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-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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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.

For results based on the sample of –528—national adults in Form A and –492—national adults in Form B, the maximum margins of sampling error are ±5 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.

37. Assuming there would be no change in Social Security benefits for those who are now age 55 or older, do you think each of the following would be a good idea or a bad idea to address concerns with the Social Security system? How about – [RANDOM ORDER]?

<i>2010 Jul 8-11</i> <i>(sorted by "good idea")</i>	Good idea	Bad idea
	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Requiring higher income workers to pay Social Security taxes on ALL of their wages	67	30
Limiting benefits for wealthy retirees	63	35
Further reducing the total amount of benefits a person would receive if they retired early	44	53
Reducing retirement benefits for people who are currently under age 55	39	57
Increasing the age at which people are eligible to receive full retirement benefits	35	63
Increasing Social Security taxes for all workers	34	64

FULL RESULTS AND TRENDS:

A. Increasing the age at which people are eligible to receive full retirement benefits

	<u>Good idea</u>	<u>Bad idea</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Jul 8-11	35	63	1
2005 Feb 4-6 ^	35	63	2

^ WORDING: Increasing the age at which people are eligible to receive full benefits

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Q.37 (IDEAS TO ADDRESS SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM) CONTINUED

B. Limiting benefits for wealthy retirees

	<u>Good idea</u>	<u>Bad idea</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Jul 8-11	63	35	2
2005 Feb 4-6	68	29	3

C. Further reducing the total amount of benefits a person would receive if they retired early

	<u>Good idea</u>	<u>Bad idea</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Jul 8-11	44	53	3
2005 Feb 4-6	40	57	3

D. Increasing Social Security taxes for all workers

	<u>Good idea</u>	<u>Bad idea</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Jul 8-11	34	64	2
2005 Feb 4-6	37	60	3

E. Requiring higher income workers to pay Social Security taxes on ALL of their wages

	<u>Good idea</u>	<u>Bad idea</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Jul 8-11	67	30	3
2005 Feb 4-6	67	30	3

F. Reducing retirement benefits for people who are currently under age 55

	<u>Good idea</u>	<u>Bad idea</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Jul 8-11	39	57	4
2005 Feb 4-6	29	67	4

38. If you had to choose one of the following approaches to ensuring Social Security's long-term future, would you rather -- [ROTATED: raise Social Security taxes (or) curb the amount of benefits for future Social Security recipients]?

	<u>Raise taxes</u>	<u>Curb benefits</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Jul 8-11	49	40	11
2005 Apr 29-May 1	53	38	9