



US House Pennsylvania District 6

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.

Ryan A. Costello (Rep):

Social Security and Medicare are critical safety nets for millions of seniors across the country. Sadly, years of broken promises, inaction and Obamacare cuts are jeopardizing the solvency of both programs. I oppose any effort to privatize Social Security, end Medicare, or change those programs for anyone in or near retirement; I do support efforts to strengthen the programs so that they are available to our kids and loved ones who hope to have access to the same benefits when they retire. (Source: Costello Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/zzSG5>)

Manan M. Trivedi (Dem):

I, Manan Trivedi, will oppose all efforts to privatize Social Security. I will oppose diverting any Social Security revenues to fund private investment accounts or substituting private investment accounts for any portion of Social Security's guaranteed benefits. I will oppose any plan that includes cutting guaranteed Social Security benefits to finance private investment accounts or any plan that raises the retirement age. I pledge to fight Social Security privatization plans and work for real solutions that strengthen Social Security for the long term. (Source: VoteSmart.org, <http://ow.ly/xxkj1>)

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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Manan M. Trivedi (Dem):

"A subject that's near and dear to my heart is health care, and Medicare specifically," he said. "I'm an internist – a primary care doctor at Reading hospital. Most of my patients are reliant on Medicare..." (Source: Politics Spa, <http://ow.ly/xxm9O>)

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.

Ryan A. Costello (Rep):

It is vital to the future of our country – and for the well-being of local residents – that we keep our economy growing and make it easier for businesses to create jobs. [...] Restoring confidence and stability in our economy requires a new direction: cutting red-tape, simplifying our tax code, and replacing the health care law. A pro-growth economic vision requires other important public policy priorities, like investing in a 21st century education system that empowers America's future workforce. [...] We can and have to do better for the millions of families struggling to find work, care for their kids and save for retirement. (Source: Costello Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/zzSG5>)

Manan M. Trivedi (Dem):

While the unemployment rate is now at 7.8 percent, our economy continues to struggle and we need to focus on investments that will create new jobs and transform the current system into one that works for everyone. Whether it's in information technology, manufacturing or green technology, we cannot foster this recovery and transformation without a work force that is well-educated and trained to fill these new jobs. We also need to provide incentives and rewards for businesses that are committed to creating good-paying, quality jobs. (Source: The Mercury News, <http://ow.ly/xxnap>)



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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