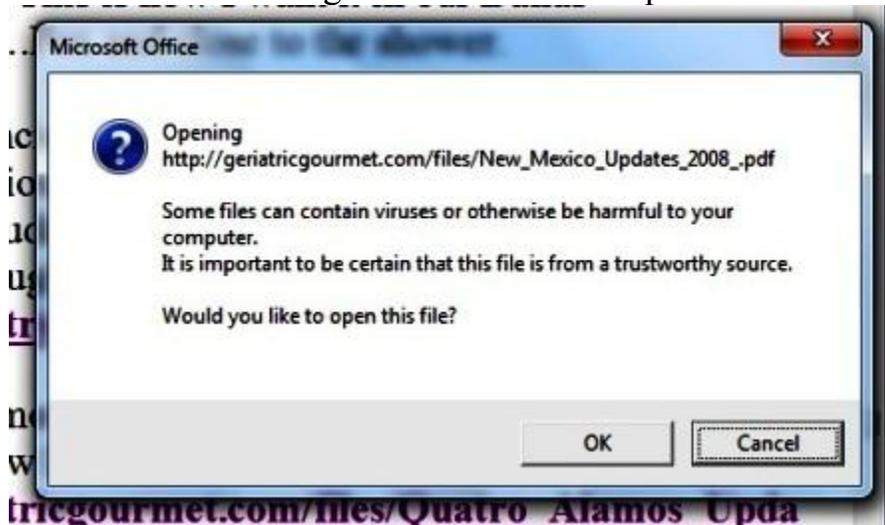


## Social Security

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You may get this warning but don't worry. It won't cause a flat tire on your car or your toilet to be stopped up. And they're mostly just nonsense anyway. Sometimes redundant for emphasis.

Most of the time, I have a little cash in my wallet and a little change in my pocket. I don't carry a title to this money; in fact, I don't have, and wouldn't know how to obtain one. As far as I know, congress has never passed a law that grants me a title to this money.....it's just my money. There are however, laws about someone taking this money without my permission. When I surrender it voluntarily, as in making a purchase, then it's all legal. If someone takes it from me without my permission, it's called stealing or robbery, it is a crime and whoever does it is a criminal. I also have some money in checking and

savings accounts, in my bank. I pay the bank fees, for their services, and for safeguarding my money but it's still **my money**. It does not belong to the bank. This money is not mine because I am **entitled** to it. It was mine when I deposited it, it's still mine and I don't need a title to it.....it's just **my money**.

Paycheck: (USAF or civilian) By law, all of my life, each time I received money that I earned, some of it was taken out of my paycheck and deposited in a government bank to be held for me, and then returned to me in increments when I retire. This is called Social Security. Also, taxes were taken out of these checks. I pay these taxes (**fees**) to the government for various services, among which is safeguarding (not stealing) **my money**, as Social Security.

This Social Security money is money that I earned during my life. It does not belong to the government, any more than does the money in my pocket. It does not belong to the government or the government bank; anymore than does the money in my checking or saving accounts, belong to my bank. It does not belong to either bank anymore than does the money in my pocket.....it's just **my money!** The money that I have in my pocket and my bank have nothing to do with **entitlement**.....it's just **my money**.

**My Money**, which is in the government bank, does not belong to the government. It does not belong to the tax payers. I earned it; it came out of my paycheck and it is

mine, so why is it called, by some in government, **entitlement**?

Empowered to do so by us, the voters, the government, over the years, determined that it's better to provide for some unfortunate people than to have them resort to desperate measures e.g. crime. It was also determined that it's better to avoid having a nation of sick people. In many cases, these people do not earn enough money (or are unemployed) to provide for themselves. There are entitlements provided for some of them if they qualify. This **is** taxpayer money. We empower our government to provide for all of us in various ways, i.e. infrastructure, courts and prisons, laws, armed forces (military), police, museums, schools, public institutions, public lands, foreign policy, child care, agriculture, animal control, and a myriad of problems and needs that we, as individuals, can not deal with. By democratic, majority vote, we agree to, and pay taxes for, these provisions and services. Some of these things can only be called entitlements. But is money that I earned an **entitlement**, after it was paid to me by my employers (including my USAF salary, by the federal government)? My employers, debtors or customers believed that I was entitled to it for goods or services rendered. But once it is my pocket or my bank, is it still an **entitlement**? The government didn't give it to me. The taxpayers didn't give it to me. They paid it to me in exchange for services rendered!

I very much dispute this **entitlement** accusation. Does my car or TV belong to me because I was entitled to have them and therefore the government provided them for me?

Ever since, the **Social Security Act** was signed into law in 1935 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the GOP has tried to get rid of it. That possibility absolutely forbidden by the vast majority, including Republican, of voters, they have tried to privatize it, and encountered equal prohibition. If I chose to invest my money in the stock market, property or wherever, it's my right and my business, and the Republican Party does not have anything to say about it.

Is my money an **entitlement**, and does the Republican Party have the right to do with it what it will? Because they can associate it with Socialism...and scare people, they like to, and are exclusively responsible for calling it, **Entitlement**. The insurance and pharmaceutical industries also like this for their own obvious reasons.

Appropriating my money, for any reason, without my permission, would normally be considered a crime and those who do it, **criminals**.

Of course, this is just a rant and I doubt if I can ever get through but I'm going to try to send this to the Supreme Court. Freedom of speech prohibits it but, just as it is illegal to lie for the purpose of committing a crime, it should be illegal to refer to (lie about) Social Security as **entitlement** for political gain. After all, I guess I did live this long for some reason. I am now a senior citizen, an

honorably discharged veteran, a tax paying voter and all that stuff which implies that I might have a voice and something to say about how I am governed.....and/or, maybe robbed.

Why did [Bernie Madoff](#) go to prison? To simplify, he talked people into enabling him to invest their money. Trouble was, he didn't invest it. As time rolled on, he simply took some of the money from the new investors to pay off the old investors, and some of it to keep for himself. Finally there were too many old investors, and not enough money from new investors coming in to keep the payments going. Whoops, this discovered, Madoff is one of the most hated people in the USA, and he is off to prison. Some, but not enough, know this. Madoff did to his investors, what the US government has been doing with Social Security, to us for over 70 years. The only significant difference between the two ponzi schemes is that one was operated by a private individual (who is now in prison) and the other is operated by politicians who enjoy perks, privileges and special status in spite of their actions.

If you need a side-by-side comparison here's a nifty little chart--

<b>BERNIE MADOFF</b>	<b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b>
Takes money from investors with the promise that the money will be	Takes money from wage earners with the promise that the money will be

invested and made available to them later.	invested in a "Trust Fund" (Lock Box) and made available later.
Instead of investing the money Madoff spends it on nice homes in the Hamptons and yachts.	Instead of depositing money in a Trust Fund the politicians transfer it to the General Revenue Fund and use it for general spending and vote buying.
When the time comes to pay the investors back Madoff simply uses some of the new funds from newer investors to pay back the older investors.	When benefits for older investors become due the politicians pay them with money taken from younger and newer wage earners to pay the older geezers.
When Madoff's scheme is discovered all hell breaks loose. New investors won't give him any more cash.	When Social Security runs out of money the politicians try to force the taxpayers to send them some more; or they <u>cancel</u> S/S to all those who paid into it.

**Bernie Madoff is in jail.**

**Politicians remain in Washington.. With fat medical and retirement benefits.**

"If you put the federal government in charge of the Sahara Desert, in five years there'd be a shortage of sand."

*Milton Friedman*