

Test your knowledge of our U.S. Social Security (FICA) Program.

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When Franklin Roosevelt, a Democrat, introduced the Social Security (FICA) Program, he promised participation in the Program would be “completely” voluntary. **It's no longer voluntary.** He promised participants would only have to pay 1% of the first \$1,400 of their annual incomes into the program. **We now pay roughly 7.65% on the first \$90,000.** He promised the money the participants elected to put into the program would be deductible from their income for tax purposes each year. **It's no longer tax deductible.** He promised the money the participants put into the independent 'Trust Fund' rather than into the General Operating Fund, and therefore, would only be used to fund the Social Security Retirement Program, and no other Government program. **Under Democrat Lyndon Johnson the money was moved to the General Fund and Spent as the government identified a need.** For example; to build roads taxpayers had already paid for because money had been taken out of the road construction budget to repair bridges that never got repaired because money was diverted to help fund public broadcasting or the latest Democrat research on global warming. Finally, he promised the annuity payments to the retirees would never be taxed as income. **Thanks to Clinton & Gore, up to 85% of your Social Security can now be taxed.**

So now take the following test and tell me why Democrats continue to accuse Republicans of taking away our Social Security. I'll even give you the answers.

Q: Which Political Party took Social Security from the independent 'Trust Fund' and put it into the general fund so that Congress could spend it?

A: It was Lyndon Johnson and the democratically controlled House and Senate.

Q: Which Political Party eliminated the income tax deduction for Social Security (FICA) withholding?

A: The Democratic Party.

Q: Which Political Party started taxing Social Security annuities?

A: The Democratic Party, with Al Gore casting the 'tie-breaking' deciding vote as President of the Senate, while he was Vice President of the US.

Q: Which Political Party decided to start giving annuity payments to immigrants?

A: That's right! We can thank Jimmy Carter and the Democratic Party. Immigrants moved into this country, and at age 65, began to receive Social Security payments! The Democratic Party gave these payments to them, even though they never paid a dime into the FICA fund.

I'd say Democrat actions speak louder than their bumper stickers