

# 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***

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**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  
John Sweeney  
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Fred Upton  
James Walsh  
Jerry Weller  
Ed Whitfield  
Heather Wilson**