

A Petition to Congress

Leave Social Security Alone: Say NO to privatization! We respectfully insist that every Senator and every member of the House vote NO on:

** Restructuring the Social Security System*

** Propping up Wall Street with funding in the name of privatizing Social Security.*

Further, we respectfully insist that every Senator and every member of the House vote YES on:

**Protecting the so-called Social Security Trust Fund by locking it in a true trust that can't be plundered by big spending politicians and placing the funds in marketable securities instead of the worthless paper that supposedly backs the fund now..*

**Cutting government spending by \$250 billion dollars per year thus preserving the monies paid into the fund.*

In support of this petition we submit the considerations listed below.

1. The vast majority of citizens favors preservation of the current system and realize that there is no immediate crisis in the Social Security System.
2. The proposals introduced thus far will do nothing for those depending on Social Security after retirement and will place funding in the volatile stock market with no guarantee of return. A better solution is to simply remove the limitations and allow individuals to invest as much as they want in 401k, Roth IRAs, or any other retirement accounts
3. The proposals introduced thus far simply shift the monies around by cutting Social Security benefits dollar for dollar for anything placed in a private account and ultimately do not provide any increase in wealth or benefits.
4. The options for investment will be limited and controlled by a bureaucratic agency thus allowing corruption, favoritism, and fraud. Individuals will not be allowed to control the investments of these funds but will be given a small selection of pre-determined investment options chosen by the bureaucracy. With the current scandals and fraud rampant in the investment sector one can only imagine the corruption that will prevail with this system.
5. This same scheme has been tried in Britain and Chile with disastrous results.
6. The money wasted in the imperialistic campaign to spread so-called democracy around the world and to fund the god-less United Nations would amply fund Social Security far into the future.
7. A simple fix for Social Security is to simply withdraw from the United Nations, cut foreign aid that ends up in the hands of tyrants and despots around the world, and reduce the size of government thus reducing spending.

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