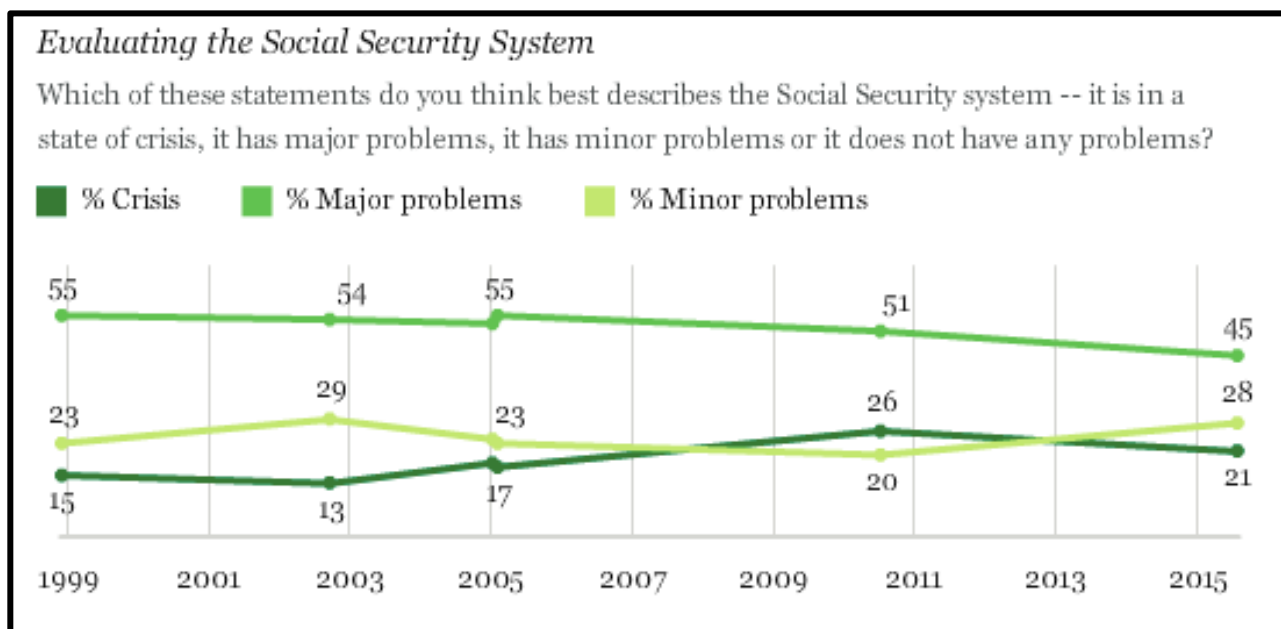


**Voters Skeptical Of Social Security's Future:** In their [annual report](#) released in July, the Social Security Administration (SSA) projected that Disability Insurance (DI) Trust Fund would be depleted in 2016 and the Old Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI) Trust Fund by 2035. The report also projected that Medicare's Hospital Insurance (HI) Trust Fund would be exhausted by 2030. Recent surveys show that voters not currently on Social Security are concerned about they will not receive benefits when they become eligible for them.

A recent Gallup [poll](#) showed a majority of Americans, 66%, think that the Social Security system is in a state of crisis or has major problems (21% - crisis and 45%- major problems). Fifty-one percent of non-retired voters think they will not receive benefits under the current system. Sixty-four percent of voters aged 18-29 and 63% of voters aged 30-49 hold this view. On the other hand, 66% of voters aged 50-64 believe that they will eventually receive benefits. The same poll found that 43% of retired voters are concerned that their benefits will be cut, down from 56% in 2010, but up from 32% in 2005. Furthermore, 51% of voters think raising taxes is the better way to ensure the long-term future of Social Security, compared to 37% who think curbing benefit is the better option.

The fiscal condition of the Social Security system is a growing concern among voters, yet President Barack Obama has failed to address the urgent threat. They want Mr. Obama, Congress and 2016 presidential candidates to address this issue and develop meaningful reforms to ensure the viability of a safety net on which many retired Americans depend.



Source: Gallup