

DATA FOR PROGRESS

From June 16 to 17, 2023, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,191 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=1,191 unless otherwise specified. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

		D	I	R	
[1] Do you think the U.S. should cut Social Security benefits to reduce the national debt, or should the U.S. keep Social Security benefits as they are?	The U.S. should cut Social Security benefits to reduce the national debt.	5%	6%	5%	3%
	The U.S. should keep Social Security benefits as they are.	92	91	88	94
	Don't know	4	3	7	3
[2] Do you think the U.S. should cut Social Security benefits to reduce the national debt, keep Social Security benefits as they are, or increase Social Security benefits?	The U.S. should cut Social Security benefits to reduce the national debt.	3%	4%	2%	2%
	The U.S. should keep Social Security benefits as they are.	37	32	40	40
	The U.S. should increase Social Security benefits.	56	62	51	54
	Don't know	4	2	6	4
[3] Do you think the U.S. should cut Medicare benefits to reduce the national debt, or should the U.S. keep Medicare benefits as they are?	The U.S. should cut Medicare benefits to reduce the national debt.	5%	4%	5%	6%
	The U.S. should keep Medicare benefits as they are.	91	95	88	89
	Don't know	4	1	7	4
[4] Do you support or oppose increasing taxes on wealthy Americans to lower the national debt?	Strongly support	48%	72%	43%	27%
	Somewhat support	27	19	27	35
	Somewhat oppose	12	5	13	17
	Strongly oppose	9	2	8	15
	Don't know	5	1	8	6
	SUPPORT (TOTAL)	75%	91%	70%	62%
	OPPOSE (TOTAL)	21	7	21	32
	SUPPORT (NET)	+54	+84	+49	+30

[5] Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy has proposed to create a new commission that will be tasked with cutting some forms of government spending, including Social Security and Medicare.

Do you support or oppose creating this commission?

		D	I	R
Strongly support	7%	7%	5%	7%
Somewhat support	15	11	14	20
Somewhat oppose	18	13	17	23
Strongly oppose	54	65	55	42
Don't know	7	4	10	8
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	22%	18%	19%	27%
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	72	78	72	65
SUPPORT (NET)	-50	-60	-53	-38

[6] If Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy creates a new commission tasked with cutting some forms of government spending, including Social Security and Medicare, would you want **your** member of Congress to join that commission and support its goals?

		D	I	R
I would want my member of Congress to join this commission and support its goals	23%	22%	23%	25%
I would not want my member of Congress to join this commission and support its goals	63	68	58	61
Don't know	14	10	19	14

[7] If your member of Congress joined a commission that recommended cuts to Social Security or Medicare benefits, and supported its goals, would you be more or less likely to vote for them in the 2024 election?

		D	I	R
Makes me much more likely to vote for my member of Congress in 2024	7%	10%	3%	7%
Makes me somewhat more likely to vote for my member of Congress in 2024	8	9	7	9
Makes me somewhat less likely to vote for my member of Congress in 2024	19	15	21	20
Makes me much less likely to vote for my member of Congress in 2024	48	53	48	43
Wouldn't impact my decision to vote for my member of Congress	18	13	21	20

[8] The Biden Administration has called proposals to create a commission that would cut Social Security and Medicare a "death panel" for those programs.

Do you agree or disagree with the Biden Administration that this type of commission would be a "death panel" for Social Security and Medicare?

		D	I	R
Strongly agree	32%	49%	30%	17%
Somewhat agree	24	25	24	22
Somewhat disagree	15	12	13	20
Strongly disagree	18	8	18	30
Don't know	11	7	15	12
AGREE (TOTAL)	56%	74%	54%	39%
DISAGREE (TOTAL)	33	20	31	50
AGREE (NET)	+23	+54	+23	-11

[9] Which of the following comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

		D	I	R
It is important for Congress to act in a bipartisan manner to reduce the deficit, even if it means reducing Social Security and Medicare benefits.	13%	14%	12%	14%
Congress should never cut Social Security and Medicare.	81	82	80	80
Don't know	6	5	8	6