

## Well Being 463

### **Introduction** introduction

This is a brief follow-up to a survey you took a few weeks ago. We would like to ask you a few questions about the information you read when you took the survey. As before, we are interested in understanding people's beliefs about Social Security benefits including how much they expect to receive and what factors might influence the amount they receive. We are also interested in understanding people's beliefs about the survivor benefits that widowed spouses can expect to receive based on the deceased spouse's work history. This study will help create clearer and easier-to-understand materials about the Social Security program. Like the previous survey, some questions may be hard to answer exactly. Please take time to consider the questions and give us your best guess even if you do not know the exact answer. Having even your best guess will be very helpful to us. Thank you very much for your help.

### **Q1** remember taking survey

A few weeks ago, you took part in a survey that calculated the Social Security benefits you and your spouse can expect to receive based on your earnings history. After they were calculated, these benefits were presented to you in a table and you were asked a few questions related to them. Do you remember taking the survey described above?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

IF remember taking survey = No THEN

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### | **Q2** participation helpful

| Even if you did not take the survey, or do remember taking the survey, please take time to consider the questions that follow to the best of your ability. Your participation will be very helpful to us.

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ENDIF

### **Q7** age think start receiving SS retirement benefit

At what age do you think you will you start receiving your Social Security retirement benefit?

- 1 62
- 2 63
- 3 64
- 4 65
- 5 66
- 6 67
- 7 68
- 8 69
- 9 70

### **Q3** age start SS affect spouse SS if die

Can the age when you decide to start receiving your own Social Security retirement benefit affect the amount of the monthly survivor benefit your spouse can expect to receive from Social Security if you die?

- 1 Yes, it can
- 2 No, it cannot
- 3 Not sure

IF age start SS affect spouse SS if die = Yes, it can THEN

| **Q4** earliest age spouse highest survivor benefit

| What is the earliest age at which you should start receiving your Social Security retirement benefit if you want your spouse to receive the highest possible monthly survivor benefit in the event of your death?

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| **Q6** survivor and retirement benefit concept

| Let's say you receive a retirement benefit of \$2200 from Social Security based on your work history. Let's also say that your spouse receives a retirement benefit of \$1000 from Social Security based on her own work history. If you die, what is the amount of the survivor benefit your spouse will receive from Social Security based on your work history? Please enter the dollar amount below. (Do not use commas.)

| Integer

| ELSE

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| Integer

| ENDIF

**Q8** retirement benefit recall

How much did the survey indicate that you can expect to receive from Social Security if you claim at age 66? Please enter the dollar amount below. (Do not use commas.)

Integer

**Q9** spouse retirement benefit recall

How much did the survey indicate that your spouse can expect to receive from Social Security if your spouse claims at age 66? Please enter the dollar amount below. (Do not use commas.)

Integer

**Q10** spouse survivor benefit recall

If you claim at age 66, what is the approximate value of the monthly survivor benefit your spouse can expect to receive? Please enter the dollar amount below. (Do not use commas.)

Integer

**Q5** monthly survivor benefit your spouse can expect to receive

If you claim at age 62, what is the approximate value of the monthly survivor benefit your spouse

can expect to receive? Please enter the dollar amount below. (Do not use commas.)

Integer

**CS\_001 HOW PLEASANT INTERVIEW**

Could you tell us how interesting or uninteresting you found the questions in this interview?

1 Very interesting

2 Interesting

3 Neither interesting nor uninteresting

4 Uninteresting

5 Very uninteresting