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NOTE ABOUT COLORS:

ALL QUESTION TEXT IN BLACK IS FOR THE CORE INTERVIEW.

ALL QUESTION TEXT IN FUCHSIA IS FOR THE EXIT INTERVIEW. ALSO IN FUCHSIA IS ALL OTHER TEXT THAT IS SPECIFIC TO THE EXIT INTERVIEW BUT NOT TO THE CORE. (THERE ARE NO EXIT QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION)

OTHERWISE, BLACK TEXT FOR CODEFRAMES, INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTIONS, JUMPS AND BRANCHPOINTS, ETC. CAN APPLY TO BOTH THE CORE AND THE EXIT INTERVIEW UNLESS SPECIFIED OTHERWISE OR THERE IS AN EXIT ALTERNATIVE.

DELETED QUESTIONS ARE IN BROWN FONT ON A CREAM BACKGROUND

ADDED QUESTIONS ARE IN BLUE.

LABELS IDENTIFYING CONTENT SEQUENCES AND LOOPS ARE IN BLACK LETTERS ON A GREEN BACKGROUND

ON A BLACK-AND-WHITE HARD COPY OF THE DOCUMENT, THE COLORED TEXT WILL APPEAR SOMEWHAT LIGHTER THAN THE ORIGINAL BLACK AND IN DIFFERENT SHADES OF GREY.

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NOTE: WHERE THERE IS MORE THAN ONE JUMP WITHIN A BRANCHPOINT BOX, THE JUMPS ARE TO BE APPLIED IN ORDER FROM THE TOP.

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MAJOR FLOW CONTROL, CONDITION AND FILL VARIABLES \*

THIS IS A REINTERVIEW R (Z076=1);  
THIS IS A NEW INTERVIEW R (Z076=5)  
THIS IS A SELF INTERVIEW (A009=1);  
THIS IS A PROXY INTERVIEW (A009={2 or 3}) or (A009 NOT 1);  
PROXY REPORTER IS SURVIVING SPOUSE (A009=2);  
PROXY REPORTER IS NON-SPOUSE (A009=3)

R's AGE (per A019)

R CURRENTLY LIVES IN A NURSING HOME (A028=1)

R HAD NO LIVING CHILDREN AT PREVIOUS WAVE (A101 = 0 )

R IS WORKING FOR PAY (J020=1)  
R IS NOT CURRENTLY WORKING (J020=5)

R WORKS FOR SOMEONE ELSE (J021=1)  
R IS SELF EMPLOYED (J021=2)

R CURRENTLY RECEIVES SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS (J478=1)  
R EXPECTS TO RECEIVE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS IN THE FUTURE (J479=1)

R CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR A JOB ({J505 or J517}=1)

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NOTE: ANY R WHO REFUSES OR DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO ANSWER THE FIRST THREE 0-100 QUESTIONS OF SECTION P, WILL NOT BE ASKED ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION. THE ACTUAL SEQUENCE OF QUESTIONS VARIES AND DEPENDS ON SPECIFIC SKIPS. THE COUNTER VARIABLES USED TO TRACK RESPONSES ARE P155 (FOR NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ASKED) AND P156 (FOR NUMBER OF "DON'T KNOW" OR "REFUSED" RESPONSES). P009 IS THE SUMMARY VARIABLE FOR THIS COUNT AND KEEPS TRACK OF WHETHER OR NOT THE RESPONDENT'S FIRST THREE ANSWERS, WHATEVER THEY MAY BE, ARE ALL "DON'T KNOW" OR "REFUSED". P009 TAKES THE FOLLOWING VALUES: 0 = COULD/WOULD NOT ANSWER PROBABILITY QUESTIONS; 1 = CAN ANSWER PROBABILITY QUESTIONS.

\* A variable fieldname and code reference is shown at its first occurrence in the questionnaire, but in some cases, especially when it is common, is not shown after that.

NOTE: WITH THE COMPLETE REPROGRAMMING IN BLAISE IN 2002, QUESTIONS WERE GIVEN THEIR PERMANENT FIELD NAMES. HOWEVER, IN SUBSEQUENT WAVES CERTAIN QUESTION SERIES WERE MOVED WITHIN SECTION P, YET THEY RETAINED THEIR ORIGINAL FIELD NAMES. FURTHERMORE, WHEN A NEW QUESTION WAS ADDED, IT WAS GIVEN THE NEXT UNUSED FIELD NAME. THE RESULT IS THAT, IN SECTION P IN PARTICULAR, THE FIELD NAMES OF

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MANY QUESTIONS DO NOT REFLECT THEIR ORDER WITHIN THE SECTION. THUS, THIS TABLE IS PROVIDED TO AID IN LOCATING QUESTIONS CITED IN JUMPS. FIELD NAMES THAT ARE OUT OF NUMERICAL SEQUENCE ARE SHOWN GRAYED.

X501 (VALUES 1 AND 2) IS USED FOR GENERATING THE FILL FOR QUESTION P166.

X502 (VALUES 1 AND 2) IS USED FOR ASSIGNING RESPONDENTS TO ONE OF TWO MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS ABOUT FUTURE HEALTH AT P108 BRANCHPOINT.

X506 (VALUES 1 AND 2), X507 (VALUES 1 AND 2), X508 (VALUES 1 AND 2) AND X511 (VALUES 1, 2 AND 3) ARE USED FOR ASSIGNING RANDOMIZED FILLS AT QUESTION P109.

X510 (VALUES 1 AND 2) IS USED FOR ASSIGNING RESPONDENTS TO EPISTEMIC OR APPROXIMATION FOLLOW-UP SEQUENCES AT P102 AND P157 BRANCHPOINTS.

PRELOADP168 AND X523 (VALUES 1 THROUGH 8) IS USED TO GENERATE FILLS FOR VARIABLE P166.  
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### P000\_INTRODUCTION

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P002 BRANCHPOINT: IF THIS IS AN EXIT INTERVIEW, GO TO SECTION T

IF THIS IS A PROXY INTERVIEW (A009={2 or 3}), GO TO SECTION Q

### **P002\_**

Next we would like to ask your opinion about how likely you think various events might be. When I ask a question I'd like for you to give me a number from 0 to 100, where "0" means that you think there is absolutely no chance, and "100" means that you think the event is absolutely sure to happen.

For example, no one can ever be sure about tomorrow's weather, but if you think that rain is very unlikely tomorrow, you might say that there is a 10 percent chance of rain. If you think there is a very good chance that it will rain tomorrow, you might say that there is an 80 percent chance of rain.

1. CONTINUE

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P166 BRANCHPOINT:

IF THIS IS A FINANCIAL R (X007={1 or 3}), and R OWNS MAIN RESIDENCE (({H004 or H011}=1) or {H008={1 or 2}} or {H014={1 or 3}}), CONTINUE ON TO P166

OTHERWISE, GO TO P005

### P166\_

NOTE: A BINARY RANDOM VARIABLE (X501) IS USED TO GENERATE THE FILL FOR QUESTION P166. HALF OF THE SAMPLE GETS THE FILL "more" AND THE OTHER HALF THE FILL "less."

We are interested in how the value of your home will change in the future.

On the same scale from 0 to 100 what do you think is the percent chance that by next year at this time your home will be worth [more/less] than it is today?

|     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  
00   10   20   30   40   50   60   70   80   90   100  
0 - ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE  
100 - ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN

00 - 100

DK  
RF

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NOTE: THE FIRST FILL OF VARIABLE P168 IS BASED ON THE PREVIOUS WAVE VALUE OF THE FIRST FILL TO THE QUESTION P168. THUS, IF THE RANDOMLY GENERATED FILL IN THE PREVIOUS WAVE WAS "fallen", IT IS NOW "gained" AND IF IT WAS "gained" IT IS NOW "fallen". IN THE CASE THAT NO PRELOAD VALUE WAS AVAILABLE, THE ACTUAL FILL [fallen/gained] WAS RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THESE TWO ALTERNATIVES. P170 RECORDS WHICH FILL IS GENERATED: 1 = FALLEN; 2 = GAINED.

THE RANDOM VARIABLE X523 IS USED TO GENERATE FILLS FOR THE SECOND FILL OF VARIABLE P170, "10, 20, 30, OR 40."

SUMMARY TABLE OF FILL VALUES FOR P168:

P170	X523	First Fill Value	Second Fill Value
1	1	fallen	40
1	2	fallen	30
1	3	fallen	20
1	4	fallen	10
2	5	gained	10
2	6	gained	20
2	7	gained	30
2	8	gained	40

### **P168**

P168

By this time next year, what is the percent chance that the value of your home will have [gained/fallen] in value by more than [10/20/30/40] percent compared to what it is worth today?

| 00 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100 |

0 - ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE

100 - ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN

00 - 100

DK

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### P005\_

Think about an inheritance you (and your [husband/wife/partner]) might leave (, but not including any inheritance you might leave to each other).

Including property and other valuables that you might own, what are the chances that you (and your [husband/wife/partner]) will leave an inheritance totaling \$10,000 or more?

| 00 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100 |  
0 - ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE  
100 - ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN

00 - 100

0000 GO TO P007

DK

RF

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P006 BRANCHPOINT: IF P009 = 0 GO TO P056

IF R DID NOT GIVE CHANCES OF LEAVING AN INHERITANCE  
(P005={DK or RF}), GO TO P014 BRANCHPOINT

### P006\_

And what are the chances that you (and your [husband/wife/partner]) will leave an inheritance totaling \$100,000 or more?

[IWER: INCLUDE PROPERTIES AND OTHER VALUABLE ITEMS AS WELL AS MONEY HERE]

| 00 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100 |  
0 - ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE  
100 - ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN

00 - 100

DK

RF

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P059 BRANCHPOINT: IF R DID NOT SAY THERE WAS A CHANCE OF LEAVING AN INHERITANCE (P006={0 or DK or RF}), GO TO P014 BRANCHPOINT

### P059\_

And what are the chances that you (and your [husband/wife/partner]) will leave an inheritance totaling \$500,000 or more?

| 00 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100 |  
0 - ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE  
100 - ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN

00 - 100

DK  
RF

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P007 BRANCHPOINT: GO TO P014 BRANCHPOINT

### P007\_

And what are the chances that you (and your [husband/wife/partner]) will leave any inheritance?

[IWER: INCLUDE PROPERTIES AND OTHER VALUABLE ITEMS AS WELL AS MONEY HERE]

| 00 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100 |  
0 - ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE  
100 - ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN

00 - 100

DK  
RF



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P014 BRANCHPOINT: IF P009 = 0 GO TO P056

IF R DID NOT REPORT THAT IS WORKING NOW (J020 NOT 1) or R IS SELF EMPLOYED (J021=2), GO TO P016 BRANCHPOINT

### P014\_

Sometimes people are permanently laid off from jobs that they want to keep.

On the same scale from 0 to 100 (where 0 means absolutely no chance and 100 means absolutely certain), what are the chances that you will lose your job during the next year?

| 00 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100  
0 - ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE  
100 - ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN

00 - 100

DK  
RF

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P015 BRANCHPOINT: IF P009 = 0 GO TO P056

### P015\_

Suppose you were to lose your job this month.

What do you think are the chances that you could find an equally good job in the same line of work within the next few months?

| 00 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100  
0 - ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE  
100 - ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN

00 - 100

DK  
RF

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P016 BRANCHPOINT: IF P009 = 0 GO TO P056

IF R IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED (J020=1), GO TO P017 BRANCHPOINT

### P016\_

(On this same 0 to 100 scale), what are the chances that you will be working for pay at some time in the future?

| 00    | 10    | 20    | 30    | 40    | 50    | 60    | 70    | 80    | 90    | 100  
0 - ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE  
100 - ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN

00 - 100

DK  
RF

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P017 BRANCHPOINT: IF P009 = 0 GO TO P056  
IF R IS {62 OR OLDER} (A019 >=62), GO TO P018 BRANCHPOINT  
IF R DID NOT GIVE CHANCES OF WORKING FOR PAY or R SAID 0 PERCENT CHANCE WILL BE WORKING FOR PAY (P016 = { 0, DK or RF} ) , GO TO P020 BRANCHPOINT

### P017\_

IF R WORKS FOR SOMEONE ELSE (J021=1):

Thinking about work in general and not just your present job, what do you think the chances are that you will be working full-time after you reach age 62?

OTHERWISE:

What do you think the chances are that you will be working full-time after you reach age 62?

00    10    20    30    40    50    60    70    80    90    100  
0 - ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE  
100 - ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN

00 - 100

DK  
RF

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P123 BRANCHPOINT: IF P009 = 0, GO TO P056

IF R DID NOT SAY IS 50 PERCENT CHANCE THAT WILL BE WORKING FULL-TIME (P017 NOT 50), GO TO P018 BRANCHPOINT

### P123\_

Do you think that it is about equally likely that you will be working full-time as it is that you will not be working full-time, or are you just unsure about the chances?

1. EQUALLY LIKELY  
2. UNSURE  
DK  
RF

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P018 BRANCHPOINT: IF P009 = 0 GO TO P056

IF R IS {65 OR OLDER} (A019 =>65), GO TO P181 BRANCHPOINT

IF R SEES NO CHANCE AT ALL TO WORK AT 62 or R DID NOT GIVE CHANCES OF WORKING AT 62 (P017=0, DK,Rf), GO TO P181 BRANCHPOINT

### P018\_

IF R WORKS FOR SOMEONE ELSE (J021=1) and R IS {62 OR OLDER} (A019  $\square$  62):

Thinking about work in general and not just your present job, what do you think the chances are that you will be working full-time after you reach age 65?

OTHERWISE:

And what about the chances that you will be working full-time after you reach age 65?

00    10    20    30    40    50    60    70    80    90    100

where:

00= ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE and 100= ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN

\_\_\_\_\_  
Percent

996 ALREADY AGE 65

DK

RF

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P181 BRANCHPOINT IF R IS {70 OR OLDER} (A019 >= 70), GO TO P020 BRANCHPOINT

### P181\_

What are the chances that you will be doing any work for pay after you reach age 70?

00    10    20    30    40    50    60    70    80    90    100

where:

00= ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE and 100= ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN

00 - 100

DK

RF

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P182 BRANCHPOINT

IF R SEES NO CHANCE or DID NOT GIVE CHANCES OF WORKING AT 62 (P017=0, Dk,Rf) or

IF R SEES NO CHANCE or DID NOT GIVE CHANCES OF WORKING FULL TIME AT 65 (P018=0, Dk, Rf) or

IF R SEES NO CHANCE or DID NOT GIVE CHANCES OF WORKING AT 70 (P181=0, DK, RF),

GO TO P020 BRANCHPOINT

### P182\_

IF R WORKS FOR SOMEONE ELSE (J021=1):

Thinking about work in general and not just your present job, what do you think the chances are that you will be working full-time after you reach age 70?

OTHERWISE:

What do you think the chances are that you will be working full-time after you reach age 70?

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00    10    20    30    40    50    60    70    80    90    100

where:

00= ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE and 100= ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN

00 - 100

DK

RF

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P020 BRANCHPOINT: IF R DID NOT REPORT THAT IS CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR A JOB (J505 and J517 NOT 1), GO TO P028 BRANCHPOINT

### P020\_

You told us earlier that you were looking for a new job.

On this 0 to 100 scale, what are the chances that you will find a job like the one you're looking for within the next few months?

| 00 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100

where:

00= ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE and 100= ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN

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Percent

DK  
RF

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P028 BRANCHPOINT: IF P009 = 0, GO TO P056

IF R IS {65 OR OLDER} (A019 >= 65), GO TO P029 BRANCHPOINT

### P028\_

What is the percent chance that you will live to be 75 or more?

| 00 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100

where:

00= ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE and 100= ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN

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Percent

DK  
RF

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P102 BRANCHPOINT: IF R DID NOT SAY 50 PERCENT CHANCE THAT WILL LIVE TO 75 YEARS OF AGE  
(P028 NOT 50), GO TO P029 BRANCHPOINT

### P102\_

Do you think that it is about equally likely that you will die before 75 as it is that you will live to 75 or beyond, or are you just unsure about the chances?

1. EQUALLY LIKELY

2. UNSURE

DK  
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P029 BRANCHPOINT: IF P009 = 0 GO TO P056

IF R IS {90 OR OLDER} (A019 >= 90), GO TO P175

### P029\_

What is the percent chance that you will live to be

[85 (IF AGE IS LESS THAN 65)/  
80 (IF AGE IS 65-69)/  
85 (IF AGE IS 70-74)/  
90 (IF AGE IS 75-79)/  
95 (IF AGE IS 80-84)/  
100 (IF AGE IS 85-89)]

or more?

| 00    | 10    | 20    | 30    | 40    | 50    | 60    | 70    | 80    | 90    | 100

where:

00 = ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE      and      100 = ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN

Percent

DK  
RF

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P157 BRANCHPOINT: IF P009 = 0, GO TO P056

IF R IS YOUNGER THAN 65 (A019 < 65), GO TO P175

IF R DID NOT SAY 50 PERCENT CHANCE THAT WILL BE LIVING (P029 NOT 50), GO TO P175 BRANCHPOINT

### P157\_

Do you think that it is about equally likely that you will die before

[85 (IF AGE IS LESS THAN 65)/  
80 (IF AGE IS 65-69)/  
85 (IF AGE IS 70-74)/  
90 (IF AGE IS 75-79)/  
95 (IF AGE IS 80-84)/  
100 (IF AGE IS 85-89)]

as it is that you will live to

[85 (IF AGE IS LESS THAN 65)/  
80 (IF AGE IS 65-69)/  
85 (IF AGE IS 70-74)/  
90 (IF AGE IS 75-79)/  
95 (IF AGE IS 80-84)/  
100 (IF AGE IS 85-89)]

or beyond, or are you just unsure about the chances?

1. EQUALLY LIKELY  
2. UNSURE  
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P029 BRANCHPOINT: IF P009 = 0 GO TO P056

IF R IS {65 OR YOUNGER} (A019 < 65), GO TO P175 BRANCHPOINT

### P107\_

Assuming that you are still living at

[80 (IF AGE IS 65-69)/  
85 (IF AGE IS 70-74)/  
90 (IF AGE IS 75-79)/  
95 (IF AGE IS 80-84)/  
100 (IF AGE IS 85-89)],

what are the chances that you will be free of serious problems in thinking, reasoning or remembering things that would interfere with your ability to manage your own affairs?

| 00    | 10    | 20    | 30    | 40    | 50    | 60    | 70    | 80    | 90    | 100

where:

00 = ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE      and      100 = ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN

\_\_\_\_\_  
Percent

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P175 BRANCHPOINT: IF P009 = 0 GO TO P056

### P175\_

P175

Please think about what you might spend out-of-pocket for your own medical expenses over the next year, including expenses such as doctor and dentist expenses, hospitals, nursing homes, prescription drugs and any others. Please include expenses that you would pay yourself (or a family member for you), but do not include what is covered by insurance.

On a scale from 0 to 100 (where 0 means absolutely no chance and 100 means absolutely certain), what are the chances that you will spend more than \$1,500 during the coming year?

00    10    20    30    40    50    60    70    80    90    100  
0 - ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE  
100 - ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN

\_\_\_\_\_  
Percent

DK

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P176 BRANCHPOINT: IF P009 = 0 GO TO P056

IF R DID NOT GIVE CHANCES OF SPENDING 1,500, (P175={DK or RF}), GO TO P032 BRANCHPOINT

IF R SAID 0 PERCENT CHANGE OF SPENDING (P176 = 0), GO TO P176

OTHERWISE, GO TO P177

### P176\_

On this same, 0 to 100 scale where 0 means absolutely no chance and 100 means absolutely certain, what are the chances that you will spend more than \$500 during the coming year?

| 00 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100  
0 - ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE  
100 - ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN

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Percent

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P177 BRANCHPOINT: IF P009 = 0 GO TO P56

OTHERWISE, GO TO P032 BRANCHPOINT

### P177\_

(On this same, 0 to 100 scale where 0 means absolutely no chance and 100 means absolutely certain,) what are the chances that you will spend more than \$3,000 during the coming year?

00    10    20    30    40    50    60    70    80    90    100  
0 - ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE  
100 - ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN

\_\_\_\_\_  
Percent

DK  
RF

P178 BRANCHPOINT: IF P009 = 0 GO TO P056

IF R SAID MORE THAN 0 PERCENT CHANCE OF SPENDING (P177 > 0), GO TO P178

OTHERWISE, GO TO P032 BRANCHPOINT

### P178\_

(On this same, 0 to 100 scale where 0 means absolutely no chance and 100 means absolutely certain,) what are the chances that you will spend more than \$8,000 during the coming year?

00    10    20    30    40    50    60    70    80    90    100  
0 - ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE  
100 - ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN

\_\_\_\_\_  
Percent

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P032 BRANCHPOINT: IF P009 = 0 GO TO P56

IF R {IS LESS THAN 65 (A019 <65) and IS REINTERVIEW R (Z076=1)} or R IS CURRENTLY IN NURSING HOME (A028=1),  
GO TO P110

### **P032\_**

P032

IF R IS UNDER 65 YEARS OF AGE (A019 <65):

What is the percent chance that you will ever have to move to a nursing home?

OTHERWISE:

What is the percent chance that you will move to a nursing home in the next five years?

DEFINITION: NURSING HOMES ARE INSTITUTIONS PRIMARILY FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED CONSTANT NURSING SUPERVISION OR ARE INCAPABLE OF LIVING INDEPENDENTLY. NURSING SUPERVISION MUST BE PROVIDED ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS FOR THE INSTITUTION TO QUALIFY AS A NURSING HOME. PLEASE DON'T INCLUDE STAYS IN ADULT FOSTER CARE FACILITIES OR OTHER SHORT-TERM STAYS IN A HOSPITAL.

|     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  
00   10   20   30   40   50   60   70   80   90   100  
0 - ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE  
100 - ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN

\_\_\_\_\_  
Percent

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P110 BRANCHPOINT: IF P009 = 0 GO TO P056

### P110\_

P110

Thinking of the Social Security program in general and not just your own Social Security benefits:

On a scale from 0 to 100, (where 0 means no chance and 100 means absolutely certain,) what is the percent chance that Congress will change Social Security sometime in the next 10 years, so that it becomes less generous than now?

| 00 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100 |  
0 - ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE  
100 - ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN

00 - 100

000 ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE GO TO P047 (AFTER P112)

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P179 BRANCHPOINT: IF R DID NOT SAY 50 PERCENT CHANCE THAT CONGRESS WILL CHANGE SOCIAL SECURITY (P110 NOT 50), GO TO P111 BRANCHPOINT

### P179\_

Do you think that it is about equally likely Congress will change Social Security as it will not change Social Security, or are you just unsure about the chances?

1. EQUALLY LIKELY  
2. UNSURE  
DK  
RF



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P111 BRANCHPOINT: IF R DID NOT REPORT THAT CURRENTLY RECEIVES SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS (J478 NOT 1), GO TO P112 BRANCHPOINT

### P111\_

P111

We just asked you about changes to Social Security in general. Now we would like to know whether you think these Social Security changes might affect your own benefits.

On a scale from 0 to 100, (where 0 means no chance and 100 means absolutely certain,) what do you think is the percent chance that the benefits you yourself are receiving from Social Security will be cut some time over the next 10 years?

| 00 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100 |

0 - ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE

100 - ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN

Percent

DK

RF

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P112 BRANCHPOINT: IF R DID NOT REPORT THAT EXPECTS TO RECEIVE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS IN THE FUTURE (J479 NOT 1), GO TO P183

### P112\_

We just asked you about changes to Social Security in general. Now we would like to know whether you think these Social Security changes might affect your own benefits.

On a scale from 0 to 100, what do you think is the percent chance that over the next 10 years there will be changes to Social Security that will reduce your future benefits compared to what you would get under the current system?

00 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100  
0 - ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE  
100 - ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN

Percent

DK  
RF

### P183\_

What is the percent chance that Congress will change the Medicare program sometime in the next 10 years, so that it becomes less generous than now?

00 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

where:

00= ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE and 100= ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN

00 - 100

DK  
RF

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### P047\_

We are interested in how well you think the economy will do in the future.

By next year at this time, what is the percent chance that mutual fund shares invested in blue chip stocks like those in the Dow Jones Industrial Average will be worth more than they are today?

| 00 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100 |  
0 - ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE  
100 - ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN

00 - 100

DK  
RF

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P113 BRANCHPOINT: IF R DID NOT SAY 50 PERCENT CHANCE THAT MUTUAL FUND WILL BE WORTH MORE (P047 NOT 50), GO TO P150 BRANCHPOINT

### P113\_

Do you think that it is about equally likely that these mutual fund shares will increase in worth as it is that they will decrease in worth by this time next year, or are you just unsure about the chances?

1. EQUALLY LIKELY  
2. UNSURE  
DK  
RF

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P150 BRANCHPOINT: IF R PROVIDED AN EPISTEMIC RESPONSE (P149 = 1), GO TO P097

IF R SAID 0 PERCENT CHANCE THAT MUTUAL FUND WILL BE WORTH MORE (P047 = 0), GO TO P180

P149: EPISTEMIC RESPONSE ASSIGNMENT

A RESPONDENT IS ASSIGNED AN EPISTEMIC RESPONSE CODE AT P149 BASED ON RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS P047, P113

1. EPISTEMIC RESPONSE
2. NON-EPISTEMIC RESPONSE

EPISTEMIC RESPONSE: IF R ANSWERED {DK or RF AT P047 (P047 = {DK or RF})} or ANSWERED {UNSURE or DK AT P113 (P113 = {2 or DK})}, THEN CODE 1 EPISTEMIC RESPONSE IS ASSIGNED TO P149.

### P150\_

By next year at this time, what is the percent chance that mutual fund shares invested in blue-chip stocks like those in the Dow Jones Industrial Average will have gained in value by more than 20 percent compared to what they are worth today?

| 00 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100 |

0 - ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE

100 - ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN

00 - 100

DK

RF

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P180 BRANCHPOINT: IF R SAID 100 PERCENT CHANCE THAT MUTUAL FUND WILL BE WORTH MORE {P047 = 100 or P150 = 100}, GO TO P097

IF R DID NOT GIVE CHANCES OF MUTUAL FUNDS GAINING (P150={DK or RF}), GO TO P097

### P180\_

By next year at this time, what is the percent chance that mutual fund shares invested in blue-chip stocks like those in the Dow Jones Industrial Average will have fallen in value by more than 20 percent compared to what they are worth today?

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00    10    20    30    40    50    60    70    80    90    100  
0 - ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE  
100 - ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN

00 - 100

DK  
RF

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### P097\_

How closely do you follow the stock market: very closely, somewhat, or not at all?

1. VERY CLOSELY  
2. SOMEWHAT CLOSELY  
3. SOMEWHAT CLOSELY  
DK  
RF

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P041 BRANCHPOINT: IF P009 = 0 GO TO P056P

IF R IS OLDER THAN 65 (A019 > 65), GO TO P042 BRANCHPOINT

### P041\_

In deciding how much of their (family) income to spend or save, people are likely to think about different financial planning periods.

[IWER: READ SLOWLY]

In planning your (family's) saving and spending, which of the following time periods is most important to you (and your [husband/wife/partner]), the next few months, the next year, the next few years, the next 5-10 years, or longer than 10 years?

- 1. THE NEXT FEW MONTHS
- 2. THE NEXT YEAR
- 3. THE NEXT FEW YEARS
- 3. THE NEXT 5-10 YEARS
- 3. LONGER THAN 10 YEARS
- DK
- RF

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P042 BRANCHPOINT: IF R HAD NO LIVING CHILDREN AT PREVIOUS WAVE (A101 = 0 ) GO TO P185

### P042\_

When your children get to be your age, do you think their standard of living will be higher, lower, or the same as yours is now?

- 1. HIGHER
- 2. LOWER - GO TO P044
- 3. SAME - GO TO P185
- DK- GO TO P185
- RF- GO TO P185

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**P043\_**

Would you say much higher?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO
- DK
- RF

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P044 BRANCHPOINT: IF R ANSWERED STANDARD OF LIVING WILL BE HIGHER (P042=1) GO TO P185

**P044\_**

Would you say much lower?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO
- DK
- RF

**P185\_**

10 years from now, do you think your own standard of living will be higher, lower or the same as now?

- 1. HIGHER
- 2. LOWER
- 3. SAME
- DK
- RF

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P ASSIST  
IWER: HOW OFTEN DID R RECEIVE ASSISTANCE WITH ANSWERS IN  
SECTION P EXPECTATIONS?

### **P056\_AssistP**

- 1. NEVER
  - 2. A FEW TIMES
  - 3. MOST OR ALL OF THE TIME
  - 4. THE SECTION WAS DONE BY A PROXY REPORTER
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