



US House West Virginia 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.

Glen B. Gainer III (Dem):

I will never, ever support anything that takes apart Social Security. Our seniors depend on it. First of all, they worked and paid into the system, they played by the rules. It's our job to make sure that benefit is there... Continuing to want to privatize it and reduce benefits is unacceptable. (Source: West Virginia Gazette, <http://ow.ly/x4cj4>)

David B. McKinley (Rep):

Our nation's growing debt continues to be one of the most serious issues facing Congress. Congressman McKinley believes that we need to cut spending, balance our budget and reduce our debt, while protecting the benefits that our seniors have worked their entire lives to earn. Congressman McKinley has also co-sponsored bipartisan legislation to stop Washington from raiding the Social Security and Medicare trust funds, and opposes President Obama's payroll plan, which 'would take a \$240 billion bite out of Social Security revenues in 2012,' according to the Associated Press. (Source: McKinley House Site, <http://ow.ly/x4aSX>)

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.

Glen B. Gainer III (Dem):

Gainer said that the budget should not be balanced through cuts to Social Security and Medicare, which, along with defense spending, make up the bulk of federal spending. (Source: West Virginia Gazette, <http://ow.ly/x4dXd>)

David B. McKinley (Rep):

Unfortunately, Medicare is on a path to bankruptcy unless action is taken. However, I am not convinced that such a dramatic overhaul of benefits for future retirees is necessary to save the program. Incremental changes may very well be a better solution when coupled with a robust effort to curtail fraud and abuse. Further, one of the chief reasons I opposed ObamaCare was because it cut \$500 billion from Medicare to pay for government-run healthcare[...] The entire law should be repealed as we work toward real healthcare reform that brings down costs through a variety of free-market reforms. (Source: McKinley House Site, <http://ow.ly/A6D9v>)

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.

Glen B. Gainer III (Dem):

In Congress I'll work to develop a common sense energy policy that utilizes West Virginia's abundant coal and natural gas reserves to create good paying jobs for our people. Glen has always stood up for working people and the middle class. He knows that for the economy to do well, working people have to be paid a living wage. (Source: Gainer for Congress, <http://ow.ly/xSNJg>)

David B. McKinley (Rep):

As a small government, free-market focused owner of a small business, Rep. McKinley strongly supports fewer taxes, fewer frivolous lawsuits, and less regulation. He feels we need an environment that strengthens the private sector's ability to create jobs. Washington simply cannot create jobs as well as American entrepreneurship. The nation's current punitive tax structure discourages economic growth. Rep. McKinley is fighting to lower taxes so people will be inclined to start new businesses and existing businesses will be able to expand. (Source: McKinley House Site, <http://ow.ly/x4bqN>)



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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