

PROTECT OUR CHECKS

OUR CENTRAL NARRATIVE

SOCIAL SECURITY IS NOT JUST A POLICY, IT'S A PROMISE.

When President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act, he made a promise to create a level playing field for all Americans, ensuring a basic level of financial security for working people. Everyone on Social Security is someone, and someone who somebody knows. Now, on the 90th anniversary of its signing, Unrig Our Economy, along with partners and advocates across the country, will hold rallies to demand that Congress protect what families have paid into and worked hard for — to Protect Our Checks.

CONGRESS MUST PROTECT FINANCIAL SECURITY FOR WORKING PEOPLE, NOT BILLIONAIRES.

Right now, Republicans in Congress are moving forward with an agenda that guts programs working people rely on to afford basic life necessities like food and health care, all to pay for tax breaks for the wealthiest Americans. This, along with ongoing attacks on Social Security, makes it clear what congressional Republicans' priority is: To take from working families to give to the rich. While their plan to gut Medicaid and SNAP passed, it's not too late for them to start protecting Social Security, a lifeline for so many Americans.

SOCIAL SECURITY IS A HARD-EARNED LIFELINE FOR MILLIONS. NOT A HANDOUT.

Over [73 million people](#) in the United States rely on Social Security. It is a pillar for many people, supporting not only retirees but also people with disabilities and working-class families. It helps pay rent, buy groceries, and put kids through school. It's a right that millions have paid into and have earned. Republicans in Congress must not put millions at risk — and take away this hard-earned right — just to give their billionaire buddies another tax giveaway.

THE THREATS TO SOCIAL SECURITY ARE REAL — AND WE REFUSE TO STAY SILENT.

The Trump administration and Elon Musk's DOGE have forced Social Security Administration offices to make staffing cuts, freeze funding, and undermine vital services. They are making local Social Security offices inaccessible and replacing humans who answer the phones with an [AI chatbot](#), with an impact on thousands of people across the country. Yet, Republicans in Congress have done nothing to protect their constituents and ensure that the resources on which they rely are protected. Making local Social Security Administration offices inaccessible will impact thousands of people across the country, hurting their ability to provide for themselves and their families.

THE TIME IS NOW TO MAKE THIS MESSAGE CLEAR.

With a Republican majority in Congress and the White House, threats to cut Social Security are growing. Reports suggest that the system's trust fund may [run dry by 2034](#), leading to a 15-20 percent reduction in benefits. This issue stems from congressional Republicans allowing corporations and the ultra-wealthy to avoid paying their fair share. Republicans are pushing to dismantle a system that provides this hard-earned source of income to many, while billionaires keep paying less. It's essential to raise awareness of the negative impact of cutting Social Security, advocate for higher taxes on the wealthy and corporations, and fight to keep Social Security viable for future generations.

WE ARE ORGANIZING TO PROTECT WHAT'S OURS.

On August 16, to commemorate the 90th anniversary of Social Security, people across the country will gather for the Protect Our Checks day of action. Rallies in communities nationwide will send a clear message: We will not allow Social Security to be at risk, while billionaires are rewarded with even more handouts. We demand Congress protect our checks — our future. The time to act is now.

WE WON'T BACK DOWN.

When President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act in 1935 he called Social Security "a cornerstone in a structure which is being built, but is by no means complete." We are here to build on his legacy from 90 years ago. Protecting Social Security is about protecting what we've earned. We will fight to defend it, just like we have for 90 years.