

The logo for the CNN | ORC POLL. It features the CNN logo in a stylized, outlined font on the left, followed by a vertical bar and the letters "ORC" in a bold, sans-serif font. Below this, the word "POLL" is written in large, bold, white capital letters on a black rectangular background.

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Interviews with 1,038 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on September 9-11, 2011. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. The sample also includes 943 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3 percentage points).

The sample includes 834 interviews among landline respondents and 204 interviews among cell phone respondents.

FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AT 6 AM

30. Please tell me which of the following statements comes closest to your opinion about the Social Security program: (READ IN ORDER)

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The Social Security program has no serious problems, certainly none that require changing the current system	4%
Social Security has minor problems that can be fixed with minor changes to the current system	28%
Social Security's problems are serious and can be fixed only with major changes to the current system	55%
Social Security's problems are so bad that the system should be replaced	12%
No opinion	1%

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The Social Security program has no serious problems, certainly none that require changing the current system	5%
Social Security has minor problems that can be fixed with minor changes to the current system	22%
Social Security's problems are serious and can be fixed only with major changes to the current system	52%
Social Security's problems are so bad that the system should be replaced	16%
No opinion	6%

31. The Social Security system has been described as a "monstrous lie" and as a failure. Do you think those phrases are an accurate description of the Social Security system, or don't you think so?

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2011

Accurate	27%
Not accurate	72%
No opinion	1%

Question 30

Please tell me which of the following statements comes closest to your opinion about the Social Security program:

- Social Security program has no serious problems, certainly none that require chang'g cur system
- Social Security has minor problems that can be fixed with minor changes to the current system
- Social Security's problems are serious/can be fixed only w/major changes to the current system
- Social Security's problems are so bad that the system should be replaced

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
No serious problems	4%	5%	4%	3%	9%
Minor problems, minor changes	28%	30%	25%	29%	24%
Serious problems and changes	55%	49%	60%	56%	52%
So bad replace system	12%	14%	10%	11%	14%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
No serious problems	4%	5%	2%	2%	11%	3%	6%
Minor problems, minor changes	28%	20%	20%	35%	40%	20%	37%
Serious problems and changes	55%	52%	65%	52%	46%	58%	50%
So bad replace system	12%	21%	11%	10%	2%	16%	7%
No opinion	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
No serious problems	4%	5%	2%	7%	3%
Minor problems, minor changes	28%	29%	27%	29%	27%
Serious problems and changes	55%	51%	57%	53%	56%
So bad replace system	12%	13%	13%	8%	14%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
No serious problems	4%	8%	3%	1%	8%	4%	2%
Minor problems, minor changes	28%	31%	27%	23%	34%	24%	28%
Serious problems and changes	55%	50%	54%	62%	48%	57%	55%
So bad replace system	12%	10%	14%	12%	10%	14%	12%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North-east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
No serious problems	4%	6%	2%	4%	5%	5%	4%	6%
Minor problems, minor changes	28%	31%	27%	28%	25%	29%	24%	35%
Serious problems and changes	55%	49%	60%	56%	52%	53%	58%	51%
So bad replace system	12%	11%	10%	10%	18%	12%	13%	7%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	2%	*	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
No serious problems	4%	2%	4%	7%
Minor problems, minor changes	28%	19%	26%	38%
Serious problems and changes	55%	55%	60%	46%
So bad replace system	12%	23%	9%	8%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 31

The Social Security system has been described as a "monstrous lie" and as a failure. Do you think those phrases are an accurate description of the Social Security system, or don't you think so?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Accurate	27%	31%	24%	24%	34%
Not accurate	72%	68%	75%	76%	64%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Accurate	27%	42%	25%	21%	14%	34%	18%
Not accurate	72%	58%	73%	78%	84%	65%	81%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Accurate	27%	30%	24%	27%	27%
Not accurate	72%	70%	75%	72%	72%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Accurate	27%	20%	31%	31%	18%	27%	32%
Not accurate	72%	79%	68%	69%	81%	72%	67%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Accurate	27%	32%	20%	28%	28%	26%	29%	25%
Not accurate	72%	67%	79%	71%	71%	73%	70%	74%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Accurate	27%	40%	28%	13%
Not accurate	72%	59%	71%	87%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%