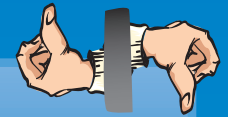


# Democrats Flip-Flop On Social Security



*When then President Bill Clinton proposed changing Social Security in the late 1990s - including a plan for personal accounts - Democrat members of Congress were supportive. Now they are singing a different tune. Policy or partisanship - you make the call!*

## **Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV):**

**"[M]ost Of Us Have No Problem With Taking A Small Amount Of The Social Security Proceeds And Putting It Into The Private Sector."** (Fox's "Fox News Sunday," 2/14/99)

**"We're Visiting Chile Because It Is Doing Interesting Things In Social Security And Other Parts Of Its Free Market System."** (Tony Batt, "Reid To Embark On South America Trip," Las Vegas Review-Journal, 3/30/99)

## **Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL):**

**"Our Obligations Are To Make Sure That Social Security Is Fiscally Sound For Many Decades To Come, And To Take On The Challenge Of Making Sure Medicare Is Protected."** (CNN's "Late Edition," 7/4/99)

**"Durbin Said Due To The Increasing Number Of 'Baby Boomers' Reaching Retirement Age, Social Security Will Be Unable To Pay Out Full Benefits ... But The Sooner Congress Acts To Avert This Crisis The Easier And Less Painful It Will Be."** (Sen. Dick Durbin, "Reforming Social Security," Press Release, 9/15/98)

## **Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY):**

**"We Have To Move On Now, And Start Fixing Social Security And Preserving It And Reining In The HMOS And Making Our Schools Better."** (Fox's "Special Report," 2/12/99)

## **Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI):**

**"President Clinton's "Budget Focuses On The Right Priorities For The Nation - Education, Health Care, Child Care And The Strengthening And Protecting Of Social Security."** (Melanie Eversley, "Budget Proposal Has Some Good News For Michigan," (Detroit Free Press, 2/2/99)

**"[President Clinton] Has Got Great Leadership Qualities On Important Issues That People Care About. He's Shown An Ability To Focus ... On Saving Social Security And On Education And In Guaranteeing Health Care."**

## **Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-ND):**

**"Fixing Social Security Is An Urgent Priority. It Ought To Be At The Top Of Both Parties' Agendas."** (Sen. Byron Dorgan, "Fixing Social Security Must Top Both Parties' Agendas," (Roll Call, 12/6/99)

**"This Report [By The Center On Budget And Policy Priorities] Provides Powerful And Convincing Evidence Of The Need To Save Social Security First."** (Sen. Byron Dorgan, "Dorgan Says New Report Provides Powerful Evidence Of Need To Save Social Security First," Press Release, 7/24/98)