

On December 14th, Congressman Blumenauer held a TeleTown Hall with constituents focused on answering questions about tax rates, spending cuts, and the consequences of possible changes to earned benefits programs like Medicare and Social Security. Almost 5,000 constituents participated in the event.

An audio file of the townhall is [available for download \[MP3\]](#)

Survey results:

1) Do you think raising the eligibility age for medicare should be part of the fiscal cliff negotiations/budget deal?

Yes: 24%

No: 66%

Don't Know: 10%

2) Do you think that Social Security reform should be part of the fiscal cliff negotiations/budget deal?

Yes: 18%

No: 70%

Don't Know: 12%

3) By law, Social Security can't pay benefits out of general revenue dollars. It must rely on social security taxes, and therefore doesn't impact the deficit. Now with this information, do you think that Social Security reform should be part of the fiscal cliff negotiations/budget deal?

Yes: 15%

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No: 74%

Don't Know: 11%