# ⏸ DATA FOR *PROGRESS*   SOCIAL SECURITY WORKS.

From September 6 to 11, 2024, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,225 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 2020 recalled vote. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error associated with the sample size is ±3 percentage points. Results for subgroups of the sample are subject to increased margins of error. Partisanship reflected in tabulations is based on self-identified party affiliation, not partisan registration. For more information please visit dataforprogress.org/our-methodology.

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=1,225 unless otherwise specified.

**[1]**  How much or how little have you heard, seen, or read about the **Republican Party's** plan for Social Security?

| Response | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Repub-lican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Latino |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A lot | 22 | 22 | 14 | 26 | 19 | 24 | 19 | 23 | 20 | 24 | 20 | 22 | 28 |
| A little | 45 | 42 | 43 | 50 | 45 | 45 | 46 | 45 | 45 | 45 | 39 | 48 | 34 |
| Nothing at all | 33 | 36 | 43 | 24 | 35 | 31 | 36 | 32 | 35 | 31 | 41 | 30 | 37 |
| Weighted N | 1,225 | 493 | 285 | 447 | 653 | 572 | 397 | 828 | 789 | 436 | 131 | 875 | 163 |

**[2]**  How much or how little have you heard, seen, or read about the **Democratic Party's** plan for Social Security?

| Response | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Repub-lican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Latino |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A lot | 22 | 36 | 12 | 13 | 22 | 23 | 26 | 21 | 20 | 27 | 39 | 19 | 30 |
| A little | 46 | 48 | 44 | 44 | 46 | 45 | 42 | 47 | 45 | 47 | 43 | 47 | 40 |
| Nothing at all | 32 | 15 | 44 | 43 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 35 | 26 | 18 | 34 | 30 |
| Weighted N | 1,225 | 493 | 285 | 447 | 653 | 572 | 397 | 828 | 789 | 436 | 131 | 875 | 163 |

**[3]** Do you think the U.S. should **cut** Social Security benefits, **keep** Social Security benefits as they are, or **increase** Social Security benefits?

| Response | Topline | Democrat | Inde-pendent / Third party | Repub lican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Latino |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| The U.S. should cut Social Security benefits. | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| The U.S. should keep Social Security benefits as they are. | 22 | 20 | 19 | 25 | 21 | 22 | 26 | 19 | 18 | 29 | 21 | 22 | 19 |
| The U.S. should increase Social Security benefits. | 74 | 77 | 73 | 72 | 73 | 75 | 64 | 79 | 78 | 67 | 75 | 75 | 76 |
| Don't know | 2 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Weighted N | 1,225 | 493 | 285 | 447 | 653 | 572 | 397 | 828 | 789 | 436 | 131 | 875 | 163 |

**[4]** For each policy below, say whether you think Kamala Harris supports it, Donald Trump supports it, both support it, or neither support it:

— **Increasing** Social Security benefits

| Response | Topline | Democrat | Inde-pendent / Third party | Repub lican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Latino |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kamala Harris supports this | 46 | 76 | 40 | 17 | 47 | 45 | 44 | 47 | 40 | 57 | 70 | 42 | 45 |
| Donald Trump supports this | 20 | 4 | 16 | 41 | 18 | 23 | 22 | 20 | 25 | 12 | 9 | 23 | 25 |
| Both Donald Trump and Kamala Harris support this | 6 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 7 |
| Neither Donald Trump nor Kamala Harris support this | 6 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 8 |
| Don't know | 22 | 13 | 32 | 24 | 24 | 20 | 24 | 21 | 24 | 19 | 11 | 23 | 16 |
| Weighted N | 1,225 | 493 | 285 | 447 | 653 | 572 | 397 | 828 | 789 | 436 | 131 | 875 | 163 |

**[5]** For each policy below, say whether you think Kamala Harris supports it, Donald Trump supports it, both support it, or neither support it:

— **Cutting** Social Security benefits

| Response | Topline | Democrat | Inde-pendent / Third party | Repub lican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | Black or African American | White | Latino |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kamala Harris supports this | 20 | 11 | 13 | 33 | 18 | 22 | 21 | 19 | 23 | 14 | 16 | 22 | 19 |
| Donald Trump supports this | 44 | 73 | 39 | 15 | 45 | 42 | 44 | 44 | 40 | 51 | 62 | 40 | 49 |
| Both Donald Trump and Kamala Harris support this | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Neither Donald Trump nor Kamala Harris support this | 12 | 3 | 12 | 21 | 10 | 14 | 8 | 14 | 11 | 13 | 9 | 12 | 11 |
| Don't know | 22 | 12 | 32 | 26 | 24 | 20 | 23 | 21 | 23 | 19 | 10 | 22 | 17 |
| Weighted N | 1,225 | 493 | 285 | 447 | 653 | 572 | 397 | 828 | 789 | 436 | 131 | 875 | 163 |

**[6]  Original ask:** If the November 2024 election for U.S. president was being held tomorrow, **and these were the candidates**, who would you vote for?

**Informed ask, Split A:** Democrat Kamala Harris supports **increasing** Social Security benefits.

Republican Donald J. Trump supports **cutting** Social Security benefits.

**Knowing what you know now**, if the November 2024 election for U.S. president was being held tomorrow, **and these were the candidates**, who would you vote for?

*[Response options: Democrat Kamala Harris, Republican Donald J. Trump, Not sure]*

*Results below show movement from the original ask to the informed ask.   (N=313)*

| Response | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | White |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Moves to Trump | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Moves to Harris | 4 | 0 | 13 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| Moves to "not sure" | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| No movement | 94 | 98 | 83 | 94 | 94 | 93 | 95 | 93 | 92 | 96 | 94 |
| Weighted N | 313 | 134 | 67 | 112 | 167 | 146 | 103 | 210 | 202 | 111 | 224 |

**[7]  Original ask:** If the November 2024 election for U.S. president was being held tomorrow, **and these were the candidates**, who would you vote for?

**Informed ask, Split B:** Democrat Kamala Harris supports **keeping** Social Security benefits as they are.

Republican Donald J. Trump supports **cutting** Social Security benefits.

**Knowing what you know now**, if the November 2024 election for U.S. president was being held tomorrow, **and these were the candidates**, who would you vote for?

*[Response options: Democrat Kamala Harris, Republican Donald J. Trump, Not sure]*

*Results below show movement from the original ask to the informed ask.   (N=292)*

| Response | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | White |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Moves to Trump | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Moves to Harris | 4 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 2 |
| Moves to "not sure" | 3 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| No movement | 93 | 97 | 87 | 93 | 92 | 94 | 92 | 93 | 93 | 93 | 94 |
| Weighted N | 292 | 110 | 73 | 109 | 155 | 137 | 96 | 196 | 188 | 104 | 209 |

**[8]** **Original ask:** If the November 2024 election for U.S. president was being held tomorrow, **and these were the candidates**, who would you vote for?

**Informed ask, Split C:** Democrat Kamala Harris supports **increasing** Social Security benefits.

Republican Donald J. Trump supports **keeping** Social Security benefits as they are.

**Knowing what you know now**, if the November 2024 election for U.S. president was being held tomorrow, **and these were the candidates**, who would you vote for?

[Response options: Democrat Kamala Harris, Republican Donald J. Trump, Not sure]

Results below show movement from the original ask to the informed ask.   (N=310)

| Response | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | White |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Moves to Trump | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Moves to Harris | 2 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Moves to "not sure" | 3 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| No movement | 93 | 97 | 88 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 88 | 96 | 92 | 97 | 95 |
| Weighted N | 310 | 134 | 59 | 117 | 165 | 145 | 100 | 210 | 200 | 110 | 221 |

**[9]** **Original ask:** If the November 2024 election for U.S. president was being held tomorrow, **and these were the candidates**, who would you vote for?

**Informed ask, Split D:** Democrat Kamala Harris supports **keeping** Social Security benefits as they are.

Republican Donald J. Trump supports **keeping** Social Security benefits as they are.

**Knowing what you know now**, if the November 2024 election for U.S. president was being held tomorrow, **and these were the candidates**, who would you vote for?

[Response options: Democrat Kamala Harris, Republican Donald J. Trump, Not sure]

Results below show movement from the original ask to the informed ask.   (N=310)

| Response | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | Female | Male | Under 45 | 45+ | No College | College | White |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Moves to Trump | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Moves to Harris | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Moves to "not sure" | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| No movement | 98 | 99 | 95 | 99 | 96 | 100 | 95 | 99 | 97 | 99 | 99 |
| Weighted N | 310 | 128 | 76 | 106 | 165 | 145 | 99 | 211 | 200 | 110 | 221 |