

**NCPSSM  
January 4-8, 2017  
800 Likely 2018 Voters, Nationwide  
Oversamples of 25 African Americans and 50 Latinos**

	TOTAL	UNDER 65	65 & OVER
Weighted N=	800	584	216
Unweighted N=	875	620	255
<b>Region</b>			
New England .....	6	7	4
Middle Atlantic .....	12	12	12
East North Central .....	16	17	13
West North Central .....	8	8	7
South Atlantic.....	20	19	23
East South Central .....	6	6	7
West South Central .....	9	8	10
Mountain.....	8	8	6
Pacific .....	16	16	16

**Q1. [DO NOT READ. RECORD GENDER.]**

Male .....	48	47	51
Female.....	52	53	49

Q2. I know it is a long way off, but how likely are you to vote in the 2018 election for Senate, Congress, and other offices -- are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances about 50-50, are you probably not going to vote, or are you definitely not going to vote?

Almost Certain .....	88	87	90
Probably.....	12	13	10
50 - 50 .....	[TERMINATE]		
Probably not .....	[TERMINATE]		
Definitely not .....	[TERMINATE]		
(Don't know) .....	[TERMINATE]		

Q3. Before we begin, I need to know if I have reached you on a cell phone, and if so, are you in a place where you can talk safely? **[IF NOT ON A CELL PHONE, ASK:]** Do you own a cell phone?

Yes, cell and can talk safely .....	42	53	13
Yes, cell and cannot talk safely [SCHEDULE CALL BACK]			
No, not on cell, but own one .....	52	43	78
No, not on cell and do not own one .....	5	4	10
Don't know /refused .....	0	0	0



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d. [SSB] Having prescription drug expenses that you cannot afford			
Very worried.....	35	35	34
Somewhat worried.....	31	34	21
A little worried.....	8	7	12
Not worried at all.....	26	23	32
(Don't know/refused).....	1	1	1
Worried.....	65	69	55
Not worried.....	34	30	44

Q5. Now I am going to read you a series of proposals being considered by Congress on Social Security. Please tell me after I read each one if you favor or oppose. [READ ITEM] Do you favor or oppose this proposal? [IF CHOICE] And is that strongly or not so strongly?

**Sorted by “Strongly favor”**

A5c.Increase Social Security benefits and pay for that increase by having wealthy Americans pay the same rate into Social Security as everyone else.....	69	66	75
A5a.Gradually require employees and employers to pay Social Security taxes on all wages above one-hundred twenty-seven thousand dollars, which they do not do now.....	61	57	71
B5d.Increase Social Security benefits.....	57	52	70
B5b.When calculating Social Security benefits, include credit for up to five years of time spent outside of the paid work force caring for young children, aging seniors, or family members with disabilities.....	56	61	44
B5f.Reduce benefits for workers whose average annual lifetime earnings today are 60 thousand dollars or more.....	13	12	16
A5e.Raise the retirement age to 69.....	12	9	19

a. [SSA] Gradually require employees and employers to pay Social Security taxes on all wages above one-hundred twenty-seven thousand dollars, which they do not do now.

Strongly favor.....	61	57	71
Not so strongly favor.....	13	12	14
Not so strongly oppose.....	3	3	3
Strongly oppose.....	14	15	10
(Don't know/refused).....	9	12	3
Favor.....	74	70	85
Oppose.....	17	18	12

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b. <b>[SSB]</b> When calculating Social Security benefits, include credit for up to five years of time spent outside of the paid work force caring for young children, aging seniors, or family members with disabilities.			
Strongly favor.....	56	61	44
Not so strongly favor.....	19	18	20
Not so strongly oppose.....	7	5	12
Strongly oppose.....	12	10	15
(Don't know/refused).....	6	6	9
Favor.....	75	79	65
Oppose.....	19	16	27
c. <b>[SSA]</b> Increase Social Security benefits and pay for that increase by having wealthy Americans pay the same rate into Social Security as everyone else.			
Strongly favor.....	69	66	75
Not so strongly favor.....	11	11	10
Not so strongly oppose.....	4	6	1
Strongly oppose.....	10	11	7
(Don't know/refused).....	6	6	8
Favor.....	79	77	85
Oppose.....	14	17	8
d. <b>[SSB]</b> Increase Social Security benefits.			
Strongly favor.....	57	52	70
Not so strongly favor.....	17	19	11
Not so strongly oppose.....	10	10	10
Strongly oppose.....	9	10	6
(Don't know/refused).....	8	9	3
Favor.....	73	70	81
Oppose.....	19	20	15
e. <b>[SSA]</b> Raise the retirement age to 69.			
Strongly favor.....	12	9	19
Not so strongly favor.....	8	7	13
Not so strongly oppose.....	11	11	10
Strongly oppose.....	66	70	55
(Don't know/refused).....	3	3	3
Favor.....	20	16	32
Oppose.....	77	81	65

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f. <b>[SSB]</b> Reduce benefits for workers whose average annual lifetime earnings today are 60 thousand dollars or more.			
Strongly favor.....	13	12	16
Not so strongly favor.....	10	10	9
Not so strongly oppose.....	17	19	11
Strongly oppose.....	52	53	52
(Don't know/refused).....	8	7	11
 Favor.....	 23	 22	 25
Oppose.....	69	71	63

Q6. Now I am going to read you a series of proposals being considered by Congress on Medicare. Please tell me after I read each one if you favor or oppose. **[READ ITEM]** Do you favor or oppose this proposal? **[IF CHOICE]** And is that strongly or not so strongly?

**Sorted by “Strongly favor”**

6a.Allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies to bring down the price of prescription drugs.....	84	83	85
6b.Raise the Medicare eligibility age to 67.....	19	17	27

a. Allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies to bring down the price of prescription drugs.

Strongly favor.....	84	83	85
Not so strongly favor.....	9	11	6
Not so strongly oppose.....	2	2	1
Strongly oppose.....	3	3	4
(Don't know/refused).....	2	2	3
 Favor.....	 93	 93	 92
Oppose.....	5	5	6

b. Raise the Medicare eligibility age to 67.

Strongly favor.....	19	17	27
Not so strongly favor.....	11	10	13
Not so strongly oppose.....	11	12	8
Strongly oppose.....	54	57	47
(Don't know/refused).....	4	4	5
 Favor.....	 30	 27	 40
Oppose.....	65	69	55

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**And now for some different questions about Social Security.**

Q7. If you needed to contact the Social Security Administration because you wanted to apply for benefits, replace a lost Social Security card, or had questions about your earnings record, how would you prefer to communicate? **[READ AND ROTATE]**

With a staff person in person at a local Social Security office.....	39	35	50
Online at the Social Security website .....	31	37	14
By telephone through a toll-free number .....	26	23	34
(Other) .....	1	0	1
(Don't know/refused).....	3	4	1

Q8. Your Social Security Statement provides information on your earnings records and estimates for your retirement, disability, and survivor's benefits. How would you prefer to receive your statement?

A paper statement in the mail.....	64	57	83
An electronic statement by email.....	32	39	13
(Don't know/refused).....	4	4	4

The remaining questions are for statistical purposes only.

Q9. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or something else? **[IF REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT:]** Do you consider yourself a strong or a not-so-strong (Republican/Democrat)? **[IF INDEPENDENT:]** Would you say you lean more towards the Republicans or more towards the Democrats?

Strong Democrat.....	28	27	30
Not-so-strong Democrat .....	5	5	5
Independent - lean Democrat .....	5	5	6
Democrat .....	38	37	41
Independent.....	22	23	19
Republican.....	33	32	37
Independent - lean Republican.....	5	6	3
Not-so-strong Republican.....	5	5	5
Strong Republican .....	22	20	28
(Other) .....	4	4	1
(Don't know).....	0	0	0
(Refused).....	3	4	2



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Q14. Just to make sure we have a representative sample, could you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background? **[IF “NO”, ASK:]** What is your race - white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	73	71	77
Black/African American .....	11	10	12
Spanish speaking/Latino (Puerto Rican, Mexican, etc.) .....	8	9	6
Asian .....	2	2	0
Native American .....	1	1	0
Pacific Islander .....	0	0	0
Arab American .....	0	0	0
(Other) .....	3	3	2
(Don't know / Refused) .....	2	2	3

Q15. Did you vote in the November general election for president, or like some people, were you not able to vote in this election?

Yes, voted.....	95	94	97
No, did not vote.....	3	4	2
(Don't know).....	0	0	0
(Refused).....	1	2	1

Q16. **[IF VOTED]** For whom did you vote for president? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

Donald Trump.....	36	34	42
Hillary Clinton.....	40	41	39
Gary Johnson .....	3	3	2
Jill Stein .....	1	1	1
(Do not remember) .....	2	2	1
(Refused).....	18	20	15

Q17. What is your zip code?