

To: Interested Parties
Fr: Lake Research Partners
Re: National Survey
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- **Voters overwhelmingly support increasing Social Security benefits. This is not just an issue of public policy, but rather a core value.** Seventy-nine (79) percent of likely 2014 voters support “increasing Social Security benefits and paying for that increase by having wealthy Americans pay the same rate into Social Security as everyone else” including 59 percent who strongly support, while just 21 percent oppose.

Strong support exists across party lines:

- Democrats: 90 percent support (75 percent strongly support)
 - Independents: 73 percent support (55 percent strongly support)
 - Republicans: 73 percent support (47 percent strongly support)
- **For voters, Social Security is an issue that can strongly drive support in the November election. Voters support increasing benefits and oppose cutting benefits.**
 - **Voters say they would reward their member of Congress if they voted to increase benefits.** Sixty-three (63) percent say they are more likely to vote for their member of Congress if they voted for increasing Social Security benefits, while 16 percent say they are less likely and 21 percent say it makes no difference.
 - **A strong majority of voters would punish their member of Congress if they voted to cut benefits.** Seventy (70) percent say they are less likely to vote for their member of Congress if they voted for cuts to Social Security benefits, while 14 percent say they are more likely and 16 percent say it makes no difference.

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On behalf of Center for Community Change Action and Social Security Works, Lake Research Partners surveyed 1035 registered likely 2014 voters nationwide by telephone from August 17th through 21th, 2014. The survey has a margin of error of +/- 3.1%.