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Exposing myths about the economy and government

Social Security Act of 1935 Quotes

YOU'RE SENTENCED TO A WEEKLY PAY REDUCTION FOR ALL OF YOUR WORKING LIFE. YOU'LL HAVE TO SERVE THAT SENTENCE UNLESS YOU HELP REVERSE IT NOVEMBER 3.

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293810/01/1936 | [Full Details \(/quotes/quote-%E2%80%93two-weeks-election-workers-various-detroit-plants-found-these-placards-their-0\)|](#)
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Effective January 1937, we are compelled by a Roosevelt New Deal law to make a 1 percent deduction from your wages and turn it over to the government. You might get this money back . . . but only if Congress decides to make the appropriations for this purpose.

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Imagine the vast army of clerks which will be necessary to keep these records.

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Alf Landon, the 1936 Republican nominee for president.
293709/26/1936 | [Full Details \(/quotes/quote-%E2%80%93alf-landon-1936-republican-nominee-president-1\)|](#) Law(s): [Social Security Act of 1935 \(/taxonomy/term/299\)](#)

The actual fact will be, in almost every case, that the whole tax will be borne either by the employe [sic] or by the consumer through higher prices. That is the history of all such taxes. This is because the tax is imposed in such a way that, if the employer is to stay in business, he must shift the tax to some one else.

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Do not forget this: such an excessive tax on payrolls is beyond question a tax on employment. In prosperous times it slows down the advance of wages and holds back re-employment. In bad times it increases unemployment, and unemployment breaks wage scales.

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There is every probability that the cash they pay in will be used for current deficits and new extravagances. We are going to have trouble enough to carry out an economy program without having the Treasury flush with money drawn from the workers...

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Alf Landon, the 1936 Republican nominee for president.
293609/26/1936 | [Full Details \(/quotes/quote-%E2%80%93alf-landon-1936-republican-nominee-president-3\)|](#) Law(s): [Social Security Act of 1935 \(/taxonomy/term/299\)](#)

This is the largest tax bill in history. And to call it 'social security' is a fraud on the workingman.... I am not exaggerating the folly of this legislation. The saving it forces on our workers is a cruel hoax.

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Alf Landon, the 1936 Republican nominee for president.
293309/26/1936 | [Full Details \(/quotes/quote-%E2%80%93alf-landon-1936-republican-nominee-president-2\)|](#) Law(s): [Social Security Act of 1935 \(/taxonomy/term/299\)](#)

The Social Security Bill will add 6 percent to the labor cost of doing business. No one with the slightest familiarity with economic principals can believe that the total cost of this will be born solely by employers; it must be shared by labor and consumers.

Editorial, The New York Times.

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Unfortunately, the measure is in some respects ill-considered. It's constitutionality is by no means certain: if the Federal Government may compel the states to adopt unemployment insurance under the guise of a tax, why may it not similarly compel them to adopt any other sort of legislation

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Editorial, The New York Times.

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The Form and nature of the old-age insurance plan, is very questionable; the whole matter should have received careful study by an expert commission. It would mean an added tax burden equal to nearly half of the existing total Federal tax burden.

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Editorial, The New York Times.

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