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Retirement Requires a **Different Approach** 



**Harry Markowitz** 

"Professor Mandell, editor of Financial Services Review, invited me to contribute an article related to financial research for the individual for the first issue of this journal. Since the subject is not my specialty, it was uncharacteristically risky of me to have accepted the invitation. But an evening of reflection convinced me that there were clear differences in the central features of investment for institutions and investment for individuals, that these differences suggest differences in desirable research methodology, and that a note on these differences may be of value."

Financial Services Review, 1991

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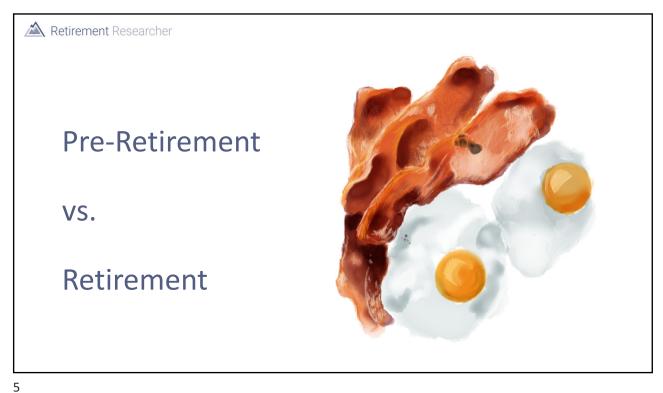


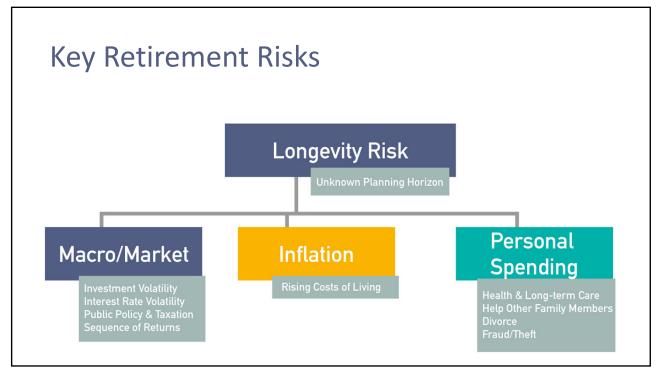
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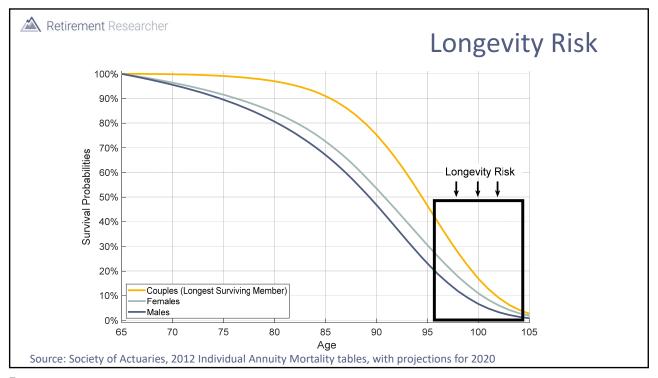
# What's Different About Retirement?

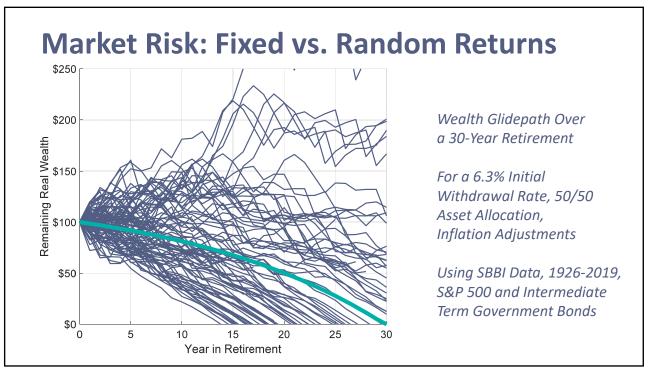
- Reduced earnings capacity
- Visible spending constraint
- Heightened investment risk
- Unknown longevity
- Spending shocks
- Compounding inflation
- Declining cognitive abilities

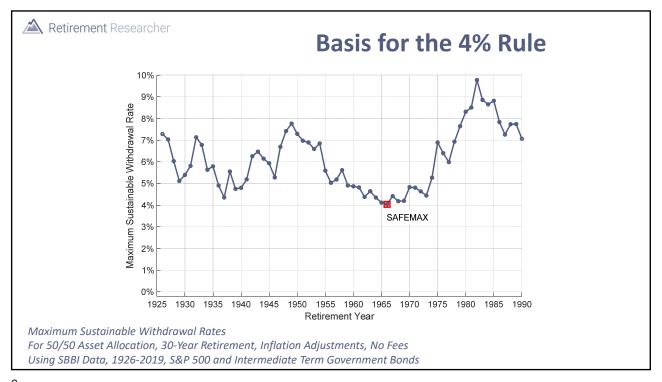


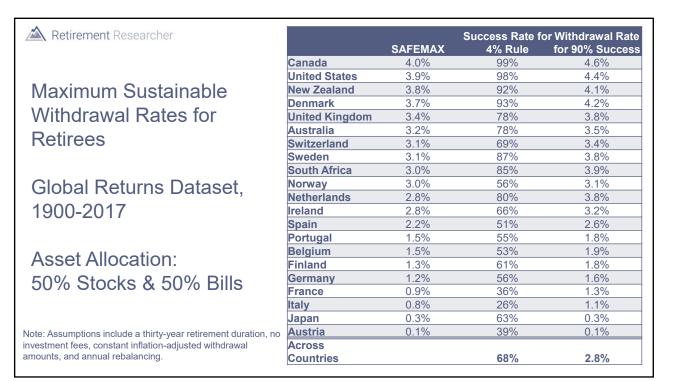


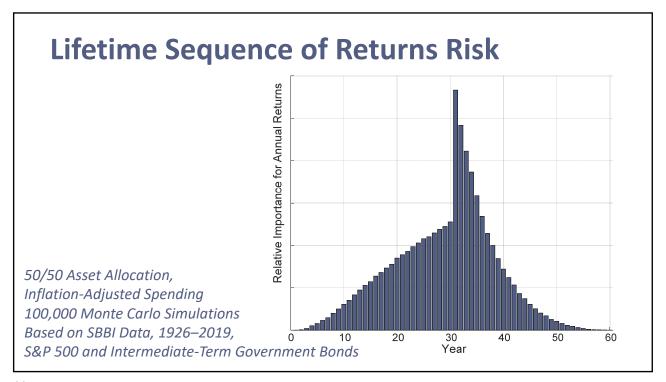










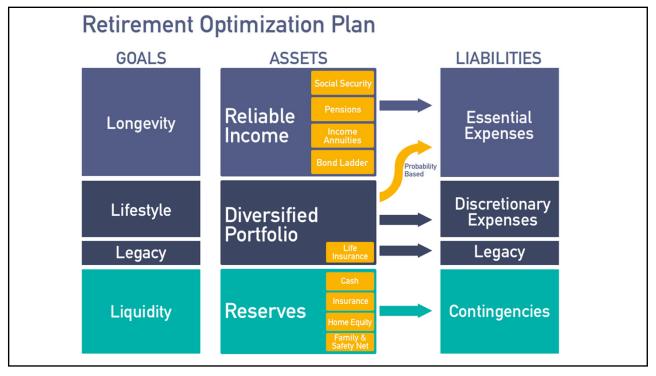


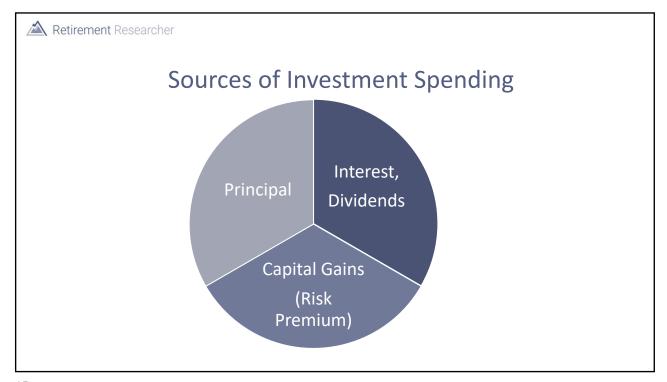


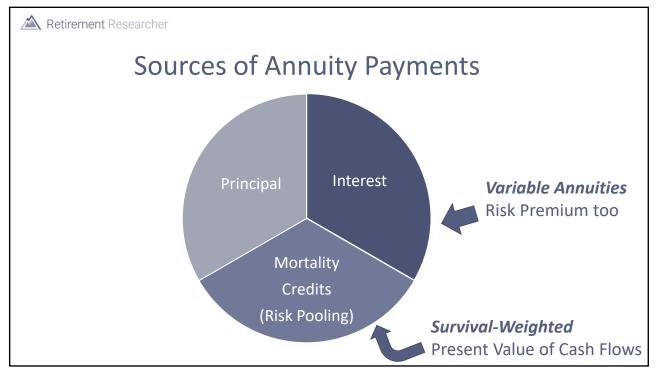
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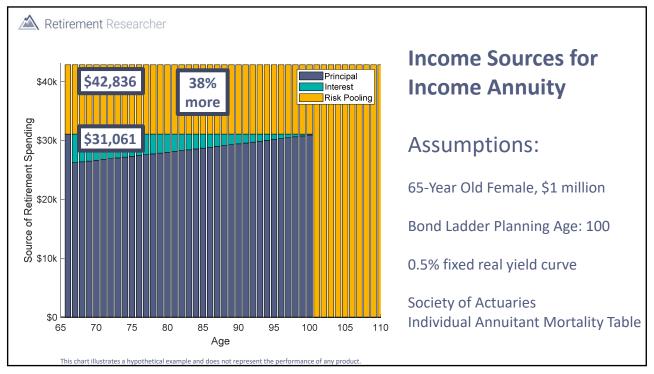
- Spend Conservatively
- Spending Flexibility
- Reduce Volatility
- Buffer Assets Avoid Selling at Losses

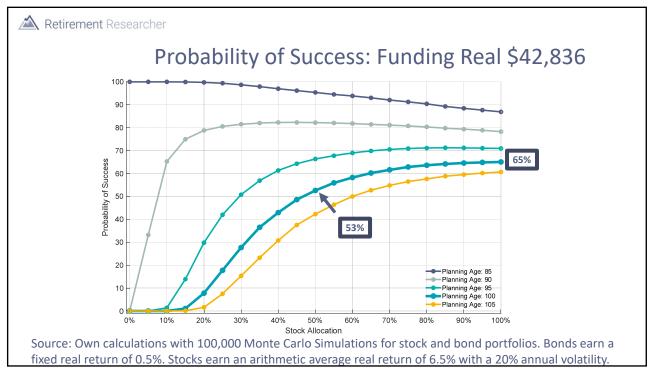












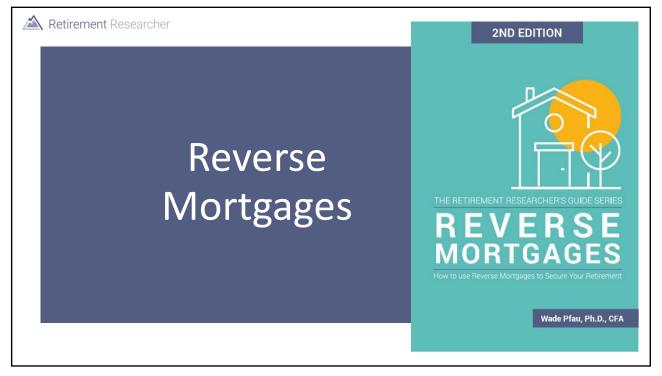


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## **Polling Question**

• Have recent market declines left you more open to exploring the idea of reverse mortgages as an option for clients?

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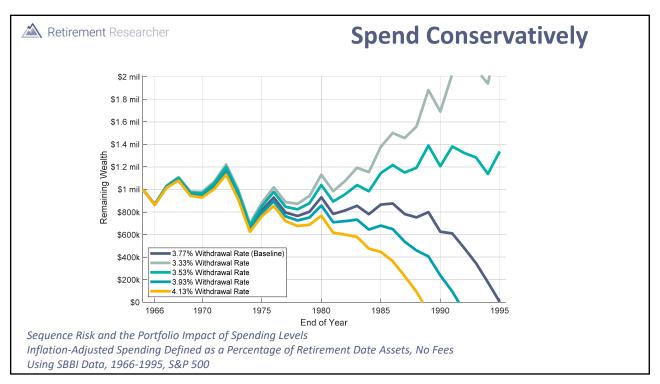
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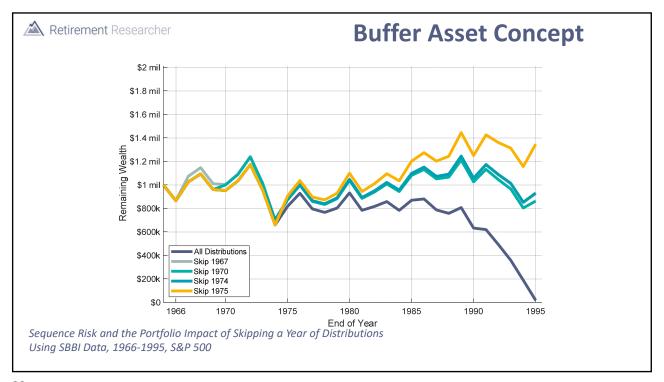
(tenure payment, refinance mortgage, Social Security delay bridge)

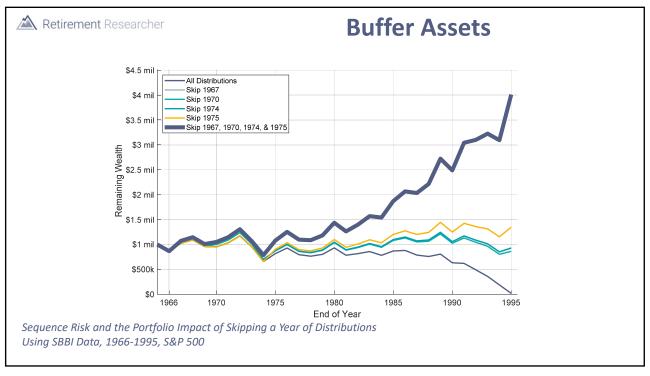
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(coordinated spending strategies)

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# Reverse Mortgage Conclusions

- Conventional wisdom hurts retirement sustainability: HECM shouldn't be last resort
- Strategic HECM use: improved retirement sustainability, larger legacy
- WHY IT WORKS: Buffer to Mitigate Sequence Risk; Growing Line of Credit
- Low interest rates favor HECM (unlike everything else)
- HECM helps middle class: more benefits when home value is large relative to portfolio size (and when home value is under \$765,600)
- Responsible use of HECM can improve retirement income efficiency



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#### **Key Takeaways**

- Retirement income planning means managing a combination of longevity risk and amplified investment volatility
- Investments alone do not best manage these risks
- Tools such as annuities and reverse mortgages can help to preserve investments in the face of these risks

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#### Dr. Pfau's Four Nevers

**NEVER** give up title to the home.

The bank does not get the house.

**NEVER** owe more than home's value.

Neither the homeowner nor his estate are subject to a deficiency judgment. Any remaining equity beyond the loan balance belongs to the borrower or his heirs.

**NEVER** be forced to move.

Should the available credit be exhausted the homeowner has the right to remain in the home.

**NEVER** monthly payment required on principal or interest.

No payment is ever expected until the last borrower leaves the home permanently.



\* Until the last borrower dies, moves or sells. Like all mortgages, the borrower must stay current on property obligations such as taxes and insurance and maintain the home in reasonable repair. © 2000 Giordano

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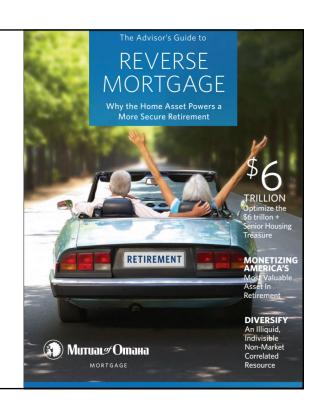
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