



Personal Survey on Social Security and Medicare Benefits

Below are the results of a **Personal Survey on Social Security and Medicare Benefits**, conducted in January 2017 with members of **Eleanor's Hope**. Approximately 1,400 surveys were tabulated.

1. How will a 0.3% COLA impact your ability to afford rising out-of-pocket health care costs and other expenses this winter?

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| It will be a struggle to afford my prescription drugs. | 408 | 29.23% |
| I'll have to cut back on other expenses, including groceries. | 697 | 49.93% |
| I don't believe it will have that much of an impact. | 291 | 20.84% |

2. Do you support proposals to raise the eligibility age for collecting Social Security benefits and reduce the annual Social Security Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) in order to cut federal spending and rein in deficits?

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| Yes | 73 | 5.23% |
| No | 1,226 | 87.82% |
| Unsure | 97 | 6.95% |

3. Should cuts to Social Security be used to pay for tax loopholes benefitting the wealthy?

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| Yes | 15 | 1.07 % |
| No | 1,371 | 98.21% |
| Unsure | 103 | 0.72% |

4. Do you **SUPPORT** or **OPPOSE** Speaker Paul Ryan's plan to end traditional Medicare by privatizing it to benefit insurance companies?

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| Support | 8 | 0.57% |
| Oppose | 1,335 | 95.63% |
| Not sure | 53 | 3.80% |

5. Should Congress pass legislation that would allow Medicare to negotiate directly with drug companies, which would help lower drug prices and strength Medicare's long-term solvency?

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| Yes | 1,161 | 83.17% |
| No | 62 | 4.44% |
| Unsure | 173 | 12.39% |

6. Should Congress pass legislation that would give beneficiaries an adequate and fair Social Security COLA, at a time when seniors have received record low or no COLAs the past several years in a row?

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| Yes | 1,294 | 92.69% |
| No | 33 | 2.36% |
| Unsure | 69 | 4.94% |

7. Instead of focusing on cutting Social Security, should Congress pass legislation that boosts Social Security benefits?

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| Yes | 1,312 | 93.98% |
| No | 11 | 0.79% |
| Unsure | 73 | 5.23% |