

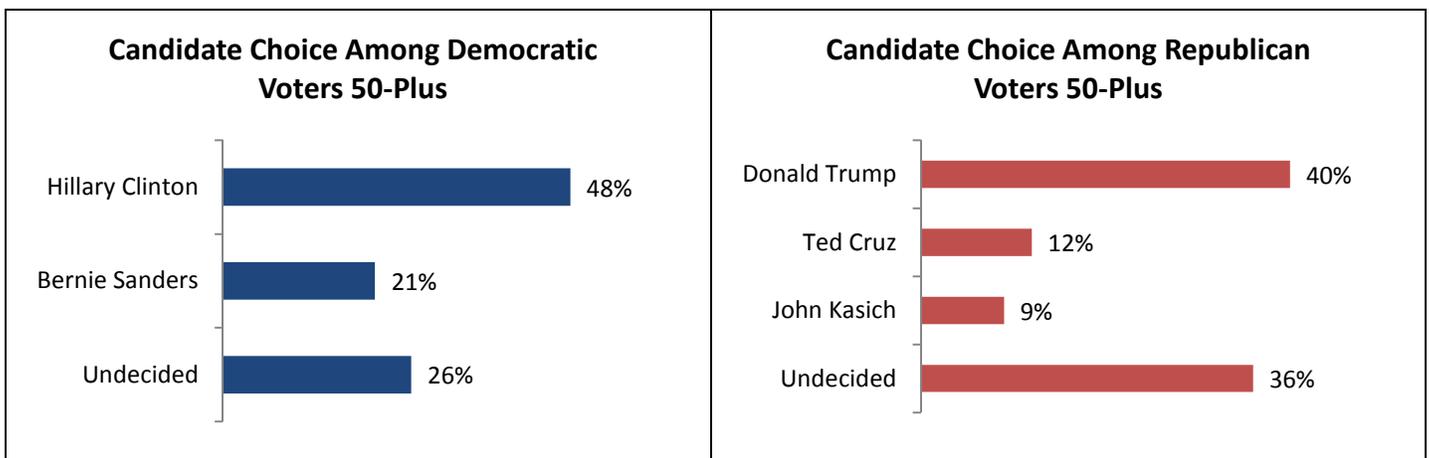
2016 AARP New York Presidential Primary Survey of Registered Voters Age 50-Plus

Summary

This poll conducted less than two weeks before the New York presidential primaries reveals large proportions of registered voters age 50-plus in both parties remain undecided about who they will vote for. However, the vast majority of these likely voters, regardless of political party, say it is very important that candidates lay out plans to update Social Security for future generations, and they agree that having a plan for Social Security is a basic threshold for presidential leadership.

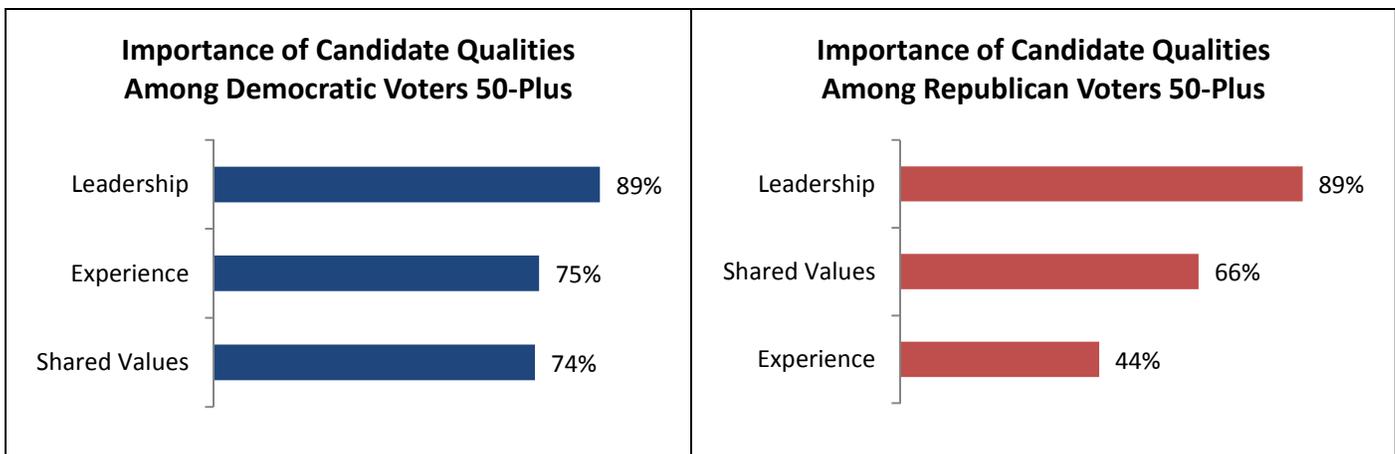
Candidate Choice

While Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump appear to be the front-runners with voters age 50-plus in New York, the large percentage of undecided voters in both parties suggest an open race among this critical voting bloc.



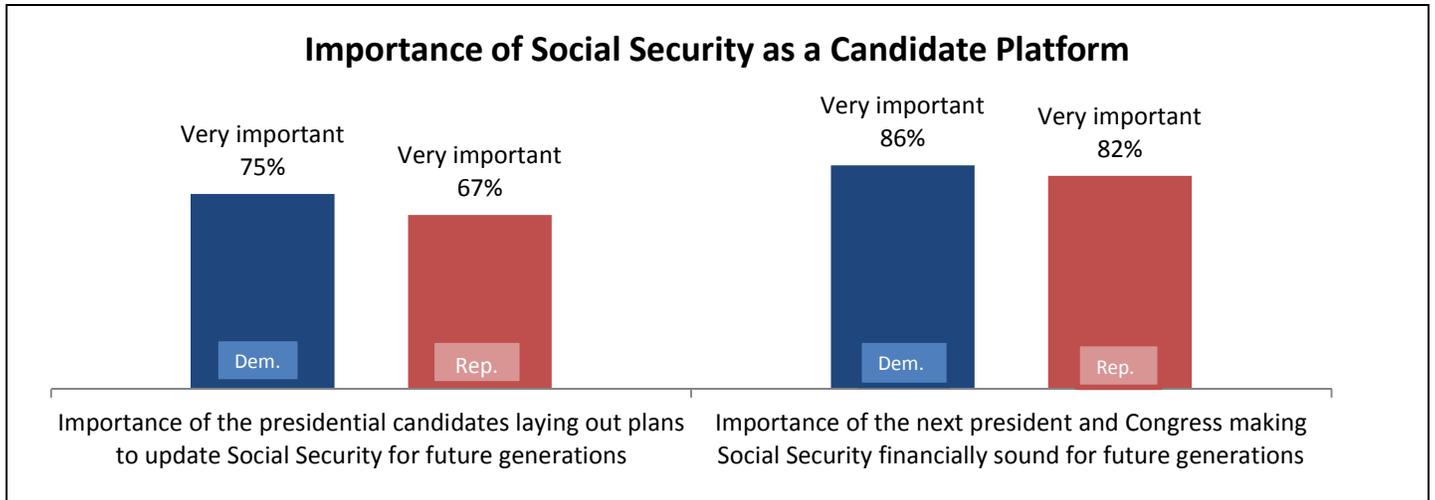
Candidate Qualities

For registered voters age 50 and older in New York, leadership is rated as the most important quality in a presidential candidate, with nearly nine out of ten Democrats and Republicans calling it very important.

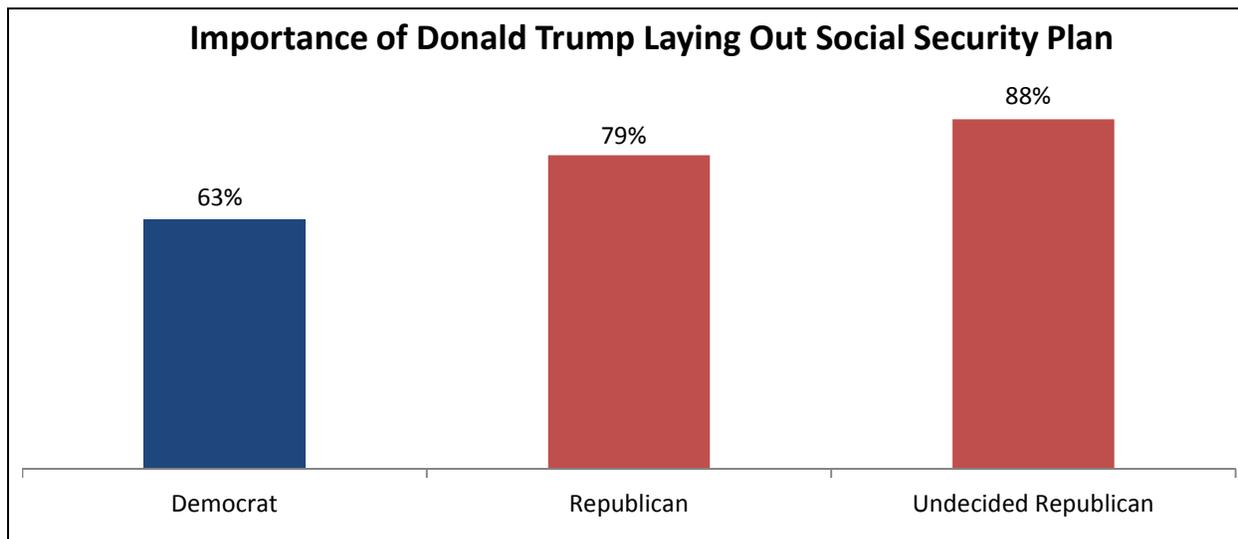


Social Security as a Candidate Platform

More than eight in ten registered voters in New York age 50-plus agree that having a plan for Social Security is a basic threshold for presidential leadership (90% of Democrats and 83% of Republicans), and they believe it is very important the next president and Congress make Social Security financially sound for future generations.



The majority of registered voters in both parties believe it is very important for presidential candidates to lay out their plans to update Social Security for future generations. At the time of the survey, every presidential candidate, except Donald Trump, had announced a plan to make Social Security financially sound. The majority of both Democratic and Republican registered voters agree it is very important that Donald Trump lay out a plan to make Social Security financially sound. In fact, 88 percent of undecided Republican voters say it is important for Donald Trump to lay out a plan for making Social Security strong for future generations.



Survey Methodology

AARP commissioned Precision Opinion to conduct this telephone survey (80% landline and 20% cellphone) of 800 registered voters age 50 and older in New York April 5-8, 2016. The sample was drawn from a registered voter list and stratified by political party (401 registered Democrats and 399 registered Republicans). The data is weighted by age and gender to reflect registered voter population in New York. The margin of error for each sample is +/-5%. For more information on the survey, contact Kate Bridges, AARP Research, at (202)434-6329 or kbridges@aarp.org, or Erik Kriss, AARP New York, at (518) 360-9213 or ekriss@aarp.org.