



Interviews with 1,009 adult Americans, including 935 registered voters, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on August 6-10, 2010. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points and for registered voters is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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38. Do you think the Social Security system will be able to continue to pay you full benefits, or do you think there will eventually be cuts in your benefits? (ASKED OF RETIRED ADULTS. RESULTS BASED ON 339 INTERVIEWS -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/-5.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

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Continue full benefits	41%
Cuts in benefits	55%
Doesn't apply (vol.)	2%
No opinion	1%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	Continue to get <u>full benefits</u>	Will be cut <u>in benefits</u>	Doesn't apply <u>(vol.)</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
2005 Jan 7-9	57	32	4	7

39. Do you think the Social Security system will be able to pay you a benefit when you retire? (ASKED OF NON-RETIRED ADULTS. RESULTS BASED ON 670 INTERVIEWS -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/-4 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

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Will	39%
Will not	60%
Doesn't apply (vol.)	1%
No opinion	1%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	Doesn't apply <u>(vol.)</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
2005 Jan 7-9	45	50	1	4
2001 Mar 26-28	52	41	2	5
2000 Aug 11-12	49	42	2	7
1994 Jan	47	52	--	1
1992 Mar	49	49	--	2
1991 Mar	49	48	--	3
1991 Mar	51	42	--	7
1990 Mar	48	47	--	5
1989 Dec	49	47	--	4

40. As you may know, the Social Security system was created seventy years ago. Just your best guess -
- how likely is it that the Social Security system will last another seventy years -- very likely,
somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely?

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Very likely	14%
Somewhat likely	23%
Somewhat unlikely	23%
Very unlikely	39%
No opinion	*

Do you think the Social Security system will be able to continue to pay you full benefits, or do you think there will eventually be cuts in your benefits?

Base = Retired

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Continue full benefits	41%	35%	47%	45%	N/A
Cuts in benefits	55%	61%	49%	52%	N/A
Doesn't apply	2%	2%	3%	2%	N/A
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	1%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-5.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Continue full benefits	41%	N/A	N/A	N/A	47%	N/A	42%
Cuts in benefits	55%	N/A	N/A	N/A	49%	N/A	54%
Doesn't apply	2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	3%	N/A	2%
No opinion	1%	N/A	N/A	N/A	1%	N/A	1%
Sampling Error	+/-5.5				+/-6.0		+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Continue full benefits	41%	40%	N/A	40%	44%
Cuts in benefits	55%	58%	N/A	58%	52%
Doesn't apply	2%	1%	N/A	3%	2%
No opinion	1%	1%	N/A	*	3%
Sampling Error	+/-5.5	+/-7.5		+/-8.5	+/-7.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Continue full benefits	41%	N/A	39%	N/A	N/A	N/A	39%
Cuts in benefits	55%	N/A	57%	N/A	N/A	N/A	56%
Doesn't apply	2%	N/A	2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	3%
No opinion	1%	N/A	2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	1%
Sampling Error	+/-5.5		+/-8.5				+/-8.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Continue full benefits	41%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	40%	36%
Cuts in benefits	55%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	57%	62%
Doesn't apply	2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2%	1%
No opinion	1%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-5.5						+/-8.5	+/-8.5

* percentage less than 1%

Do you think the Social Security system will be able to pay you a benefit when you retire?

Base = Not retired

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Will	39%	43%	36%	33%	53%
Will not	60%	56%	63%	65%	46%
Doesn't apply	1%	*	1%	1%	*
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-8.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Will	39%	N/A	31%	57%	N/A	30%	63%
Will not	60%	N/A	68%	41%	N/A	70%	34%
Doesn't apply	1%	N/A	*	1%	N/A	*	2%
No opinion	1%	N/A	1%	1%	N/A	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0		+/-6.5	+/-6.0		+/-5.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Will	39%	44%	35%	48%	33%
Will not	60%	56%	64%	51%	66%
Doesn't apply	1%	1%	*	1%	1%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-4.5

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Will	39%	51%	34%	32%	43%	40%	36%
Will not	60%	49%	65%	65%	56%	60%	62%
Doesn't apply	1%	*	*	1%	1%	*	1%
No opinion	1%	*	*	2%	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-8.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Will	39%	42%	37%	37%	42%	N/A	35%	39%
Will not	60%	58%	62%	61%	57%	N/A	64%	59%
Doesn't apply	1%	*	1%	*	*	N/A	*	1%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	*	N/A	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-8.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-8.0		+/-5.5	+/-6.5

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Base = Total sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Very likely	14%	18%	10%	11%	21%
Somewhat likely	23%	21%	25%	23%	26%
Somewhat unlikely	23%	20%	26%	24%	22%
Very unlikely	39%	40%	39%	43%	30%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5

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Very likely	14%	N/A	10%	16%	19%	12%	17%
Somewhat likely	23%	N/A	19%	23%	28%	22%	25%
Somewhat unlikely	23%	N/A	28%	23%	22%	23%	23%
Very unlikely	39%	N/A	43%	38%	30%	43%	35%
No opinion	*	N/A	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

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Somewhat likely	23%	27%	18%	27%	20%
Somewhat unlikely	23%	24%	24%	23%	23%
Very unlikely	39%	34%	45%	35%	43%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

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Somewhat likely	23%	32%	18%	19%	28%	27%	18%
Somewhat unlikely	23%	20%	25%	25%	21%	24%	24%
Very unlikely	39%	29%	43%	47%	31%	36%	47%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

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Very unlikely	39%	38%	45%	39%	36%	28%	42%	42%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0

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