

DATA FOR **PROGRESS**

From March 29 to 30, 2023, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,218 likely voters nationally using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, geography, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is ± 3 percentage points.

N=1,218 unless otherwise specified. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

		D	I	R	
[1] The current full retirement age for Social Security benefits in the United States is 67 for individuals born in 1960 or later. Individuals can claim reduced benefits as early as age 62. Do you think the retirement age should be raised, lowered, or remain the same?	The retirement age should be raised above age 67	8%	5%	9%	9%
	The retirement age should remain the same at age 67	43	41	40	47
	The retirement age should be lowered below age 67	45	50	43	41
	Don't know	5	4	7	3
[2] Some politicians have proposed raising the retirement age for Americans currently in their 20s. Supporters argue that this could ensure Social Security remains financially solvent – meaning the program would have enough funds to fully pay out beneficiaries – without affecting seniors currently receiving Social Security benefits. Opponents argue that raising the retirement age would be unfair to younger generations, and other options, like raising taxes on the wealthy, could still protect the program. Which of these statements best describes your view, even if neither is exactly right?	As life expectancy has increased, younger Americans can work for more years. Changing the retirement age is necessary to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of Social Security. . . .	27%	22%	24%	32%
	Expecting young people to work into their 70s is unfair and unrealistic. We should explore other options to protect Social Security and workers who have paid into the program, like raising taxes on the wealthy.	65	72	65	59
	Don't know	8	5	11	9
[3] Would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate who raised the retirement age?			D	I	R
	Much more likely	4%	3%	4%	5%
	Somewhat more likely	13	11	11	16
	Somewhat less likely	25	27	24	24
	Much less likely	38	44	37	32
	Wouldn't affect my choice	20	15	24	23
	MORE LIKELY (TOTAL)	17%	14%	15%	21%
	LESS LIKELY (TOTAL)	63	71	61	56
	MORE LIKELY (NET)	-46	-57	-46	-35

[4] Some members of Congress are proposing the Social Security Expansion Act. This bill would extend the solvency of Social Security for 75 years — meaning the program would have enough funds to fully pay out benefits through 2097.

The bill would also increase benefits for all recipients by \$2,400 per year. This would be paid for by increasing taxes on wealthy Americans.

Do you support or oppose the Social Security Expansion Act?

		D	I	R
Strongly support	41%	55%	39%	30%
Somewhat support	36	30	38	40
Somewhat oppose	10	5	7	16
Strongly oppose	5	3	5	8
Don't know	8	7	11	6
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	77%	85%	77%	70%
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	15	8	12	24
SUPPORT (NET)	+62	+77	+65	+46