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HOW TO USE THE AARP VOTERS' GUIDE:

AARP produced this guide to help you find out what candidates are saying about health and financial security in their own words.

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AARP is committed to helping you get the facts you need to choose candidates who reflect your views and values. We are nonpartisan – we don't support or oppose any political candidates or contribute any money to campaigns or political action committees. Our priority is ensuring you know where the candidates stand before you cast your vote.



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Social Security

How would you protect Social Security for today's seniors and strengthen it for future generations?

AARP's Position:

Social Security should continue to guarantee that Americans who work and pay into the system receive benefits based on what they earn and contribute. Benefits should keep up with inflation and last for as long as an individual lives. We must strengthen Social Security for the future and protect benefits for people who count on them most, including surviving spouses and families, lower-wage workers, and disabled individuals who no longer can work. Social Security must be put on stable financial ground, but any adjustments should be implemented gradually so changes do not impact those in or near retirement.

Mark S. Reed Sr. (Rep):

If I am elected I will propose legislation to repeal all Taxes on Social Security. I will propose legislation to extract Social Security funds from the General Fund. (Source: Reed for Congress, <http://ow.ly/xG1ot>)

Brad J. Sherman (Dem):

All Americans should seek a comfortable retirement including IRA's, 401(k)'s and similar accounts. However, any sound retirement plan starts with an inflation-adjusted lifetime annuity – a monthly check for life that you cannot lose, and you cannot outlive. This is what Social Security provides. We should not replace a guarantee with a gamble. I will fight plans to privatize Social Security or turn Medicare into a voucher program. (Source: Brad Sherman Website, <http://ow.ly/c2sg6>)

Medicare

How would you put Medicare on stronger financial ground and protect today's seniors and future retirees from rising health costs?

AARP's Position:

Medicare should be strengthened and improved so both current and future generations can count on having access to high-quality, affordable coverage. Medicare should continue to guarantee a specific set of benefits that are affordable and meet a person's health care needs. Medicare should offer choices that ensure access to high-quality health care. Medicare should improve the quality, safety, and efficiency of care by emphasizing value and cracking down on fraud, waste, and abuse.

Mark S. Reed Sr. (Rep):

AARP did extensive research but was unable to find any public statement on this issue by July 11, 2014.

Brad J. Sherman (Dem):

In April...the House of Representatives passed a...plan to eliminate Medicare as we know it and replace it with a voucher program. Seniors would use their own money, along with a government voucher to purchase insurance from private insurance companies. I strongly oppose efforts to create a "voucher" system that effectively wipes out Medicare's guaranteed health care benefits and would increase the average senior citizen's costs by \$6,300 per year, according to the Joint Economic Committee. (Source: Brad Sherman Website, <http://ow.ly/c2sg6>)

Financial Security

How would you help Americans save so they can secure their future and live independently as they age?

AARP's Position:

More opportunities and incentives should be available for all Americans to plan and save so they can have a more secure future. Freedom from age discrimination is a fundamental right and critical to Americans' ability to have a secure retirement. Every worker should be treated fairly, regardless of age. We need to support family caregivers who make it possible for more seniors to live in their homes and communities, where they want, rather than taxpayers and struggling families paying for costlier care.

Mark S. Reed Sr. (Rep):

I will propose legislation to freeze taxes and or fees assessed at the time of retirement. When our American seniors retire, they are set at a quality of life that can only be attacked by three angles: Inflation, taxes and or fees. When the Congress raises taxes or fees, our retirees' quality of life diminishes, and when Congress over spends, inflation rises and their quality of life diminishes. I pledge to protect the quality of life for our American seniors that they have worked to set, and deserve to have, at the time of their retirement. (Source: Reed for Congress, <http://ow.ly/xG1ot>)

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After years of working hard and paying into the system, AARP believes you've earned the right to know where the candidates stand on the issues that matter to you and your family. This Voters' Guide will help you find out where the candidates stand on health and financial security in their own words, so you can decide which candidate best reflects your views and values.

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