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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.

HAVING TROUBLE CUTTING THROUGH THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN CLUTTER?

AARP is committed to helping you get the facts you need to choose candidates who reflect your views and values. We are nonpartisan – we don't support or oppose any political candidates or contribute any money to campaigns or political action committees. Our priority is ensuring you know where the candidates stand before you cast your vote.



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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.

Doug Basler (Rep):

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

Adam Smith (Dem):

I am a cosponsor of the Strengthening Social Security Act, H.R. 3118, which would increase benefits for Social Security beneficiaries while also further strengthening the financial standing of the program's trust fund. This bill would phase out the current taxable cap to ensure that resources are available for future generations to receive the benefits they earned. The legislation also changes the way cost of living adjustments (COLA) are calculated to better reflect the needs and increasing costs of healthcare for seniors. It makes these changes while also improving the long-term solvency of the program. (Source: Smith Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xVPOY>)

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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Adam Smith (Dem):

Many providers in our state do not accept Medicare patients because of these low reimbursement rates, while all others have to charge non-Medicare patients more to offset the losses caused for treating Medicare patients. This must be changed. (Source: Smith Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xVPOY>)

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.

Doug Basler (Rep):

I am on a mission to see our economy remain vibrant by promoting new business development and expansion while fostering excellent job opportunities and advancement for all our citizens. (Source: Basler Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/yIdb5>)

Adam Smith (Dem):

I will continue to support legislation that protects living wage jobs, lowers health care costs, and ensures that Americans out of work have a safety net while giving them the tools they need to get back on their feet. (Source: Smith Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xVS9Y>)



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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