

When you're talking about Social Security, be sure to remember ...

- 1. Social Security is the nation's largest, most successful social program, for seniors, people with disabilities, and children who have lost a parent.**
- 2. For 2/3 of seniors, Social Security is over half their income.**
- 3. With disappearing pensions, workers will need Social Security even more in the future!**
- 4. Social Security does not, and can not, contribute a penny to the deficit – it's independently financed. By us and our employers!**
- 5. Social Security is not a handout – we paid for it while we worked! It's our money!**
- 6. Social Security is not in crisis – it's the most stable program! It has a 2.7 Trillion surplus, enough to pay full benefits until at least 2033. Payroll taxes alone could fund 86% of benefits after that.**
- 7. Social Security could pay full benefits indefinitely if salaries above \$110,000 were taxed.**
- 8. Social Security's surplus is not in worthless IOUs – It's in Treasury Bonds, the safest investment possible.**
- 9. The government must repay Social Security's Treasury Bonds by law.**
- 10. Banks, pension funds, and individuals hold twice as much in Treasury Bonds as Social Security. The Government would *really* cause a crisis if it defaulted on Treasury Bonds.**
- 11. If corporate-paid politicians can't afford to repay Social Security's Treasury Bonds because they crashed the economy with reckless speculation, and wasted the money on wars, tax breaks for corporations and the rich, and bank bailouts, then it's up to the corporations and the rich to raise the money by raising their own taxes!**
- 12. What's killing us is the lack of jobs, not the debt! Cutting back social services will only bring on recession. Banks and businesses are not job creators. They are already sitting on trillions of ready cash, but refuse to hire. If they won't hire, then government must!**