



Obstructionists are Wrong; Americans Want Social Security Reform

In recent weeks, opponents of Social Security reform have cited media polls to claim decreased public support for reforms to the system. When closely analyzed, however, these polls show absolutely the opposite. It is indisputable that Americans are overwhelmingly supportive of the need to reform Social Security. While there is no consensus on the best solution, the polls show that **Americans believe something must be done to fix Social Security now.**

- *New York Times/CBS News*, conducted June 10-15, 2005
 - 92% feel that the financial situation of Social Security is in trouble.
 - 89% said that the future of the Social Security system matters to them personally.
 - 51% do not believe that the system will have the money available to provide benefits for them when they retire.
 - 80% are concerned about what will happen to Social Security in 2041, when government forecasts are that the system will be able to pay just 3/4^{ths} of benefits promised to workers.
 - 57% believe that Social Security's problems are so serious that they must be fixed now.
- *FOX News/Opinion Dynamics*, conducted April 25-26, 2005
 - 74% (and 80% of those under age 55) believe the Social Security system is something that the President and Congress need to fix now.
- *CBS News*, conducted May 20-24, 2005
 - 55% of respondents do not believe that the system will be able to provide benefits for them when they retire.
- *American Viewpoint*, conducted April 22-26, 2005
 - 69% of Americans believe that Social Security is in a state of crisis or has major problems.

Americans Want Social Security Solutions, not Roadblocks to Reform

- *New York Times/CBS News*, conducted June 10-15, 2005
 - 67% believe Democrats should offer alternative ideas for Social Security reform instead of just saying no to any reform ideas and making no changes in the program.

The Polls Are Clear: It's Time for Congress to Reform Social Security

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