



US House Nebraska 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.

Adrian M. Smith (Rep):

Maintaining Social Security and Medicare is possible, but only with reforms. Doing nothing only endorses the demise of these programs. However, it is still possible to save and strengthen these programs for future generations without affecting benefits for current retirees. (1011Now, <http://ow.ly/x3NXJ>) Smith said Security is a critical program to millions of Americans, but it has entered into a state of permanent deficit. "Republicans and Democrats need to work together to pass legislation to keep our promise to today's seniors and strengthen the program in the future generations," Smith said. (Norfolk Daily News, <http://ow.ly/x3XVs>)

Mark Sullivan (Dem):

Some have been calling for privatization of Social Security. Imagine how many seniors would be impoverished now if that was the program in the 2007-2008 recession. I would encourage later retirement for middle aged workers because our life expectancy is much longer than when SS was established. Incomes have also risen so I would suggest a higher cap on SS income for tax purpose. (Source: 1011now.com <http://ow.ly/xAlU9>)

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.

Adrian M. Smith (Rep):

Without reform, [Medicare and Social Security] will go bankrupt, and to do nothing is to endorse their demise. Thankfully, there is still time to reform health programs including Medicare without making changes for current retirees by introducing market-based reforms. For example, Medicare Part D costs 55 percent less in 2012 than originally estimated because negotiations and competition have driven down prices at every level. Similar reforms to Medicare as a whole would give seniors more control over their health care and make the program sustainable for future generations. (Source: Smith House Website, <http://ow.ly/x3ZO6>)

Mark Sullivan (Dem):

I will fight to preserve Social Security, Medicare, and the family farm. (Source: Sullivan Campaign Site <http://ow.ly/xAmtG>)

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.

Adrian M. Smith (Rep):

The House-passed budget would remove the government imposed barriers to growth by making responsible reforms to long-term spending, calling for a simpler tax code, promoting American energy production, and repealing burdensome policies such as Obamacare. The United States currently borrows about 40 cents of every dollar it spends. This is irresponsible and unsustainable. The House budget goes after fraud, waste, and abuse today, but is also honest about the real drivers of our long-term deficit – entitlement programs. Without reform, these popular programs will go bankrupt, and to do nothing is to endorse their demise. (Source: Smith House Website, <http://ow.ly/x418p>)

Mark Sullivan (Dem):

To promote jobs I would encourage improving infrastructure. We need to maintain and improve our broadband services, highways, railroads, and electrical power grid. Spending on infrastructure is an investment in our nation's future. (Source: 1011now.com <http://ow.ly/xAU9>)



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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