

President Obama: HANDS OFF SOCIAL SECURITY!



Don't even *think* about 2012 while you attack Social Security!

President Obama is launching his 2012 campaign. He promises a better future, but he is attacking Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. We *need* Social Security to retire. Or if we become disabled and can't work. Or if we die while our kids are growing up.

Our kids will need Social Security even more. The gap between rich and poor is the highest since the 1920s. Long-term unemployment rages, particularly for minorities and women. Pension systems have lost billions and are under attack. More than ever, we need Social Security, a program that helps minorities, women, and the poor. But President Obama wants to cut Social Security benefits, raise the age to qualify, and destabilize the funding.

Social Security keeps millions out of poverty. It is NOT going broke. It does NOT add to the deficit. It has enough money to pay decades of benefits. But President Obama insists on uniting Democrats and Republicans to cripple Social Security. 80% of people don't want this. What is his problem?

- President Obama created a Commission to cut the deficit, with Social Security as a prime target. He hand-picked leaders who are sworn enemies of Social Security. As expected, his Commission recommended cutting future Social Security benefits, and raising the age to collect Social Security. Now he wants to cut current benefits, particularly for the oldest.
- His Tax Compromise extending the Bush tax cuts to the rich, also had a "payroll tax holiday" that shifted 1/6 of Social Security's funding from guaranteed payroll taxes to an obscure law that Congress can repeal any time. Now he wants to double that amount. For 75 years, Social Security has been self-supporting, but President Obama is undermining Social Security's financial independence. Banks and corporations got hundreds of billions of our money as stimulus, but whatever stimulus we get endangers our retirement.

Social Security has loaned \$2.5 Trillion dollars of our retirement money to the government. Democrats and Republicans wasted that money on oil wars, tax cuts to the rich, and the bailouts for banks. The *real* crisis of Social Security is that the banks, corporations, and the rich don't want to pay taxes that are needed to repay Social Security. Pay up!

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