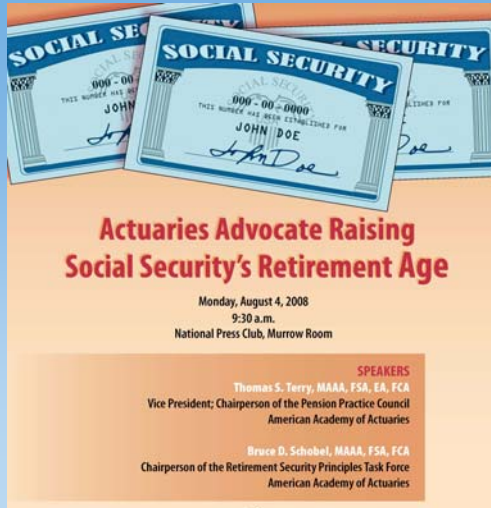


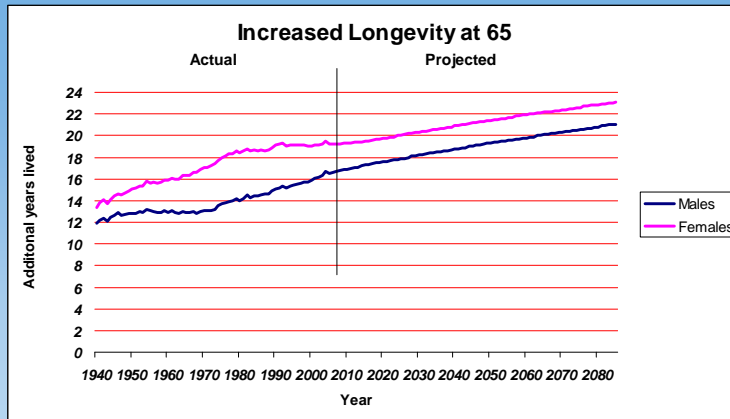
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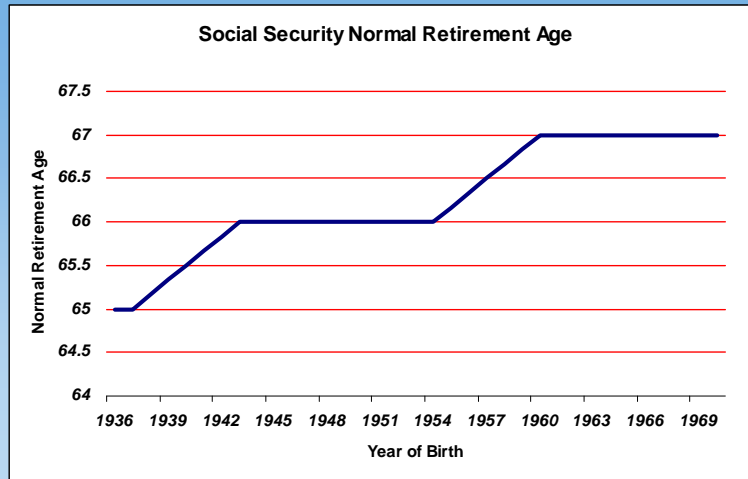
**Source: 2008 OASDI Trustees Report.** The period life expectancy at a given age for a given year represents the average number of years of life remaining if a group of persons at that age were to experience the mortality rates for that year over the course of their remaining lives; 2005 to 2007 are estimated



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## Social Security Normal Retirement Age



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## Raising the Retirement Age

- Three sample proposals
  - 1) Eliminate the hiatus in the normal retirement age (NRA) – i.e., speed up the increase to age 67
  - 2) Eliminate the hiatus in the NRA – i.e., speed up the increase to age 67 – and then increase it by 1 month every 2 years until it reaches age 70
  - 3) Keep the current schedule of NRA increases to age 67 but continue increasing it thereafter by 2 months every year until it reaches age 70



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## Raising the Retirement Age

| Sample proposal   | Approximate percentage of Social Security's long-range deficit <sup>[1]</sup> eliminated |
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| Eliminate the hiatus in the normal retirement age (NRA) – i.e., speed up the increase to age 67   | 10%  |
| Eliminate the hiatus in the NRA – i.e., speed up the increase to age 67 – and then increase it by 1 month every 2 years until it reaches age 70 | 35%  |
| Keep the current schedule of NRA increases to age 67 but continue increasing it thereafter by 2 months every year until it reaches age 70       | 50%  |

<sup>[1]</sup> Under the intermediate assumptions of the 2008 OASDI Trustees Report, Social Security's long-range (75-year) actuarial deficit is 1.70 percent of taxable payroll.



## Labor Force Participation Rates

