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SUMMARY: This survey, the third in a series of studies conducted by the National Council on the Aging, was undertaken to record changes in views about aging among older people as well as younger adults. The series began with the MYTH AND REALITY OF AGING, 1974 (ICPSR 7657) and was followed by AGING IN THE EIGHTIES: AMERICA IN TRANSITION, 1981 (ICPSR 8691). This study, done in collaboration with the International Longevity Center - USA, Ltd., updates topics from MYTH AND REALITY OF AGING with items that explore the ideas and beliefs about aging. Major issues touched upon include the myth of generational warfare, aging experiences in the past 25 years, retirement, health, and anticipations of a long life. Demographic variables include race, age, gender, religion, education, and income.

UNIVERSE: Adults aged 18 and over in the United States.

SAMPLING: Nationally representative sample with an oversample of persons over age 65 and minorities over age 65.

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In collaboration with the International Longevity Center
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and Pfizer Inc.

Total Sample: 3048 Adults, 18 Years Old and Over
Adults, age 18-64 = 1,893 ■ Adults, 65+ = 1,155
Field Period – December 28, 1999 – March 5, 2000

Hello, I'm _____ from The Harris Poll. We're conducting a continuing survey on trends in American's attitudes toward aging.

SECTIONS:

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Note on Reading Data:
All figures represent weighted percentages.
* = Less than 0.5%
- = No answer
■ Percentages listed here, including for age 65+, use the total sample weights, not the WT65 variable

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SECTION 300: LONGEVITY

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q300. Do you consider yourself young, middle-aged, or old?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Young	41	47	8
Middle-aged	46	48	35
Old	12	4	54
Don't know	*	*	1
Refused	*	*	1

BASE: CONSIDER THEMSELVES OLD (Q300/3)

Q305. Do you consider yourself old or very old?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Old	84	86	84
Very old	12	8	13
Don't know	4	5	3
Refused	-	-	-

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q310. (Q2A) At what age do you think the average man becomes old? Just think about men, not women*.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
20-29	1	1	-
30-39	3	3	-
40-49	9	9	1
50-59	19	19	3
60-64	17	17	10
65-69	14	14	13
70-74	15	16	23
75-79	6	6	16
80 or older	5	5	4
Mean	60.3	58.6	70.3
Median	60.3	60.0	70.1
Never (vol.)	1	1	*
It depends (vol.)	4	4	9
When he stops working (vol.)	*	*	1
When his health fails(vol.)	1	1	3
Widowed (vol.)	*	*	-
Don't know	3	3	8
Refused	*	*	*

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q315. At what age do you think the average man becomes very old? Just think about men, not women.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
20-29	-	-	-
30-39	*	*	-
40-49	1	1	-
50-50	2	3	*
60-64	5	5	1
65-69	5	6	1
70-74	16	17	7
75-79	13	13	10
80 or older	53	50	70
Mean	77.2	76.3	82.2
Median	79.7	79.6	80.4
Never (vol.)	*	*	*
It depends (vol.)	2	2	4
When he stops working (vol.)	*	-	*
When his health fails(vol.)	1	1	2
Widowed (vol.)	-	-	-
Don't know	2	1	5
Refused	*	*	*

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q320. (Q2C)At what age do you think the average woman becomes old? Just think about women, not men*

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
20-29	1	1	-
30-39	4	4	*
40-49	8	9	*
50-60	17	20	2
60-64	17	19	7
65-69	13	14	9
70-74	15	14	20
75-79	8	6	18
80 or older	11	8	28
Mean	62.0	60.1	73.5
Median	64.5	60.2	74.7
Never (vol.)	*	*	1
It depends (vol.)	3	2	7
When she stops working (vol.)	*	*	*
When her health fails(vol.)	1	*	2
When she can't have babies anymore; menopause (vol.)	*	*	*
Widowed (vol.)	*	*	1
Don't know	2	1	8
Refused	*	*	*

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q325. At what age do you think the average woman becomes very old? Just think about women, not men

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
20-29	-	-	-
30-39	*	1	*
40-49	1	1	*
50-60	4	4	*
60-64	4	5	1
65-69	5	6	1
70-74	13	15	4
75-79	12	13	8
80 or older	56	52	75
Mean	77.9	76.8	84.2
Median	79.9	79.7	84.9
Never (vol.)	*	*	*
It depends (vol.)	2	2	4
When she stops working (vol.)	-	-	-
When her health fails(vol.)	1	*	2
When she can't have babies anymore; menopause (vol.)	*	-	*
Widowed (vol.)	*	*	*
Don't know	1	1	4
Refused	*	*	*

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q330. In general, which one of the following five things would you say best defines the beginning of old age in America today? Would you say retirement, becoming a grandparent, a decline in physical ability, a decline in mental functioning or reaching a specific age?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Retirement	9	9	9
Becoming a grandparent	3	3	2
Decline in physical ability	41	40	42
Decline in mental functioning	32	31	34
Reaching a specific age	14	15	9
Don't know	1	*	*
Refused	*	*	*

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q335. Now, thinking about middle age. At what age do you think the average man becomes middle-aged? Again, just think about men, not women.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
20-29	1	2	*
30-39	14	16	2
40-49	40	44	21
50-60	32	29	42
60-64	5	3	12
65-69	3	1	10
70-74	1	*	4
75-79	*	*	1
80 or older	*	*	*
Mean	46.1	44.8	53.3
Median	45.2	45.0	50.8
Never (vol.)	*	*	-
It depends (vol.)	1	1	2
When he stops working (vol.)	*	*	*
When his health fails(vol.)	*	*	*
Widowed (vol.)	-	-	-
Don't know	1	1	3
Refused	*	*	*

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q340. And at what age do you think the average woman becomes middle-aged? Just think about women, not men.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
20-29	2	2	*
30-39	14	16	2
40-49	40	44	19
50-60	30	29	39
60-64	6	4	13
65-69	3	2	11
70-74	2	1	6
75-79	1	*	3
80 or older	*	*	1
Mean	46.4	44.9	54.5
Median	45.2	44.9	54.7
Never (vol.)	*	*	*
It depends (vol.)	1	1	3
When she stops working (vol.)	*	*	*
When his health fails(vol.)	*	*	*
Widowed (vol.)	*	*	1
Don't know	1	1	3
Refused	*	*	-

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q200. In what year were you born?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
18-24	13	15	-
25-39	31	36	-
40-54	28	34	-
55-64	12	14	-
65-69	6	-	34
70-79	8	-	49
75+	6	-	39
80 and older	3	-	17
Mean	44.6	39.1	73.2
Median	42	39	73
Don't Know	-	-	-
Refused	-	-	-

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q210. In what month were you born?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
January	9	9	8
February	7	7	8
March	9	9	10
April	8	9	7
May	7	7	7
June	9	9	9
July	9	9	9
August	9	9	9
September	8	8	7
October	8	8	8
November	8	8	7
December	9	9	10
Don't know	-	-	-
Refused	*	*	*

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q217. From observation: Respondent gender

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Male	48	49	42
Female	52	51	58

SECTION 400: AGEISM PROBLEMS OF LATER LIFE

If 18 – 64 ask most people over 65 (Q405), then you personally (Q410)
 If 65 and older ask you personally (O410), then most people over 65 (O405)

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q400. (TREND Q4A) I'm going to read you some phrases used to describe people.

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q405 For each, tell me how much like that you feel most people over 65 years of age you know or have seen are. Let's start with being (READ ITEM) – would you say most people over 65 are very (ITEM), somewhat (ITEM) or not at all (READ ITEM)? (IF RESPONDENT IS 65 OR OLDER: DON'T THINK ABOUT YOURSELF; JUST THINK ABOUT MOST PEOPLE OVER 65)

	<u>Very</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Not At All</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Refused</u>
A. Warm and friendly*					
Total	39	58	1	1	*
18-64	41	57	1	1	*
65+	33	63	1	2	*
B. Open minded and adaptable*					
Total	11	72	17	*	*
18-64	10	71	19	*	*
65+	16	76	6	2	1
C. Unproductive and inactive					
Total	5	60	33	2	1
18-64	5	58	35	2	1
65+	6	67	22	3	1

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q410. (TREND Q4B) What about you personally. Would you say you personally are very (READ EACH ITEM, somewhat (READ ITEM) or not at all (READ ITEM)?

	<u>Very</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Not At All</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Refused</u>
A. Warm and friendly*					
Total	60	38	1	1	*
18-64	61	38	1	*	*
65+	59	35	1	4	*
B. Open minded and adaptable*					
Total	57	40	1	1	*
18-64	59	40	1	*	*
65+	50	44	1	4	*
C. Unproductive and inactive					
Total	8	25	64	2	*
18-64	9	24	66	1	*
65+	8	32	54	6	1

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q415. (Q15A) Generally speaking, do you feel that people over 65 get too much, too little or just about the right amount of respect from younger people these days?*

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Too much respect	1	1	*
Too little respect	80	85	52
Just about the right amount of respect	18	13	43
Don't know	1	1	4
Refused	*	*	1

If 18 – 64 ask you personally first (Q425), then most people over 65 (Q430)
 If 65 and older ask most people over 65 first (Q430), then you personally (Q425)

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q420. (TREND) Now, I'm going to read you some problems that other people have mentioned to us.

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q425. (Q6A) Would you tell me whether it is a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, or not a problem at all for you personally? (READ EACH ITEM)

	<u>Very Serious Problem</u>	<u>Somewhat Serious Problem</u>	<u>Not A Problem At All</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Refused</u>
A. Not having enough money to live on*					
Total	19	32	49	*	*
18-64	20	32	49	*	*
65+	12	24	63	*	*
B. Poor health*					
Total	11	22	67	*	*
18-64	11	20	68	*	*
65+	12	30	58	*	*
C. Loneliness*					
Total	7	18	74	*	*
18-64	8	19	73	*	*
65+	4	16	79	*	*
D. Fear of crime*					
Total	13	33	53	*	*
18-64	14	35	51	*	*
65+	9	26	64	*	-
E. Limited access to a physician					
Total	10	18	72	*	*
18-64	11	19	70	*	*
65+	5	10	84	1	-
F. Often feeling sad or blue					
Total	6	27	67	*	*
18-64	6	28	65	*	*
65+	4	22	74	-	*
G. Not enough job opportunities*					
Total	13	20	66	1	*
18-64	14	22	62	1	*
65+	5	8	85	2	*

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q430. (TREND) (Q6B) How serious a problem would you say (READ EACH ITEM) is for most people over 65 these days – a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, or not a problem at all for most people over 65?

	<u>Very Serious Problem</u>	<u>Somewhat Serious Problem</u>	<u>Not A Problem At All</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Refused</u>
A. Not having enough money to live on*					
Total	52	40	6	2	*
18-64	54	39	6	1	*
65+	41	43	11	6	*
B. Poor health*					
Total	39	54	4	2	*
18-64	41	54	4	1	*
65+	32	55	7	6	*
C. Loneliness*					
Total	35	55	7	3	*
18-64	38	55	5	2	*
65+	24	53	14	8	*
D. Fear of crime*					
Total	43	45	9	3	*
18-64	46	45	8	2	*
65+	31	46	16	7	*
E. Limited access to a physician					
Total	27	48	22	3	*
18-64	28	50	20	2	*
65+	19	41	33	7	*
F. Often feeling sad or blue					
Total	27	60	10	3	*
18-64	30	60	8	2	*
65+	13	58	21	7	*
G. Not enough job opportunities*					
Total	39	39	19	3	*
18-64	44	40	15	2	*
65+	18	34	39	8	1

SECTION 500: FAMILY STRUCTURE

Q500 How many of your (READ LIST), are still living?

<u>BASE: RESPONDENTS 18-64 ONLY</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3+</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Refused</u>
A. Grandparents						
Total	60	19	11	10	*	*
18-64	60	19	11	10	*	*
65+	-	-	-	-	-	-

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

B. Parents						
Total	29	16	24	46	*	-
18-64	16	24	46	1	*	-
65+	24	17	27	33	*	*

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q505. How many (READ LIST)do you have? If necessary: Please include step-children, adopted or foster children or other people who you include as your family.

	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3+</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Refused</u>
A. Children						
Total	24	17	27	33	*	*
18-64	27	17	27	28	-	*
65+	8	13	23	56	*	-
B. Grandchildren						
Total	67	6	5	22	*	*
18-64	77	6	4	12	*	*
65+	13	5	10	72	*	-

If have living parent (Q500B/1 or more) ask Q510.
 If have child (Q505A/1 or more) ask Q515.
 Others skip to Q520

BASE: HAVE LIVING PARENT (Q500B/1 OR MORE)

Q510. Of your living parents, how old is the oldest?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
18-24	-	-	-
25-39	1	1	-
40-54	23	24	-
55-64	24	24	-
65-69	13	13	-
70-79	25	25	2
80 and older	14	12	97
Mean	64.8	64.3	90.3
Median	65	65	92
Don't Know	1	1	-
Refused	*	*	-

BASE: HAS CHILDREN (Q505A/1 OR MORE)

Q515. Of your children, how old is the oldest?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
0-17	40	49	1
18-24	15	49	*
25-39	23	18	9
40-54	19	26	72
55-64	3	6	16
65-69	*	*	1
70-79	*	-	*
80 and older	*	*	-
Mean	24.8	19.1	48.3
Median	22	18	49
Don't Know	*	*	*
Refused	*	*	*

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q520. Are you presently married, divorced, separated, widowed, or never married?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Married	58	58	59
Divorced	11	13	5
Separated	2	2	1
Widowed	7	2	32
Never married	21	25	3
Living together as a couple (vol.)	1	1	*
Don't know	-	-	-
Refused	*	*	-

SECTION 600: PLANNING FOR LATER LIFE/VITAL AGING

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q610. (TREND- changed) (Q9A) Let me read you some steps other people have told us they have taken in order to prepare for their later years. For each, would you tell me how important you feel it is for you personally to do this in preparation for your later years. How important is it to (READ ITEM) – very important, somewhat important or not important at all?

	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Somewhat Important</u>	<u>Not Important At All</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Refused</u>
A. Build up your own savings*					
Total	85	11	3	*	*
18-64	88	10	2	*	*
65+	73	16	9	1	*
B. Plan new part-time or full-time jobs*					
Total	36	29	34	1	*
18-64	39	32	28	1	*
65+	18	18	61	2	1
C. Develop hobbies and other leisure time activities*					
Total	67	25	7	*	*
18-64	68	26	6	*	*
65+	66	20	13	1	-
D. Purchase insurance for long-term care					
Total	60	26	13	1	*
18-64	64	25	10	1	*
65+	41	29	27	3	*
E. Change your health habits					
Total	61	26	12	1	*
18-64	64	26	10	*	*
65+	47	26	25	2	*
F. Get <u>more</u> formal education					
Total	42	30	28	*	*
18-64	45	32	23	*	-
65+	26	21	52	1	*
G. Write a living will, which states your preferences for medical care if you are unable to express them yourself					
Total	72	20	7	1	*
18-64	72	21	7	1	*
65+	75	16	8	1	*

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q615. (TREND) (Q9B) Are you planning to (READ ITEM), have you already done it, or are you not planning to do this at all to prepare for your later years? (INTERVIEWER: If respondent says they are “currently doing” code as “already done.”)

	Planning <u>to</u>	Already <u>Done</u>	Not Planning <u>to Do</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>	<u>Refused</u>
A. Build up your own savings*					
Total	39	54	6	*	*
18-64	44	51	4	*	*
65+	13	71	15	1	*
B. Plan new part-time or full-time jobs*					
Total	27	23	48	1	*
18-64	32	23	44	1	*
65+	5	21	73	*	*
C. Develop hobbies and other leisure time activities*					
Total	26	62	12	*	*
18-64	29	59	11	*	*
65+	8	75	16	1	*
D. Purchase insurance for long-term care					
Total	31	39	27	2	*
18-64	35	39	23	2	*
65+	9	39	49	2	*
E. Change your health habits					
Total	34	47	17	1	*
18-64	38	46	15	1	*
65+	13	55	32	1	*
F. Get <u>more</u> formal education					
Total	30	25	44	1	*
18-64	34	27	38	1	-
65+	6	18	75	*	*
G. Write a living will, which states your preferences for medical care if you are unable to express them yourself					
Total	52	31	15	2	*
18-64	57	25	16	2	*
65+	24	61	13	2	*

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q620. (TREND) (Q16). I'm going to read you some statements that people have made about life in general. For each statement, would you tell me if you agree or disagree with it. (READ EACH ITEM) Do you agree or disagree? Do you (agree/disagree) strongly or somewhat?

	<u>Agree Strongly</u>	<u>Agree Somewhat</u>	<u>Disagree Somewhat</u>	<u>Disagree Strongly</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Refused</u>
A. As I grow older things seem better than I thought they would be						
Total	33	35	20	11	1	*
18-64	33	35	19	11	1	*
65+	29	37	21	10	2	*
B. As I look back on my life I am fairly well satisfied						
Total	52	30	11	6	*	*
18-64	50	31	12	7	*	-
65+	60	28	7	4	1	*
C. I have made plans for things I'll be doing in a month or a year from now						
Total	49	25	17	9	*	*
18-64	51	25	16	8	*	-
65+	38	24	22	14	1	1
D. These are the best years of my life						
Total	39	27	21	11	1	*
18-64	43	28	19	9	1	*
65+	23	21	32	22	2	*

SECTION: 700: RETIREMENT

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q700. Do you consider yourself to be retired, or not?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Yes, consider myself retired	20	8	82
No, do not consider myself retired	80	92	18
Don't know	*	*	*
Refused	*	*	*

BASE: NOT RETIRED (Q700/2, 98, 99)

Q705. (Q19e) At what age do you plan to retire?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
20-29	*	*	-
30-39	*	*	-
40-49	4	4	-
50-59	18	19	-
60-64	18	18	*
65-69	18	28	3
70-74	7	7	10
75-79	1	1	7
80 or over	1	1	8
When I'm too old to work (v)	2	1	12
When I'm too sick to work (v)	2	2	5
When they make me retire (v)	1	1	1
Never, if I can help it (v)	8	8	33
Mean	61.2	62.2	76.3
Median	62.4	62.2	74.5
Don't know	9	9	15
Refused	1	1	5

BASE: NOT RETIRED (Q700/2, 98, 99)

Q710. (Q19A) What is your current employment status -- are you employed full-time, employed part-time, a homemaker, not working due to a disability, unemployed and looking for work, unemployed and not looking for work, a student or something else?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Employed full-time	70	72	29
Employed part-time	10	9	32
Homemaker	7	7	21
Not working due to disability	3	2	3
Unemployed, looking for work	3	3	2
Unemployed, not looking for work	1	*	6
Don't know	1	1	6
Refused	*	*	1

SKIP TO Q729

BASE: RETIRED (Q700/1)

Q715. (Q20G) At what age did you retire?

	<u>Total</u>	18- <u>64</u>	<u>65+</u>
-			
20-29	1	1	1
30-39	5	14	1
40-49	6	18	1
50-59	26	43	29
60-64	34	19	41
65-69	17	-	25
70-74	4	-	5
75-79	1	-	5
80 or over	1	-	1
Mean	58.4	51.4	61.8
Median	61.4	54.5	62.2
Don't know	4	5	4
Refused	1	-	1

BASE: RETIRED (Q700/1)

Q720. (Q19A) What is your current retirement status -- are you completely retired, retired but working full time for pay, retired but working part time for pay a homemaker, or something else?

	<u>Total</u>	18- <u>64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Completely retired	60	48	66
Retired but working full time for pay	3	7	1
Retired but working part-time for pay	12	14	11
Homemaker	17	17	17
Something else	8	14	4
Don't know	*	-	*
Refused	-	-	-

BASE: RETIRED AND HOMEMAKER (Q700/1 AND Q720/4)

Q725. Did you retire from a job you held outside the home or have you always been a homemaker?

	<u>Total</u>	18- <u>64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Retired from job	68	83	61
Homemaker only	30	14	37
Don't know	2	2	2
Refused	*	1	-

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q729. In addition to (INSERT ANSWER FROM Q710 OR Q720). Do you do any unpaid work on a regular basis?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Yes, do unpaid work	35	35	38
No, do not do unpaid work	64	65	62
Don't know	*	-	*
Refused	*	*	*

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q730. **NOT RETIRED (Q700/2, 3,4):** How important do you think (READ EACH ITEM) will be in your decision to retire – very important, somewhat important, or not important at all?

RETIRED (Q700/1): How important was (READ EACH ITEM) in your decision to retire – very important, somewhat important or not important at all?

	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Somewhat Important</u>	<u>Not Important At All</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Refused</u>
A. Decline in your health					
Total	59	23	17	1	*
18-64	63	25	11	1	*
65+	34	13	50	1	1
B. The amount of savings you (have/had) accumulated					
Total	64	22	12	2	1
18-64	68	21	10	1	*
65+	43	27	27	3	1
C. Family reasons					
Total	47	30	22	1	*
18-64	50	32	16	1	*
65+	28	20	49	2	1
D. Pressures from your employer					
Total	15	26	55	2	1
18-64	15	30	52	2	1
65+	11	9	72	5	3
E. Reaching a specific age					
Total	24	35	40	1	*
18-64	24	37	38	1	*
65+	23	24	50	3	1
F. Qualifying for Social Security					
Total	41	30	28	1	*
18-64	39	31	29	1	*
65+	49	21	27	2	1

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q735. How knowledgeable do you feel about the financial aspects of retirement planning – very knowledgeable, somewhat knowledgeable or not very knowledgeable?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Very knowledgeable	21	21	26
Somewhat knowledgeable	56	56	54
Not very knowledgeable	22	23	18
Don't know	1	*	2
Refused	*	*	*

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q740. Have you ever discussed your retirement planning needs with a professional financial advisor like a broker or financial planner, or not?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Yes, have discussed needs with professional	37	37	37
No, have not discussed needs with professional	63	63	62
Don't know	*	*	1
Refused	*	*	*

BASE: HAVE NOT USED PROFESSIONAL FINANCIAL PLANNER (Q740/2/3/4)

Q745. Which of the following best describes why you have not discussed retirement planning needs with a professional financial advisor? READ LIST –SINGLE RECORD

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
I don't want to pay for advice	5	5	4
I don't trust financial advisors	4	4	2
I don't have money to invest	27	27	27
I'd rather do it myself	29	27	37
I'm not worried about having enough money	19	19	18
Don't know	9	*	6
Refused	3	3	2

Ask Q750 if married/living with someone as couple (Q520/1 or 6) – others skip to Q755.

BASE: MARRIED/PARTNER (Q520/1 OR 6)

Q750. Have you ever discussed (READ EACH ITEM) with your spouse or partner, or not?

	<u>Yes Discussed</u>	<u>No Have Not Discussed</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Refused</u>
A. When you (will/would) retire				
Total	55	44	*	*
18-64	54	46	*	*
65+	63	35	2	1
B. How you should invest for retirement				
Total	71	28	*	*
18-64	73	27	*	*
65+	64	35	1	*
C. Where you will live in retirement				
Total	60	40	*	*
18-64	58	42	*	*
65+	51	48	1	*
D. How much money you (will/would) need to retire				
Total	54	45	*	*
18-64	55	45	*	*
65+	51	48	1	*

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q755. If not retired (Q700/2, 3, 4): Now, I am going to read you several sources of income in retirement. Please tell me which one you expect to be your biggest source of income in retirement. (READ LIST)

If retired (Q700/1): Now, I am going to read you several sources of income in retirement. Please tell me which one is your biggest source of retirement income. (READ LIST) SINGLE RECORD

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q757. If not retired (Q700/2, 3, 4): And which do you expect to be your second biggest source of income in retirement? SINGLE RECORD

If retired (Q700/1): And which is your second biggest source of income?

	Q755 Biggest Source Of <u>Income</u>	Q757 Second Source Of <u>Income</u>
Pension provided by your employer		
Total	20	19
18-64	19	19
65+	24	18
Money you (and/or your spouse/partner) put into a retirement plan at work, such as a 401(K)		
Total	37	17
18-64	42	19
65+	12	9
Other personal savings		
Total	21	25
18-64	22	26
65+	16	31
Money from the sale of your home		
Total	2	5
18-64	2	5
65+	2	5
Social Security		
Total	17	24
18-64	12	22
65+	39	31
Don't know		
Total	2	7
18-64	2	6
65+	3	13
Refused		
Total	2	3
18-64	1	2
65+	4	7

BASE: AS NOTED FOR EACH ITEM

Q760. I am going to read you some things that people have told us that they are saving for. Are you currently saving (READ EACH ITEM), or not?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Refused</u>
<u>BASE: HAS CHILDREN (Q505A/1 OR MORE)</u>				
A. For a child's or grandchild's education				
Total	43	57	*	*
18-64	49	51	*	*
65+	17	83	*	*

BASE: HAS CHILDREN (Q505A/1 OR MORE)

B. To leave money to your children				
Total	40	59	1	*
18-64	40	59	1	*
65+	41	58	1	1

BASE: ALL

C. To leave money to charity				
Total	13	86	1	*
18-64	13	87	1	*
65+	17	82	1	*

BASE: ALL

D. To buy a home				
Total	21	79	*	*
18-64	25	75	*	-
65+	1	99	*	*

E. To provide assistance to your parents

Total	19	80	*	*
18-64	20	80	*	*
65+	4	96	*	-

BASE: ALL

F. To pay for your own future long-term care needs				
Total	45	54	*	*
18-64	46	53	*	*
65+	41	58	1	*

BASE: ALL

G. To take vacations every year				
Total	36	64	*	*
18-64	37	63	*	*
65+	31	69	*	*

BASE: NOT RETIRED (Q700/2,-3,-4)

H. For retirement				
Total	68	32	*	*
18-64	69	31	*	*
65+	51	49	*	*

BASE: AS NOTED

Q765. How much of your financial security in retirement would you be willing to sacrifice to (READ EACH ITEM) – a lot, some or nothing at all?

	<u>A</u> <u>Lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Nothing</u> <u>At All</u>	<u>Don't</u> <u>Know</u>	<u>Refused</u>
<u>BASE: HAS CHILDREN (Q505A/1 OR MORE)</u>					
A. Pay for a child's or grandchild's education					
Total	28	50	21	1	1
18-64	32	51	15	1	*
65+	10	44	42	3	*
<u>BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS</u>					
B. Buy a new home					
Total	12	33	54	1	1
18-64	14	38	47	1	*
65+	2	7	88	2	1
<u>BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS</u>					
D. Take vacations every year					
Total	5	48	45	1	*
18-64	6	50	44	1	*
65+	5	40	52	2	1
<u>BASE: HAS CHILDREN (Q505A/1 OR MORE)</u>					
E. Leave money to your children					
Total	23	50	24	1	1
18-64	25	51	22	1	1
65+	16	46	34	1	1
<u>BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS</u>					
F. Leave money to charity					
Total	2	43	53	1	*
18-64	2	44	52	1	*
65+	2	34	62	2	1
<u>BASE: HAS PARENTS (Q500B/1 OR MORE)</u>					
G. Provide assistance to your parents					
Total	26	55	17	1	1
18-64	27	56	16	1	1
65+	7	47	42	2	1
<u>BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS</u>					
H. Pay for your own future long term care needs					
Total	27	56	14	2	1
18-64	30	58	10	2	*
65+	15	4	34	5	1

SECTION: 800: VITAL AGING

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q805. **IF 18-64 (Q215/1):** Thinking about your later years, how important will each of the following things be in making those years meaningful and vital. For example, what about (READ EACH ITEM) - - will that be very important, somewhat important or not important at all in making your later years meaningful and vital?

IF 65 OR OLDER (Q215/2, 3 OR 4): Now, I'm going to describe things that may contribute to having a meaningful, vital life. For you personally, how important is (READ EACH ITEM) at this time in your life –very important, somewhat important, or not important at all?

	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Somewhat Important</u>	<u>Not Important At All</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Refused</u>
A. Having new learning experiences					
Total	48	42	32	*	*
18-64	51	42	3	*	*
65+	32	43	24	*	*
B. Having opportunities to use your skills					
Total	52	40	8	*	*
18-64	56	39	5	*	*
65+	32	43	24	*	*
C. Having a rich spiritual life					
Total	64	28	8	*	*
18-64	64	28	8	*	*
65+	67	24	9	*	*
D. Taking care of your health					
Total	85	13	1	*	*
18-64	85	13	1	*	*
65+	85	12	1	*	*
E. Having a sexual relationship					
Total	35	44	20	1	1
18-64	38	46	14	1	1
65+	20	29	48	1	2
F. Having a job					
Total	32	38	29	*	*
18-64	36	43	20	*	*
65+	14	14	71	*	*
G. Having close relationships with friends and family					
Total	87	11	1	*	*
18-64	87	11	1	*	*
65+	87	11	1	*	*
H. Being involved in your community					
Total	36	52	11	*	*
18-64	36	54	10	*	-
65+	37	43	19	*	*

BASE: AS NOTED FOR EACH ITEM

Q810. **IF 18-64 (Q215/1):** In your later years are you likely to (READ EACH ITEM), or not?

IF 65+ (Q215/2, 3 OR 4): Do/Are you currently (READ ITEM), or not?

	<u>Yes, doing</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Refused</u>
<u>BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS</u>				
A. Work for pay				
Total	57	41	2	*
18-64	64	33	2	*
65+	19	80	*	*
<u>BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS</u>				
B. Do volunteer work -				
Total	75	24	1	*
18-64	81	18	2	*
65+	44	56	-	*
<u>BASE: HAS PARENTS (Q500B/1 OR MORE)</u>				
C. Support your parents financially				
Total	53	45	2	*
18-64	54	44	2	*
65+	4	96	-	-
<u>BASE: HAS CHILDREN (Q505A/1 OR MORE)</u>				
D. Support your children financially				
Total	43	55	1	*
18-64	50	48	1	*
65+	15	84	*	
<u>BASE: RESPONDENTS 18-64 ONLY (Q215/1)</u>				
E. Live in a nursing home				
Total	12	82	5	*
18-64	12	82	5	*
65+	NA	NA	NA	NA
<u>BASE: HAS CHILDREN (Q505A/1 OR MORE)</u>				
F. (Be/being) cared for by your child				
Total	36	59	5	*
18-64	44	50	6	*
65+	5	95	*	*
<u>BASE: MARRIED/PARTNER (Q520/1 OR 6)</u>				
H. (Be/being) cared for by your spouse				
Total	72	26	2	*
18-64	79	18	2	*
65+	35	64	1	*
<u>BASE: HAS CHILDREN (Q505A/1 OR MORE)</u>				
I. (Receive/receiving) financial support from your children				
Total	21	75	4	*
18-64	58	69	5	*
65+	3	97	*	*

SECTION 900: HEALTH STATUS

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q900 Would you say that your health is excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Excellent	28	30	15
Very good	34	34	32
Good	24	24	25
Fair	10	9	18
Poor	3	2	9
Don't know	*	*	1
Refused	*	-	*

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q905. Do you have a health problem, disability or handicap that currently keeps you from participating fully in work, school, housework, or other activities, or not?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Yes, health problem keeps me from participating	15	13	28
No, health problem does not keep me from participating	84	87	71
Don't know	*	*	1
Refused	*	*	*

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q910. When it comes to things you can do now to prepare yourself for a healthy old age, how knowledgeable do you consider yourself – very knowledgeable, somewhat knowledgeable, or not very knowledgeable?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Very knowledgeable	38	38	36
Somewhat knowledgeable	57	57	58
Not very knowledgeable	5	5	5
Don't know	*	-	*
Refused	*	-	1

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q915. **IF 18-64 (Q215/1):** Do you think you are likely to be diagnosed with (READ EACH ITEM) when you are older, or not?

IF 65+ (Q215/2, 3 OR 4): Have you ever been diagnosed with (READ EACH ITEM), or not?

	Likely Diagnosed/ Yes, Ever <u>Diagnosed</u>	Not Likely/ No, Not <u>Diagnosed</u>	Don't Know	<u>Refused</u>
A. Hypertension or high blood pressure				
Total	39	57	3	*
18-64	37	59	4	*
65+	49	51	*	*
B. Heart disease				
Total	29	68	3	*
18-64	30	68	3	*
65+	24	76	*	*
C. Arthritis or rheumatism				
Total	54	43	3	*
18-64	56	41	3	*
65+	45	54	*	*
D. Depression				
Total	18	79	2	*
18-64	20	78	3	*
65+	11	88	*	*
E. Diabetes or high blood sugar				
Total	26	71	3	*
18-64	28	69	3	*
65+	19	81	*	*
F. Alzheimer's disease				
Total	10	86	4	*
18-64	12	83	5	*
65+	*	99	*	*
G. Urinary incontinence				
Total	11	83	6	*
18-64	12	81	6	1
65+	9	90	1	*
H. Osteoporosis				
Total	15	81	4	*
18-64	16	80	4	*
65+	12	87	1	*
I. Sexual dysfunction				
Total	9	86	4	*
18-64	9	86	5	*
65+	8	90	1	1

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q915. **IF 18-64 (Q215/1):** Do you think you are likely to be diagnosed with (READ EACH ITEM) when you are older, or not?

IF 65+ (Q215/2, 3 OR 4): Have you ever been diagnosed with (READ EACH ITEM), or not?

	Likely Diagnosed/ Yes, Ever <u>Diagnosed</u>	Not Likely/ No, Not <u>Diagnosed</u>	Don't Know	<u>Refused</u>
J. Stroke				
Total	21	73	5	*
18-64	24	70	6	*
65+	8	91	*	*
K.. Respiratory or breathing problems				
Total	28	69	3	*
18-64	30	66	3	*
65+	18	82	*	*
L. Cancer, not including skin cancer				
Total	31	64	5	*
18-64	34	60	6	*
65+	15	85	*	*

BASE: MEN ONLY (Q217/1)

M. Prostate problems, not cancer

Total	23	72	*	*
18-64	22	72	6	*
65+	27	72	*	*

Ask Q920 if have been/likely to be diagnosed with more than one disease (Q915 2 or more “ves” answers) – others skip to q1000

If respondent mentions only two diseases (Q915/01), ask Q920. The second disease should be automatically coded as havng the second greatest impact (Q925)

BASE: HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED OR EXPECT TO HAVE AT LEAST TWO DISEASEs (Q915/01 – TWO OR MORE “YES” ANSWERS)

Q920. **IF 18 – 64 (Q215/1):** Of the diseases you think you are likely to be diagnosed with, which one will have the greatest impact on the quality of life in your later years?
(READ ONLY THE ITEMS MARKED AS “YES” FROM Q915)

IF 65+ (Q215/2, 3 OR 4): Of the diseases you have now, which one has the greatest impact on the quality of your life? (READ ONLY THE ITEMS MARKED AS “YES” FROM Q915)

BASE: HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED OR EXPECT OT HAVE AT LEAST THREE DISEASES (Q915/01 - TWO OR MORE “YES” ANSWERS)

Q925. And which will (have/has) the second greatest impact?
(READ ONLY THE ITEMS MARKED AS “YES” FROM Q915 EXCLUDING ANSWER IN Q920)

	Q920 Greatest <u>Impact</u>	Q925 2 nd Greatest <u>Impact</u>
Hypertension or high blood pressure		
Total	20	27
18-64	18	25
65+	26	35
Heart disease		
Total	33	31
18-64	31	32
65+	46	21
Arthritis or rheumatism		
Total	33	26
18-64	31	25
65+	46	27

BASE: HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED OR EXPECT TO HAVE AT LEAST THREE DISEASES (Q915/01 - TWO OR MORE "YES" ANSWERS)

Q925. And which will (have/has) the second greatest impact?

(READ ONLY THE ITEMS MARKED AS "YES" FROM Q915 EXCLUDING ANSWER IN Q920)

	<u>Q920</u> Greatest Impact	Q925 2 nd Greatest Impact
Depression		
Total	19	27
18-64	18	25
65+	31	35
Diabetes or low blood sugar		
Total	27	28
18-64	24	29
65+	46	20
Alzheimer's disease		
Total	33	21
18-64	33	21
65+	15	12
Urinary incontinence		
Total	8	13
18-64	6	12
65+	24	17
Osteoporosis		
Total	11	19
18-64	8	17
65+	33	29
Sexual dysfunction		
Total	6	7
18-64	5	6
65+	12	14
Stroke		
Total	26	20
18-64	26	20
65+	19	14
Respiratory or breathing problems		
Total	29	22
18-64	29	21
65+	37	28

BASE: HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED OR EXPECT OT HAVE AT LEAST THREE DISEASES (Q915/01 - TWO OR MORE “YES” ANSWERS)

Q925. And which will (have/has) the second greatest impact?

(READ ONLY THE ITEMS MARKED AS “YES” FROM Q915 EXCLUDING ANSWER IN Q920)

	Q920 Greatest <u>Impact</u>	Q925 2 nd Greatest <u>Impact</u>
Other cancer, not including skin cancer		
Total	50	22
18-64	52	21
65+	30	26
Prostate problems, not cancer		
Total	14	23
18-64	13	22
65+	21	28
Don't know		
Total	2	3
18-64	1	2
65+	5	11
Refused		
Total	1	1
18-64	*	*
65+	3	4

SECTION 1000: AGEISM II

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q1000. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements (READ EACH ITEM). Do you agree or disagree?

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Refused</u>
A. More than half of all older people will spend some time in a nursing home before they die.				
Total	63	34	3	*
18-64	63	35	2	*
65+	64	28	8	1
B. Old people are among the worst drivers in the country				
Total	44	54	2	*
18-64	47	51	2	*
65+	27	68	4	1
C. Medicare pays for just about 100% of doctor's bills for people over age 65				
Total	24	68	8	*
18-64	23	68	8	*
65+	27	68	6	*
D. Employers who provide pension plans are also required to provide health insurance to their retirees				
Total	49	43	8	*
18-64	49	44	6	*
65+	51	36	13	*
E. Some of the money spent on Social Security <u>should</u> go to children instead of older people.				
Total	28	67	4	1
18-64	29	67	3	1
65+	19	72	8	1
F. The government <u>should</u> provide a tax credit to employers to hire and re-train older workers				
Total	74	23	2	*
18-64	77	21	1	*
65+	59	33	7	1

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q1000. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements (READ EACH ITEM). Do you agree or disagree?

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Refused</u>
G Medicare <u>should</u> be expanded to pay for long term care				
Total	85	11	3	*
18-64	87	10	3	*
65+	75	18	6	1
H. Old people have too much political influence				
Total	13	84	3	*
18-64	13	85	2	*
65+	13	80	7	1
I. Old people are greedy geezers				
Total	6	92	2	*
18-64	5	94	1	*
65+	9	83	7	1
J. People who are 65 are more valuable employees than people who are 45				
Total	31	60	8	1
18-64	29	63	7	1
65+	44	44	11	2
K. People who are 65 are more valuable employees than people who are 25.				
Total	50	42	6	1
18-64	49	44	5	1
65+	57	32	9	2

SECTION 1100: PURCHASING CONFIDENCE

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q1100. Let me read you a list of things people might select or buy. For each one please tell me how confident you are that you know enough to make a good decision on (READ EACH ITEM): Are you very confident, somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

	<u>Very Confident</u>	<u>Somewhat Confident</u>	<u>Not At All Confident</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Refused</u>
A. Selecting a mutual fund					
Total	19	44	35	1	*
18-64	19	46	34	*	*
65+	18	34	43	4	1
B. Buying a home computer					
Total	40	33	27	1	*
18-64	45	35	27	1	*
65+					
C. Buying a new car					
Total	55	35	9	*	*
18-64	57	36	7	*	*
65+	46	30	23	1	*
D. Buying long-term care insurance					
Total	23	50	26	1	*
18-64	23	51	25	1	*
65+	24	42	30	2	1
E. Choosing individual stocks					
Total	12	39	48	1	*
18-64	13	41	46	1	*
65+	10	31	57	3	*
F. Selecting a financial advisor					
Total	23	40	36	1	1
18-64	23	42	34	1	1
65+	22	30	43	3	1
G. Choosing a medical doctor					
Total	52	41	7	*	*
18-64	50	42	7	*	*
65+	59	34	5	1	*

SECTION 1200: LIFE AFTER 75

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q1205. **IF 18-70 (Q215/1 OR 2):** If you knew you would live to be 75 years old would that make you very happy, somewhat happy, or not at all happy?

IF 71+ (Q215/3 OR 4): If you knew you would live another 10 years would that make you very happy, somewhat happy, or not at all happy?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Very happy	59	59	57
Somewhat happy	32	33	30
Not at all happy	6	6	6
Don't know	2	1	6
Refused	*	*	1

BASE: RESPONDENTS 18 – 85 (Q215/1, 2 OR 3)

Q1207. And if you knew you would live to be 90 years old would that make you very happy, somewhat happy, or not at all happy?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Very happy	49	50	42
Somewhat happy	35	35	34
Not at all happy	13	13	14
Don't know	2	1	8
Refused	1	*	1

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q1215. If 18-70 (Q215/1 OR 2): Thinking of the one thing that you could do now to improve the quality of your life at age 75, is it more important now to take care of your health or to save money?

If 71+ (Q215/3 OR 4): Thinking of the one thing that you could do now to improve the quality of your life 10 years from now, is it more important now to take care of your health or to save money?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Take care of your health	87	86	95
Save money	11	12	2
Don't know	2	1	2
Refused	1	1	*

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q1220. **IF 18-70 (Q215/ 1 OR 2):** A lot of things can influence the quality of your life at age 75. In your opinion, which one of the following will have the biggest impact on the quality of your life at age 75 – decisions or choices that you make during your lifetime, decisions made by others that are beyond your control, genetic or inherited factors or blind luck?

IF 71+ (Q215/3 OR 4): A lot of things can influence the quality of your life 10 years from now. In your opinion, which one of the following will have the biggest impact on the quality of your life 10 years from now – decisions or choices that you make during your lifetime, decisions made by others that are beyond your control, genetic factors or inherited factors or blind luck?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Decisions made by me during lifetime	61	62	57
Decisions beyond my control	10	10	8
Blind luck	16	16	13
Don't know	2	2	7
Refused	*	*	1

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q1225. **IF 18-70 (Q215/1 OR 2):** Which one of the following four items do you think will have the greatest impact on your quality of life at age 75 – regular exercise, good eating habits, seeing your doctor regularly or complying with treatments?

IF 71+ (Q215/3 OR 4): Which one of the following four items do you think will have the greatest impact on your quality of life ten years from now – regular exercise, good eating habits, seeing your doctor regularly or complying with treatments?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Regular exercise	40	42	30
Good eating habits	30	30	33
Seeing your doctor regularly	18	17	25
Complying with treatments	7	7	7
Don't know	2	2	4
Refused	1	1	*

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q1230. **IF 18-70 (Q215/1 OR 2):** Think about your life at age 75. How worried are you about (READ EACH ITEM) – very worried, somewhat worried, or not worried at all?

IF 71+ (Q215/3 OR 4): Think about what your life will be like 10 years from now. How worried are you about (READ ITEM) – very worried, somewhat worried, or not worried at all?

	<u>Very Worried</u>	<u>Somewhat Worried</u>	<u>Not Worried At All</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Refused</u>
A. Being denied medical treatments because of your age					
Total	25	34	40	*	*
18-64	27	36	37	*	*
65+	16	24	59	*	*
B. Outliving your pension and savings					
Total	17	33	49	1	*
18-64	19	35	45	*	*
65+	8	23	68	1	*
C. Suffering from uncontrollable pain					
Total	19	36	44	*	*
18-64	21	37	43	*	*
65+	13	36	51	1	-
D. Spending all your money on long term care					
Total	18	39	43	*	*
18-64	19	40	40	*	*
65+	12	33	54	1	1
E. Losing your memory					
Total	26	38	35	*	*
18-64	26	39	35	*	*
65+	23	37	39	1	*
F. Not having enough opportunities to be productive					
Total	14	42	44	*	*
18-64	15	43	42	*	*
65+	8	33	58	1	*

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q1235. **IF 18 – 70 (Q215/1 OR 2):** In your lifetime, do you think there will be dramatic new treatments or cures that will improve your chances of living past age 75, or not?

IF 71+ (Q215/3 OR 4): In your lifetime, do you think there will be dramatic new treatments or cures that will improve your chances of living 10 more years, or not?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Yes, expect to see new treatments	84	85	74
No, do not expect to see new treatments	14	13	18
Don't know	2	2	7
Refused	*	*	*

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q1240. How worried are you that you will not be able to afford dramatic new treatments that may appear -- very worried, somewhat worried or not worried at all?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Very worried	16	17	9
Somewhat worried	41	42	34
Not worried at all	43	41	56
Don't know	*	*	*
Refused	*	*	*

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q1245 Do you think a man who is 75 years old now can be sexy, or not?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Yes, 75 yr. Old man can be sexy	72	71	74
No, 75 year old man cannot be sexy	21	23	13
Don't know	7	6	12
Refused	1	1	1

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q1250. Do you think a woman who is 75 years old now can be sexy, or not?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Yes, 75 yr. Old woman can be sexy	72	71	75
No, 75 year old woman cannot be sexy	23	25	15
Don't know	5	4	8
Refused	*	*	1

DEMOGRAPHICS

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q100. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? (PROBE: IF RESPONDENT SAYS JUST "HIGH SCHOOL": What was the highest grade you completed? IF 12TH GRADE, CODE "GRADUATE". IF 11TH GRADE OR LESS, CODE "LESS THAN".)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Less than high school (grades 1-11, grade 12 but no diploma)	10	7	22
High school graduate or equivalent (e.g. GED).	40	40	41
Some college but no degree (incl. 2 yr. occupational or vocational programs)	27	27	22
College graduate (e.g. BA, AB, BS)	16	17	8
Postgraduate (e.g. MA, MS, MEng, Med, MSW, MBA, MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD, PhD, EdD)	7	7	6
Don't know	*	*	*
Refused	1	1	*

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q105. Do you own or rent your home?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Own home	70	67	86
Rent home	25	28	12
Don't know	3	3	1
Refused	2	2	1

BASE: OWN HOME

Q110. Is your mortgage paid off, or not?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Yes, mortgage paid off	39	28	81
No, mortgage not paid off	60	71	16
Don't know	1	*	1
Refused	1	1	2

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q115. What is your religion?*

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Catholic	25	26	24
Protestant	31	28	44
Jewish	1	1	2
Muslim	*	*	*
Other (specify)	37	38	28
Don't know	2	3	*
Refused	3	3	*

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q120. (QF6B)How important is religion in your life – very important, somewhat important or hardly important at all?*

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Very important	57	54	70
Somewhat important	30	32	22
Hardly important at all	13	14	7
Don't know	*	*	*
Refused	*	*	*

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q122. Including you, how many people, 18 or over, live in this household?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
1	17	14	30
2	57	57	55
3	26	20	14
4	17	14	30
5	57	57	55
6	26	20	14
7	17	14	30
8	57	57	55
9 or more	26	20	14
Mean	2.2	2.3	1.9
Median	2.1	2.1	1.9
Refused	1	*	1

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q124. How many children, if any, under 18 live in this household?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
0	55	48	93
1	17	19	6
2	17	20	3
3	6	7	2
4	3	4	*
5	1	1	-
6 or more	*	*	-
Mean	2.0	2.0	1.5
Median	1.8	1.8	1.0
Refused/No Answer	*	*	2

IF OVERSAMPLE, SKIP TO Q140 – OTHERS ASK Q125

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q125. Are you of Hispanic origin or descent, or not?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Yes, of Hispanic origin	10	11	5
No, not of Hispanic origin	89	88	94
Don't know	*	*	*
Refused	*	*	*

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q130. Do you consider yourself white, Black or African-American, Asian, Native American, or some other race?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
White	77	76	86
Black or African-American	12	12	8
Asian or Pacific Islander	1	1	-
Native American or Alaskan native	1	1	2
Some other race	8	9	3
Don't know	*	*	1
Refused	1	1	1

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q140. Which of the following income categories best describes your total 1999 household income? Was it (READ LIST)? [INTERVIEWER: TOTAL HH INCOME BEFORE TAXES FROM ALL SOURCES -- IF UNSURE OF 1999 INCOME, PROBE FOR ESTIMATE.]

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
\$7,500 or less	4	4	8
\$7,501 to \$15,000	7	6	13
\$15,001 to \$25,000	14	13	18
\$25,001 to \$35,000	15	15	18
\$35,001 to \$50,000	19	21	11
\$50,001 to \$75,000	15	16	7
\$75,001 to \$100,000	8	9	2
\$100,000 or over	7	8	3
Don't know	3	2	5
Refused	8	6	15

BASE: KNOWN FAMILY SIZE (Q122 PLUS Q124 BOTH NUMERIC)

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q105. Incomes above/below the poverty line

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Above	97	97	96
Below	2	2	3
Don't know	1	*	1
Refused	*	*	-

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q150. IF NOT RETIRED (Q700/2, 98, 99): Which of the following categories best describes how much you (and your spouse) have currently saved for your retirement? Would that be (READ LIST)?

IF RETIRED (Q700/1): Which of the following categories best describes how much you (and your spouse) had saved at the time you retired? Was that (READ LIST)? Please include personal savings, IRA’s, pensions and other employer contributions.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Nothing	18	19	12
Under \$5,000	16	17	7
\$5,000-\$10,000	12	13	8
\$10,001-\$25,000	11	12	9
\$25,001-\$50,000	10	10	11
\$50,001-\$75,000	4	4	5
\$75,001-\$100,000	4	3	7
\$100,001-\$150,000	4	3	5
\$150,001-\$250,000	3	3	4
\$250,001 or more	6	6	6
Don't know	4	4	7
Refused	9	7	19

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q155. How long do you expect to live? Record number of years or record age of expected death

	<u>Total</u>	<u>18-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Less than 65	1	2	*
65-69	2	2	-
70-74	6	6	2
75 and older (Net)	71	74	55
75-79	13	14	4
80-84	19	20	12
85 and older (Net)	39	39	38
85-89	13	13	16
90 and older (Net)	26	27	22
90-94	13	13	14
95-99	6	7	3
100 and older	6	7	5
Mean	83.7	83.3	86.6
Median	83.5	80.5	85.4
Don't know	19	15	40
Refused	1	1	3