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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted July 8-11, 2010 with a random sample of –1,020—adults, aged 18+, living in the continental U.S., selected using random-digit dial sampling.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ±4 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones (for respondents with a landline telephone) and cellular phones (for respondents who are cell phone only). Each sample includes a minimum quota of 150 cell phone only respondents and 850 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents for gender within region. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted on the basis of gender, age, race, education, region and phone lines. Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2009 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in continental U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

Turning to Social Security,

34. *(Asked of non-retired adults)* Do you think the Social Security system will be able to pay you a benefit when you retire?

BASED ON –675—NON-RETIRES; ± 4 PCT PTS

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Doesn't apply</u> <u>(vol.)</u>	<u>No</u> <u>opinion</u>
2010 Jul 8-11	36	60	1	2
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

35. *(Asked of retired adults)* 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?

BASED ON –345—RETIRES; ± 6 PCT PTS

	<u>Continue to get</u> <u>full benefits</u>	<u>Will be cut</u> <u>in benefits</u>	<u>Doesn't apply</u> <u>(vol.)</u>	<u>No</u> <u>opinion</u>
2010 Jul 8-11	37	56	2	6
2005 Jan 7-9	57	32	4	7

36. Which of these statements do you think best describes the Social Security system -- it is in a state of crisis, it has major problems, it has minor problems, or it does not have any problems?

	<u>Crisis</u>	<u>Major problems</u>	<u>Minor problems</u>	<u>Does not have any problems</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Jul 8-11	26	51	20	1	1
2005 Feb 4-6	17	55	23	4	1
2005 Jan 7-9	18	53	24	3	2
2002 Sep 20-22 ^	13	54	29	3	1
1998 Dec 4-6 ^	15	55	23	5	2

^ WORDING: Which of these statements do you think best describes the Social Security system today -- the Social Security system is in a state of crisis, it has major problems, it has minor problems, or it does not have any problems?