# The Financial Mindscape of American Consumers



#### **Concerns Occupy Space in the Financial Mindscape**

- Mortgage/rent
- Monthly expenses
- Credit card debt

Living expenses

Savings goals



Health insurance insurance

Life

- Retirement
- Dependent's education
- Losing money on investments

- Medical
- Disability
- Long-term care

- Final expenses
- Family's financial security
- Inheritance





## Financial Concerns Occupy Space in the Mindscape

# The Financial Concern Index (FCI)

- The average level of concern on all items.
- An overall measure of financial pressure inside the mindscape.

## The Financial Concern Hierarchy

- Illustrates the relative level of concern on the four categories.
- Identifies topics of greatest interest to consumers.

## Individual Financial Concerns

- Trends in concern levels help identify specific market opportunities.
- Concern levels drive wallet-share.



### The Financial Concern Index (FCI)

1.20

FCI dropped 9-points in 2018.

Steady decline past 2 years.

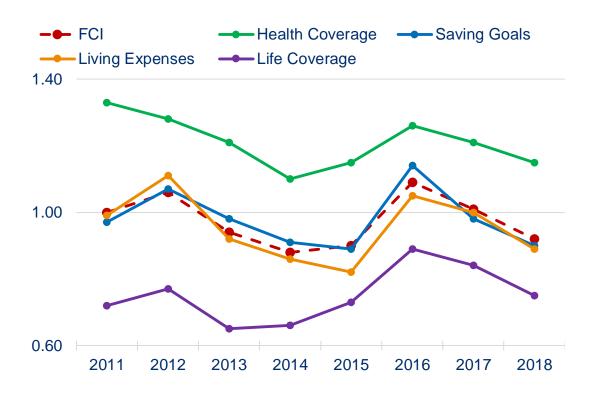
Lower levels of financial pressure.







#### **Financial Concern Trends**



Relative position pretty consistent over time.

Reveals a hierarchy of financial concerns.



### **Financial Concern Hierarchy**

**Health Coverage -** Medical expenses; Disability expenses; Long-term care

Saving Goals – Retirement; Losing money on investments; Dependent's education

#### Living Expenses -

Rent/mortgage; Monthly expenses; Credit card debt

**Life Insurance -** Final expenses; Income replacement; Leaving an inheritance





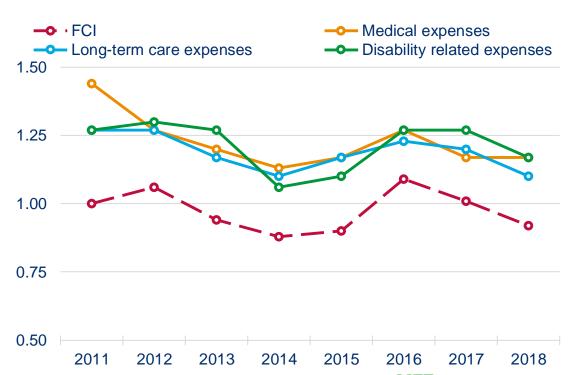


### Focus on Health Related Expense Concerns

Industry has products to address "top-of-mind" concerns.

Ownership rates of DI (20%) and LTC (15%) are <u>very low</u> compared to medical (91%).

Market opportunity for DI, LTC and Life Combination products.



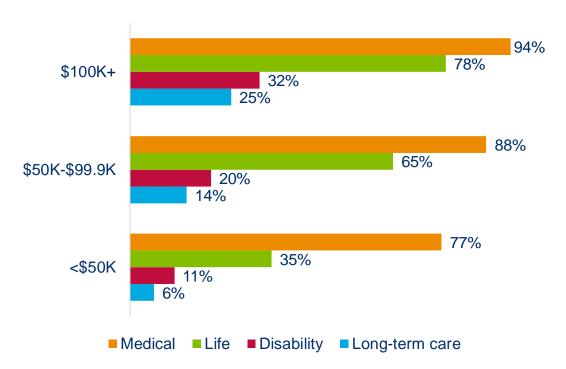


#### **Insurance Ownership Rates**

Ownership rates for DI & LTC are far below Medical & Life.

High concern + low ownership = market opportunity.

Life combination products tap into this market opening.





#### **Concerns Change by Income**

# Under \$50K

\$50K -\$99K

## \$100K Plus

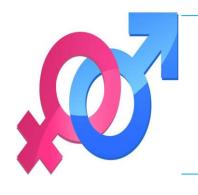
- Monthly bills
- Mortgage/rent

- Financial support if disabled
- Long-term care expenses

 Losing money on investments



### **Concern by Gender & Marital Status**



#### Gender

- Women more concern on 8 items. Notable emergency savings, financial support if disabled, medical expenses & long-term care expenses.
- Men more concern on losing money on investments.



#### Marital status

- Couples more concern over dependent's financial situation if they die, dependent's education & leaving an inheritance.
- Single more concern over financial support if disabled & and mortgage/rent.



#### **Younger Generations Have More Concern**



#### Millennials

- Higher levels of concern than Gen X or Baby Boomers on five of the items.
- Notable mortgage/rent, monthly bills & leaving an inheritance.

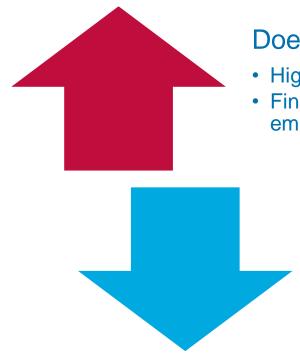


#### Gen X's

- More concern than Boomers on most items
- Notable financial support if disabled, dependent's education, retirement & reducing credit card debt.



### Life Coverage Reduces Financial Concern



#### Does not own life coverage

- Higher concern on 6 of 12 items
- Final expenses, disability expenses & emergency saving

# Owns individual & group life coverage

Concern levels tend to be lower across financial issues.





### **Insurance Ownership**

Consumers recognize the need for Life, DI & LTC.

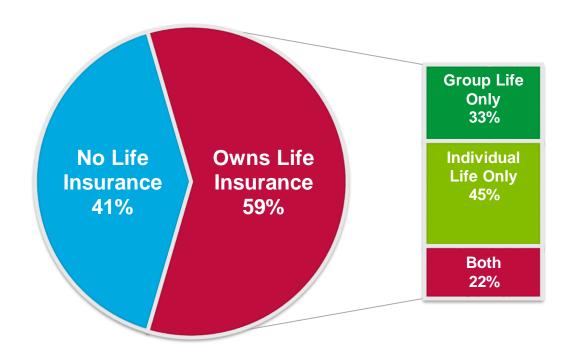




### **Life Insurance Ownership**

3-in-5 Americans own life insurance

1-in-3 owners have individual & group coverage

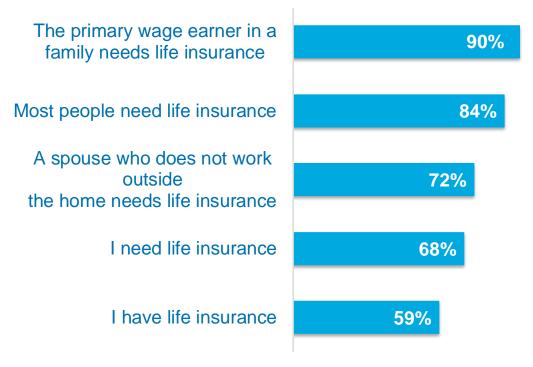






#### **Life Insurance Attitudes - General**

Over 80% of consumers agree that most people need life insurance.

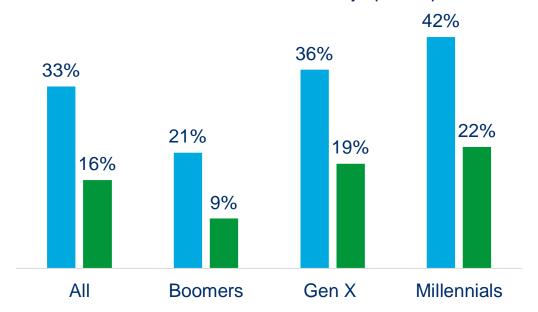






### **Life Insurance Attitudes - Couples**

- I wish my spouse/partner would purchase more life insurance
- I don't know how much life insurance my spouse/partner has



1-in-3 spouses want their partner to have more coverage.

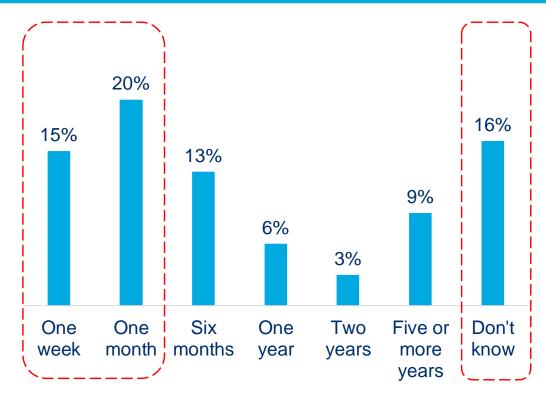
Including 42% of millennials!



### **Time to Financial Adversity if Breadwinner Dies**

Adversity would hit in one month or less for 35% of households.

Another 16% don't know.

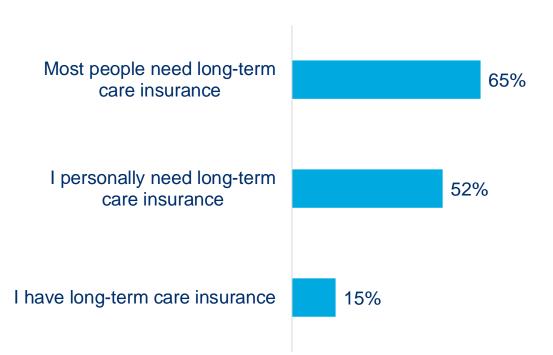






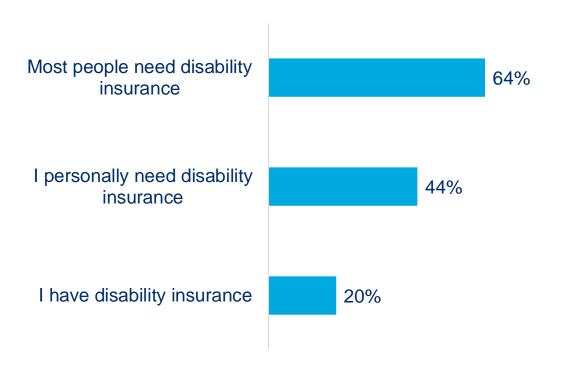
#### **Long-term Care Insurance**

The ownership rate for LTC is 37 points below the level of "need".





## **Disability Insurance**



The ownership rate for DI is 24 points below the level of "need".



#### **Purchase Barriers**

Purchase barriers create a gap between "who needs" and "who owns".



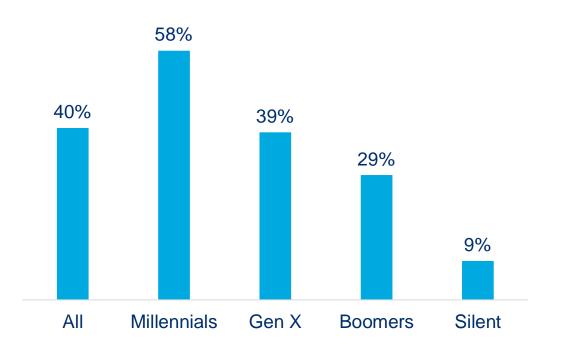


## **Most Common Reasons for Not Buying**





#### Don't Know How Much or What Type of Life Ins. to Buy

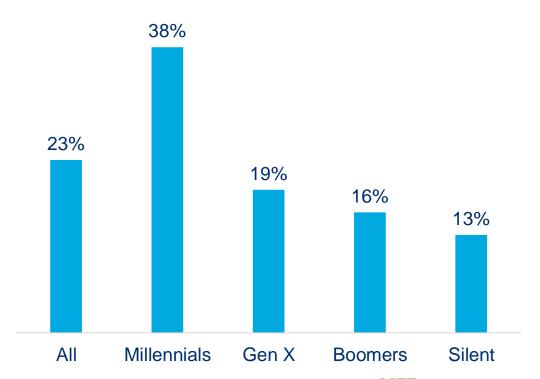


Millennials lack basic information on coverage amounts & product types.



#### **Would Not Qualify for Life Insurance**

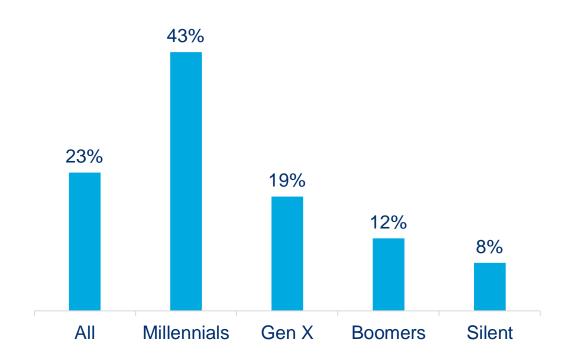
1-in-4 think they won't qualify for coverage, including 38% of millennials.







#### No One Has Approached Me

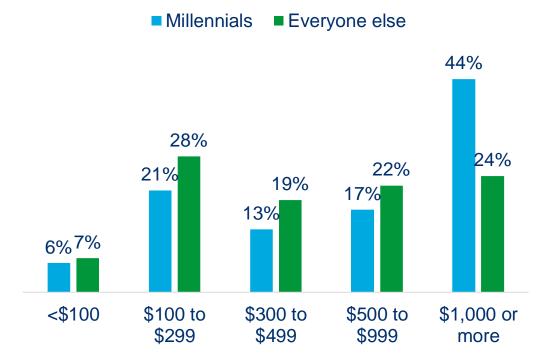


1-in-4 haven't been approached about life insurance, including 43% of millennials.



#### **Estimated Cost of Coverage\***

Consumers
overestimate the
cost of coverage –
by almost four
times the actual
cost.

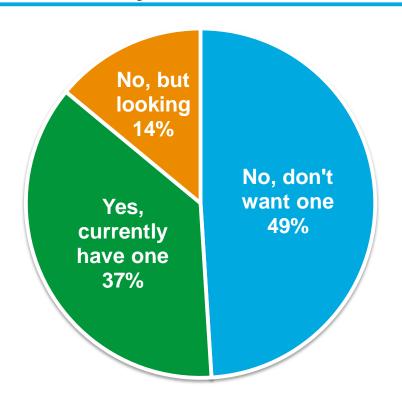


\*Estimated Yearly Cost for a \$250,000 Term Policy for a Healthy, Non-Smoking 30-year-old = \$160 per year.





#### Have a Primary Financial Advisor

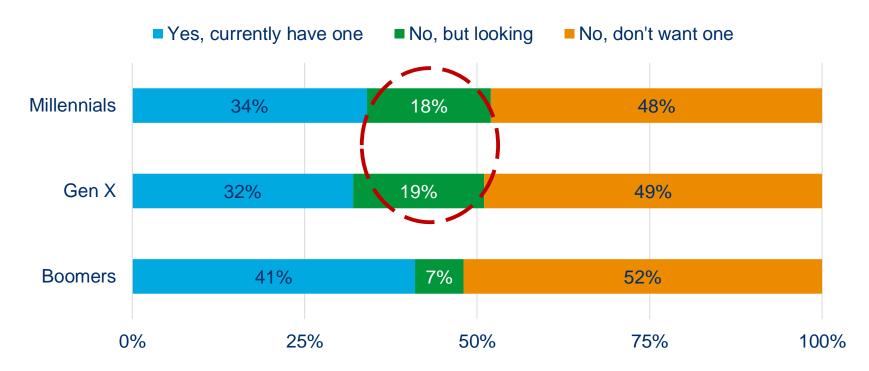


Half the population say they don't want a primary financial advisor.

Another 14% are looking for help.



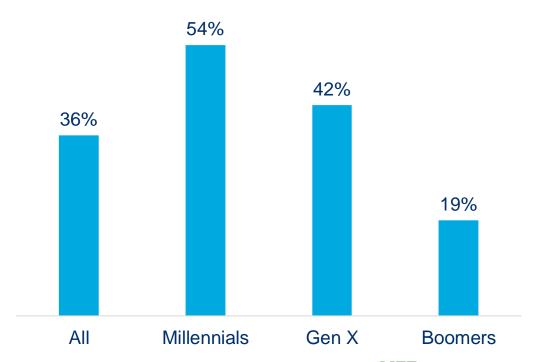
### Have a Primary Financial Advisor by Generation





### **Ask Social Media Contacts for Agent Recommendation**

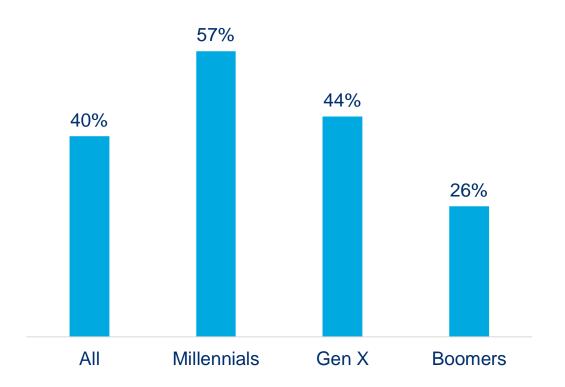
All age groups use the internet, but younger generations <u>rely</u> on social media platforms







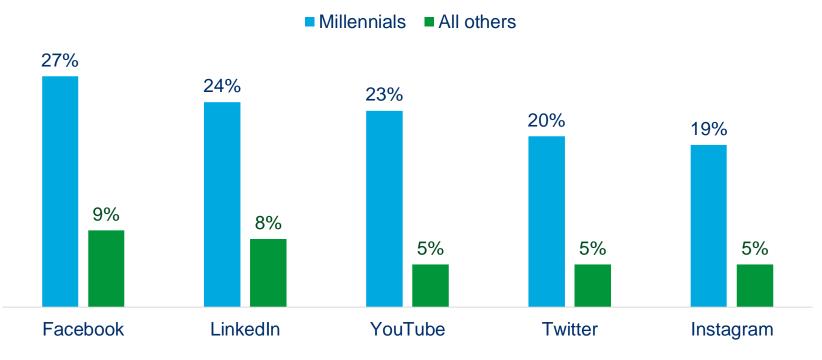
#### **Check Agent's Social Media Presence**



Reliance on social media extends to life insurance; even among Boomers.



## Importance\* of Agent's Online / Social Media



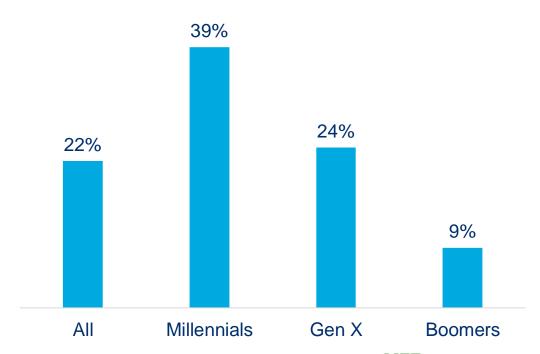






#### Likelihood to Communicate with Agent via Social Media

Younger generations are much more likely to prefer social media as a method of contact.

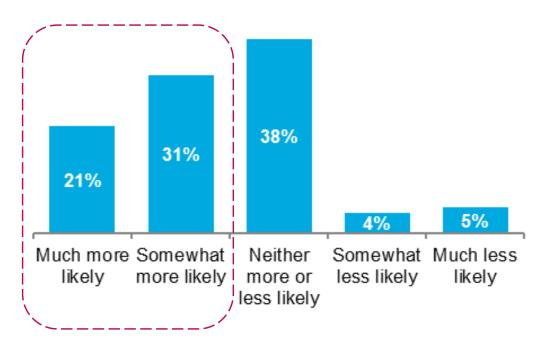






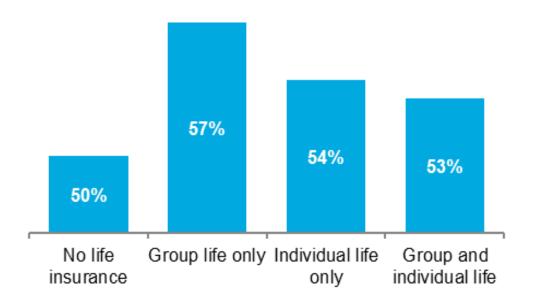
#### **Likelihood to Buy - Simplified Underwriting**

52% are more likely to buy via SUW, than via traditional UW.





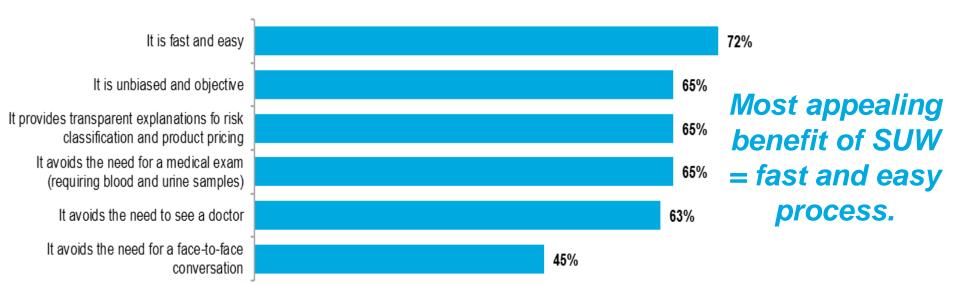
#### Likelihood to Buy via SUW by Life Ins. Ownership



SUW is most appealing to those who own group coverage.



### **Consumer Appeal of Simplified Underwriting**









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