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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.

Mia B. Love (Rep):

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H. Douglas Owens (Dem):

"Social security, I consider that to be an earned benefit... I oppose [increasing the retirement age, privatization, and means testing]. I believe it has been earned by our workers. The current estimates are that it is on sound footing for the next twenty years, so I think you start with some more gradual corrections. I favor a tax-incentive for older workers to work an extra year or two in the workforce and that can be enough to set us on the right path for many years to come, and see how far we get with that change." (Source: Candidate Debate, <http://ow.ly/AcGAX>)

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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"On Medicare, there's tremendous waste that can be resolved if Congress can find the will to act. And get over its static condition. There are about \$30 billion dollars a year lost to fraudulent use of Medicare cards, and there's a move to put biometric readers into the cards. [...] Another Congressional inaction is that they have not authorized Medicare to negotiate drug prices, by comparison to the VA, the VA pays half of for the same drugs that Medicare does because it has been authorized to negotiate those payment differences. [...] I think that [privatization] would be a serious move backwards." (Source: Candidate Debate, <http://ow.ly/AcGAX>)

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.

Mia B. Love (Rep):

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

H. Douglas Owens (Dem):

"We've had 35 years of stagnant wages and the cost for families though has continued to rise – housing, education, healthcare, and energy. And in the last six years alone, one in five members of the middle class has fallen out of the middle class. What does that mean? It means that it takes wage earners when it used to take one. It means the tax base is down because people don't earn as much." [...] "For me the American dream isn't that some of us have the chance to get wealthy, it is that ordinary people who are willing to work hard have access to decent education and housing, and a living wage job." (Source: Candidate Debate, <http://ow.ly/AcGAX>)



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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