

From February 14 to 20, 2024, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,338 U.S. 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.

NB: subgroups with a n-size less than 50 (<50) are not shown on these cross-tabs. We choose not to display N<50 subgroups because the sample is too small to have statistical significance. We did, however, take samples of these subgroups for representational and weighting purposes to accurately reflect the electorate makeup. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

N=1,338 unless otherwise specified.

[1] 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?

| Response | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Latino |
|---|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|-----|------------|---------|---------------------------|-------|--------|
| The U.S. should cut Social Security benefits to reduce the national debt. | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 11 | 3 | 6 |
| The U.S. should keep Social Security benefits as they are. | 30 | 24 | 33 | 34 | 27 | 34 | 35 | 28 | 28 | 34 | 31 | 31 | 28 |
| The U.S. should increase Social Security benefits. | 62 | 69 | 57 | 60 | 67 | 57 | 49 | 69 | 64 | 59 | 55 | 64 | 59 |
| Don't know | 3 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 7 |
| Weighted N | 1,338 | 491 | 372 | 475 | 716 | 622 | 453 | 885 | 857 | 481 | 147 | 972 | 175 |

[2] Do you think the U.S. should **cut** Medicare benefits to reduce the national debt, **keep** Medicare benefits as they are, or **increase** Medicare benefits?

| Response | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Latino |
|--|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|-----|------------|---------|---------------------------|-------|--------|
| The U.S. should cut Medicare benefits to reduce the national debt. | 4 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 7 |
| The U.S. should keep Medicare benefits as they are. | 35 | 28 | 40 | 39 | 34 | 37 | 37 | 34 | 32 | 40 | 37 | 36 | 34 |
| The U.S. should increase Medicare benefits. | 57 | 66 | 50 | 55 | 61 | 54 | 50 | 61 | 60 | 53 | 54 | 59 | 54 |
| Don't know | 3 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Weighted N | 1,338 | 491 | 372 | 475 | 716 | 622 | 453 | 885 | 857 | 481 | 147 | 972 | 175 |

[3] Do you support or oppose increasing taxes on wealthy Americans to lower the national debt?

| Response | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Latino |
|------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|-----|------------|---------|---------------------------|-------|--------|
| Strongly support | 51 | 73 | 48 | 30 | 56 | 45 | 52 | 50 | 50 | 52 | 47 | 50 | 56 |
| Somewhat support | 27 | 20 | 26 | 36 | 25 | 30 | 25 | 28 | 27 | 28 | 33 | 28 | 24 |
| Somewhat oppose | 10 | 2 | 12 | 17 | 8 | 12 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 6 | 11 | 11 |
| Strongly oppose | 8 | 3 | 7 | 14 | 6 | 11 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 5 |
| Don't know | 4 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 4 |
| SUPPORT (TOTAL) | 78 | 93 | 74 | 66 | 81 | 75 | 77 | 78 | 77 | 80 | 80 | 78 | 80 |
| OPPOSE (TOTAL) | 18 | 5 | 19 | 31 | 14 | 23 | 18 | 18 | 19 | 17 | 14 | 20 | 16 |
| SUPPORT (NET) | +60 | +88 | +55 | +35 | +67 | +52 | +59 | +60 | +58 | +63 | +66 | +58 | +64 |
| Weighted N | 1,338 | 491 | 372 | 475 | 716 | 622 | 453 | 885 | 857 | 481 | 147 | 972 | 175 |

[4] 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?

| Response | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Latino |
|---|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|-----|------------|---------|---------------------------|-------|--------|
| The retirement age should be raised above age 67 | 9 | 6 | 12 | 9 | 5 | 13 | 6 | 10 | 7 | 12 | 7 | 9 | 7 |
| The retirement age should remain the same at age 67 | 46 | 44 | 43 | 51 | 47 | 46 | 39 | 50 | 43 | 52 | 49 | 49 | 35 |
| The retirement age should be lowered below age 67 | 41 | 46 | 38 | 38 | 43 | 38 | 49 | 37 | 44 | 34 | 41 | 39 | 50 |
| Don't know | 4 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 8 |
| Weighted N | 1,338 | 491 | 372 | 475 | 716 | 622 | 453 | 885 | 857 | 481 | 147 | 972 | 175 |

[5] For each of the following items, please say whether or not you think they will **strengthen** Social Security:

— Increasing taxes on wealthy Americans to fund Social Security

| Response | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Latino |
|--|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|-----|------------|---------|---------------------------|-------|--------|
| This will strengthen Social Security | 67 | 81 | 64 | 56 | 67 | 68 | 71 | 66 | 66 | 70 | 74 | 67 | 75 |
| This will not strengthen Social Security | 19 | 10 | 19 | 29 | 16 | 22 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 17 | 19 | 14 |
| Don't know | 13 | 9 | 17 | 15 | 16 | 10 | 10 | 15 | 15 | 11 | 9 | 14 | 11 |
| Weighted N | 1,338 | 491 | 372 | 475 | 716 | 622 | 453 | 885 | 857 | 481 | 147 | 972 | 175 |

[6] For each of the following items, please say whether or not you think they will **strengthen** Social Security:

— Cutting Social Security benefits

| Response | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Latino |
|--|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|-----|------------|---------|---------------------------|-------|--------|
| This will strengthen Social Security | 11 | 13 | 10 | 10 | 7 | 15 | 20 | 6 | 10 | 13 | 23 | 8 | 18 |
| This will not strengthen Social Security | 79 | 78 | 78 | 82 | 82 | 77 | 68 | 85 | 79 | 79 | 69 | 82 | 72 |
| Don't know | 9 | 9 | 11 | 9 | 11 | 8 | 11 | 8 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Weighted N | 1,338 | 491 | 372 | 475 | 716 | 622 | 453 | 885 | 857 | 481 | 147 | 972 | 175 |

[7] If Congress does nothing, Social Security will not have enough money to pay out full benefits by 2034. To address this, Congress will need to either **increase taxes** or **cut benefits** — or both.

Some lawmakers argue that Congress should address this by **increasing taxes on wealthy Americans**.

Other lawmakers argue that Congress should address this by **cutting Social Security benefits**.

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

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|---|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|-----|------------|---------|---------------------------|-------|--------|
| Congress should address this by increasing taxes on wealthy Americans | 71 | 83 | 66 | 62 | 74 | 67 | 64 | 74 | 70 | 71 | 68 | 72 | 68 |
| Congress should address this by cutting Social Security benefits | 5 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 13 | 3 | 12 |
| Congress should take both of these actions | 8 | 5 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 11 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 9 |
| Congress should not take either of these actions | 12 | 2 | 14 | 20 | 9 | 15 | 7 | 14 | 12 | 11 | 7 | 13 | 5 |
| Don't know | 5 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| Weighted N | 1,338 | 491 | 372 | 475 | 716 | 622 | 453 | 885 | 857 | 481 | 147 | 972 | 175 |

[8] Some lawmakers in Congress have 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?

| Response | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Latino |
|------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|-----|------------|---------|---------------------------|-------|--------|
| Strongly support | 6 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 10 | 6 | 5 |
| Somewhat support | 17 | 14 | 16 | 20 | 14 | 20 | 25 | 12 | 15 | 19 | 24 | 16 | 19 |
| Somewhat oppose | 21 | 19 | 25 | 21 | 21 | 22 | 24 | 20 | 21 | 23 | 16 | 20 | 29 |
| Strongly oppose | 49 | 54 | 41 | 50 | 54 | 43 | 34 | 56 | 51 | 45 | 45 | 52 | 36 |
| Don't know | 7 | 6 | 11 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 12 |
| SUPPORT (TOTAL) | 23 | 21 | 22 | 25 | 17 | 30 | 33 | 17 | 20 | 28 | 34 | 22 | 24 |
| OPPOSE (TOTAL) | 70 | 73 | 66 | 71 | 75 | 65 | 58 | 76 | 72 | 68 | 61 | 72 | 65 |
| SUPPORT (NET) | -47 | -52 | -44 | -46 | -58 | -35 | -25 | -59 | -52 | -40 | -27 | -50 | -41 |
| Weighted N | 1,338 | 491 | 372 | 475 | 716 | 622 | 453 | 885 | 857 | 481 | 147 | 972 | 175 |

[9] If Congress does nothing, Social Security will not have enough money to pay out full benefits by 2034. To address this, Congress will need to either **increase taxes** or **cut benefits** — or both.

Some lawmakers argue that this issue should be **resolved through the regular lawmaking process in Congress, with public input**. They argue that this will ensure that standard lawmaking procedures are followed and guarantee that the process is open, public, and transparent.

Other lawmakers argue that this issue should instead be **resolved by creating a new closed-door commission, without public input**. They argue that this commission would allow us to "fast-track" a speedier solution to the problem without any stalling or delays in the standard Congressional process.

Do you think that the issue of future Social Security funding should be resolved through the regular lawmaking process in Congress or by creating a new closed-door commission?

| Response | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Latino |
|--|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|-----|------------|---------|---------------------------|-------|--------|
| Resolved through the regular lawmaking process in Congress | 70 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 71 | 69 | 59 | 75 | 69 | 72 | 68 | 73 | 56 |
| Resolved by creating a new closed-door commission | 18 | 20 | 16 | 17 | 14 | 22 | 28 | 13 | 16 | 20 | 25 | 16 | 28 |
| Don't know | 12 | 11 | 14 | 12 | 15 | 9 | 13 | 12 | 15 | 7 | 7 | 12 | 16 |
| Weighted N | 1,338 | 491 | 372 | 475 | 716 | 622 | 453 | 885 | 857 | 481 | 147 | 972 | 175 |