact the Social Security Administration because you wanted to apply for benefits, replace a lost Social Security card, or had questions about your earnings record, how would you prefer to communicate? **[READ AND ROTATE]**

With a staff person in person at a local Social Security office.....	39	41	40	39
Online at the Social Security website	31	30	29	29
By telephone through a toll-free number	26	28	25	28
(Other)	1	0	1	0
(Don't know/refused).....	3	1	5	4

Q8. Your Social Security Statement provides information on your earnings records and estimates for your retirement, disability, and survivor's benefits. How would you prefer to receive your statement?

A paper statement in the mail.....	64	66	61	67
An electronic statement by email.....	32	31	34	29
(Don't know/refused).....	4	3	6	5

The remaining questions are for statistical purposes only.

Q9. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or something else? **[IF REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT:]** Do you consider yourself a strong or a not-so-strong (Republican/Democrat)? **[IF INDEPENDENT:]** Would you say you lean more towards the Republicans or more towards the Democrats?

Strong Democrat.....	28	73	0	0
Not-so-strong Democrat	5	13	0	0
Independent - lean Democrat	5	14	0	0
Democrat	38	100	0	0
Independent.....	22	0	99	0
Republican.....	33	0	0	100
Independent - lean Republican.....	5	0	0	17
Not-so-strong Republican.....	5	0	0	15
Strong Republican	22	0	0	68
(Other)	4	0	0	0
(Don't know).....	0	0	1	0
(Refused).....	3	0	0	0

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Q10. What is your age?

Q11. **[IF AGE IS REFUSED]:** I am going to read you some categories. Please stop me when we get to your category.

18-24 years.....	7	7	7	9
25-29 years.....	6	7	6	4
30-34 years.....	6	7	5	3
35-39 years.....	7	5	9	8
40-44 years.....	6	5	2	7
45-49 years.....	11	9	13	13
50-54 years.....	7	5	11	6
55-59 years.....	9	10	10	7
60-64 years.....	14	16	12	13
65-69 years.....	8	7	10	7
70-74 years.....	8	9	5	9
Over 74 years.....	12	13	9	14
(Refused).....	0	0	0	0

Q12. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

1 - 11th Grade.....	2	2	1	1
High School Graduate.....	20	20	16	23
Non-College Post H.S.	2	3	1	2
Some College.....	25	26	26	25
College Graduate.....	34	28	36	39
Post-Graduate School.....	16	20	18	10
(Refused).....	2	0	2	1

Q13. Are you married, unmarried with a partner, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

Married.....	63	56	69	69
Unmarried with Partner.....	3	4	4	2
Single.....	17	22	15	13
Separated.....	1	1	1	0
Divorced.....	6	8	3	6
Widowed.....	7	8	4	9
(Don't Know).....	0	1	0	0
(Refused).....	3	1	5	1

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Q14. Just to make sure we have a representative sample, could you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background? [IF “NO”, ASK:] What is your race - white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	73	58	79	88
Black/African American	11	23	6	2
Spanish speaking/Latino (Puerto Rican, Mexican, etc.)	8	10	10	4
Asian	2	3	1	0
Native American	1	1	0	1
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	1
Arab American	0	0	0	0
(Other)	3	3	4	2
(Don't know / Refused)	2	1	1	2

Q15. Did you vote in the November general election for president, or like some people, were you not able to vote in this election?

Yes, voted.....	95	98	92	97
No, did not vote.....	3	2	6	2
(Don't know).....	0	0	0	0
(Refused).....	1	0	2	1

Q16. [IF VOTED] For whom did you vote for president? [RANDOMIZE 1-4]

Donald Trump.....	36	3	29	81
Hillary Clinton.....	40	85	25	2
Gary Johnson	3	1	7	3
Jill Stein	1	1	3	0
(Do not remember)	2	0	4	1
(Refused).....	18	10	32	13

Q17. What is your zip code?