



US House Indiana District 9

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.

Bill Bailey (Dem):

I will stand firm against any attempts to reduce the COLA for Social Security, or to use the fund as a way to assist other federal needs. The social security contract has been solid for seventy-eight years. It must continue to be. (Source: Bailey's Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xwUy3>)

Todd C. Young (Rep):

We must ensure the solvency of Social Security to guarantee income security for our nation's seniors: If the Social Security Trust Fund is exhausted as expected by 2036, seniors will not be able to enjoy the retirement arrangements around which they have organized their lives. Nor will the next generation of seniors be able to plan for their own retirement with confidence. The good news is that Social Security only needs minor changes to its formulas in order to stay solvent. I support... necessary adjustments to the program to ensure that it is available for our children and grandchildren. (Source: Young's Congressional Site <http://ow.ly/xwTa1>)

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.

Bill Bailey (Dem):

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

Todd C. Young (Rep):

I have only voted in favor of reform plans that exempt those over the age of 55 from any changes whatsoever...The budget I helped create would give those under the age of 55 a choice of either traditional fee-for-service Medicare, or any of a number of approved private insurance plans. If a senior chose a private plan, Medicare would provide a direct premium payment to offset the cost. This federal contribution would be risk-adjusted so that the sickest seniors and the poorest seniors are protected from high premiums and adverse selection by insurers; conversely, healthy and higher income individuals receive less of a benefit. (Source: Young's Congressional Site <http://ow.ly/xwTa1>)

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.

Bill Bailey (Dem):

The best social program is a job. Not just any job, but a decent paying job that has the opportunity for long-term employment and earned wage increases. [...] I propose that we dedicate ourselves to a 20-30 year plan of rebuilding the infrastructure of the entire nation and let hundreds of thousands of men and women get jobs that benefit the entire nation. Multiply all those wages by five and let that money move through the communities, states and nation. That form of economic development would have a multiple generation benefit. (Source: Bailey Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/ye2vD>)

Todd C. Young (Rep):

Hoosiers elected Todd to Congress because they wanted a new, conservative approach to economic policies that would help increase the personal incomes of all Americans. Government doesn't create jobs, it just tends to get in the way of how small businesses operate. Todd listens to small business owners to learn what obstacles he can remove so they can create more jobs. (Source: Young's Campaign Website <http://ow.ly/xwU71>)



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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