



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?

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?

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?

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?

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?

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?

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?

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