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New Hampshire Women Strongly Favor Expanding Social Security Benefits

On behalf of Social Security Works, Public Policy Polling surveyed 539 likely voters in New Hampshire from May 27th through 29th, 2015.

- **A majority of voters in New Hampshire would support basing yearly cost of living adjustments on the CPI-E, which more accurately reflect the higher inflation rate experienced by seniors and people with disabilities, resulting in annual benefits for the average retiree that are \$1,570 higher at 75 and \$2,131 higher at 85.** Fifty-four (54) percent of voters from New Hampshire strongly support adopting the CPI-E, which would increase benefits.

Strong support exists from women:

	Woman	Man
Strongly support	54%	55%
Somewhat support	25%	21%
Somewhat oppose	7%	7%
Strongly oppose	4%	9%
Not Sure	10%	9%

- **A majority of voters in New Hampshire would support increasing the special minimum benefit to 125% of the federal poverty line (which is currently \$11,770) and base annual adjustment on the growth in average wages, so that nobody who has earned their Social Security and retires after a lifetime of work lives in poverty.** Fifty-seven (57) percent of voters from New Hampshire strongly support increasing the special minimum benefit.

Strong support exists from women:

	Woman	Man
Strongly support	62%	50%
Somewhat support	16%	18%
Somewhat oppose	9%	16%
Strongly oppose	7%	12%
Not Sure	6%	4%

- **A majority of voters in New Hampshire strongly support gradually eliminating the maximum taxable wage base, giving credit for these contributions, up to a maximum benefit, making millionaires and billionaires pay the same rate as the rest of us. This is also known as scrap the cap.** Sixty-two (62) percent of voters from New Hampshire strongly support “scrap the cap.”

Strong support exists from women:

	Woman	Man
Strongly support	63%	60%
Somewhat support	19%	16%
Somewhat oppose	6%	5%
Strongly oppose	5%	12%
Not Sure	6%	7%

- **Half of New Hampshire voters are more likely to support a candidate whose campaign platform includes expanding Social Security benefits.** Fifty (50) percent of New Hampshire voters say they would be more likely to vote for a candidate who proposed expanding or increasing our Social Security benefits.

Strong support exists from women:

	Woman	Man
More likely	52%	48%
Less likely	22%	27%
Wouldn't make a difference	17%	15%
Not Sure	9%	9%