


American Pulse Survey 10 (4.25.08)

	All Adults	Male	Female	18 - 34	35 - 54	55+	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
If the Federal Government had the ability, which group would most deserve to be “bailed out” of financial troubles?									
Wall Street	2.5%	4.1%	1.0%	4.3%	2.4%	1.0%	2.8%	2.5%	1.2%
Homeowners	38.5%	34.8%	42.0%	32.1%	40.9%	42.1%	35.7%	43.5%	35.4%
Consumers who have over spent on their credit cards	6.8%	7.3%	6.5%	8.0%	7.7%	4.6%	5.1%	8.7%	6.8%
Consumers with student loans	13.7%	11.8%	15.5%	24.4%	10.6%	6.7%	10.3%	17.5%	15.3%
Entrepreneurs whose start-up businesses failed	2.1%	1.6%	2.6%	1.7%	2.1%	2.6%	2.2%	1.4%	2.7%
None of the above – the free market should be allowed to work	36.3%	40.4%	32.3%	29.6%	36.2%	43.1%	44.0%	26.4%	38.6%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Did you know that Trustees from Social Security and Medicare benefit programs have warned that the Social Security trust fund will be depleted by 2041 and the reserves in the Medicare trust fund are projected to be wiped out by 2019?									
Yes, I was aware	69.3%	71.9%	66.9%	54.1%	71.9%	81.5%	75.4%	71.5%	70.6%
No, I was not aware	30.7%	28.1%	33.1%	45.9%	28.1%	18.5%	24.6%	28.5%	29.4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Do you currently receive either Social Security or Medicare benefits?									
Yes	28.9%	29.1%	28.7%	9.0%	15.1%	66.5%	30.5%	33.2%	29.7%
No	71.1%	70.9%	71.3%	91.0%	84.9%	33.5%	69.5%	66.8%	70.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Do you think you will have access to Social Security and Medicare when you retire or reach age 65?									
Yes	24.5%	28.8%	20.5%	11.4%	27.0%	34.7%	31.6%	26.9%	20.9%
No	38.6%	45.2%	32.3%	57.9%	38.3%	19.4%	34.8%	43.8%	34.1%
I don't know	36.9%	26.0%	47.2%	30.7%	34.7%	45.9%	33.6%	29.3%	45.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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What would be the best way for the U.S. Government to handle the challenges of Social Security and Medicare?									
Raise taxes	2.5%	3.3%	1.7%	3.0%	2.0%	2.7%	2.3%	3.3%	2.4%
Cut other government programs... Social Security and Medicare are more important	13.3%	13.4%	13.2%	12.5%	13.0%	14.6%	12.7%	13.7%	12.6%
Cut pork barrel spending... government spending should benefit the entire country, not just particular constituents	48.0%	46.5%	49.5%	33.7%	48.2%	62.5%	47.5%	54.1%	51.4%
Let Americans keep their money and invest it privately rather than deducting from paychecks	21.0%	23.8%	18.4%	28.6%	22.2%	11.8%	27.5%	14.7%	21.2%
I don't know	15.1%	13.0%	17.2%	22.3%	14.7%	8.4%	10.0%	14.2%	12.4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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