



Arney's Easter Recess Sample Townhall Questions

Here are some sample questions to ask your legislators during Social Security meetings:

Questions for Republicans:

What happens to people who die before retirement age in the current system and what would change with personal accounts?

In 2018, more money is going out of Social Security than coming in. The Trust Fund is full of government bonds—or government IOUs. If we don't reform Social Security, where is the government going to get the money from to pay these bonds back?

You say that personal accounts will give us more than the current system, which means that bigger accounts will give us bigger benefits. Some plans create large accounts of 6 percent. Do you support 6 percent accounts?

Can the government spend the money in our personal accounts?

Questions for Democrats:

The president said that opting for personal accounts would be voluntary. If people that don't want to invest their payroll taxes don't have to, why won't you let those who want to voluntarily choose personal accounts do so?

Your retirement plan—the Thrift Savings Plan—allows you to put payroll taxes into a personal account. If personal accounts are good enough for you and the rest of Congress, why aren't they good enough for the American people?

President Clinton said that Social Security is unsustainable, and that there are three options: raising taxes, cutting benefits, or investing payroll taxes. Which one would you choose?

Taxes have been raised 20 times to keep Social Security going—don't you think it might be time to try something new?