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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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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.

Joseph Kaufman (Rep):

Everyone knows you can't spend more than you make. If we do not reverse course, we risk our financial ratings and could suffer severe economic collapse. The solution is to reduce spending and expand the economy, thereby increasing revenues. This can be accomplished by reducing fraud and duplication in government programs, shrinking the size of government, and cutting out wasteful and unnecessary programs. It will not require cuts to essential programs, like Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and Social Welfare. (Source: Kaufman campaign site, <http://goo.gl/hu6wHl>)

Debbie Wasserman Schultz (Dem):

"I don't think we have to cut benefits. I think that there are enough reforms that we can make if we sit down at the table like Tip O'Neill and Ronald Reagan did, sit around the table and let's hammer out how to address Medicaid and Medicare and Social Security without cutting benefits. We've got to roll up our sleeves and try." (Source: Real Clear Politics, <http://ow.ly/cre2d>)

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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Landmark health care reform will strengthen Medicare, extending its solvency while at the same time lowering the costs of prescription drugs for seniors by beginning to close the Medicare Part D donut hole. Health care reform will eliminate co-pays for preventive care in Medicare, it will strengthen access to your doctor, and it will improve care coordination. (Source: Wasserman Schultz Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/crb6Z>)

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.

Joseph Kaufman (Rep):

Overregulation has increased prices, which is an enormous burden on the middle class. It is killing our ability to compete and driving jobs and capital out of our country. We must review the thousands of regulations currently in place and evaluate their necessity versus their detrimental impact. We can have clean air and water without creating a lower standard of living. When you stifle economic growth, you stifle job growth and wage increases. (Source: Kaufman campaign site, <http://goo.gl/hu6wHl>)

Debbie Wasserman Schultz (Dem):

...I agree that we need comprehensive tax reform, especially when it comes to the wealthiest Americans and corporations paying their fair share. The plan the President has sent to the Joint Committee calls for lowering tax rates and cutting wasteful loopholes and tax breaks for big corporations who have said they don't need them. It also reduces the deficit by \$1.5 trillion, while also asking those who make more than \$1 million a year to pay the same tax rates as middle-class families. And best of all, the plan creates jobs... (Source: Wasserman Schultz Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/crc1n>)



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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