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GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES:
SOCIAL SECURITY

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

Results are based on combined data from telephone interviews conducted June 1-22 and July 3-27, 2023, with a random sample of –2,028—adults, ages 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is ±3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of –1,344—non-retirees, the margin of sampling error is ±3 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –684—retirees, the margin of sampling error is ±5 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 80% cell phone respondents and 20% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Gallup obtained sample for this study from Dynata. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member has the next birthday.

Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the most recent Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the most recent National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2020 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

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. For questions about how this survey was conducted, please contact galluphelp@gallup.com.

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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 –1,344—NON-RETIREES

	Yes	No	Doesn't apply (vol.)	No opinion
2023 Jun-Jul	50	47	1	2
2015 Jul-Aug	45	51	1	4
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 –684—RETIREES

	Continue to get full benefits	Will be cut in benefits	Doesn't apply (vol.)	No opinion
2023 Jun-Jul	53	43	2	2
2015 Jul-Aug	49	43	2	7
2010 Jul 8-11	37	56	2	6
2005 Jan 7-9	57	32	4	7

36. 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]?

	Raise taxes	Curb benefits	No opinion
2023 Jun-Jul	61	31	8
2015 Jul-Aug	51	37	12
2010 Jul 8-11	49	40	11
2005 Apr 29-May 1	53	38	9

Social Security Pay You a Benefit When You Retire (Non-retirees)

			total	Gender		Race		Age			Education			Party identification			Annual household income		
				Male	Female	Non-Hispanic White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55 and older	College graduate	Some College	High School or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than $50,000	$50,000-less than $100,000	$100,000 or more
sspay Think Social Security System Will Pay You a Benefit When You Retire	Total	Unweighted Count	1344	797	538	897	426	361	555	397	595	408	330	373	620	317	348	384	510
		Count	1551	777	759	951	582	497	675	345	540	395	610	377	754	383	478	425	517
	Yes	Count	778	406	369	462	308	230	272	263	255	182	339	189	336	229	263	190	251
		Column N %	50%	52%	49%	49%	53%	46%	40%	76%	47%	46%	55%	50%	45%	60%	55%	45%	49%
	No	Count	731	356	368	464	257	260	382	72	279	206	243	183	386	150	198	224	261
		Column N %	47%	46%	49%	49%	44%	52%	57%	21%	52%	52%	40%	48%	51%	39%	41%	53%	51%
	Does not apply (VOL)	Count	12	5	7	7	5	2	8	2	1	0	11	1	10	1	7	2	1
		Column N %	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%
	DK	Count	25	8	13	14	11	5	12	5	6	5	14	4	20	1	10	5	3
		Column N %	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%	0%	2%	1%	1%
	REF	Count	4	3	1	4	0	0	1	3	0	1	3	0	2	2	0	2	1
		Column N %	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%

Expect Social Security Continue to Pay Full Benefits (Retirees)

			total	Gender		Race		Age			Education			Party identification			Annual household income		
				Male	Female	Non-Hispanic White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55 and older	College graduate	Some College	High School or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than $50,000	$50,000-less than $100,000	$100,000 or more
sscontinue Think Social Security System Will Continue to Pay you Full Benefits	Total	Unweighted Count	684	337	345	560	105	2	19	645	314	239	125	216	249	199	261	208	141
		Count	478	221	255	371	96	2	18	441	176	153	147	145	180	141	196	141	89
	Will continue to get full benefits	Count	254	103	149	194	56	0	5	243	104	80	70	56	95	97	102	78	45
		Column N %	53%	47%	59%	52%	58%	0%	30%	55%	59%	52%	48%	39%	53%	69%	52%	55%	51%
	Will be cut in benefits	Count	204	109	94	163	37	1	12	181	62	68	73	81	79	38	90	58	38
		Column N %	43%	50%	37%	44%	38%	34%	67%	41%	36%	44%	49%	56%	44%	27%	46%	41%	43%
	Does not apply (VOL)	Count	10	4	6	7	3	1	0	9	5	4	2	3	4	3	2	5	4
		Column N %	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	66%	0%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	4%
	DK	Count	6	3	4	5	0	0	1	5	3	1	1	3	0	2	2	1	1
		Column N %	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	3%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	REF	Count	3	1	2	3	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	1
		Column N %	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%

Preferred Approach to Ensuring Future of Social Security

			total	Gender		Race		Age			Education			Party identification			Annual household income		
				Male	Female	Non-Hispanic White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55 and older	College graduate	Some College	High School or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than $50,000	$50,000-less than $100,000	$100,000 or more
ssapproach Preferred Approach to Ensuring Social Securitys Future	Total	Unweighted Count	2028	1134	883	1457	531	363	574	1042	909	647	455	589	869	516	609	592	651
		Count	2028	998	1013	1322	678	499	693	786	716	547	757	522	934	525	674	566	606
	Raise Social Security Taxes	Count	1229	587	628	835	382	256	419	528	468	336	420	263	555	384	362	364	400
		Column N %	61%	59%	62%	63%	56%	51%	61%	67%	65%	61%	55%	50%	59%	73%	54%	64%	66%
	Curb the amount of benefits for future	Count	626	324	301	376	241	220	221	174	203	155	266	203	296	116	243	161	175
		Column N %	31%	32%	30%	28%	35%	44%	32%	22%	28%	28%	35%	39%	32%	22%	36%	28%	29%
	DK	Count	69	32	34	46	22	14	19	35	21	21	27	22	32	11	35	15	12
		Column N %	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	3%	2%	5%	3%	2%
	REF	Count	105	55	50	65	34	10	33	49	23	36	44	34	51	14	33	26	19
		Column N %	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	2%	5%	6%	3%	7%	6%	7%	5%	3%	5%	5%	3%