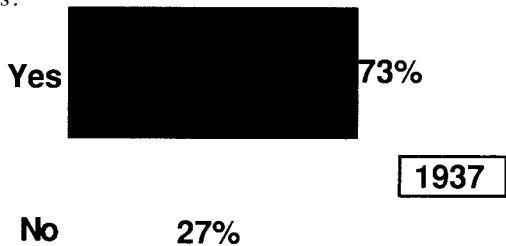


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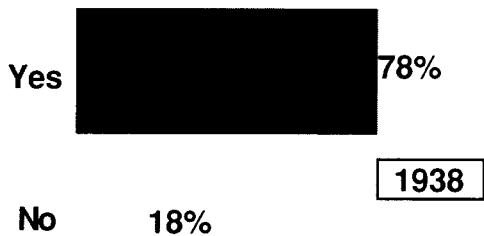
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Question: Do you approve of the present Social Security tax on wages?



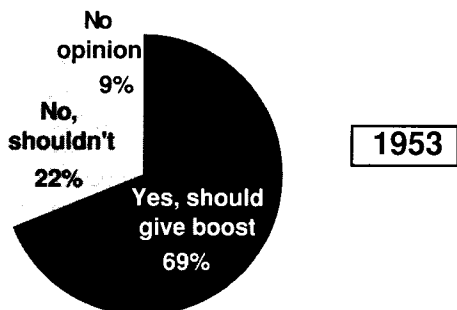
Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization, December 30, 1937-January 4, 1938.

Question: Do you approve of the present Social Security laws which provide old age pensions and unemployment insurance?



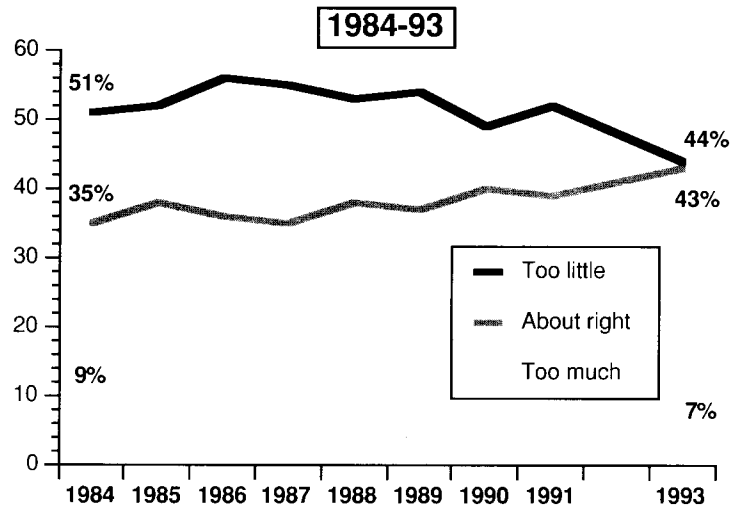
Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization, July 4-11, 1938.

Question: Do you think the federal government should give a big boost to Social Security, that is, pay bigger benefits and include many more people, or shouldn't they?



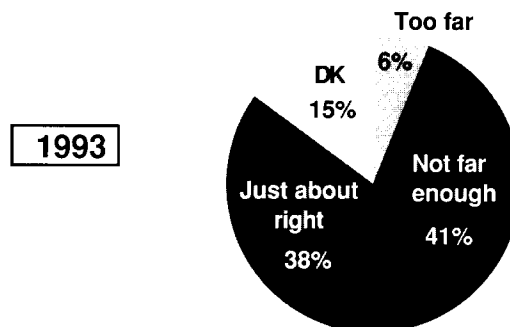
Source: Survey by the Opinion Research Corporation, April 1953.

Question: We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively...[A]re we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on...Social Security?



Source: Surveys by the National Opinion Research Center-General Social Survey, February-April of each year shown.

Question: Do you think the government program during the past few years...providing pensions under Social Security...goes too far, not far enough, or is just about right?



Source: Survey by the Roper Organization, November 9-20, 1993.

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Group Differences

Question: [Do you agree or disagree that]...You would like to contribute half of your Social Security taxes to an I.R.A. (Individual Retirement Account) now, and take a smaller Social Security benefit when you retire?

%	
% Agree	Disagree
58	41
54	44
61	38
37	63
44	53
56	43
73	26
27	73
46	52
58	38
69	29
72	28

Question: When thinking about health and retirement, do you have more confidence in an employer or the government when it comes to paying the employee pension or government Social Security benefits that have been promised?

		% Employer	% Gov't
Everyone		52	40
By Age			
18-34		61	32
35-54		55	35
55+		37	56
By Income			
Less than \$20,000		42	52
\$20,000-\$74,999		55	36
\$75,000 and over		60	34
By Education			
Less than 12th		47	47
12th grade		54	39
Some college		52	39
College graduate		56	32
Post graduate		46	47

Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization for Employee Benefit Research Institute, November 1992.

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Question: Do you think that the government should gradually raise the retirement age so that people qualify for full Social Security benefits at age 67 rather than at age 65, or should the age for receiving Social Security benefits be kept at 65?

Everyone		By Age			
		18-29	30-44	45-59	60+
Raise age for receiving Social Security	20%	10%	17%	28%	28%
Keep age at 65	77	90	79	72	66
Not sure	3	1	4	0	7

Source: Survey by NBC News/Wall Street Journal, January 23-26, 1993.