

## Cost and Benefits: Visualizations Analysis

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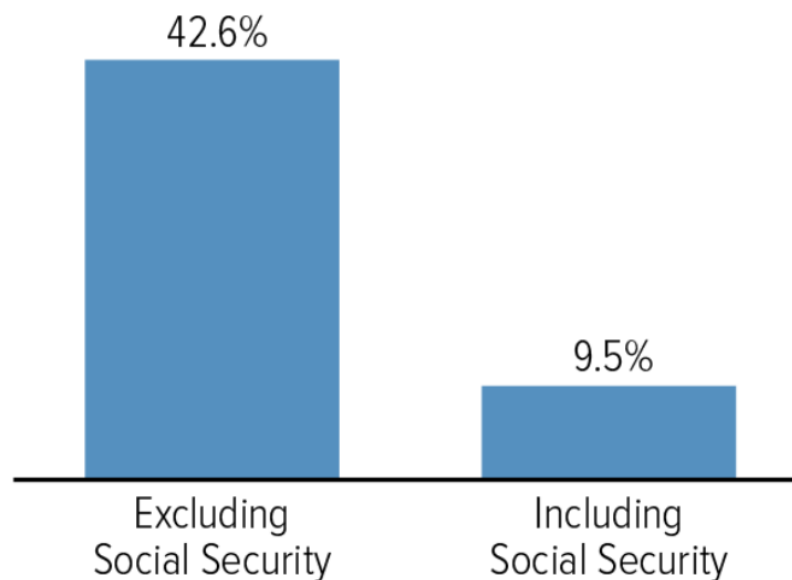
**Directions:** For each chart in the packet answer the following questions.

Chart #	What does the chart show?	What is the source of the information?	Why is this information important? What does it add to the debate about Social Security?
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Chart 1:

## Social Security Dramatically Cuts Poverty Among Seniors

Percentage of seniors in poverty, 2013

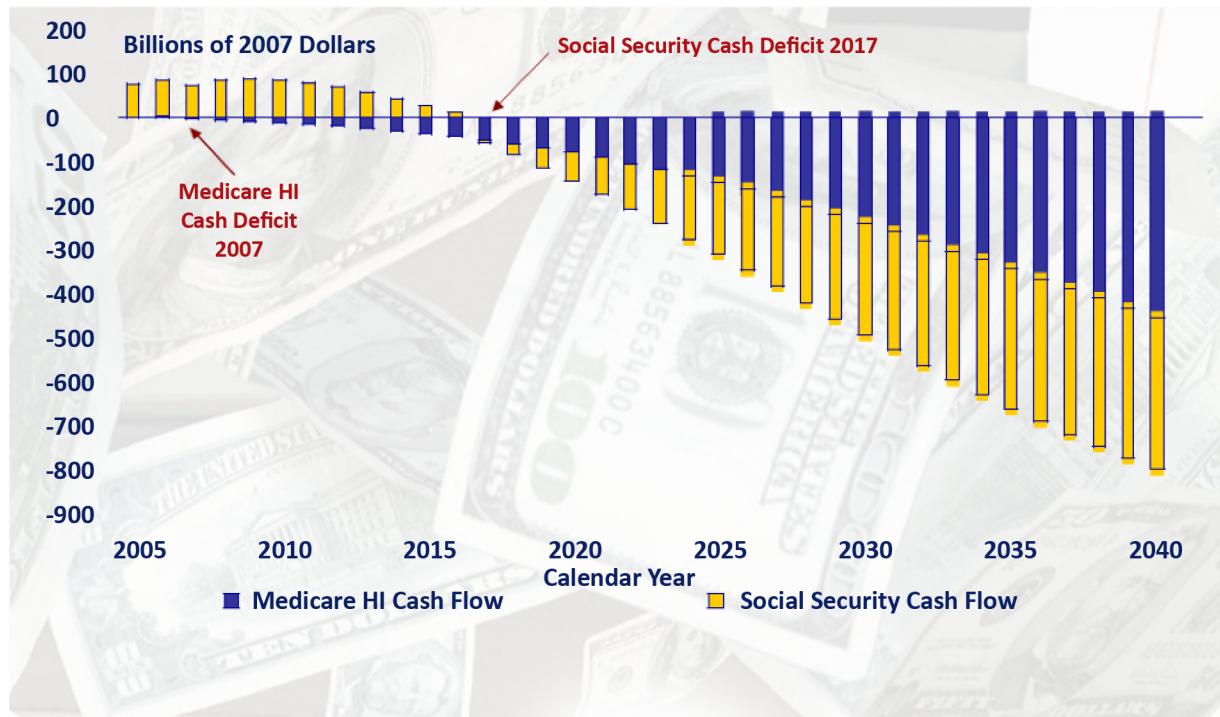


Source: CBPP based on data for 2013 from the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey, March 2014.

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Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. (2015). Social Security helps millions of elderly Americans. Retrieved from [http:// www.cbpp.org/blog/social-security-helps-millions-of-elderly-americans](http://www.cbpp.org/blog/social-security-helps-millions-of-elderly-americans)

Chart 2:



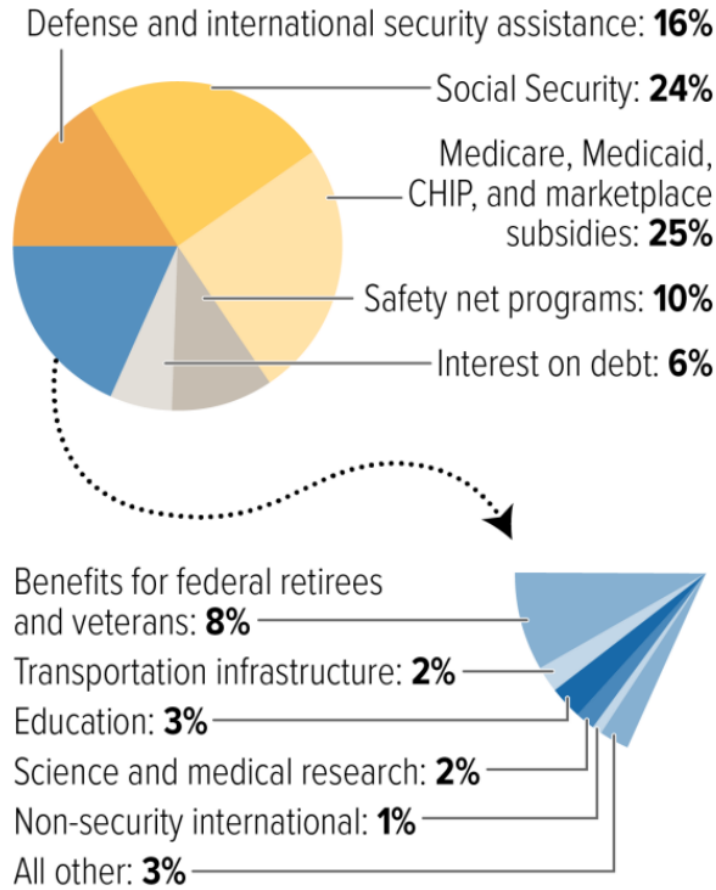
Source: GAO analysis of data from the Office of the Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration and Office of the Actuary, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Note: Projections based on the intermediate assumptions of the 2007 Trustees' Reports. The CPI is used to adjust from current to constant dollars.

Source: U.S. Government Accountability Office. (2008, January 17). Social Security and Medicare's hospital insurance trust funds face cash deficits [Char]. *U.S. financial condition and fiscal future briefing*. (p. 10). Retrieved from <http://www.gao.gov/assets/80/77449.pdf>

Chart 3:

## Most of Budget Goes Toward Defense, Social Security, and Major Health Programs

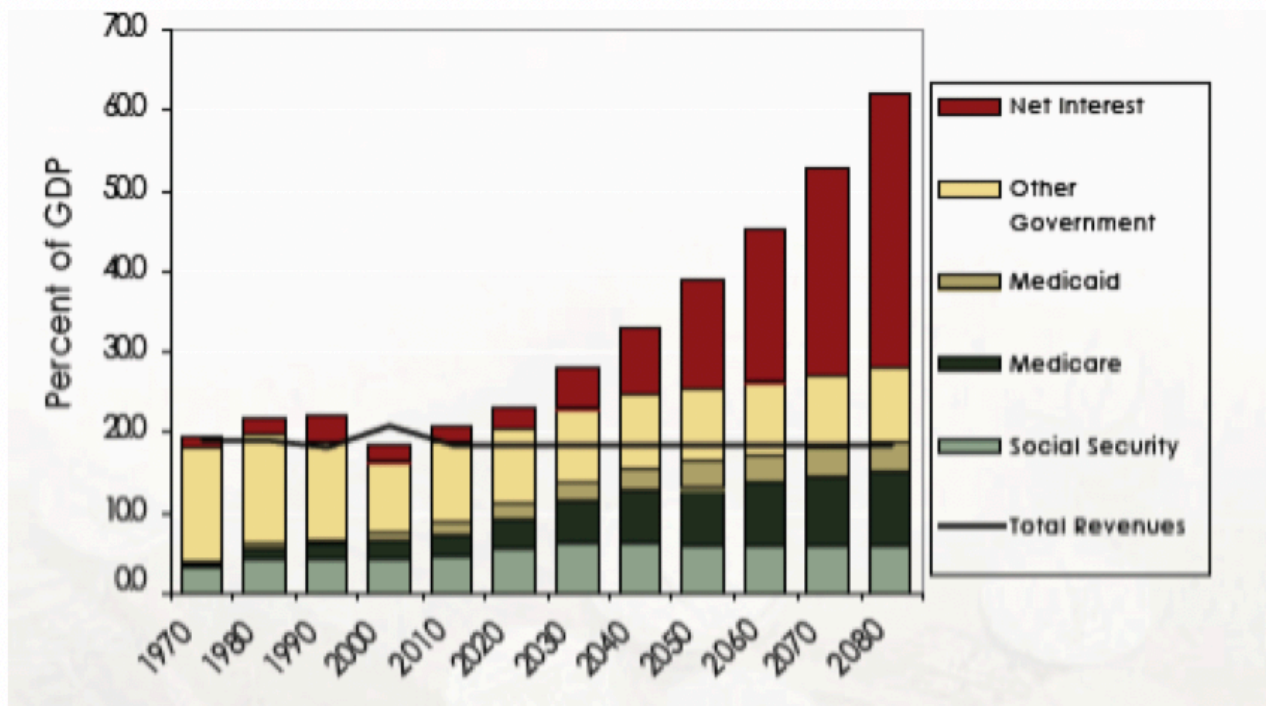


Source: 2015 figures from Office of Management and Budget, FY 2017 Historical Tables

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Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. (2016, March 4). Policy basics: Where do our federal tax dollars go? p.2. Retrieved from <http://cbpp.org/sites/default/files/atoms/files/4-14-08tax.pdf>

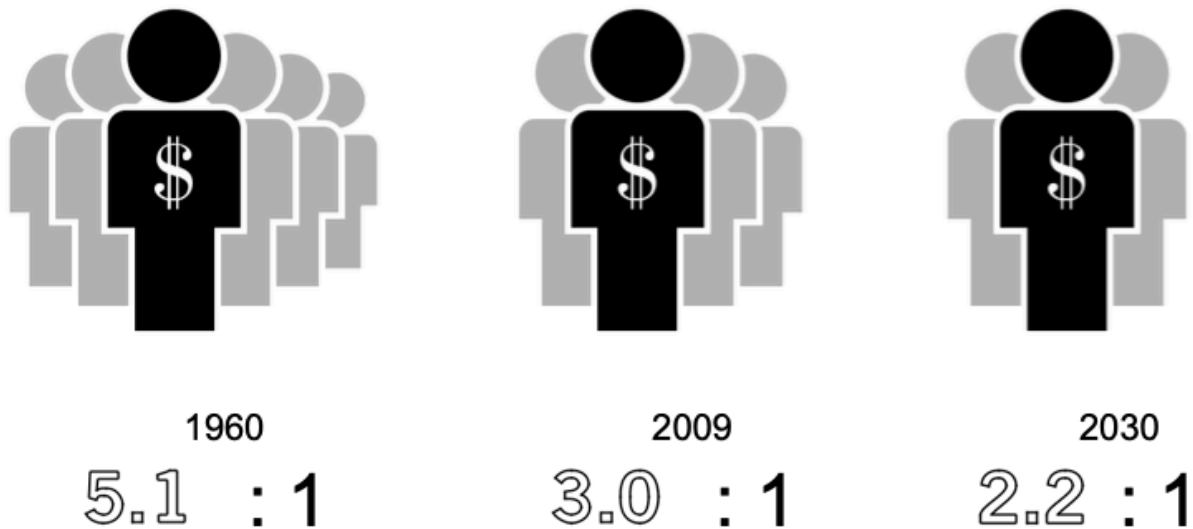
Chart 4



Source: U.S. Government Accountability Office. (2008). Current trends are not sustainable [Chart A]. *A citizens guide to the 2008 financial report of the United States government: The federal government's financial health*, (p.7.). Retrieved from <http://fao.gov/financial/citizensguide2008.pdf>

Chart 5:

## Social Security: Worker to Beneficiary Ratio



Data from the Social Security Administrations: <http://ssa.gov/OACT/TR/2010/lr4b2.html>