Screeners

Q1. Can you please tell me your current age?

Under 18	0
18 to 24 years	5
25 to 29 years	6
30 to 34 years	9
35 to 39 years	7
40 to 44 years	8
45 to 49 years	6
50 to 54 years	7
55 to 59 years	9
60 to 64 years	12
65 to 69 years	10
70 to 74 years	10
75 to 79 years	5
80 or older	6
Don't know/refused	0
NET 50-59	16
NET 60-69	22
NET 70+	21
NET 50-64	28
NET 65+	31
NET 65-75	20
NET 75+	11

Q2. Regardless of how you are registered, do you consider yourself a:

Strong Democrat	19
Weak Democrat	4
Weak Republican	7
Strong Republican	26
Independent	39
Other	3
Don't know	3
DEM	23
REP	33
IND	44

Q3. How likely are you to vote this November in the elections for U.S. Congress and other offices? Would you say you are... ?

Very likely	91
Fairly likely	6
Just somewhat likely	3
Not that likely	0
Or will you not vote	0
Not Sure	0
Refused	0

Favorability

Now, I'm going to read you the names of a few people and groups. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable view of them. If you haven't heard of them or are unfamiliar with them, just tell me that.

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Heard of but no opinion	Have not heard of	Don't know	FAV	UNFAV
Q4. Jon Tester.	36	17	13	30	2	0	1	**53**	**43**
Q6. Greg Gianforte.	22	19	11	37	5	3	3	**41**	**48**
Q7. Kathleen Williams.	21	16	10	13	11	21	9	**37**	**23**
Q5. Matt Rosendale.	16	22	13	34	7	5	3	**38**	**47**

Senate Horserace

HR1. This November, there will be a general election for US Senator from Montana. If the election were held today and the candidates were, for whom would you vote ...?

Jon Tester, the Democratic candidate	50
Matt Rosendale, the Republican candidate	43
Other	2
Don't Know	5

Congressional Horserace

HR1D. If the election for Congress were held today, and the candidates were, for whom would you vote ...?

Kathleen Williams, the Democratic candidate	45
Greg Gianforte, the Republican candidate	46
Other	1
Don't Know	7

Now I'd like to read you a ballot initiative that you'll see in November. Please bear with me as these can be somewhat technical.

B1. Initiative 185 raises taxes on all tobacco products, amends the definition to include e-cigarettes and vaping products, and dedicates funds. Taxes are increased by $2.00 per pack of cigarettes for a total tax of $3.70 per pack. Taxes on moist snuff increase to 83% of wholesale or $3.70 per pack. All other tobacco products' tax rates will increase by 33% of the wholesale price, including e-cigarettes and vaping products. Initiative 185 also eliminates the sunset date for expanded Medicaid services for certain low-income adults, and dedicates a percentage of these increased tax revenues for health-related programs, including Montana's current Medicaid program; veterans' services; smoking prevention; and long-term care services for seniors and people with disabilities. Increases in tobacco taxes will generate $74.3 million per year by 2023 and the State must pay a percentage of the cost of extended Medicaid, which increases from 6.77% in 2019 to a cap of 10% by 2021. Would you vote yes or no on Initiative I-185?

Yes	47
No	41
Don't know	11

Q8. What's the main reason you would vote yes on this initiative?

Dangers of tobacco usage to health	41
Taxing tobacco use	28
Funding for Medicaid	15
Health care/more funding	15
Good idea/right thing to do	7
It will help veterans	5
Personal history with tobacco	4
It will help seniors	2
Other	4
Don't know/refused	6

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Q9. What are your biggest concerns about this initiative?

Raising taxes	26
Unfair targeting of smokers	19
Funds won't be spent on health care	14
Expansion of Medicaid	9
Bad idea/won't work	7
Don't know enough about it	7
Unfunded mandate	6
Government overreach	3
Taxing the poor	3
Don't believe the premise/no need for it	3
Other	5
Don't know/refused	6

(Showing results above 2%)

Q10. Now put more simply, Initiative 185 increases taxes on tobacco products and uses the funds to expand Medicaid, veterans care, smoking prevention, and long-term care for seniors and people with disabilities. Knowing this, would you vote yes or no on Initiative I-185?

Yes	56
No	36
Don't know	6

Q11. And in general, would you strongly support expanding Medicaid to provide health care coverage to individuals earning less than 17,000 dollars a year, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose that?

Strongly support	37
Somewhat support	31
Somewhat oppose	11
Strongly oppose	12
Don't know	8
SUPPORT	68
OPPOSE	24

Mindset questions asked of voters age 50+ only
Now I'd like to ask you about your thoughts on statewide and nationwide issues.

Q12. In your opinion, what is the single most important issue facing Montana today?

Economy/jobs	17
Health care	13
Environment/climate change	6
Public lands	6
Taxes	5
Trump/don't like Trump	4
Wages/incomes	4
Education	3
Budgets/spending	3
Drug abuse/opiods	3
Immigration	2
Roads/infrastructure	2
Role of government	2
Suicide rate	2
Politicians/need new representation	2
Veterans/VA	2
Other	6
Don't know/refused	15

(Showing results above 2%)

Q13. Please briefly describe the biggest fear you have facing you and your family today.

Health care/cost of health insurance	17
Republicans/Trump	16
Immigration/border security	8
Financial/cost of living	8
Social Security/retirement	7
Democrats/liberals	6
Taxes	6
Economy/jobs	4
Terrorism/national security	4
Political climate/division	3
Government/big government	2
Collapse of the government	2
Foreign war	2
International/foreign policy	2
Budgets/deficits	2
Environment/climate change	2
None/No Fears	11
Other	5
Don't know/refused	4

(Showing results above 2%)

Q14. Overall how confident are you that you will have enough money to live comfortably throughout your retirement years?

Very confident	34
Somewhat confident	41
Not too confident	12
Not at all confident	12
Don't know	2

CONFIDENT	74
NOT CONFIDENT	24

Now I'm going to mention some things that some people worry about. After hearing each, please tell me how often you personally worry about each one - very often, somewhat often, from time to time, or almost never.

	Very often	Somewhat often	From time to time	Almost never worry	Don't know	OFTEN	NOT OFTEN
Q23. How divided America and Americans have become	56	21	9	12	2	**77**	**21**
Q19. Prices rising faster than your income	31	26	18	25	1	**57**	**43**
Q24. The quality of the schools that your children or grandchildren go or will go to	27	21	12	38	2	**48**	**50**
Q20. Not being able to afford the health care or prescriptions you or your family need	24	25	14	37	0	**48**	**52**
Q21. Having to take care of an aging parent or family member	18	13	9	57	3	**31**	**66**
Q22. Not being able to retire when you want to, for financial reasons	15	13	9	59	5	**28**	**67**

Election Mindsets

Election Mindset questions asked of voters age 50+ only
Now I'd like to ask you about your thoughts on the upcoming November elections. If a candidate for Senate wanted to do this, would you...

	Definitely vote for them	Probably vote for them	Might or might not vote	Probably not vote for them	Definitely not vote for them	Don't know	VOTE FOR	NOT VOTE FOR
Q29. Strengthen Social Security and Medicare to make them financially stable and improve benefits to the most vulnerable	38	28	17	7	6	5	**66**	**24**
Q26. Require prescription drug companies to reduce the cost of prescriptions	33	28	23	5	6	4	**62**	**28**
Q28. Reform Social Security and Medicare to make them financially stable	25	25	27	9	6	9	**50**	**36**
Q27. Create new ways to help Americans save for retirement	20	28	33	7	5	7	**47**	**40**
Q30. Let health insurance companies deny coverage for people with pre-existing conditions	6	7	18	17	46	6	**13**	**35**
Q31. Let health insurance companies charge people over 50 up to 600 percent more for insurance than people under 50	3	5	13	20	55	6	**7**	**32**

Q32. Of the two candidates running for Senate, who do you think cares more about people like you?

Jon Tester	54
Matt Rosendale	33
Both	1
Neither	6
Don't know	6

Q33. Of the two candidates running for Senate, who do you think better represents your views on Social Security and Medicare?

Jon Tester	53
Matt Rosendale	33
Both	1
Neither	3
Don't know	10

Q34. Of the two candidates running for Senate, who do you think better understands the challenges facing older Americans?

Jon Tester	54
Matt Rosendale	31
Both	1
Neither	6
Don't know	7

Q35. Which of the following comes closest to your opinion?

Jon Tester has been an independent Senator, working on both sides of the aisle to fight for the best interest of Montana families	51
Jon Tester has sided too often with liberals in the Senate on things that harm Montana families.	38
Don't know/Refused	10

Q36. Which of the following comes closest to your opinion of Matt Rosendale?

He will be an independent Montana voice in the US Senate	29
He will only support Donald Trump's agenda in the US Senate	59
Don't know/Refused	12

Prescription Drugs questions asked of voters age 50+ only

Now I'd like to ask you about prescription drugs. I'm going to read you some different proposals that have been made. Please tell me if you support or oppose each.

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Q37. Allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies for lower prices	75	18	2	3	3	**92**	**5**
Q38. Close loopholes that allow pharmaceutical companies to keep prices high	57	13	6	19	5	**70**	**25**
Q39. Limit the profits that drug companies can make on medications	52	19	10	13	6	**71**	**23**
Q41. Allow Americans to order prescription drugs from other countries if the price for that same drug is higher in the U.S.	49	22	9	12	8	**71**	**21**
Q40. Limit what drug companies can spend on marketing, tv commercials, and other advertising	41	21	13	17	8	**62**	**30**

Q42. Would you say that prescription drug companies...

Charge as much as possible for drugs because they know that people who are sick, have a health condition or are in pain will pay for it	62
Charge as much as they need to for drugs because research and development is expensive and many drugs fail to reach market	24
Don't know	14

Social Security questions asked of voters age 50+ only

Now I'd like to ask you about Social Security.

Q43. When it comes to the future of Social Security, which of the following concerns you more?

Congress will make changes to Social Security that will harm seniors	40
Congress won't make changes to Social Security and the program will go bankrupt	34
Both	11
Neither	6
Don't know	10

Q44. According to projections in the latest Social Security Trustees' report, Social Security can pay full benefits for 16 years, but if nothing is done to make the program financially sound for the long term, benefits will be cut by nearly 25 percent starting in 2034. How soon, if at all, do you think the government should do something to strengthen Social Security for the future?

Immediately	58
Within the next 2 years	17
Within the next 5 years	12
Within the next 10 years	3
Within the next 15 years	3
Not at all	3
Don't know	5

Medicare

Medicare questions asked of voters age 50+ only
Now I'd like to ask you about issues related to Medicare.

Q45. Which of the following worries you more?

Congress will make changes to Medicare that will hurt seniors and near-retirees	44
Congress won't make any changes to Medicare and future retirees and our kids will pay the price	32
Both	8
Neither	5
Don't know	11

Q46. There is a proposal in Congress to restructure Medicare. The proposal says that for future seniors, Medicare would no longer pay for health care services directly but instead would provide each senior with a set amount of money to help purchase an insurance plan in the private marketplace. Do you this proposal, which is sometimes called premium support?

Strongly support	5
Somewhat support	16
Somewhat oppose	15
Strongly oppose	51
Don't know	13
SUPPORT	21
OPPOSE	66

Medicaid questions asked of voters age 50+ only

Now I'd like to ask you about issues related to Medicaid, which provides access to health care for low income individuals.

Q47.   Thinking about the Medicaid program generally, would you say you have a... opinion of Medicaid?

Very favorable	22
Somewhat favorable	41
Somewhat unfavorable	17
Very unfavorable	11
Don't know	10
FAVORABLE	63
UNFAVORABLE	27

Thank you for your time so far. I have just a few more questions to ask you for statistical purposes only.

D2.   What is the highest level of education you completed? *(n=950)*

Less than high school degree	1
High school graduate	19
Some college: but less than two years of college	14
Some college: two years or more/AA degree	18
College graduate/bachelor's degree/BA/BS	29
Postgraduate courses	3
Master's degree	10
MBA or Law degree	1
PhD or MD	3
Don't know/None specified	2
NET HS OR LESS	20
NET SOME COLLEGE	32
NET <COLLEGE	52
NET COLLEGE+	46
NET GRAD+	17

D3.   For statistical purposes only, which of the following ethnic groups describes you? Please tell me all that apply.

White/Caucasian	91
Black or African-American	1
Latino, Hispanic, or Mexican	2
Asian or Pacific Islander	1
Native American	6
Other	3
Don't know	3

D4.   What is your current marital status -- are you married, living with a partner, single, widowed, or divorced?

Married	63
Living with a partner	3
Single/never married	19
Widowed	7
Divorced	6
Don't know	2

D5. Are you or your spouse a member of A.A.R.P.?

Yes, AARP member	25
No, not AARP member	73
Not sure/Refused	3

D6. Which of the following best describes your current employment status? Are you...

Retired and not working	29
Retired and working at least part time	8
Employed full time	44
Employed part time	7
Not employed but looking for work	3
Not employed and not looking for work	6
Not sure	3

REITRED	37
EMPLOYED	51
UNEMPLOYED	9

D7. Do you live in a city, a suburb just outside a city, or a less developed or rural area that is not near a city?

City	37
Suburb	11
Less developed or rural	50
Don't know	2

D11. Gender:

MALE	50
FEMALE	50