



US House Iowa 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.

Staci Appel (Dem):

Staci is a former financial consultant who helped Iowans save for college and their retirement, she'll put Iowa middle class families ahead of partisanship to help grow Iowa's economy, support public education and keep the promise of Social Security and Medicare. (Source: Appel's Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xChwR>)

David E. Young (R):

[...]First of all, we need to make sure that Social Security [...] is preserved for our seniors. That promise has to be kept. And we need leadership on this issue [...] we need to make sure that it's strengthened and there for future generations. We have to put everything on the table. This is what President Reagan did in 1984 with Tip O'Neill in the Congress and democrat leaders and republican leaders agree, put it all on the table, you can take things off but you have to start with an honest debate.(Source: Iowa Public TV, <http://goo.gl/756LPt>)

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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David E. Young (R):

No reform to our healthcare system should be paid for on the backs of America's seniors. David will be sure we keep our promises to seniors. We need to protect and preserve Medicare because it provides needed security to older Americans. One of the ways we can work to protect and preserve the integrity of Medicare is by taking an aggressive approach to combating fraud and abuse within the program. (Source: Young Campaign Site <http://goo.gl/gVaGcp>)

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.

Staci Appel (Dem):

For 12 years, Staci worked as a financial consultant, where she helped families plan for their children's education and retirement and knows how important it is to support our job creators in Iowa, and will cut red tape, regulations and create a climate that allows small businesses to create jobs. (Source: Appel's Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xCe1G>)

David E. Young (R):

David appreciates the importance of Iowa's manufacturing and agriculture industries to the American economy. He knows Iowa has what it takes to help make America stronger than ever and more secure. To be successful as a nation, we need to enact and promote sound policies that give job creators and families certainty and optimism for the future. (Source: Young Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/yrWz4>)



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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