

# STRENGTHEN SOCIAL SECURITY

## ...don't cut it.

### Highlights of 2010 Election Voters' Opinions About Social Security Based on Lake Research Partners Survey, 10/31-11/2, 2010

#### Opposition to cutting Social Security benefits in order to reduce the deficit

- Overall: 82% oppose cuts, 15% support cuts
- By Party: Democrats (83% to 15%), Independents (78% to 17%), Republicans (82% to 15%), Tea Party Supporters (74% to 13%)

#### Opposition to cutting Social Security to make program solvent in the long term

- Overall: 67% oppose cuts, 24% favor cuts
- By Party: Democrats (78% to 16%), Independents (66% to 20%), Republicans (58% to 35%), Tea Party Supporters (51% to 38%)

#### Opposition to reducing Social Security Benefits for people earning above \$60,000 today when they retire

- Overall: 63% oppose cuts, 32% favor cuts
- By Party: Democrats (58% to 34%), Independents (61% to 34%), Republicans (68% to 29%), Tea Party Supporters (71% to 25%)

#### Opposition to raising the Social Security retirement age to 69 years old

- Overall: 69% oppose, 28% favor
- By Party: Democrats (76% oppose), Independents (77% oppose), Republicans (57% oppose), Tea Party Supporters (62% oppose)

#### Support for enacting Social Security taxes on wages above \$106,800 (the Payroll Tax Cap) to make program more solvent

- Overall: 66% favor, 27% oppose
- By Party: Democrats (73% support), Independents (66% support), Republicans (59% support), Tea Party Supporters (60% support)

#### Who will better handle Social Security

- Republicans vs. Democrats in Congress: 31% (R) to 28% (D); 34% both the same
- Republicans in Congress vs. Obama: 33% (R) to 26% (Obama); 31% both the same

Source: Lake Research Partners, Social Security Works, "Findings from an Election Eve/Night Survey of 1,200 Likely Voters Nationwide, Oct. 31- Nov. 2, 2010. Accessed at <http://strengthensocialsecurity.org/lakepolling>