

## U.S. Taxpayer Straw Poll on the “Social Security Guarantee Act” (Bill # H.R. 521)

This Straw Poll is an ongoing effort of the 60 Plus Association. The responses are from one of the most recent Straw Polls.

**Question 1:** Many Americans think Social Security is a contract with the government - you pay in, and you are paid back. But the Supreme Court ruled (*Flemming v. Nestor*) the government has no obligation to pay it back - and in fact they can spend it on anything else they want.

Before you received this letter, were you aware of that?

- Yes: 12%
- No: 83%
- Undecided: 5%

**Question 2:** A host of economic and political experts agree - the major reason Social Security is soon headed for bankruptcy is because Congress's decades-long habit of raiding the Social Security Trust Fund to fund their own political self-interests is draining it.

Do you personally approve of allowing politicians to use Social Security funds for other political purposes?

- Yes: 12%
- No: 83%
- Undecided: 5%

**Question 3:** The money that Congress has "diverted" from our Social Security Trust Fund has largely been spent on special interest projects as favors to those who have the power to help them get re-elected. Examples: \$3 million watching hamsters fight on steroids, \$2.1 million encouraging Ethiopians to wear shoes, \$2.5 million injecting 6-month-old beagle puppies with cocaine, \$689,222 studying the romance between parrots to name a few.

Were you aware that our Social Security savings, are being spent on projects such as these?

- Yes: 2%
- No: 97%
- Undecided: 1%

**Question 4:** As our staggering \$35 TRILLION DOLLAR national debt continues to soar and Social Security is headed for inevitable bankruptcy, Congress will be considering proposals that may include reducing the amount of Social Security benefit payments... rather than cutting themselves off from raiding the Social Security Trust Fund "till" for their own political self-interests.

Would you support legislation that would prohibit politicians from being able to reduce the amount of your Social Security benefits?

One Straw Poll shows:

- Yes: 99%
- No: 0%
- Undecided: 1%

**Question 5:** The Social Security Guarantee Act would GUARANTEE anyone eligible would get their full benefits - that is, get back what they paid into the program. It would PROHIBIT politicians in Washington from reducing the amount of your Social Security check.

Do you favor passage of the Social Security Guarantee Act (HR 521) now pending in Congress?

- Yes: 98%
- No: 1%
- Undecided: 1%

We also added one additional question in a recent Straw Poll, asking how respondents feel about a quote by President Trump:

**Question:** President Trump has said allowing 15 million, 20 million people this year is destroying Social Security destroying your way of life.

Do you think President Trump is right?

- Yes: 86%
- No: 14%