

Your Social Security at Risk



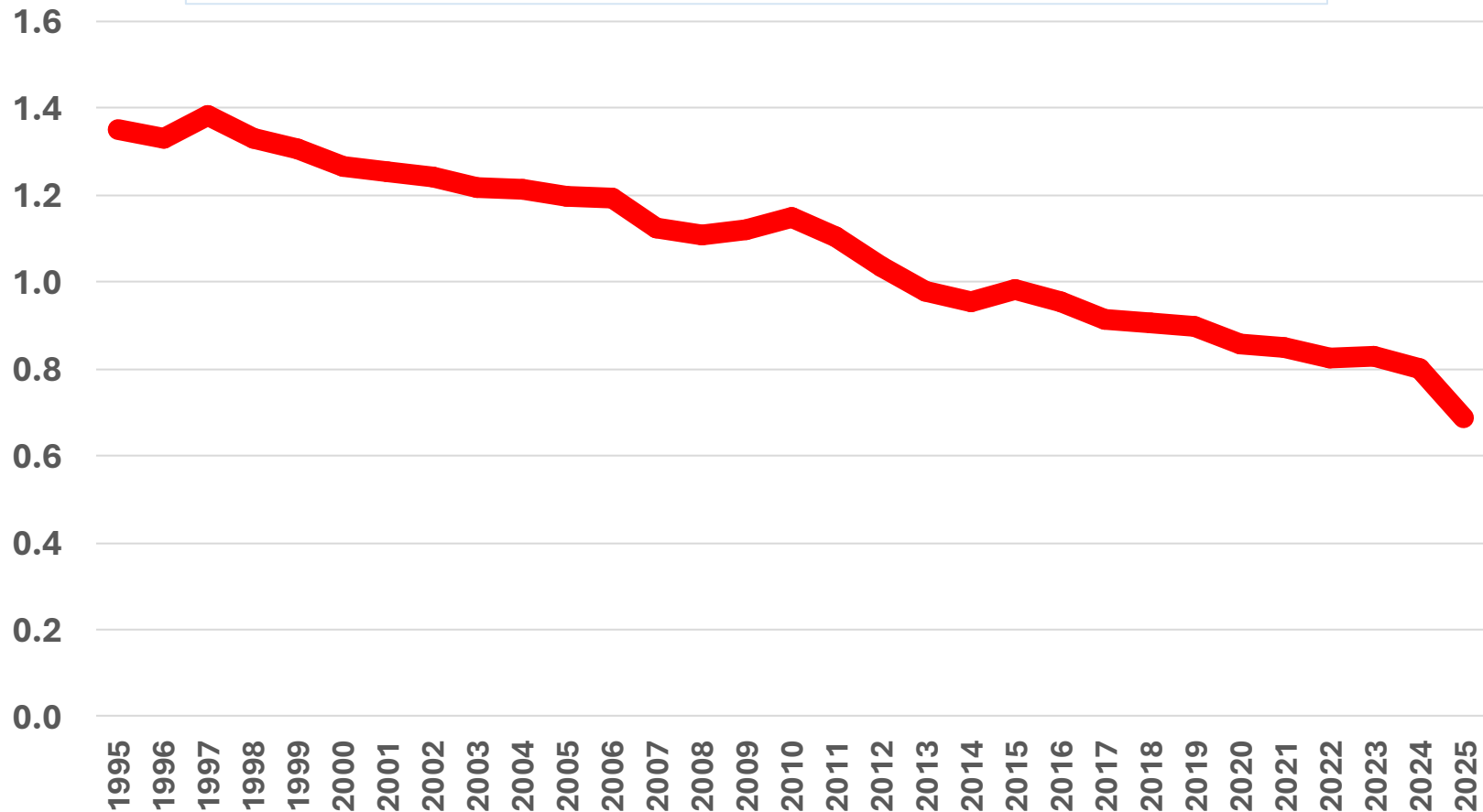
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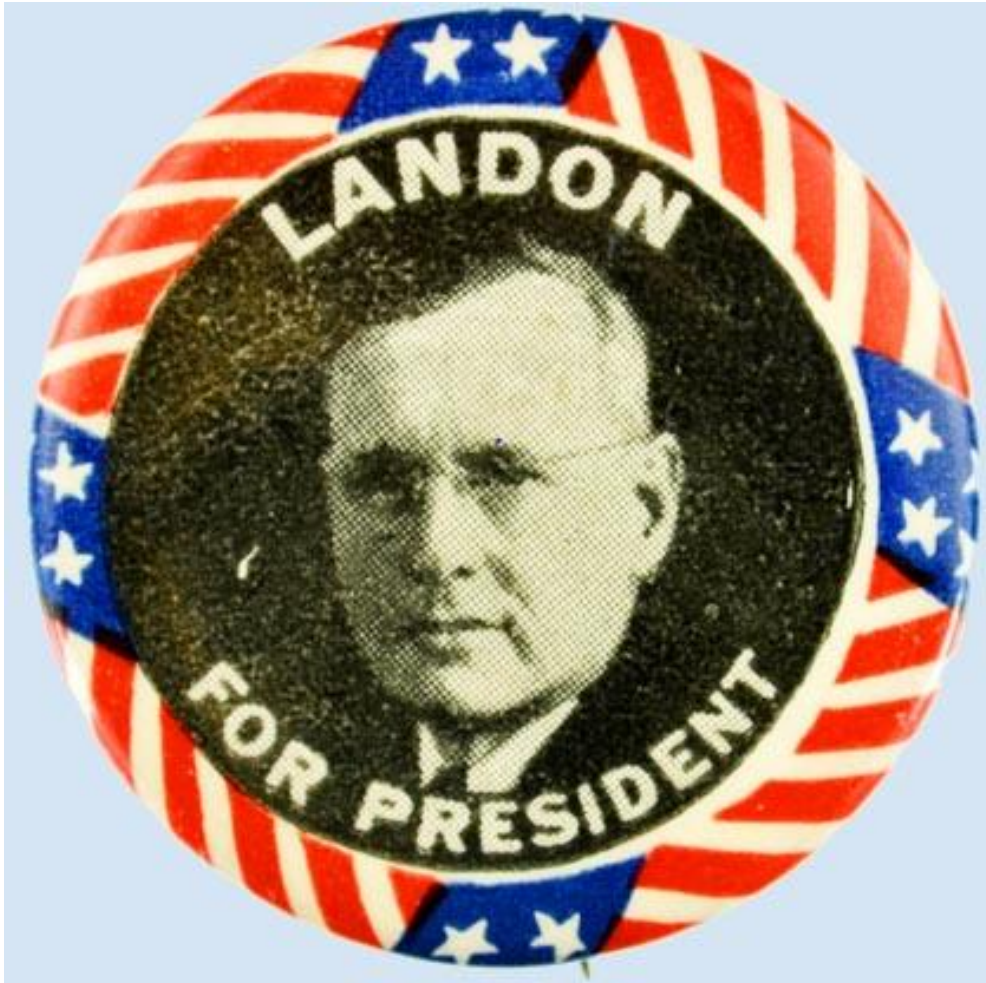


There is an all-out war being waged to line the pockets of billionaires with our earned Social Security benefits.

Social Security FTEs per 1,000 Beneficiaries



Sources: <https://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/supplement/2024/2f1-2f3.html#table2.f3>
<https://www.ssa.gov/oact/STATS/OASDIbenies.html>



**Social Security is
a “cruel hoax”
and “a fraud on
the workingman.”**

**Alf Landon
Republican
candidate for running
for president in 1936**

President Eisenhower Champions the Expansion of Social Security – 1953



1954 Amendments

- Added 10 million recipients
- Raised benefits

House Vote 356-8

1956 Amendments

- Established the Disability Benefit

House vote 372-31

Senate vote 90-0

Even Reagan Understood that Social Security Had Nothing to Do with the Federal Budget or Deficit

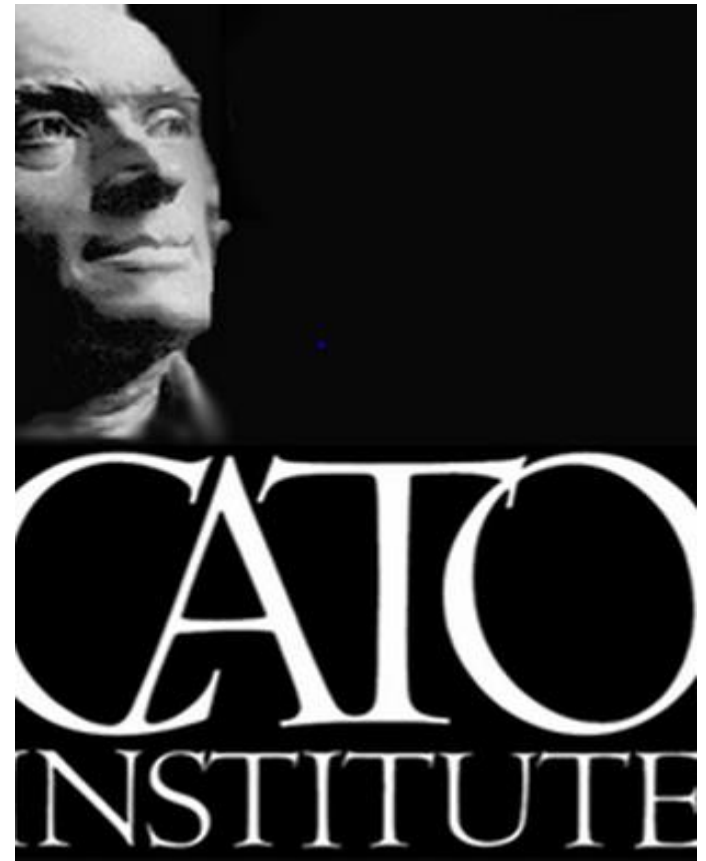


“Social Security is totally funded by the payroll tax levied on employer and employee....So Social Security has nothing to do with balancing a budget or erasing or lowering the deficit.”

President Ronald Reagan October 7, 1984

Corporate America Unites to Attack Social Security – 1983

“Our reform strategy involves what one might crudely call guerrilla warfare against both the current Social Security system and the coalition that supports it.”



Social Security Is Insurance Against Wages Lost Due to:



Disability – 2/3 of workers have no other disability insurance

Death – provides benefits for surviving family members

Old Age – guarantees at least a modest retirement income



Social Security in WA State in December 2024:

Total Benefits Received (yearly) Over \$31 billion

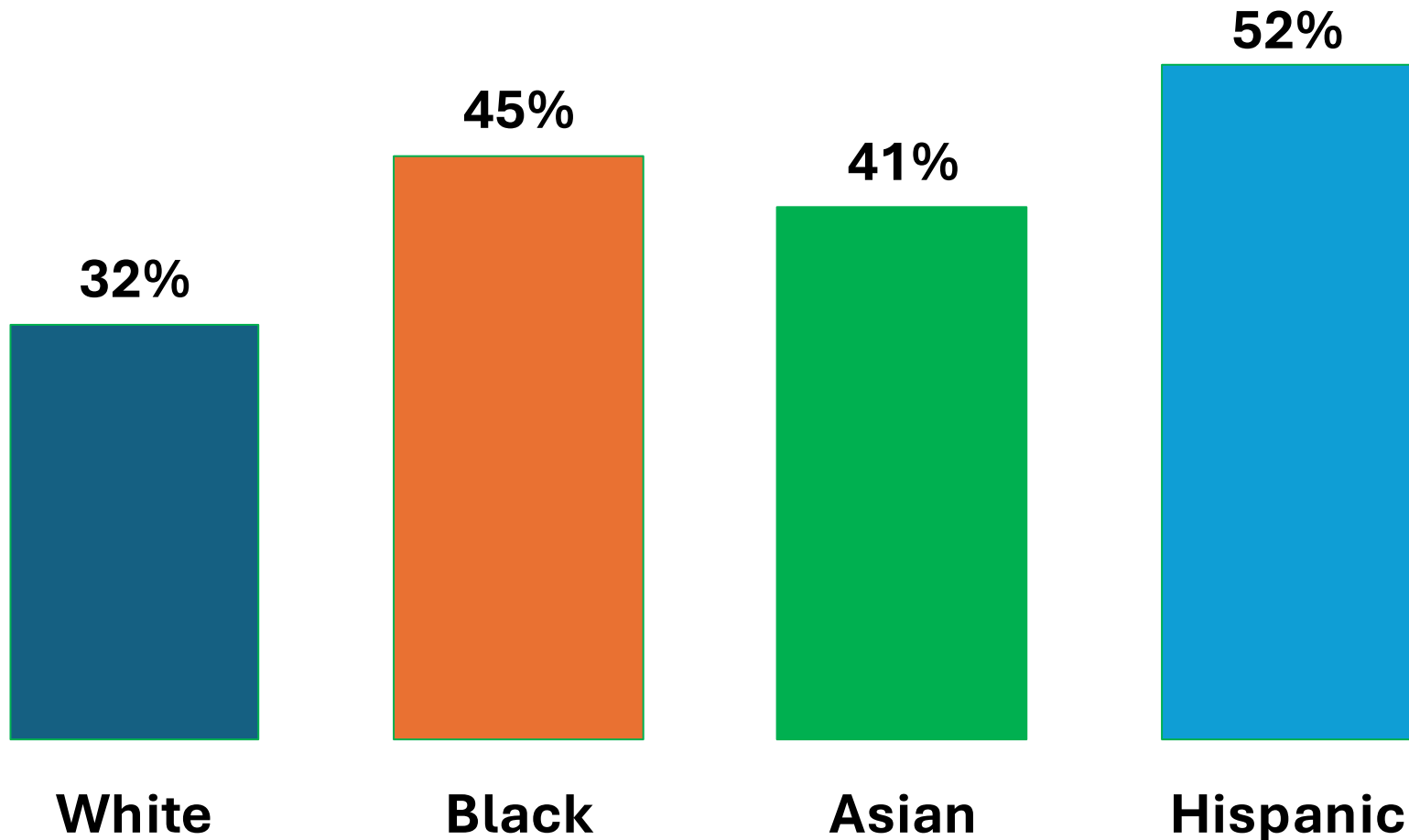
Number Receiving Benefits: 1.45 million

Percentage of WA population
18%

Average monthly Benefit \$2,021

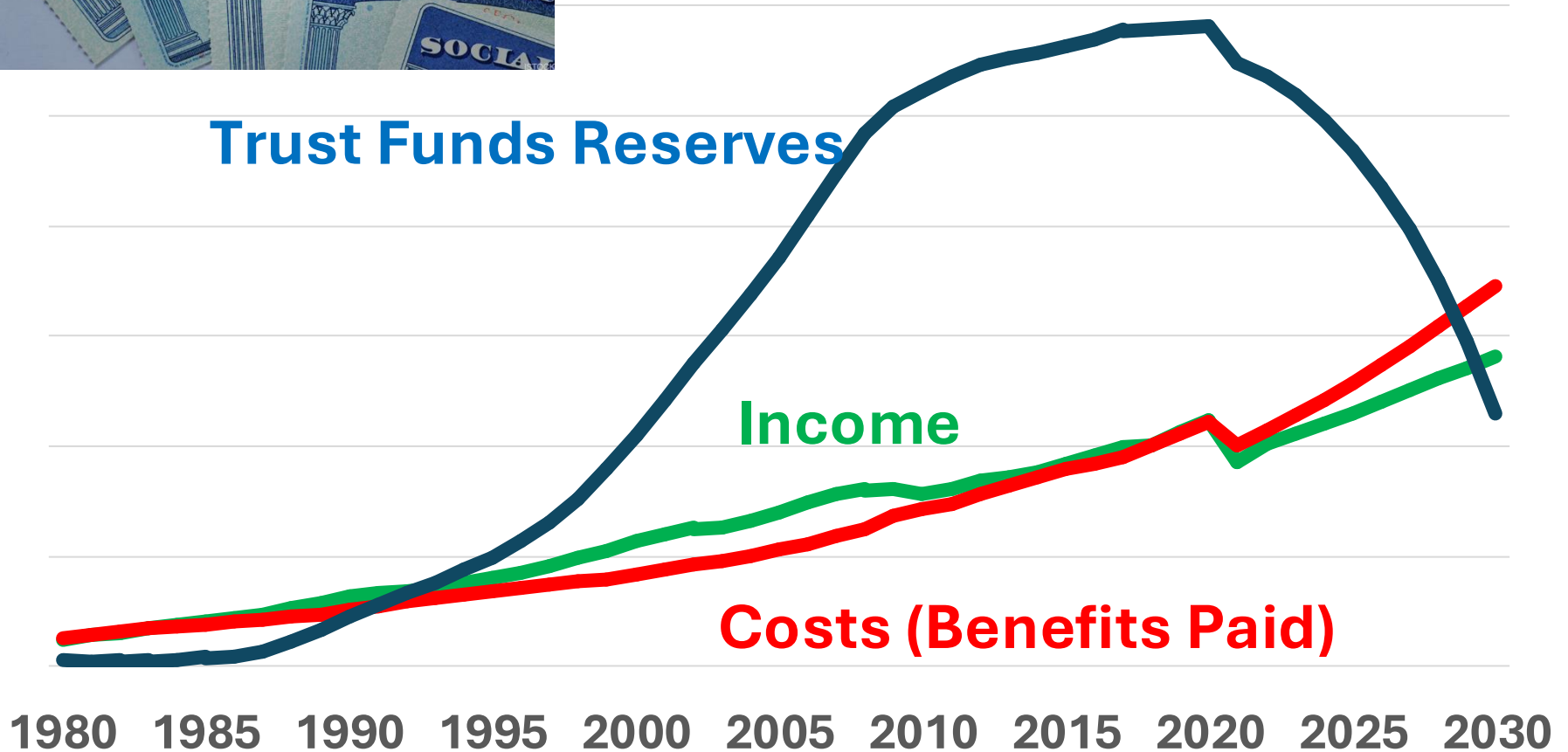
Seniors Lifted Out of Poverty by SS 314,000

Percent Of Beneficiary Households 65 Or Older Whose Social Security Benefits Make Up 90% Or More Of Income:





Social Security Trust Fund



Source: OASDI Annual Report https://www.ssa.gov/OACT/TR/2021/X1_trLOT.html



Not Everyone Pays the Same Percent into Social Security

In 2025 people will stop paying Social Security taxes after they earn \$184,500 per year.

If we scrap the cap, everyone pays the same tax rate on all their wage and salary income. This would solve much of the future funding needs.

Demand that senator Cantwell cosponsor the **Keep Billionaires Out of Social Security Act (S 2763)**



- **Protecting and improving access to Social Security offices**
- **Improving customer service**
- **Restoring assistance for vulnerable and disabled people**
- **Safeguarding Americans' data and stopping Trump's politicization of Social Security;**
- **Removing DOGE's authority over Social Security.**

Dramatic Loss of Social Security Staff in the 3rd Congressional District

In WA State, 11% of field staff were lost but in the 3rd Congressional District, there were losses of 30% or more field staff.

Rep. Gluskamp Perez should be complaining loudly to the SSA Commissioner and the White House



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