



US House South Dakota District 1

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.

Kristi L. Noem (Rep):

South Dakota seniors have put in a lifetime of hard work. They have paid into the system and we have the responsibility to make sure their retirement safety net is there as promised. I will work to protect Social Security for those in retirement and nearing retirement. I oppose privatizing Social Security. To this end I have signed a pledge vowing to protect Social Security. (Source: One the Issues, <http://ow.ly/yeKEh>)

Corinna Robinson (Dem):

"With regard to Social Security one of the greatest threats that we currently face is the current effort to privatize the program. Social Security was introduced and adopted in order to provide a safety net for retirees and dependent children and spouses. Any effort to alter or defund the current Social Security system will be detrimental to a significant portion of our nation's vulnerable citizens. (Source: South Dakota Education Association, May 14 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.

Kristi L. Noem (Rep):

I want to save Medicare from bankruptcy, protect its promise to seniors and ensure it is still around for generations to come – and I support a plan that will do just that. (Source: Noem's Congressional Site <http://ow.ly/xSSNM>)

Corinna Robinson (Dem):

My inclination is to look at tax code reform to eliminate loopholes, before increasing tax rates. We have fought two hugely expensive wars over the last 12 years and the Bush Administration put a fig leaf on the costs by pretending they weren't part of the budget. In the real world, it is impossible to balance a budget by cutting revenue and increasing government spending. South Dakotans are realists. We know that we have to pay the bills and should do so equitably. (Source: South Dakota War College <http://goo.gl/iFM2Rl>)

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.

Kristi L. Noem (Rep):

I will continue to work for a healthier economy, so all Americans can find careers that allow them to provide for themselves and their families today as well as save for their future. (Source: Noem Congressional Site <http://goo.gl/qtKhQj>)

Corinna Robinson (Dem):

If elected, I pledge to oppose congressional efforts that would privatize Social Security. Similarly, I feel that negative changes to Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) and/or the "benefit formula" could also place Social Security recipients in financial peril. As a country we have made promises to our retirees and other dependents and we need to keep them." (Source: South Dakota Education Association, May 14 2014)



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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