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Sent: Monday, December 20, 2004 2:23 PM
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Subject: RE: NY Times Article

The New York Times

October 27, 2004 Wednesday
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As Voting Rolls Increase, So Do The Wild Cards

By JAMES DAO; Albert Salvato contributed reporting from Cincinnati for this article.
COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct. 26 -- Lionel White seems like the kind of new voter who could help the Democrats win this crucial swing state. He is 23, black, works at a fast food restaurant and is angry about the economy, urban blight and the war in Iraq.

But Mr. White registered himself to vote this year for the first time because he was getting paid by the Urban League to register others. He did not watch the debates, confesses to having a marginal interest in politics and feels the candidates are not talking about issues he cares about. He is lukewarm at best about going to the polls next week.

"I don't think either one of them gives a damn about us," he said of the two main presidential candidates while standing on the stoop of his house on the east side of this city.

As Mr. White's story suggests, many newly registered voters are wild cards whose uncertain allegiances could tip the vote in closely contested states like this one, making such voters the focus of an intense tug of war between the parties.

Certainly, their numbers are legion. In Ohio, nearly three-quarters of a million people registered to vote this year, bringing the state's total registration to over 7.8 million, a record. In Iowa, Florida and Pennsylvania as well, registration drives -- largely by Democratic groups -- have swelled voter rolls to new levels, raising the likelihood that more people will vote this year than since the high-turnout year of 1992, experts said.

The new voters' potential to decide the election has become graphically evident in the streets, on the airwaves and in courtrooms of this state, where Democrats have marched with placards proclaiming "every vote counts," and Republicans have been determinedly challenging thousands of new registrations as fraudulent.

But a fundamental question remains: will the new voters vote? Historically, newly registered voters -- because they are younger, more independent or less politically engaged -- have voted at lower rates than the rest of the electorate, typically under 50 percent, experts say.

A visit to a Columbus neighborhood where Democratic groups registered voters this year shows the challenge the Kerry campaign faces. Of the six new registrants listed on county records on a single block, three had recently moved, one could not be found and one was listed at a nonexistent address.

Only those people who registered themselves because of their intense interest in the race are highly likely to vote, experts say. Christopher Marshall is one.

In his 37 years, Mr. Marshall has fathered four children and witnessed the comings and goings of eight presidents. But he has never voted. This year, the war in Iraq made the election seem vital and important.

Now, he says he plans to cast his first-ever ballot for Senator John Kerry. "It's the war," Mr. Marshall, a customer service assistant for the state health department, said outside his home on Columbus's East Side. "It was unnecessary, completely."

Sandra Santabene, a 62-year-old retiree living in the Cincinnati suburb of West Chester, has been nearly as politically disengaged as Mr. Marshall. Mrs. Santabene had kicked the voting habit two elections ago, finding the candidates unappealing and the discourse shallow -- or just plain low. But she has registered again to cast her ballot for President Bush.

"I think Bush will do a better job on medications, maybe get the price down," Mrs. Santabene said, referring to prescription drugs. "I don't see Kerry doing that."

Just who votes is so critical because the race is so close in several states. Polls show Mr. Bush and Mr. Kerry essentially tied in Ohio, and both major parties have started operations focused on getting the new voters to the polls. The Supreme Court ruled on Tuesday that Ralph Nader would not be on Ohio's ballot.

But with as many as 60 percent of the new registrations thought to be for Mr. Kerry in Ohio -- people here do not register by party, leaving partisan breakdowns imprecise -- Republicans have intensified efforts to ferret out fraud and raise questions about the validity of new voters in Democratic precincts.

Last week, the Ohio Republican Party challenged more than 35,000 new registrations after mail sent to those addresses was returned as undeliverable. Several thousand of those challenges have been withdrawn because of technical problems with the challenge forms. But the Republicans say they will push for a review of about 14,000 registrations in the Cleveland area, the heart of Mr. Kerry's support in Ohio.

The Ohio Republicans also plan to have people in more than 3,600 polling places, mostly in heavily Democratic urban areas, to challenge the right of people to vote on Election Day itself. And they are pressing for criminal investigations into accusations of fraudulent registrations in Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and several other cities.

"We're just seeing a portion of the problem," said David Beckwith, a Bush campaign spokesman in Ohio.

Democrats say the Republican antifraud campaign amounts to an effort to suppress voting in Democratic areas, particularly black communities. Acorn, a nonprofit group that conducted voter registration in poor neighborhoods, asserts that 46 percent of the Republican challenges in Cuyahoga County, which includes Cleveland, were against black people, who represent only 27 percent of the county's population.

Republicans said their challenges were not based on race and they questioned the validity of the Acorn analysis, saying the group has been responsible for widespread voter registration fraud.

Ohio is not alone in its flood of new voters. Pennsylvania topped eight million voters this year, a first, with Democrats adding nearly 11,000 more new registrants than the Republicans, according to Pennsylvania's Department of State. Florida has added more than a million voters since February, hitting a record 10.3 million registered voters. Democrats there registered nearly 45,000 more voters than the Republicans in that period, state records show.

Curtis Gans, director of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate, a nonpartisan group, predicts that the surge in registration makes it likely that 12 million to 15 million more people will vote this year than in 2000.

A Gallup poll released this week also indicated that Mr. Kerry was leading Mr. Bush by about 10 points among people who say they are voting for president for the first time, though the sample was small.

Still, the track record for new voters is not strong. Many are young people, a group that historically has turned out at lower rates. Among adults, many of the new registrants come from highly transient, lower-income neighborhoods, where voter participation also has been historically low. Some were swept up in voter registration drives but have little interest in politics. And many had simply moved since the last election.

"Voting is a habit, and many new voters are people who do not have the habit," said John Green, director of the Bliss Institute of Applied Politics at the University of Akron. "Even with very heavy get-out-the-vote operations, it would be unusual if you could get more than 50 percent of them to vote."

For Democrats, college students have been an important source of new voters. A poll by the Institute of Politics at Harvard found that Mr. Kerry was leading Mr. Bush among college students by 52 percent to 39 percent. The poll also showed that 72 percent of students said they would "definitely" vote this year.

But the colleges are far from monolithic. Erich Bittner, a 19-year-old political science student at Ohio State University, plans to vote for Mr. Bush, mainly because he supports the president's approach to the war on Iraq. "If Kerry becomes president, he'll leave Iraq as soon as possible," Mr. Bittner said.

Though influenced by his parents' conservative views, he says he now views the Republican Party "as my party." And he contrasted his own firm partisanship with the more independent, less certain views of his classmates.

"I have so many friends who don't know who they'll vote for," Mr. Bittner said. "They say they'll vote, but they plan to go to the polls and vote for the lesser of two evils, whoever that might be."

URL: <http://www.nytimes.com>

GRAPHIC: Photos: IN THE HEARTLAND -- On his final campaign bus tour, President Bush held Andrew Evenson, 18 months old, yesterday at a rally in Onalaska, Wis. Mr. Bush visited farmers and small-business owners. Page A15. (Photo by Doug Mills/The New York Times)(pg. A1)

Christopher Marshall, 37, has never voted but he says he is now moved to do so because he opposes the president's handling of the war in Iraq. (Photo by Greg Sailor for The New York Times)(pg. A15)

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THE 2004 CAMPAIGN: REGISTRATION; As Voting Rolls Increase, So Do The Wild Cards

By JAMES DAO; ALBERT SALVATO CONTRIBUTED REPORTING FROM CINCINNATI FOR THIS ARTICLE. (NYT) 1470 words
Late Edition - Final , Section A , Page 1 , Column 3

ABSTRACT - Millions of newly registered voters, nearly 750,000 in Ohio alone, are wild cards whose uncertain allegiances could tip vote in closely contested states like Ohio, Iowa, Florida and Pennsylvania, where registration drives, largely by Democratic groups, have increased rolls to record levels; more people may vote than at any time since 1992, although only those who registered because of intense interest in race are highly likely to cast ballots; photo of one, Christopher Marshall, who will cast first vote, at age 37, for John Kerry because of Pres Bush's Iraq war; Ohio Democrats charge Republican antifraud campaign is attempt to suppress Democratic support, particularly in black areas; polls find Kerry leading among first-time voters and college students (M)

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2. The carefully considered decision to retire the JFK was based on its age (37 years), operational costs (approximately \$100M per year more than the cost for a nuclear carrier) and increased maintenance costs related to age and earlier deferred maintenance.
3. Mayport continues to be a vital part of the Navy's footprint on the East Coast as evidenced by the Secretary of the Navy's recent decision to homeport the USS FARRAGUT there beginning in May of 2006. (The USS FARRAGUT is a guided missile destroyer still under construction).
4. The Navy is continuing to look at other options to mitigate the loss to Mayport of the JFK. Of note, they have not reduced the number of airwings including the one located nearby at Naval Air Station, Jacksonville. They also have not planned to decommission any of the rest of the battle group associated with the carrier.
5. In case the question arises why JFK rather than USS ENTERPRISE, the ENTERPRISE is a nuclear carrier offering greater range, endurance, aviation fuel capability and ordnance than the JFK. Additionally, it takes years of advance planning to decommission a nuclear power plant.

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From: Strategic Initiatives B.J. Goergen

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1/24/05 - Report #12

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Total SKC Positions:	270	
Specialized:	45	
Senior Level:	98	(76 Must Hire candidates)
Mid Level:	80	(95 Must Hire candidates)
Entry Level:	47	(143 Must Hire candidates)

CANDIDATES

Total Universe:	943	(538 Must Hire candidates)
Inactives:	158	(35 Must Hire inactive candidates)
Successes:	248	(189 Must Hire successes)
Remaining Universe:	537	(314 remaining Must Hire candidates)

INTERVIEWS (completed or scheduled)

Total Universe Interviewed:	472	(361 Must Hire interviews)
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STATUS

	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Since Last Report</u> <i>(1/18)</i>
Successes:	248	66
Administration:	185	63
RNC:	31	0
Hill:	7	1
Private Sector/Other:	25	2

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February 8, 2001 Thursday
IN THE LOOP
Shedding Tiers
By Al Kamen

House Republicans were buzzing yesterday over a bit of a dust-up between House Majority Whip Tom DeLay (R-Tex.) and Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Thomas (R-Calif.).

It happened after Bush economic adviser Lawrence B. Lindsey finished briefing the House GOP conference yesterday morning on President Bush's tax cut package. Thomas was the first person to ask questions and inquired of Lindsey's view as to whether it would make sense to first pass one tier of cuts and then another, starting with an economic stimulus and then the rest at midyear. How about that strategy? he asked.

Before Lindsey responded, Thomas turned to the 100-plus members and wanted a show of hands. A large number of hands started up, but DeLay jumped in. "We don't count that way," he said, before a tally could be taken.

Thomas deferred, suggesting instead that if members didn't like that two-step strategy, they could let him know, sources said.

"Much ado about nothing," says DeLay spokeswoman Emily Miller. DeLay, she said, was simply "trying to keep people, even informally, from locking in to any particular position or strategy" at this early stage.

And DeLay didn't -- as some who were there speculated -- scold Thomas when the chairman took a seat next to DeLay. "He reassured Representative Thomas that they would work together to pass the bill," Miller said.

Speaking of tax cuts, new Treasury Secretary Paul H. O'Neill is put out about the Democrats' playing those tiresome class warfare games with the administration's proposals and their efforts to use the tax code against the wealthy.

"I think we've demonstrated as a people that we don't think some form of socialism is the way to run a society," O'Neill said. "I think it is really corrosive to have this argument about the rich and the poor."

Everyone would surely agree it's most unseemly to squabble about such things. Especially everyone who, like O'Neill, made \$ 59 million in salary and stock options last year.

Spoilsports at the FBI quickly took down that weapons of mass destruction hot line number noted in yesterday's column, the one that told callers "the mailbox . . . is full."

FBI spokesman Steven Berry says that number was only meant to be temporary and had been discontinued a long time ago, partly because "we were getting a lot of calls on there for people having questions about The Washington Post," whose main number is very similar.

"So the best thing to do from our point of view," he said, "if someone does happen to come across a neighbor planning on blowing up the city with a bomb, is to call your local FBI field office." Numbers are in the book.

The Loop award for excellence in client solicitation goes to the Los Angeles-based law firm of Nossaman, Guthner, Knox & Elliott. The firm sent out a "Dear Clients and Friends" letter after partner Ann M. Veneman was confirmed as secretary of agriculture.

"It is with great pride that we congratulate our partner, Ann Veneman," writes firm managing partner Scott P. DeVries, noting how she "enhanced our agricultural, environmental, technological and trade-related

practices" when she joined the firm way back in 1999. The firm was "a perfect fit for Ann given the firm's expertise in government relations," he wrote.

". . . We are recognized for our wide-ranging litigation and transactional expertise . . . extensive experience in" numerous areas and for a "bipartisan legislative advocacy group."

"As we say goodbye to our partner, we celebrate the honor bestowed upon Ann and Nossaman," DeVries writes. "We believe this event reflects our firm's reputation for a commitment to excellence in serving our clients and our community."

Hey, why not?

On the international front, another name is being heard for ambassador to China: Clark T. Randt Jr., an international corporate lawyer with Shearman & Sterling in its Hong Kong office. Randt's lived in Asia for 20 years and was commercial attache in the embassy in Beijing in the early 1980s. More importantly, he's Yale class of 1968, same as President Bush, but his bio doesn't say whether he was Deke or Bones.

Hoping for better digs, prominent Washingtonian Marc Leland, an assistant secretary of the treasury for international affairs in the Reagan administration and major opera buff, may find himself in charge of the embassy in Paris if things break the right way. Nice posting for him and a homecoming for wife Jacqueline, who is French. Competition is said to be ferocious.

Former Air Force secretary Edward C. "Pete" Aldridge Jr., who was director of planning and evaluation at the Pentagon in Rumsfeld I, is said to be the leading choice to be undersecretary of defense for acquisition.

Favorite invite of the week: Rep. J.D. Hayworth (R-Ariz.) says come on down for a fun and festive evening at the World Wrestling Federation's "Smack-down" fundraiser at the MCI Center on March 6. Only \$ 1,000. Best not forget to bring the cash for this one, lest you get smacked.

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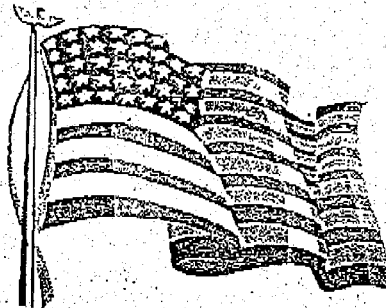
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F: AARP

AARP Social Security Survey January 14, 2005

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An examination of AARP's survey raises several concerns about its methodology. Nonetheless, the survey still reveals overwhelming concern about Social Security and support for finding a solution now.

Methodological Questions

Age

The survey includes no respondents under age 30 even though voters age 18 to 29 made up 17% of the 2004 electorate (National Election Pool, NEP), 9% of the 2002 electorate (Greenberg, Quinlin, Rosner, GQR), and 13% of 1998 electorate (Voter News Service, VNS).

Furthermore, those age 60+ constitute 34% of the sample, yet they were 24% of the 2004 electorate (NEP), 31% of the 2002 electorate (GQR), and 28% of the 1998 electorate (VNS).

Social Security Recipients

20.7% of adults receive Social Security benefits (the Social Security Administration website shows 44.998 million Americans receiving Social Security as of September 2004; the U.S. Census March 2004 Press Release shows 217.8 million adults). Yet 33% of AARP's respondents report receiving benefits, biasing results against plans to strengthen Social Security since all surveys show resistance to change among Social Security recipients.

Party

AARP's sample gives Democrats a six-point advantage over Republicans (37% to 31%). However, the parties made up equal percentages of the 2004 electorate (37% to 37%). In 2002, Republicans held a four-point advantage (39% to 35%, GQR). In 1998, Democrats held a one-point advantage (37% to 36%, VNS).

In addition, AARP finds a right direction/wrong track margin of 32% to 60%, far below those of other recent major surveys: 46% to 53% in January 3-5 Gallup survey; 44% to 51% in January 3-5 AP/Ipsos survey; and 40% to 54% in January 5-9 Pew survey. This indicates a sample far more Democrat than are American adults.

AARP finds all those age 30+ holding a favorable view of Social Security. Yet other surveys have shown those under 55 holding a decidedly unfavorable view, again raising questions about the partisan composition of AARP's survey.

Major Findings

Concern About Social Security

AARP finds a 60% to 37% margin among those not retired doubting Social Security will be providing benefits when they retire.

Support for “Individual Retirement Accounts”

AARP asks respondents whether they favor or oppose allowing workers to invest some of their Social Security payroll taxes in the stock market – never mentioning other options, such as bonds, that are seen as safe and win higher support. Even with the slanted wording, majorities of those under 50 favor the idea, and even with the skewed sample composition, the idea only loses by a slim 43% to 48%.

Even if they would not be able to withdraw money until retirement, would receive a lower guaranteed benefit, and could receive less money than if they had kept all money in traditional Social Security, most who favor the proposal continue to favor it.

Furthermore, even if the government had to help “losers” with “private accounts” and still had to “reform Social Security to meet the greater financial obligations caused by private accounts”, most who favor the proposal continue to favor it, despite AARP’s repeating the word “private” in an effort to dampen support.

Confidence in Fixing Social Security

Despite concerns about Social Security being able to provide benefits, an 88% to 9% margin expresses confidence Social Security can be fixed, good news as the Administration and Congress work to find a solution.

Support for Fixing Problems Now

An 88% to 6% margin agrees Social Security’s problems should be addressed now, when they are less severe, instead of later.

Furthermore, a 92% to 6% margin agrees America has “a responsibility to meet our obligation to our children to make sure that Social Security is there for them.”

High Level of Trust in Administration

A 62% to 29% margin trusts the Social Security Administration regarding strengthening Social Security, similar to AARP’s 64% to 23%.

A 47% to 48% margin trusts the President, similar to the Democrat Party’s 48% to 43%.

Other Misleading Questions

AARP asks respondents whether they agree “Social Security should be protected as a guaranteed benefit, and should not be privatized.” Yet no one has proposed privatizing the Social Security system.

AARP also asks whether respondents agree “We have a responsibility to meet our obligation to people currently on Social Security to protect their benefits.” This clearly implies to respondents that personal account proposals threaten retirees’ benefits even though the President and others have emphasized that no proposal would affect retirees or those near retirement.



AARP Social Security Complete Data Posted Q're – Weighted

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INTRO/SCREENER:

Hello, my name is _____. I'm calling from Roper, a public opinion research company. We are conducting a survey about issues facing our country today.

AS NECESSARY:

- Your answers to this survey are completely confidential.
- We are a research company and we don't sell anything. No one will ever try to sell you something as a result of this survey.
- The survey should take about 20 minutes.

S1 Our study requires that I speak to one particular person in your household. To know who that person is, I need to know how many people in your household are between the ages of 18 and 29?

DON'T KNOW (THANK & TERMINATE)
REFUSED (THANK & TERMINATE)

S2 And how many are 30 years of age or older?

_____(IF ONE GO TO S3A) / (IF MORE THAN ONE GO TO S3B)
NONE (THANK AND TERMINATE)
DON'T KNOW (THANK & TERMINATE)
REFUSED (THANK & TERMINATE)

(IF ONE PERSON 30 OR OLDER IN S2)

S3A. May I speak with that person?

YES, RESPONDENT IS THAT PERSON	1	(GO TO S5)
YES, NEW PERSON ON LINE	2	(GO TO S4)
NO, NOT AVAILABLE	3	(SCHEDULE QUALIFIED CALLBACK)
NO, REFUSED	4	(THANK AND TERMINATE)

(IF MORE THAN ONE PERSON 30 OR OLDER IN S2]

S3B. Please think now about just the people 30 or older who are at home right now. May I please speak to the one who most recently had a birthday?

YES, RESPONDENT IS THAT PERSON	1	(GO TO S5)
YES, NEW PERSON ON LINE	2	(GO TO S4)
NO, NOT AVAILABLE	3	(SCHEDULE QUALIFIED CALLBACK)
NO, REFUSED	4	(THANK AND TERMINATE)

Posted Questionnaire (full results, n=1501, weighted)

2. Just to get an idea, when discussions come up about issues involving Social Security, how knowledgeable do you feel you are about how the system works: Would you say you are: (READ LIST)

	Total	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
	(n=1501)	(n=322)	(n=291)	(n=321)	(n=505)
	%	%	%	%	%
Very knowledgeable	17	14	14	16	26
Somewhat knowledgeable	48	46	47	51	48
Not too knowledgeable	25	26	29	26	19
Not at all knowledgeable	9	13	9	8	6
Don't know	1	1	1	*	1
Refused	*	--	--	--	*

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICES

3. Are you, or is your spouse currently receiving benefits from Social Security? [IF JUST SAY "YES" PROBE:] Do you mean you, your spouse, or both?

	Total	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
	(n=1501)	(n=322)	(n=291)	(n=321)	(n=505)
	%	%	%	%	%
Yes, I am	17	3	6	10	43
Yes, my spouse is	4	2	3	9	4
Yes, we both are	12	--	1	2	38
No, neither	66	95	90	79	15
Refused	*	--	--	--	--

4a. Are you retired?

	Total	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
	(n=1501)	(n=322)	(n=291)	(n=321)	(n=505)
	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	31	1	4	21	84
No	68	99	96	79	16
Refused	*	--	--	--	--

Posted Questionnaire (full results, n=1501, weighted)

9. Do you generally support or oppose keeping the Social Security program as close to the present system as possible? Is that strongly or somewhat?

	Total	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
	(n=1501)	(n=322)	(n=291)	(n=321)	(n=505)
	%	%	%	%	%
Strongly support	37	27	30	35	53
Somewhat support	29	35	27	30	26
Somewhat oppose	14	16	17	16	8
Strongly oppose	11	16	14	12	5
Don't know	7	5	11	7	7
Refused	*	*	--	--	1

**Qs. 10 – 13 Omitted
CARVE-OUT PRIVATE ACCOUNTS**

14a. Some people propose allowing workers to invest some of their Social Security payroll taxes in the stock market through individual retirement accounts. For the average worker, this portion would amount to about \$750 per year that they could invest. In general, do you favor or oppose this approach? Is that strongly or somewhat?

	Total	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
	(n=1501)	(n=322)	(n=291)	(n=321)	(n=505)
	%	%	%	%	%
Strongly favor	25	39	28	21	15
Somewhat favor	18	18	25	16	13
Somewhat oppose	14	15	14	15	13
Strongly oppose	34	19	27	38	48
Don't Know	9	9	6	9	9
Refused	*	*	--	--	1

14b. If you would not be permitted to withdraw any of the money you invested until you retire, would you still favor or would you oppose allowing workers to invest some Social Security payroll taxes in the stock market?

<i>Among those who favor allowing privatization of social security</i>	Total	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
	(n=635)	(n=192)	(n=147)	(n=130)	(n=143)
	%	%	%	%	%
Still Favor	76	79	76	73	73
Oppose	19	15	18	25	17
Don't Know	4	2	4	2	9
No Answer/Refused	1	3	2	--	--

14f. If it meant creating a new government agency to administer the program would you still favor or would you oppose allowing workers to invest some Social Security payroll taxes in the stock market?

<i>Among those who favor allowing privatization of social security</i>	Total	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
	(n=635)	(n=192)	(n=147)	(n=130)	(n=143)
	%	%	%	%	%
Still Favor	42	52	39	37	37
Oppose	51	43	54	57	53
Don't Know	5	1	7	2	7
No Answer/Refused	3	4	--	4	4

Items 14g – j added

14g. If diversion of some Social Security payroll taxes into private accounts meant that it would cost an extra 1 trillion dollars out of other tax money to help pay the Social Security benefits of current retirees, would you still favor or would you oppose allowing workers to invest some Social Security payroll taxes in the stock market through private accounts?

<i>Among those who favor allowing privatization of social security</i>	Total	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
	(n=635)	(n=192)	(n=147)	(n=130)	(n=143)
	%	%	%	%	%
Still Favor	42	48	35	40	41
Oppose	48	45	56	51	40
Don't Know	8	4	7	2	16
No Answer/Refused	3	2	2	6	2

14h. Since private accounts will create losers as well as winners and the losers may need additional help from the government, would you still favor or would you oppose allowing workers to invest some Social Security payroll taxes in the stock market through private accounts?

<i>Among those who favor allowing privatization of social security</i>	Total	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
	(n=635)	(n=192)	(n=147)	(n=130)	(n=143)
	%	%	%	%	%
Still Favor	51	56	47	50	48
Oppose	41	39	47	43	34
Don't Know	7	5	4	3	15
No Answer/Refused	2	*	2	4	3

Posted Questionnaire (full results, n=1501, weighted)

14l. How confident are you that you would make the right decisions if you were investing some of your future Social Security funds in the stock market? Would you feel very confident, somewhat confident, not very confident, or not at all confident?

	Total	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
	(n=1501)	(n=322)	(n=291)	(n=321)	(n=505)
	%	%	%	%	%
Very confident	18	26	20	13	15
Somewhat confident	28	35	34	27	20
Not very confident	22	19	22	27	22
Not at all confident	29	19	24	31	39
Don't know	2	1	1	2	4
Refused	*	*	--	--	*

Q. 15 Omitted

16. For each of the following statements, please tell me if you ...

a. Social Security should be strengthened, not replaced with something else.

	Total	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
	(n=1501)	(n=322)	(n=291)	(n=321)	(n=505)
	%	%	%	%	%
Strongly agree	68	61	65	70	76
Somewhat agree	15	17	18	17	10
Somewhat disagree	6	10	7	5	3
Strongly disagree	7	10	7	4	6
Don't know	4	1	3	4	5
Refused	*	--	*	--	--

b. There are problems with Social Security, but they can be fixed.

	Total	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
	(n=1501)	(n=322)	(n=291)	(n=321)	(n=505)
	%	%	%	%	%
Strongly agree	64	62	62	61	68
Somewhat agree	24	24	27	25	22
Somewhat disagree	5	7	4	6	3
Strongly disagree	4	4	5	6	3
Don't know	4	4	2	2	5
Refused	*	--	--	--	--

Items f – h added

f. It is not fair to saddle our children with the additional Social Security debt that would be accumulated by taking money out of Social Security for private accounts.

	Total (n=1501)	30-39 (n=322)	40-49 (n=291)	50-59 (n=321)	60+ (n=505)
	%	%	%	%	%
Strongly agree	58	52	60	60	61
Somewhat agree	14	18	16	12	11
Somewhat disagree	7	8	8	9	5
Strongly disagree	14	16	12	13	15
Don't know	7	6	4	6	7
Refused	1	*	1	*	*

g. We have a responsibility to meet our obligation to people currently on Social Security to protect their benefits.

	Total (n=1501)	30-39 (n=322)	40-49 (n=291)	50-59 (n=321)	60+ (n=505)
	%	%	%	%	%
Strongly agree	84	78	83	86	89
Somewhat agree	11	16	13	9	7
Somewhat disagree	2	3	2	2	1
Strongly disagree	2	3	2	2	2
Don't know	1	1	*	1	1
Refused	*	--	--	--	--

h. We have a responsibility to meet our obligation to our children to make sure that Social Security is there for them.

	Total (n=1501)	30-39 (n=322)	40-49 (n=291)	50-59 (n=321)	60+ (n=505)
	%	%	%	%	%
Strongly agree	77	76	74	74	82
Somewhat agree	15	13	19	17	12
Somewhat disagree	3	4	3	5	2
Strongly disagree	3	6	3	2	2
Don't know	1	--	1	1	2
Refused	*	--	*	--	*

Q. 17 – 24 omitted

d. Wall Street investment firms

	Total	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
	(n=1501)	(n=322)	(n=291)	(n=321)	(n=505)
	%	%	%	%	%
Strongly trust	5	7	6	4	4
Somewhat trust	29	41	33	24	19
Somewhat distrust	20	16	22	27	19
Strongly distrust	35	28	31	39	43
Don't know	10	8	7	6	15
Refused	1	*	*	*	*

e. AARP

	Total	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
	(n=1501)	(n=322)	(n=291)	(n=321)	(n=505)
	%	%	%	%	%
Strongly trust	24	21	23	26	27
Somewhat trust	40	40	45	39	36
Somewhat distrust	11	11	8	12	12
Strongly distrust	12	10	12	13	15
Don't know	13	18	11	10	10
Refused	1	*	1	--	*

f. The Democratic Party

	Total	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
	(n=1501)	(n=322)	(n=291)	(n=321)	(n=505)
	%	%	%	%	%
Strongly trust	17	16	16	17	21
Somewhat trust	31	37	30	31	28
Somewhat distrust	18	14	24	19	16
Strongly distrust	25	28	23	27	26
Don't know	7	6	7	6	9
Refused	1	--	1	--	1

Posted Questionnaire (full results, n=1501, weighted)

[IF "YES" IN Q26, ASK Q27 – Q29. OTHERWISE SKIP TO D1.]

27. How familiar are you with A-A-R-P?

<i>Among those who have heard of A.A.R.P.</i>	Total	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
	(n=1360)	(n=270)	(n=254)	(n=301)	(n=485)
	%	%	%	%	%
Very familiar	23	9	12	30	36
Somewhat familiar	49	50	50	48	49
Not too familiar	21	30	30	16	11
Not at all familiar	7	11	8	6	4
Don't know	*	--	--	*	*

28. What is your overall opinion of A-A-R-P? Is it:

<i>Among those who have heard of A.A.R.P.</i>	Total	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
	(n=1360)	(n=270)	(n=254)	(n=301)	(n=485)
	%	%	%	%	%
Very favorable	22	14	22	26	24
Somewhat favorable	52	56	55	52	49
Not too favorable	10	9	5	11	15
Rather unfavorable	5	4	2	4	6
Don't know	11	16	15	7	5
Refused	1	1	*	*	--

29. Please tell me if you strongly trust, somewhat trust, somewhat distrust, or strongly distrust AARP to give you accurate information about Social Security such as policies, benefits, and the current status of Social Security.

<i>Among those who have heard of A.A.R.P.</i>	Total	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
	(n=1360)	(n=270)	(n=254)	(n=301)	(n=485)
	%	%	%	%	%
Strongly trust	29	19	27	35	32
Somewhat trust	49	57	55	42	46
Somewhat distrust	9	9	5	11	9
Strongly distrust	5	6	3	5	5
Don't know	8	8	9	6	7
Refused	*	--	--	--	--

Qs. 30 and 31 omitted

Posted Questionnaire (full results, n=1501, weighted)

D4. What was the last grade of school you completed, not counting specialized schools like secretarial, art, or trade schools?

	Total	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
	(n=1501)	(n=322)	(n=291)	(n=321)	(n=505)
	%	%	%	%	%
8th grade or less (1-8)	3	2	1	5	6
Some high school (9-11)	8	4	6	6	13
High school graduate (12)	41	37	44	43	45
Some college (13-15)	17	16	20	18	15
College graduate (16)	17	26	18	14	12
Post-graduate (17+)	11	13	11	13	8
Don't know	*	--	--	*	1
Refused	3	--	*	*	1

D5. Are you currently...(READ LIST)?

	Total	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
	(n=1501)	(n=322)	(n=291)	(n=321)	(n=505)
	%	%	%	%	%
Employed full-time	42	64	59	55	9
Employed part-time	8	10	9	6	6
A homemaker	8	10	10	10	3
Unemployed	3	3	5	4	2
A student	1	1	2	*	--
Retired	24	*	2	10	72
Self-employed	6	7	8	6	5
Disabled	5	4	5	8	3
Other	--	*	--	--	*
Don't know/ Refused	*	--	--	*	--

D9. Thinking politically and socially, how would you describe your own general outlook--as being very conservative, somewhat conservative, moderate, somewhat liberal, or very liberal?

	Total	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
	(n=1501)	(n=322)	(n=291)	(n=321)	(n=505)
	%	%	%	%	%
Very conservative	16	18	13	13	18
Somewhat conservative	30	29	29	33	34
Moderate	26	26	33	21	27
Somewhat liberal	15	17	16	22	10
Very liberal	7	9	6	6	5
Don't know	3	1	2	3	5
Refused	3	--	*	1	1

D10. Are you or is anyone else in your household, a member of AARP, formerly known as the American Association of Retired Persons?

	Total	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
	(n=1501)	(n=322)	(n=291)	(n=321)	(n=505)
	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	24	4	5	36	50
No	72	95	94	62	48
Don't know	1	1	1	2	1
Refused	2	--	--	--	1

D11A. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin or descent?

	Total	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
	(n=1501)	(n=322)	(n=291)	(n=321)	(n=505)
	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	5	9	3	5	3
No	93	91	97	94	97
Don't know	*	--	--	--	--
Refused	2	--	--	*	1

D13. Next, what is the approximate total dollar amount of your household's assets held in retirement plans? Please include any contributions you or members of your household have made, as well as any employer contributions.

	Total	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
	(n=1501)	(n=322)	(n=291)	(n=321)	(n=505)
	%	%	%	%	%
Under \$10,000	21	25	28	16	21
\$10,000 to \$24,999	10	14	11	9	6
\$25,000 - \$34,999	4	8	3	3	3
\$35,000 - \$44,999	4	7	4	4	3
\$45,000 - \$54,999	3	4	4	5	1
\$55,000 - \$64,999	2	4	2	2	2
\$65,000 - \$74,999	2	1	2	1	2
\$75,000 - \$84,999	1	1	2	*	*
\$85,000 or more	15	11	16	22	16
Don't know	18	14	14	22	21
Refused	20	12	14	17	25

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