

Rep. Mike Ferguson Out of Step with Woodbridge on Social Security

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Congressman Mike Ferguson, who supports President Bush's plan to change Social Security, is out of step with his constituents in Woodbridge, who, when polled, overwhelmingly opposed the plan. On the morning of Saturday, June 18, every adult exiting or passing by the Woodbridge Post Office was asked the following question: "Do you support President Bush's plan to change Social Security?" Out of 202 adults polled, 177 people (88%) surveyed voted "no," while only 25 people (12%) voted in favor. To ensure the accuracy of the survey, Frederick R. Young of Edison, a Republican, supervised the recount.

The polltakers, members of the Middlesex County Democratic Meetup, found the public very approachable. The majority of people were eager to participate and to speak to us about their views on the subject. Opinions ranged from "He's my favorite President!" to "Eliminate the income limits—allow everyone to contribute and/or deduct" to "I don't like Bush!"

The results of the poll will be sent to Representative Ferguson of the 7th US Congressional District, whose district includes Woodbridge, South Plainfield, and the northern part of Edison. Rep. Ferguson has gone on record as supporting private Social Security accounts and invited President Bush to New Jersey on March 4 of this year to drum up support for Social Security reforms. The President spoke in Westfield at a tightly controlled, invitation-only event. The general public was not given the opportunity to speak or to question the President. The Middlesex County Democratic Meetup (website: <http://democrat.meetup.com/71/>) decided to involve the public in the national debate about Social Security reform.

The Middlesex County Democratic Meetup formed online in the summer of 2004 to discuss current events and to take action in support of Democratic causes. Monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month in the Parish Hall of St. Luke's Church, Oak Avenue and Route 27, Metuchen, NJ 088040, at 8:00 P.M. All are welcome.

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