



## US House Florida District 3

### **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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## **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.

### **Marihelen H. Wheeler (Dem):**

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

### **Theodore S. Yoho (Rep):**

[...]I've paid into the Social Security system for more than forty years. It now appears that the system is actually going broke just as the baby-boomers are ready to begin retiring[...] the experts all say that if this problem isn't addressed immediately the Social Security system will fail soon. The Government fixes include increasing retirement age, decreasing benefits and placing people on a need basis for benefits...the Government has had over 40 years to address these problems and either doesn't know how to fix them or doesn't want to. Regardless of which it is, neither is acceptable to me or the American people[...] (Source: Ted Yoho for Congress, <http://ow.ly/cuUn7>)

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## **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.

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### **Theodore S. Yoho (Rep):**

We need leaders to address our Social (In)Security, focusing on blatant Medicare/Medicaid fraud. (Source: Ted Yoho for Congress, <http://ow.ly/cvWEp>)

## **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.

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**Theodore S. Yoho (Rep):**

Spending more than we take in, printing money at rates that devalue our dollar and too many taxpayer dollars being sent overseas as foreign aid are all adding to our economic uncertainty. I will not only evaluate existing federal programs but act to end wasteful projects and programs immediately. We must stop unnecessary spending. The bottom line is that the U.S. government cannot continue to live outside of its means. (Source: Ted Yoho for Congress, <http://ow.ly/cuTPs>)



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.

To find out more about these issues and voting information, please visit [aarp.org/yourvote](http://aarp.org/yourvote).

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