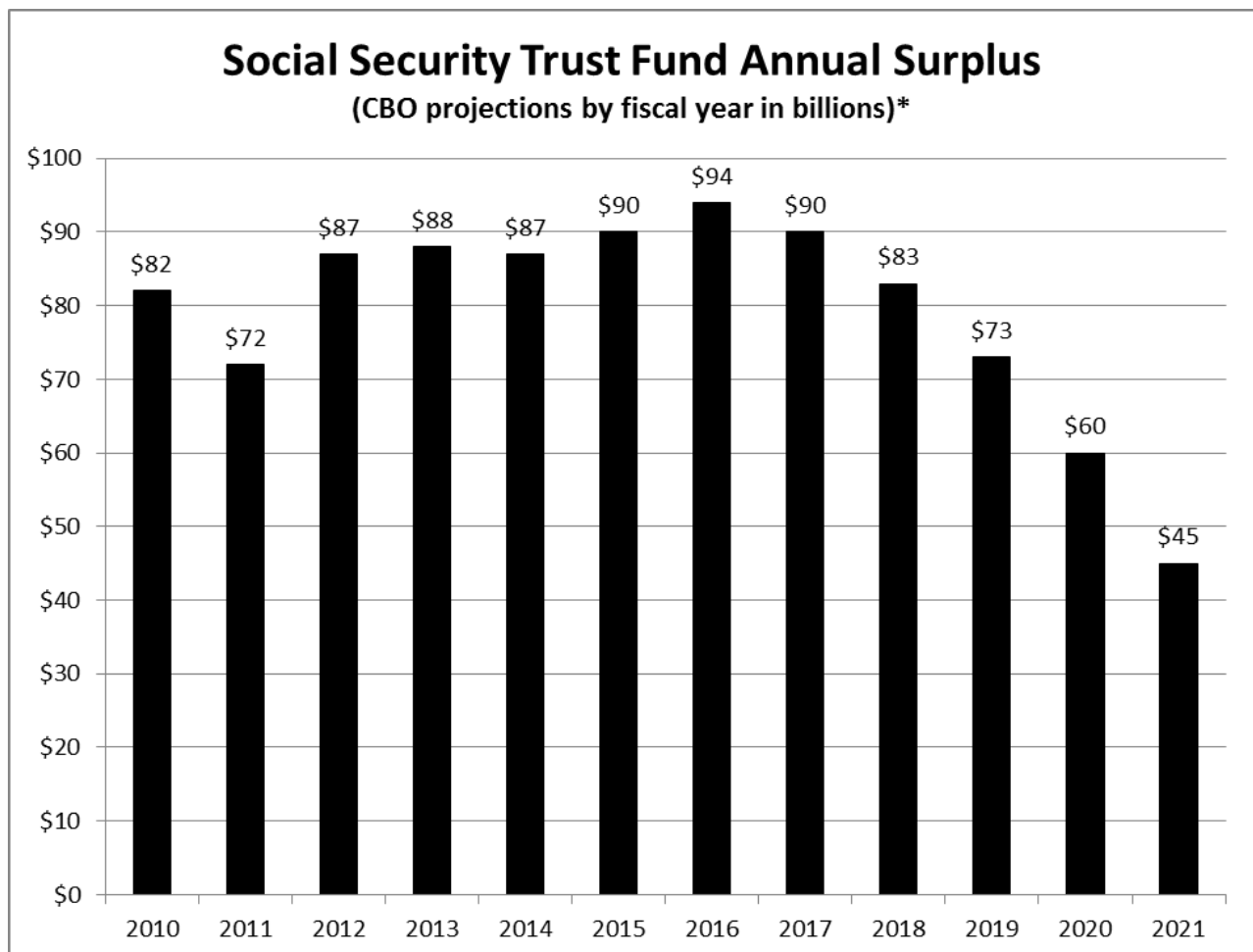


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...don't cut it.

FactCheck Claim	The Truth
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Security is in deficit, because it is paying out more than it is taking in in FICA contributions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Including the interest on the Trust Fund's bonds, Social Security has an annual surplus until 2021 and beyond
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interest on Social Security's bonds don't count, because we can't afford to pay them back 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Security's bonds are insured by the full faith and credit of the US government; if we renege on them for Social Security we must do the same for all of our creditors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Because Social Security is in deficit it is effectively already borrowing in order to maintain current benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Even if Social Security does not have the funds to pay full benefits, it is forbidden by law from borrowing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2% payroll tax reduction in 2011 puts the general budget on the hook to Social Security 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, but it is not Social Security's fault; it was a one-time economic stimulus measure that will expire in a year



*Figures include interest accrued on Social Security Trust Fund's bonds.

Source: ["Table C-1: CBO's Baseline Projections of Surpluses or Deficits in the Trust Funds,"](#) Jan. 26 2011