

Come Out, Come Out Wherever You Are



Are Republicans Scared to Take a Stand on Social Security?

Democrats stand united against privatizing Social Security and deep middle class benefit cuts. There are at least 55 Republicans who are refusing take a firm stand on those twin pillars of President Bush's Social Security proposal. It is time for them to stand up and be counted. Their constituents deserve to know, do these Republicans support:

- **Exchanging Social Security's guarantee for a gamble**
- **Deep middle class benefit cuts**
 - **Cutting benefits of anyone making more than \$20,000**
 - **Anyone making \$55,000 or more is better off if Congress does nothing**
- **Failing to fully address solvency [proposal only gets to 57% according to CBPP]**
- **Piling massive debt caused by private accounts on future generations**

Rep. Rick Renzi (R-AZ)

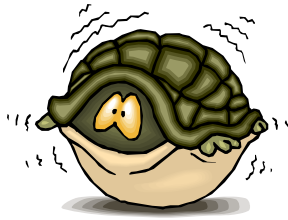
"Rick Renzi, the Republican congressman from northern Arizona, is torn. President Bush has urged Republicans to convince voters that his plan for personal retirement accounts will help save Social Security, but Renzi is not so sure. So rather than proselytize, Renzi has come to the Rim Country Chamber of Commerce offering coffee, cookies and a willing ear. 'I really want to understand your heart on this issue,' he tells about 40 people crammed into the lobby on a weekday morning. 'It's an issue I'm open to—I'm not set on.'... 'I think you can see that I'm torn here,' he tells a voter who asks his position on borrowing money to pay for the president's proposal." [Chicago Tribune, 2/26/05]

Rep. Mark Green (R-WI)

"Ask Republican Congressman Mark Green of Green Bay and he, too, is non-committal. 'I haven't had much of an opportunity to look and see what that actually means,' Green says of the Bush proposal to reduce the growth of benefits for all but the poorest retirees." [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 5/7/05]

Rep. Charles Boustany (R-LA)

Boustany said "I'm sort of waiting to see what comes out. The (private account) concept is still too vague." [The Advocate, April 16, 2005]



The Frightened Fifty-Five

**Rodney Alexander
Bob Beauprez
Sherwood Boehlert
Charles Boustany
Ginny Brown-Waite
Dave Camp
Shelley Moore Capito
Michael Castle
Chris Chocola
Tom Davis
Charles Dent
Jo Ann Emerson
Phil English
Michael Ferguson
Mike Fitzpatrick
Mark Foley
Vito Fossella
Rodney Frelinghuysen
Jim Gerlach
Jim Gibbons
Mark Green
Gil Gutknecht
Katherine Harris
John Hostettler
Nancy Johnson
Timothy Johnson
Mark Kennedy
Mark Kirk
Randy Kuhl**

**Ray LaHood
Tom Latham
Jim Leach
Frank LoBiondo
Thaddeus McCotter
Candice Miller
Tim Murphy
Anne Northup
Jim Nussle
Steve Pearce
Jon Porter
Dennis Rehberg
Dave Reichert
Rick Renzi
Joe Schwarz
Chris Shays
Robert Simmons
Chris Smith
Mike Sodrel
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Charles Taylor
Fred Upton
James Walsh
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