

# DATA FOR PROGRESS

From June 17 to 21, 2022, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,335 likely voters nationally using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is  $\pm 3$  percentage points.

NB: subgroups with a n-size less than 50 (<50) are not shown on these cross-tabs. We choose not to display N<50 subgroups because the sample is too small to have statistical significance. We did, however, take samples of these subgroups for representational and weighting purposes to accurately reflect the electorate makeup. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

N=1,335 unless otherwise specified.

**[1]** How concerned or not concerned are you about each of the following issues related to Social Security:

— The U.S. government running out of funding to cover full Social Security benefits for future generations

| Response                | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Frontline District |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|-----|------------|---------|---------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Very concerned          | 64      | 67       | 62                        | 62         | 71     | 57   | 50       | 71  | 65         | 62      | 60                        | 66    | 67                 |
| Somewhat concerned      | 20      | 18       | 18                        | 24         | 17     | 23   | 22       | 19  | 22         | 16      | 16                        | 19    | 12                 |
| Only a little concerned | 10      | 11       | 12                        | 7          | 7      | 13   | 17       | 6   | 8          | 13      | 12                        | 10    | 12                 |
| Not at all concerned    | 6       | 4        | 8                         | 7          | 5      | 8    | 11       | 4   | 5          | 8       | 11                        | 5     | 9                  |
| Weighted N              | 1,335   | 430      | 453                       | 452        | 686    | 649  | 478      | 857 | 843        | 492     | 129                       | 1,029 | 145                |

**[2]** How concerned or not concerned are you about each of the following issues related to Social Security:

— The U.S. government reducing Social Security benefits for those that currently receive them

| Response                | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Frontline District |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|-----|------------|---------|---------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Very concerned          | 65      | 68       | 65                        | 62         | 70     | 59   | 48       | 75  | 69         | 59      | 56                        | 68    | 62                 |
| Somewhat concerned      | 21      | 19       | 21                        | 23         | 19     | 23   | 26       | 18  | 20         | 23      | 24                        | 20    | 20                 |
| Only a little concerned | 7       | 7        | 8                         | 7          | 6      | 9    | 14       | 3   | 6          | 10      | 7                         | 7     | 12                 |
| Not at all concerned    | 7       | 6        | 6                         | 8          | 5      | 8    | 12       | 4   | 6          | 8       | 13                        | 6     | 6                  |
| Weighted N              | 1,335   | 430      | 453                       | 452        | 686    | 649  | 478      | 857 | 843        | 492     | 129                       | 1,029 | 145                |

**[3]** How concerned or not concerned are you about each of the following issues related to Social Security:

— Fraud among those who receive Social Security benefits

| Response                | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Frontline District |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|-----|------------|---------|---------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Very concerned          | 55      | 54       | 53                        | 58         | 55     | 55   | 45       | 61  | 56         | 53      | 53                        | 55    | 56                 |
| Somewhat concerned      | 23      | 22       | 24                        | 22         | 24     | 22   | 21       | 24  | 22         | 23      | 18                        | 24    | 23                 |
| Only a little concerned | 14      | 16       | 12                        | 14         | 14     | 14   | 19       | 11  | 12         | 17      | 13                        | 14    | 15                 |
| Not at all concerned    | 8       | 8        | 10                        | 7          | 8      | 9    | 15       | 4   | 9          | 6       | 16                        | 6     | 6                  |
| Weighted N              | 1,335   | 430      | 453                       | 452        | 686    | 649  | 478      | 857 | 843        | 492     | 129                       | 1,029 | 145                |

**[4]** How concerned or not concerned are you about each of the following issues related to Social Security:

— The U.S. government raising the Social Security eligibility age above 62

| Response                | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Frontline District |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|-----|------------|---------|---------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Very concerned          | 38      | 42       | 36                        | 37         | 45     | 32   | 41       | 37  | 44         | 29      | 35                        | 37    | 29                 |
| Somewhat concerned      | 29      | 32       | 26                        | 28         | 29     | 29   | 28       | 29  | 28         | 30      | 33                        | 29    | 25                 |
| Only a little concerned | 17      | 16       | 22                        | 15         | 15     | 20   | 16       | 18  | 16         | 19      | 18                        | 18    | 24                 |
| Not at all concerned    | 16      | 10       | 16                        | 21         | 12     | 20   | 14       | 16  | 12         | 21      | 14                        | 16    | 22                 |
| Weighted N              | 1,335   | 430      | 453                       | 452        | 686    | 649  | 478      | 857 | 843        | 492     | 129                       | 1,029 | 145                |

**[5]** How concerned or not concerned are you about each of the following issues related to Social Security:

— The U.S. government privatizing part of Social Security

| Response                | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Frontline District |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|-----|------------|---------|---------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Very concerned          | 53      | 60       | 48                        | 52         | 54     | 52   | 39       | 61  | 54         | 52      | 56                        | 54    | 52                 |
| Somewhat concerned      | 26      | 29       | 26                        | 23         | 29     | 22   | 31       | 23  | 27         | 24      | 23                        | 25    | 31                 |
| Only a little concerned | 13      | 9        | 12                        | 16         | 11     | 14   | 15       | 11  | 12         | 13      | 15                        | 13    | 14                 |
| Not at all concerned    | 9       | 3        | 14                        | 9          | 5      | 12   | 15       | 5   | 7          | 11      | 7                         | 8     | 3                  |
| Weighted N              | 1,335   | 430      | 453                       | 452        | 686    | 649  | 478      | 857 | 843        | 492     | 129                       | 1,029 | 145                |

**[6]** Social Security is run by the federal government, which provides guaranteed benefits.

Some legislators in Congress are proposing a new rule that would privatize part of Social Security, meaning people would be allowed to move their Social Security funds out of the guaranteed government fund and into the stock market and private bonds.

Which of the following comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

| Response                                     | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Frontline District |
|--|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|-----|------------|---------|---------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| We should leave Social Security as it is.    | 68      | 75       | 59                        | 70         | 68     | 68   | 55       | 75  | 68         | 68      | 76                        | 68    | 82                 |
| We should privatize part of Social Security. | 23      | 19       | 29                        | 20         | 19     | 27   | 30       | 19  | 21         | 26      | 20                        | 22    | 15                 |
| Don't know                                   | 9       | 6        | 12                        | 9          | 13     | 6    | 15       | 6   | 11         | 5       | 4                         | 9     | 3                  |
| Weighted N                                   | 1,335   | 430      | 453                       | 452        | 686    | 649  | 478      | 857 | 843        | 492     | 129                       | 1,029 | 145                |

**[7]** Some members of Congress are proposing new legislation to expand Social Security benefits.

This legislation would raise Social Security benefits for all beneficiaries in order to match the rising cost of living. This legislation would also protect Social Security benefits against rising inflation, and ensure that no one who has worked and paid into the system their entire lives will retire into poverty.

Do you support or oppose this proposal?

| Response         | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Frontline District |
|------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|-----|------------|---------|---------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Strongly support | 61      | 68       | 59                        | 57         | 61     | 61   | 44       | 70  | 60         | 63      | 64                        | 62    | 58                 |
| Somewhat support | 22      | 18       | 20                        | 27         | 19     | 24   | 27       | 19  | 23         | 20      | 16                        | 22    | 21                 |
| Somewhat oppose  | 7       | 6        | 7                         | 7          | 5      | 8    | 11       | 4   | 6          | 7       | 7                         | 6     | 12                 |
| Strongly oppose  | 3       | 3        | 2                         | 4          | 4      | 2    | 5        | 2   | 3          | 3       | 6                         | 3     | 1                  |
| Don't know       | 8       | 5        | 13                        | 5          | 11     | 5    | 13       | 5   | 9          | 6       | 8                         | 7     | 8                  |
| SUPPORT (TOTAL)  | 83      | 86       | 79                        | 84         | 80     | 85   | 71       | 89  | 83         | 83      | 80                        | 84    | 79                 |
| OPPOSE (TOTAL)   | 10      | 9        | 9                         | 11         | 9      | 10   | 16       | 6   | 9          | 10      | 13                        | 9     | 13                 |
| SUPPORT (NET)    | +73     | +77      | +70                       | +73        | +71    | +75  | +55      | +83 | +74        | +73     | +67                       | +75   | +66                |
| Weighted N       | 1,335   | 430      | 453                       | 452        | 686    | 649  | 478      | 857 | 843        | 492     | 129                       | 1,029 | 145                |

**[8]** Some members of Congress are proposing new legislation to expand Social Security benefits. This legislation would raise Social Security benefits for all beneficiaries in order to match the rising cost of living.

This legislation would also protect Social Security benefits against rising inflation, and ensure that no one who has worked and paid into the system their entire lives will retire into poverty.

This would be paid for by imposing, for the first time, payroll taxes on Americans making more than \$400,000 per year. Currently, payroll taxes are only imposed on those making \$147,000 and less.

Do you support or oppose this proposal?

| Response         | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Frontline District |
|------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|-----|------------|---------|---------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Strongly support | 54      | 66       | 46                        | 50         | 53     | 55   | 36       | 64  | 51         | 58      | 57                        | 57    | 52                 |
| Somewhat support | 22      | 17       | 27                        | 23         | 21     | 23   | 27       | 20  | 25         | 18      | 21                        | 21    | 23                 |
| Somewhat oppose  | 9       | 8        | 7                         | 12         | 9      | 10   | 14       | 7   | 9          | 9       | 6                         | 8     | 14                 |
| Strongly oppose  | 5       | 4        | 6                         | 5          | 5      | 5    | 8        | 3   | 5          | 6       | 12                        | 4     | 4                  |
| Don't know       | 10      | 5        | 14                        | 10         | 12     | 7    | 15       | 6   | 10         | 9       | 4                         | 10    | 8                  |
| SUPPORT (TOTAL)  | 76      | 83       | 73                        | 73         | 74     | 78   | 63       | 84  | 76         | 76      | 78                        | 78    | 75                 |
| OPPOSE (TOTAL)   | 14      | 12       | 13                        | 17         | 14     | 15   | 22       | 10  | 14         | 15      | 18                        | 12    | 18                 |
| SUPPORT (NET)    | +62     | +71      | +60                       | +56        | +60    | +63  | +41      | +74 | +62        | +61     | +60                       | +66   | +57                |
| Weighted N       | 1,335   | 430      | 453                       | 452        | 686    | 649  | 478      | 857 | 843        | 492     | 129                       | 1,029 | 145                |

**[9]** The following are policies that some members of Congress are considering as part of their plan to expand Social Security benefits. For each, please say whether you support or oppose it.

— Raise Social Security benefits across the board for all beneficiaries

| Response         | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Frontline District |
|------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|-----|------------|---------|---------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Strongly support | 52      | 58       | 46                        | 53         | 53     | 52   | 37       | 61  | 53         | 51      | 52                        | 54    | 50                 |
| Somewhat support | 25      | 23       | 30                        | 23         | 25     | 26   | 27       | 24  | 24         | 27      | 26                        | 26    | 25                 |
| Somewhat oppose  | 8       | 7        | 5                         | 10         | 7      | 9    | 9        | 7   | 8          | 7       | 7                         | 7     | 11                 |
| Strongly oppose  | 7       | 6        | 8                         | 6          | 5      | 8    | 11       | 4   | 6          | 8       | 8                         | 6     | 6                  |
| Don't know       | 8       | 6        | 11                        | 7          | 11     | 5    | 16       | 4   | 9          | 7       | 8                         | 7     | 9                  |
| SUPPORT (TOTAL)  | 77      | 81       | 76                        | 76         | 78     | 78   | 64       | 85  | 77         | 78      | 78                        | 80    | 75                 |
| OPPOSE (TOTAL)   | 15      | 13       | 13                        | 16         | 12     | 17   | 20       | 11  | 14         | 15      | 15                        | 13    | 17                 |
| SUPPORT (NET)    | +62     | +68      | +63                       | +60        | +66    | +61  | +44      | +74 | +63        | +63     | +63                       | +67   | +58                |
| Weighted N       | 1,335   | 430      | 453                       | 452        | 686    | 649  | 478      | 857 | 843        | 492     | 129                       | 1,029 | 145                |

**[10]** The following are policies that some members of Congress are considering as part of their plan to expand Social Security benefits. For each, please say whether you support or oppose it.

— Protect Social Security benefits against rising inflation by ensuring that benefits rise with the cost of living

| Response         | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Frontline District |
|------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|-----|------------|---------|---------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Strongly support | 65      | 70       | 59                        | 66         | 66     | 63   | 45       | 76  | 68         | 60      | 62                        | 68    | 55                 |
| Somewhat support | 19      | 16       | 20                        | 21         | 16     | 22   | 24       | 17  | 15         | 25      | 18                        | 19    | 23                 |
| Somewhat oppose  | 5       | 5        | 6                         | 4          | 5      | 5    | 10       | 3   | 6          | 4       | 6                         | 3     | 11                 |
| Strongly oppose  | 3       | 2        | 5                         | 3          | 2      | 4    | 6        | 2   | 3          | 4       | 3                         | 3     | 1                  |
| Don't know       | 8       | 6        | 11                        | 5          | 10     | 5    | 15       | 3   | 8          | 6       | 11                        | 6     | 10                 |
| SUPPORT (TOTAL)  | 84      | 86       | 79                        | 87         | 82     | 85   | 69       | 93  | 83         | 85      | 80                        | 87    | 78                 |
| OPPOSE (TOTAL)   | 8       | 7        | 11                        | 7          | 7      | 9    | 16       | 5   | 9          | 8       | 9                         | 6     | 12                 |
| SUPPORT (NET)    | +76     | +79      | +68                       | +80        | +75    | +76  | +53      | +88 | +74        | +77     | +71                       | +81   | +66                |
| Weighted N       | 1,335   | 430      | 453                       | 452        | 686    | 649  | 478      | 857 | 843        | 492     | 129                       | 1,029 | 145                |

**[11]** The following are policies that some members of Congress are considering as part of their plan to expand Social Security benefits. For each, please say whether you support or oppose it.

— Set the minimum benefit for Social Security to 25% above the poverty line

| Response         | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Frontline District |
|------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|-----|------------|---------|---------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Strongly support | 40      | 49       | 34                        | 40         | 42     | 39   | 29       | 47  | 42         | 37      | 43                        | 43    | 38                 |
| Somewhat support | 29      | 28       | 30                        | 28         | 27     | 31   | 28       | 29  | 25         | 36      | 23                        | 30    | 31                 |
| Somewhat oppose  | 9       | 8        | 7                         | 12         | 6      | 11   | 13       | 6   | 11         | 5       | 6                         | 8     | 14                 |
| Strongly oppose  | 5       | 3        | 8                         | 4          | 5      | 5    | 9        | 3   | 3          | 8       | 8                         | 4     | 4                  |
| Don't know       | 17      | 12       | 22                        | 17         | 20     | 14   | 22       | 15  | 19         | 14      | 20                        | 16    | 13                 |
| SUPPORT (TOTAL)  | 69      | 77       | 64                        | 68         | 69     | 70   | 57       | 76  | 67         | 73      | 66                        | 73    | 69                 |
| OPPOSE (TOTAL)   | 14      | 11       | 15                        | 16         | 11     | 16   | 22       | 9   | 14         | 13      | 14                        | 12    | 18                 |
| SUPPORT (NET)    | +55     | +66      | +49                       | +52        | +58    | +54  | +35      | +67 | +53        | +60     | +52                       | +61   | +51                |
| Weighted N       | 1,335   | 430      | 453                       | 452        | 686    | 649  | 478      | 857 | 843        | 492     | 129                       | 1,029 | 145                |

**[12]** The following are policies that some members of Congress are considering as part of their plan to expand Social Security benefits. For each, please say whether you support or oppose it.

— Improve Social Security benefits for widows and widowers

| Response         | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Frontline District |
|------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|-----|------------|---------|---------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Strongly support | 51      | 52       | 50                        | 50         | 55     | 46   | 32       | 62  | 53         | 47      | 51                        | 53    | 55                 |
| Somewhat support | 26      | 29       | 22                        | 28         | 23     | 29   | 32       | 23  | 24         | 29      | 14                        | 28    | 21                 |
| Somewhat oppose  | 9       | 8        | 7                         | 11         | 5      | 13   | 14       | 6   | 9          | 9       | 14                        | 7     | 13                 |
| Strongly oppose  | 4       | 4        | 6                         | 3          | 5      | 4    | 8        | 3   | 4          | 5       | 8                         | 3     | 5                  |
| Don't know       | 10      | 7        | 14                        | 8          | 11     | 8    | 14       | 7   | 10         | 10      | 13                        | 9     | 6                  |
| SUPPORT (TOTAL)  | 77      | 81       | 72                        | 78         | 78     | 75   | 64       | 85  | 77         | 76      | 65                        | 81    | 76                 |
| OPPOSE (TOTAL)   | 13      | 12       | 13                        | 14         | 10     | 17   | 22       | 9   | 13         | 14      | 22                        | 10    | 18                 |
| SUPPORT (NET)    | +64     | +69      | +59                       | +64        | +68    | +58  | +42      | +76 | +64        | +62     | +43                       | +71   | +58                |
| Weighted N       | 1,335   | 430      | 453                       | 452        | 686    | 649  | 478      | 857 | 843        | 492     | 129                       | 1,029 | 145                |

**[13]** The following are policies that some members of Congress are considering as part of their plan to expand Social Security benefits. For each, please say whether you support or oppose it.

— Ensure that firefighters, teachers, and police do not lose benefits because they didn't have their Social Security taxes withheld from their paychecks

| Response         | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Frontline District |
|------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|-----|------------|---------|---------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Strongly support | 41      | 51       | 33                        | 38         | 44     | 37   | 36       | 43  | 39         | 43      | 46                        | 40    | 54                 |
| Somewhat support | 27      | 26       | 29                        | 27         | 27     | 28   | 28       | 27  | 30         | 23      | 24                        | 28    | 17                 |
| Somewhat oppose  | 12      | 10       | 12                        | 13         | 7      | 17   | 13       | 11  | 12         | 12      | 9                         | 13    | 17                 |
| Strongly oppose  | 8       | 3        | 11                        | 8          | 6      | 9    | 8        | 8   | 6          | 10      | 9                         | 8     | 3                  |
| Don't know       | 12      | 9        | 15                        | 13         | 16     | 8    | 16       | 11  | 13         | 11      | 13                        | 12    | 9                  |
| SUPPORT (TOTAL)  | 68      | 77       | 62                        | 65         | 71     | 65   | 64       | 70  | 69         | 66      | 70                        | 68    | 71                 |
| OPPOSE (TOTAL)   | 20      | 13       | 23                        | 21         | 13     | 26   | 21       | 19  | 18         | 22      | 18                        | 21    | 20                 |
| SUPPORT (NET)    | +48     | +64      | +39                       | +44        | +58    | +39  | +43      | +51 | +51        | +44     | +52                       | +47   | +51                |
| Weighted N       | 1,335   | 430      | 453                       | 452        | 686    | 649  | 478      | 857 | 843        | 492     | 129                       | 1,029 | 145                |

**[14]** The following are policies that some members of Congress are considering as part of their plan to expand Social Security benefits. For each, please say whether you support or oppose it.

— End the 5-month waiting period for people with severe illness so they can receive benefits right away

| Response         | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Frontline District |
|------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|-----|------------|---------|---------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Strongly support | 58      | 63       | 55                        | 56         | 61     | 55   | 51       | 62  | 56         | 61      | 59                        | 59    | 60                 |
| Somewhat support | 21      | 22       | 21                        | 20         | 18     | 24   | 20       | 22  | 23         | 18      | 23                        | 20    | 14                 |
| Somewhat oppose  | 7       | 6        | 4                         | 9          | 6      | 7    | 10       | 5   | 7          | 6       | 4                         | 7     | 17                 |
| Strongly oppose  | 4       | 4        | 4                         | 5          | 4      | 5    | 6        | 4   | 4          | 5       | 3                         | 5     | 3                  |
| Don't know       | 10      | 5        | 15                        | 10         | 11     | 9    | 14       | 8   | 10         | 11      | 11                        | 9     | 6                  |
| SUPPORT (TOTAL)  | 79      | 85       | 76                        | 76         | 79     | 79   | 71       | 84  | 79         | 79      | 82                        | 79    | 74                 |
| OPPOSE (TOTAL)   | 11      | 10       | 8                         | 14         | 10     | 12   | 16       | 9   | 11         | 11      | 7                         | 12    | 20                 |
| SUPPORT (NET)    | +68     | +75      | +68                       | +62        | +69    | +67  | +55      | +75 | +68        | +68     | +75                       | +67   | +54                |
| Weighted N       | 1,335   | 430      | 453                       | 452        | 686    | 649  | 478      | 857 | 843        | 492     | 129                       | 1,029 | 145                |

**[15]** The following are policies that some members of Congress are considering as part of their plan to expand Social Security benefits. For each, please say whether you support or oppose it.

— Ensure caregivers can get credit for the time they spend caring for children and parents

| Response         | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Frontline District |
|------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|-----|------------|---------|---------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Strongly support | 47      | 54       | 41                        | 46         | 54     | 39   | 35       | 53  | 47         | 45      | 48                        | 47    | 45                 |
| Somewhat support | 30      | 28       | 31                        | 30         | 23     | 37   | 28       | 31  | 30         | 29      | 22                        | 32    | 30                 |
| Somewhat oppose  | 8       | 7        | 7                         | 11         | 7      | 9    | 11       | 6   | 8          | 8       | 13                        | 7     | 11                 |
| Strongly oppose  | 5       | 4        | 5                         | 5          | 4      | 5    | 7        | 4   | 4          | 6       | 4                         | 5     | 5                  |
| Don't know       | 11      | 8        | 16                        | 8          | 12     | 10   | 19       | 6   | 10         | 11      | 13                        | 10    | 8                  |
| SUPPORT (TOTAL)  | 77      | 82       | 72                        | 76         | 77     | 76   | 63       | 84  | 77         | 74      | 70                        | 79    | 75                 |
| OPPOSE (TOTAL)   | 13      | 11       | 12                        | 16         | 11     | 14   | 18       | 10  | 12         | 14      | 17                        | 12    | 16                 |
| SUPPORT (NET)    | +64     | +71      | +60                       | +60        | +66    | +62  | +45      | +74 | +65        | +60     | +53                       | +67   | +59                |
| Weighted N       | 1,335   | 430      | 453                       | 452        | 686    | 649  | 478      | 857 | 843        | 492     | 129                       | 1,029 | 145                |

**[16]** The following are policies that some members of Congress are considering as part of their plan to expand Social Security benefits. For each, please say whether you support or oppose it.

— Cut taxes on Social Security benefits for middle-income seniors

| Response               | Topline    | Democrat   | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female     | Male       | Under 45   | 45+        | No College | College    | Black or African American | White      | Frontline District |
|------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Strongly support       | 47         | 53         | 38                        | 50         | 50         | 43         | 31         | 55         | 49         | 43         | 44                        | 49         | 48                 |
| Somewhat support       | 25         | 21         | 31                        | 24         | 23         | 28         | 28         | 24         | 23         | 29         | 25                        | 25         | 24                 |
| Somewhat oppose        | 9          | 10         | 8                         | 10         | 7          | 12         | 14         | 7          | 9          | 9          | 12                        | 9          | 8                  |
| Strongly oppose        | 8          | 8          | 10                        | 7          | 7          | 9          | 9          | 8          | 6          | 12         | 9                         | 8          | 5                  |
| Don't know             | 10         | 9          | 14                        | 8          | 13         | 8          | 17         | 6          | 12         | 7          | 11                        | 9          | 16                 |
| <b>SUPPORT (TOTAL)</b> | <b>72</b>  | <b>74</b>  | <b>69</b>                 | <b>74</b>  | <b>73</b>  | <b>71</b>  | <b>59</b>  | <b>79</b>  | <b>72</b>  | <b>72</b>  | <b>69</b>                 | <b>74</b>  | <b>72</b>          |
| <b>OPPOSE (TOTAL)</b>  | <b>17</b>  | <b>18</b>  | <b>18</b>                 | <b>17</b>  | <b>14</b>  | <b>21</b>  | <b>23</b>  | <b>15</b>  | <b>15</b>  | <b>21</b>  | <b>21</b>                 | <b>17</b>  | <b>13</b>          |
| <b>SUPPORT (NET)</b>   | <b>+55</b> | <b>+56</b> | <b>+51</b>                | <b>+57</b> | <b>+59</b> | <b>+50</b> | <b>+36</b> | <b>+64</b> | <b>+57</b> | <b>+51</b> | <b>+48</b>                | <b>+57</b> | <b>+59</b>         |
| Weighted N             | 1,335      | 430        | 453                       | 452        | 686        | 649        | 478        | 857        | 843        | 492        | 129                       | 1,029      | 145                |

**[17]** Some members of Congress are considering imposing payroll taxes on Americans making more than \$400,000 a year as part of their plan to pay for new, expanded Social Security benefits.

Do you support or oppose this proposal?

| Response               | Topline    | Democrat   | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female     | Male       | Under 45   | 45+        | No College | College    | Black or African American | White      | Frontline District |
|------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Strongly support       | 51         | 66         | 42                        | 45         | 52         | 50         | 35         | 60         | 49         | 54         | 58                        | 53         | 47                 |
| Somewhat support       | 25         | 20         | 31                        | 25         | 22         | 28         | 32         | 22         | 24         | 26         | 24                        | 24         | 30                 |
| Somewhat oppose        | 10         | 7          | 11                        | 13         | 9          | 11         | 13         | 8          | 10         | 10         | 7                         | 10         | 8                  |
| Strongly oppose        | 6          | 2          | 6                         | 11         | 5          | 8          | 8          | 5          | 7          | 6          | 4                         | 7          | 6                  |
| Don't know             | 7          | 5          | 10                        | 7          | 11         | 3          | 12         | 4          | 9          | 4          | 7                         | 6          | 9                  |
| <b>SUPPORT (TOTAL)</b> | <b>76</b>  | <b>86</b>  | <b>73</b>                 | <b>70</b>  | <b>74</b>  | <b>78</b>  | <b>67</b>  | <b>82</b>  | <b>73</b>  | <b>80</b>  | <b>82</b>                 | <b>77</b>  | <b>77</b>          |
| <b>OPPOSE (TOTAL)</b>  | <b>16</b>  | <b>9</b>   | <b>17</b>                 | <b>24</b>  | <b>14</b>  | <b>19</b>  | <b>21</b>  | <b>13</b>  | <b>17</b>  | <b>16</b>  | <b>11</b>                 | <b>17</b>  | <b>14</b>          |
| <b>SUPPORT (NET)</b>   | <b>+60</b> | <b>+77</b> | <b>+56</b>                | <b>+46</b> | <b>+60</b> | <b>+59</b> | <b>+46</b> | <b>+69</b> | <b>+56</b> | <b>+64</b> | <b>+71</b>                | <b>+60</b> | <b>+63</b>         |
| Weighted N             | 1,335      | 430        | 453                       | 452        | 686        | 649        | 478        | 857        | 843        | 492        | 129                       | 1,029      | 145                |



**[18]** Which of the following comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

| Response  | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Frontline District |
|---|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|-----|------------|---------|---------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| We should expand Social Security benefits for all beneficiaries to address the higher cost of living. | 82      | 88       | 73                        | 86         | 83     | 81   | 67       | 90  | 84         | 79      | 83                        | 83    | 78                 |
| We should end Social Security benefits in 5 years for all beneficiaries to close the funding gap.     | 7       | 7        | 7                         | 6          | 5      | 9    | 13       | 3   | 5          | 10      | 12                        | 6     | 9                  |
| Don't know  | 11      | 5        | 20                        | 8          | 12     | 10   | 20       | 6   | 11         | 11      | 6                         | 11    | 12                 |
| Weighted N  | 1,335   | 430      | 453                       | 452        | 686    | 649  | 478      | 857 | 843        | 492     | 129                       | 1,029 | 145                |

**[19]** Some members of Congress have proposed Social Security 2100, a bill that will enhance and expand Social Security benefits in the U.S.

Supporters of this bill argue that this will significantly strengthen Social Security benefits for the first time in over 50 years and help seniors who have worked and paid into the program all their lives, yet are living in poverty and struggling to meet rising costs.

Opponents to this bill are concerned that the increased benefits are only for five years, meaning that Congress would be forced to re-extend them. They say we would only be digging ourselves into a bigger hole by ignoring the long-term funding gap.

Knowing what you know now, do you support or oppose this proposal?

| Response         | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Frontline District |
|------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|-----|------------|---------|---------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Strongly support | 28      | 38       | 16                        | 29         | 28     | 27   | 21       | 31  | 27         | 28      | 41                        | 27    | 24                 |
| Somewhat support | 37      | 36       | 39                        | 35         | 35     | 38   | 36       | 37  | 37         | 36      | 39                        | 37    | 39                 |
| Somewhat oppose  | 15      | 15       | 15                        | 16         | 13     | 18   | 17       | 14  | 16         | 14      | 9                         | 14    | 18                 |
| Strongly oppose  | 4       | 2        | 6                         | 6          | 4      | 5    | 6        | 4   | 4          | 6       | 2                         | 5     | 8                  |
| Don't know       | 16      | 10       | 24                        | 14         | 20     | 12   | 20       | 14  | 16         | 16      | 10                        | 17    | 11                 |
| SUPPORT (TOTAL)  | 65      | 74       | 55                        | 64         | 63     | 65   | 57       | 68  | 64         | 64      | 80                        | 64    | 63                 |
| OPPOSE (TOTAL)   | 19      | 17       | 21                        | 22         | 17     | 23   | 23       | 18  | 20         | 20      | 11                        | 19    | 26                 |
| SUPPORT (NET)    | +46     | +57      | +34                       | +42        | +46    | +42  | +34      | +50 | +44        | +44     | +69                       | +45   | +37                |
| Weighted N       | 1,335   | 430      | 453                       | 452        | 686    | 649  | 478      | 857 | 843        | 492     | 129                       | 1,029 | 145                |

**[20]** Democrats in Congress are proposing to **expand** Social Security benefits for all beneficiaries to address the higher cost of living.

Republicans in Congress are proposing to **end** Social Security benefits in the next 5 years for all beneficiaries to close the funding gap.

If the election for U.S. Congress in your district was held today, which of the following candidates are you most likely to vote for?

| Response       | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Frontline District |
|----------------|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|-----|------------|---------|---------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| The Democrat   | 55      | 97       | 49                        | 22         | 59     | 52   | 55       | 56  | 52         | 61      | 83                        | 51    | 53                 |
| The Republican | 31      | 2        | 23                        | 66         | 27     | 35   | 31       | 31  | 34         | 25      | 12                        | 34    | 28                 |
| Don't know     | 14      | 1        | 28                        | 13         | 14     | 14   | 14       | 14  | 14         | 14      | 5                         | 15    | 19                 |
| Weighted N     | 1,335   | 430      | 453                       | 452        | 686    | 649  | 478      | 857 | 843        | 492     | 129                       | 1,029 | 145                |