



REASON-RUPE Public Opinion Survey

MAY 2013
OPEN-ENDED VERBATIMS

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The Reason-Rupe May 2013 Poll interviewed 1,003 adults on both mobile (503) and landline (500) phones, including 263 respondents without landlines from May 9 to 13, 2013. The margin of sampling error is +/- 3.7%. Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) conducted the survey. Interviews were done in English by Princeton Data Source, LLC. For more methodological information, please visit [http: reason.com/reason-rupe-poll-methodology](http://reason.com/reason-rupe-poll-methodology).

The poll questionnaire, crosstabs, and analysis can be found at reason.com/poll.

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2. What one or two words come to mind when you hear the word “libertarian?”

What one word would you use to describe Social Security?

▪ Positive.....	34%
▪ Negative.....	39%
▪ Neutral.....	11%
▪ Don't Know.....	16%
▪ Total	100%
▪ Good/Helpful	17%
▪ Unstable/Unsustainable	12%
▪ Bad/Sham/Hoax	10%
▪ Necessary/Vital	7%
▪ Broke/Underfunded.....	6%
▪ Mismanaged/Messy.....	5%
▪ Security/Reliable/Safety Net	5%
▪ Retirement Plan/Pension.....	4%
▪ Other (Vol.).....	19%
▪ Don't Know/Refused (Vol.).....	15%
▪ Total	100%

What one or two words come to mind when you hear the word “libertarian?”

▪ Positive.....	14%
▪ Negative.....	15%
▪ Neutral	32%
▪ Don't Know.....	39%
▪ Total	100%
▪ Freedom/Liberty/Choice.....	12%
▪ Democrat/Liberal.....	5%
▪ Bad/Name Calling.....	5%
▪ Independent.....	4%
▪ Good/Positive Comment	3%
▪ Crazy/Idiot	3%
▪ Extreme/Radical.....	3%
▪ Smaller Government	3%
▪ Republican/Conservative.....	2%
▪ Open-Minded.....	2%
▪ Ron Paul/Rand Paul	2%
▪ Confused/Misinformed.....	2%
▪ Anarchist/Unrestricted.....	2%
▪ Other	15%
▪ Don't Know.....	37%
▪ Total	100%

In the Reason-Rupe national survey conducted May 9-13 2013, 520 respondents were asked the following open-ended question: "What one word would you use to describe Social Security?" The answers, as transcribed by the interviewers, are presented below.

What one word would you use to describe Social Security?

A GOOD IDEA	BROKEN
A GOOD SUPPLEMENT FOR RETIREMENT	BROKEN
A GOOD THING.	BROKEN
A JOKE	BULLSHIT
A MESS	BUSTED
A SHAME	CHAOS
A WASTE	CHAOTIC
ADEQUATE	CHEAP
ADUQUATE	CHURCH
AGGREVATING	CLINICAL
AGREEABLE	COMFORTABLE
AID	COMPLEX
ANTIQUATED	COMPLICATATED
ASSISTANCE	COMPLICATED
ATROCIOUS	CONCERNED
AWFUL	CONFIDENT
B	CONFUSING
BAD	CONTINUE. I WOULD RATHER SEE IT CONTINUE THAN GO INTO THE TANK.
BANKRUPT	CONVENIENT
BANKRUPTS	CONVIENCE
BENEFICIAL	DECREASING
BENEFICIAL	DEPENDABLE
BENEFICIAL.	DEPLETING
BENEFIT	DESPERATE
BENEFIT	DIFFICULT TO GET
BENEFIT.	DISAPOINTED
BENEFITS	DISAPPOINTING
BENIFICIAL	DISORGANIZED
BENIFIT	DISSAPATING
BLESSING	DISSAPPOINTING
BLUE COLLAR	DISSAPPROVE
BROKE	DONT HAVE ONE
BROKE	DOOMED
BROKE	DOOMED
BROKE	DOOMED
BROKE	DOOMED
BROKE	DOWNHILL

DYING
ELECT TO HAVE MORE MONEY FOR SOCIAL SECURITY, CANNOT LIVE ON WHAT YOU GET.
ENTILTED
ERODING
ESSENTIAL
ESSENTIAL
EXCESSIVE
EXPENSIVE
FAGEL
FAILER
FAILING
FAILING
FAILING
FAILING.
FAIR
FAIR
FALLING APART
FAVORABLE
FINE
FINE
FOREVER
FOUNDATION
FRAUD
FUTURE
GARBAGE
GAURETTE
GETTING MONEY THAT THE WE PUT IN
GODSEND
GODSEND
GOFORIT
GOING BANKRUPT
GOING BROKE
GONE
GONNA RUN OUT
GOOD
GOOD
GOOD
GOOD
GOOD
GOOD
GOOD

GOOD
GOOD
GOOD
GOOD
GOOD
GOOD
GOOD
GOOD
GOOD
GOOD
GOOD
GOOD BENEFITS FOR THE RETIREMENT AGE
GOOD JOB
GOOD PROGRAM
GOOD REAL GOOD
GOOD THING
GOOD THING
GREAT
GREAT
GREAT
GREAT
GREAT
HAS BEEN
HELP
HELP
HELP
HELP
HELP
HELP
HELP MATE
HELPFUL
HELPFUL
HELPFUL
HELPFUL
HELPFUL
HELPFUL
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HELPFUL

HELPFUL
HELPFUL
HELPFUL
HELPFUL
HELPFUL
HELPFUL
HELPFUL
HELPFUL
HELPFUL
HELPFUL
HELPING OUT PEOPLE
HINDERED
HOAX
HOPEFUL
HOPEFUL
HOPEFUL
HOPEFULL ANY THING ELSE? NO
I DONT KNOW
I GUESS ITS JUST A NECCESITY
I LIVE ON SOCIAL SECURITY
I.O.U.
IF THEY LEAVE IT ALONE SAFE
IF YOU WORK FOR IT YOU OUGHT TO GET IT
ILLMANAGED
ILLUSARIE
IMPORTANT
IMPORTANT
IMPORTANT
IN TROUBLE
IN TROUBLE
IN TROUBLE
INADAQUATE
INADEQUATE
INCOME
INCREASE
INCREDIBLE
INDECIISIVE
INDEPENDENT
INDESPENSABLE
INEFFECTIVE
INEFFICIENT
INEQUALITY

INSECURE
INSECURE
INSECURITY
INSOLVENT
INSURANCE
INSURANCE
INSURANCE PROGRAM
INSURENCE
INTROUBLE
INVESTMENT
IS GREAT
IT
IT IS TERRIBLE
IT'S A PONZIE SCHEME
IT'S GOOD BUT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TOOK MONEY OUT AND NEVER REPLACED IT
IT'S NOT GOOD
ITS A GOOD THING
ITS GOOD
ITS OKAY
ITS OKAY
ITS OKAY
ITS OKAY
ITS OKAY
JEOPARDY
KEEPS A LOT OF PEOPLE OFF OF WELFARE
LACKING
LACKING
LIFE SAVING
LIFE SAVING
LIFELINE
LIFELINE
LIFESAVER
LIFESAVING
LIMITED
LONGEVITY
LOST
LOST
LOW
MASS
MESS
MESS

PRIVATE
PROMISE
PROMISING
PROTECTIVE
QUESTIONABLE
QUESTIONABLE
REGULATION
RELIABLE
RELIABLE
RETERMENT PLAN
RETIREMENT
RETIREMENT
RETIREMENT
RETIREMENT
RETIREMENT
RETIREMENT
RETIREMENT
RETIREMENT
RETIREMENT
RETIREMENT
RIGHT NOW I AM DOUBTFUL ABOUT IT
RIPOFF
ROBBED
RUNNING OUT
SAD
SAD
SAFE
SAFETY
SAFETY
SAFETY NET
SAFETY NET
SAFETYNET
SAFTEY NET
SALE SAFE
SAVING OUR LIFE
SCAM
SCAM
SCARY
SCARY
SCREWED
SCREWED ME
SCREWED UP
SECRETY IDENTITY
SECURE

SECURITY
SECURITY
SECURITY
SECURITY
SECURITY
SECURITY
SECURITY
SECURITY
SECURITY FOR PEOPLE
SEMI-PERMANENT
SENIOR BENEFIT
SLAWED
SOCIALISM
SOCIALISM SECURITY
SOMETHING TO HAVE ONCE YOU
RETIRE
SOMETHING WE EARNED
SOMEWHAT
SOONER NONEXISTANT
STABLIZATION
STICK IN THE POCKET
STINKS
SUCK
SUCK
SUCKS
SUCKS
SUCKS
SUCKS
SUCKS
SUFFICIENT
SUITABLE
SUPER
SUPPLEMENT
SUPPLEMENT RETIREMENT PROGRAM
SUPPLIMENTAL
SUPPOSE TO BE A RETIREMENT
PROGRAM BUT IS NOT.
TENTATIVE
TERRIFIC
THEFT
TOGETHER
TOO LOW

TOOLOW
TOTALLY PLANNED
TROUBLE
TROUBLED
TROUBLING
UNBALANCED
UNCERTAIN
UNDEPENDABLE
UNDER FUNDED
UNDERFUNDED
UNDERFUNDED
UNFAIR
UNFAIR
UNFAIR
UNFAIR
UNFAIR
UNFAIR
UNFAIR
UNKNOWN
UNSTABLE
UNSTABLE
UNSTABLE
UNSTABLE
UNSTABLE
UNSTABLE

UNSTABLE
UNSURE
UNSUSTAINABLE
UNSUSTAINABLE
UNSUSTAINABLE
UNTAMED
USEFUL
USEFUL
USEFULL
USELESS
VARIES|
VITAL
WASTE
WASTEFUL
WASTEFUL..
WHAT WOULD OLDER PEOPLE DO IF
THEY DIDN'T HAVE IT?
WHITE ELEPHANT
WONDERDUL
WORK IN PROGRESS
YOU GET VERY LITTLE FROM IT.

In the Reason-Rupe national survey conducted May 9-13 2013, 1003 respondents were asked the following open-ended question: “What one or two words come to mind when you hear the word “libertarian?” The answers, as transcribed by the interviewers, are presented below.

What one or two words come to mind when you hear the word “libertarian?”

A GOOD THING	CHOICE
A LITTLE WEIRD	CHOICES, OPEN MINDED.
A WASTE	CHURCH
ALOOF	CHURCH
ALRIGHT	CLOSE MINDED
ANARCHY	CLOSEST TO RIGHT
ANARCHY	COLD AND CALCULATING
ANOTHER PARTY	COMMUNISM AND SOCIALISM
ANTI GOVERNMENT AND REGULATION	COMMUNIST
ANTI-SOCIAL	COMMUNIST
ANTIQUE	CONFUSED
ANYTHING ELSE	CONFUSED
ANYTHING GOES	CONFUSED
ASSHOLES, STUPID	CONFUSED
AYN RAND	CONFUSED
AYNE RAND	CONFUSED, AND DON'T KNOW
BAD IDEA	WHETHER TO BE LIBERAL
BALANCE EQUAL BALANCE AND EQUAL	CONFUSION
BANKER	CONSERVATIVE
BEING ABLE TO MAKE CHOICES, NOT TELLING PEOPLE WHAT TO DO	CONSERVATIVE
BETTER GOVERNMENT	CONSERVATIVE
BIG SPENDERS	CONSERVATIVE
BIGGER GOVT HOLLYWOOD WORKERS UNION	CONSERVATIVE
BILL MAHR	CONSERVATIVE
BLEEDING HEARTS	CONSERVATIVE AND UNYIELDING
BLINDED, CONFUSED	CONSERVATIVE PERSON
BRAVE	CONSERVATIVE REDNECK
BRAVE	CONSTITUTION
BUNCH OF CRAP	CONSTITUTION
CAUTIOUS	CONSTITUTION
CHANGE	CONSTITUTION
CHEAPSKATE	CONSTITUTIONAL
	CONSTITUTIONAL GUIDELINES

CONSTITUTIONALIST
CONTROLLING
COUNTRY
CRACK POT, CRAZY
CRACK POTS
CRAZY
CRAZY
CRAZY
CRAZY
CRAZY
CRAZY
CRAZY AND INTERESTING
CRAZY AND WEIRD
CRAZY ANDCLOSED-MINDED
CRAZY INSANE
CRAZY UNREALISTIC
CRAZY.
DEGENERATIVE
DELUSIONAL
DEMOCRAT
DEMOCRAT
DEMOCRAT
DESTRUCTION
DIFFERENT
DIFFERENT
DIFFERENT
DIFFICULT
DINASOAR
DISGUSTING
DISTRUCTIVE
DO HAT EVER YOU WANT DO WHAT
EVER YOU WANT TO DO.
DO NOT WANT GOVERNMENT
INVOLVEMT
DO WANT YOU WANT BE FREE
DOENST BOTTER ME
DOESN'T COUNT
DON'T HAVE ANY
DON'T KNOW
DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS
DON'T VOTE
DONT CARE ABOUT PEOPLE
DONT KNOW

DONT KNOW ABOUT IT CLEARLY
ENOUGH
DONT TRUST THEM
DRAMATIC
DREAMER
DUMMY|1
EASY
EASY GOIN
ECO TERRORIST
EQUALITY
EVIL
EXTREME
EXTREME
EXTREME
EXTREME
EXTREME VIEWS.
EXTREMELY CONSERVATIVE
FANATIC
FANATIC
FAR OUT
FAR OUT
FAR OUT
FEAR
FEAR
FED UP
FEMALE WHO RAN FOR VICE PRESIDENT
FROM ALASKA SHE WAS GOVENOR OF
ALASKA JUST DONT KNOW HER NAME
FIGHT FOR LIBERTY
FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS
FLEXABLE EQUAL RIGHTS
FLY BY THE SEAT OF THEIR PANTS
FOOLISH
FORM OF INDEPENDENT.
FORWARD THINKING
FREAK CRAZY
FREE
FREE
FREE
FREE
FREE
FREE
FREE
FREE

GO FOR BOTH
GOOD GOING
GOOFY
GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMEMNT
GREAT IDEA
GREEN PARTY
GROUP OF PEOPLE
HAVE RIGHTS
HAVE TO LOOK IT UP
HELPFUL, FREE THINKING
HIPPIE
HIPPIE
HIPPIE
HONEST
HONESTY
HONESTY
HOPEFULLY FAIR
HOPELESSLY IN THE MINORITY
I CANT THINK OF ANY RIGHT NOW
I DON'T HAVE AN OPINION
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS
I DON'T KNOW... I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THAT
I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND
LIBERTARIANS.
I DONT
I DONT HAVE AN ANSWER
I DONT KNOW
I DONT KNOW
I HAVE NO ANSWER TO THAT
I HAVE NO IDEA
I HAVE NO IDEA NEVER REALLY
THOUGHT ABOUT IT
I JUST WANT TO LAUGH,I THINK THAT IT
IS A WASTE OFTIME.
I REALLY DONT KNOW
I WANT INTERFERENCE
I'M NOT EVEN SURE WHAT IT MEANS
I'M NOT SURE
I'M NOT SURE WHAT WAY THEY LEAN
BUT I'D LIKE TO LEARN
IDIOT
IDIOT

IDIOT
IM NOT SURE
INDEPENDANT
INDEPENDANT
INDEPENDENT
INDEPENDENT
INDEPENDENT
INDEPENDENT
INDEPENDENT
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INDEPENDENT
INDEPENDENT
INDEPENDENT
INDEPENDENT
INDEPENDENT PARTY
INDEPENDENT NON-TRADITIONAL
INDEPENDENT PROGRESSVIVE
INDEPENDENT\
INDEPENDNT
INDESCISIVE
INDIFFERENT
INFLEXIBLE
INNOVATIVE CHANGE
INTERESTING
ISOLATONIST
IT MAKES ME THINK OF A MAN WHO
WAS RUNNING FOR THE REPUBLICAN
TICKET WHO WAS TRAILING BEHIND
IT'S A GOOD THING
JERKS
JUST ANOTHER GROUP
JUST NOT MY CUP OF TEA
JUSTICE AND FREEDOM
LACK OF MORALS
LEFT
LEFT WING
LEFT WING
LEFT-WING
LEGALIZE MARIJUANA
LEGALIZE POT
LESBIAN
LESS CONSERVATIVE, A LITTLE OFF BASE

OBAMA
SOCIAL ISSUE SOCIAL ISSUES AND
REPUBLIC PARTIES
ODDBALL
OFF THE MARK!!
OFF THE WALL
OFTEN MISGUIDED
OH GOD
OH MY GAWD!
ONE
ONE CLOSE BUT NO CIGAR
ONE THAT WANTS TO FREE SOMETHING
OPEN AND EQUALITY
OPEN MINDED
OPEN MINDED
OPEN MINDED
OPEN MINDED
OPEN VIEWS
OPEN,
OPEN,FREE
OPPOSITE OF CONSERVATIVE
OPPOSITE OF CONSERVATIVE
OUT OF CONTROL
OUT OF TOUCH
OUT OF TOUCH
OUT THERE
OUTSIDE THE BOX
OVER ACTING
OVERBOARD
OVERBOARD
PASSIVE
PASSIVIST
PATRIOT
PEACEFUL, FAIR
PEOPLE WHO DONT LIKE ANY RULES
PEPOLE WHO CANT MAKE UP THEIR
MINDS
PERSONAL FREEDOM
PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND
PERSONAL CHOICE
POLITICAL
POLITICAL FREEDOM

POLITICAL PARTY THAT BELIEVES IN
LIBERAL POLICIES
POLITICAL VALUES
POLITICIAN
POLITICS
POSSIBLE IDEAS.
PRO GOVERNMENT
PROCHOICE
PROGRESS AND INDIVIDUALITY
PROGRESSIVE
PROTECTING THE LIBERTY OF EACH
INDIVIDUALS
PUSHY
QUESTION MARK
QUESTIONABLE
RACISM
RADICAL
RADICAL
RADICAL
RADICAL
RADICAL
RADICAL
RADICAL
RADICAL,INDIVITUAL RIGHTS RADICAL,
INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS
RAND PAUL
RANDOM AND UM SPONTATOUS
REASONABLE
REBEL
REPUBLICAN
REPUBLICAN AND LEBERMAN
RICH, GOVERNMENT'S FOOT IN THEIR
MOUTH, THEY NEVER HAD TO WORK
FOR NOTHING.
RICH, ULTRA CONSERVATIVE
RIGHT WING
RIGHT WING
RON PAUL
RON PAUL
RON PAUL
RON PAUL
RON PAUL
RON PAUL
RON PAUL
RON PAUL
RON PAUL

RON PAUL
RON PAUL
RON PAUL
RON PAUL
RON PAUL
RON PAUL.
RON PAUL. FREE MARKET. DON'T TREAD ON ME.
RUN AWAY
SAY WHAT
SCARY
SCARY
SELF CONTROL
SELF SUFFICIENT
SELFISH
SINGLE ISSUE
SITTING ON THE FENCE
SMALL GOVERNMENT
SMALL GOVERNMENT
SMALL GOVERNMENT AND GOLD STANDARD
SMALLER GOVERNMENT
SMART
SO SO
SO SO
SOCIAL COMMUNIST
SOCIALISM
SOCIALISM
SOCIALIST
SOCIALY PROGRESSIVE
SOME OF THEIR THOUGHTS SOUND GOOD IN THEORY BUT NOT REALISTICLY
SOMEBODY FOR VERY LITTLE GOVERNMENT CONTROL
SOMEBODY THAT HAS THEIR OWN VIEWS
SOMEBODY WHOS OPEN TO TRY NEW THINGS
SOMEONE THAT WOULD BE MORE THAN THE OTHER PERSON.
SOMEONE WHO HAS ALOT OF GOOD IDEAS BUT ISNT NECESSARILY ROOTED IN A STRONG MORAL AND ETHICAL BASE. I THINK THEY ARE A LITTLE SOCIALISTIC.

SOMEONE WHO IS LIBERAL
SOMEONE WHO IS LIBERAL ... NO CLUE
SOMEONE WHO THINKS OUTSIDE OF THE BOX
SOMEONE WHO WANTS THEIR LIBERTY NO MATTER WHAT.
SOMEONE WHOS VERY FREE AND EASY
SOMEONES WHO IS ON THE LEFT
SOMETHING TO TRY
SPEAKS BELIEFS
STANDOUT, DESPERADO
STANDS AT POST OFFICE
STRICT
STRONG STRICT LEADERSHIP
STUPID
STUPID MOTHER FUCKERS
STUPIDITY AND ADOLESCENCE
TOO LITTLE GOVERNMENT.
TAKES IT TOO FAR WITH OVER SPEND
TEA PARTY
TEA PARTY
TEA PARTY
TEA PARTY AND INEOENDEENT TEA PARTY MOVEMENT AND INDEPENDET.
TEMPTING AND NAIVE
THE PEOPLE
THEY DO NOT HAVE A SINGLE ISSUE THEY DO NOT HAVE A BIG PLAN
THEY DON'T WANT THE GOVERNMENT TO KNOW ABOUT ANYTHING.
THEY DONT HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS
THEY HAVE THEIR OWN VIEWS
THEY TRYING
THEY VOTE EITHER WAY
THEY WANT TO HAVE FREE DRUGS
THINK FAIRLY
THIRD PARTY
THIRD PARTY
THIRD PARTY
THIRD PARTY
THIRD PARTY
THIRD PARTY
THIRD WING
THIRD-PARTY

THROWBACKS
TO EACH HIS OWN
TOO EXTREME
TOO FAR OUT THERE
TOO MANY PHONY'S OUT THERE NOW
TOO MUCH
TOO MUCH FREEDOM
TOTAL FREEDOM
TROUBLE
TV SHOW
U NEED TO BE ONE OR THE OTHER
UHOH
UNBRIDLED
UNDECIDED
UNINFORMED
UNITED STATES
UNKNOWN
UNREALISTIC AND IDEALISTIC
UNREALITY
UNRESTRICTED
USELESS
USELESS AND FOOLISH
VERY ACCEPTING OF DIVERSITY
VERY LIBERAL LIKE THEY WANT TO
LEGALIZE EVERYTHING
VERY LIBERAL OR TOO LIBERAL
VOCAL
WACKY, MISSINFORMED.
WAISTED VOTE
WEIRD
WHAT IS IT
WHAT?
WHAT'S THAT
WIERDO
WISHY WASHY
YES
YES MAN
YOU DON'T LIKE THEM TOO RADICAL IN
THERE THINKING
YOUNG GENERATION