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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.

Rick W. Allen (Rep):

We should keep standard benefits for those nearing retirement age. The retirement age could be adjusted upward to reflect longer life spans. Means testing could be a way to reduce payouts[...] For younger workers a choice of defined contribution plans (a 401K-type) or a mandatory individual retirement account (IRA), that would be directed by the individual during their working years, would allow flexibility and greater chance of achieving continued growth in their retirement account. Although mandatory, these accounts...would be off-limits to Washington politicians. (Source: Allen for Congress, <http://ow.ly/y8ZnO>)

John J. Barrow (Dem):

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

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.

Rick W. Allen (Rep):

Mandatory HSAs could use funds contributed on a regular basis to pay into conservative investment vehicles could fund medical expenses. Using this option, consumers would[...]make common-sense and cost-effective health decisions. This would[...] conserve resources and get the most for their money. There is also a way for workers to keep their private health plan on retirement[...] saving the government money by allowing Americans the option of signing up for the current Medicare plan or accepting a defined Medicare benefit, which could be used to pay for their own health plan. (Source: Allen for Congress, <http://ow.ly/y8ZnO>)

John J. Barrow (Dem):

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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.

Rick W. Allen (Rep):

It is clear that Washington is broken. Job-killing policies, overregulation, and antiquated tax laws have plagued us for far too long, stifling American entrepreneurship. It is time to get Washington back on the path to a prosperous economy. Small businesses, our nation's job creators, are being taxed and regulated to death and are struggling to stay afloat. More Americans than ever are in danger of losing their homes. This is unacceptable. We need to build on the foundation of our nation's economy by loosening Washington's grip and letting the free market do its job. (Source: Allen for Congress, <http://ow.ly/yUEkc>)

John J. Barrow (Dem):

[...] The government needs to make it easier for them to come to American towns and stay here. Trade is important, but so is making sure that our goods are made by our people as much as possible. We should incentivize corporations to create jobs that stick around for the long haul, and that's what's really going to get us out of the hole we're in now, trade policy, tax policy, and a regulatory system that only regulates American manufacturers and not foreign manufacturers, all work to encourage manufacturers to take jobs overseas. We need to reverse each of these trends (Source: Vote Smart, <http://ow.ly/yVfNI>)



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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