



## US Senate, Kansas

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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.

### **Gregory J. Orman (I):**

"The lack of a growing economy is the most significant issue facing Kansas and our nation today," Orman said. "It creates a cascade effect leading to increases in Social Security disability claims, healthcare, and an inability to properly educate our children." (Source: IVN, <http://ow.ly/B5xdQ>)

### **Pat Roberts (R):**

[...] My record shows that I have voted to decrease wasteful government spending and ensure that Social Security funds will not be used to offset the costs of other programs. I have opposed the taxation of Social Security benefits and worked to repeal the offset for those over 65 years of age who wanted to work. [...] Let me be clear that any Social Security reform proposal considered by Congress must not impact current or near term retirees. [...] That said, we must work to ensure the long term solvency of this important program. Ensuring Social Security's long term viability will not come without difficult choices. (Source: Roberts Senate Website, <http://ow.ly/xNZ8y>)

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## **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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## **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.

### **Gregory J. Orman (I):**

We've created such uncertainty with our inability to come together and solve problems that it's made it difficult for businesses to choose to invest in the United States. [...] I'm the only candidate in this race who has a real record of private sector job creation. And as a businessman, I've had to deal with many of the problems that most of the folks in Washington only talk about. I've had to deal with rising healthcare costs, balancing budgets, and the impact of new regulations. Running a business is about solving problems every day. (Source: Orman Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/B5J86>)

### **Pat Roberts (R):**

From fighting the rationing of healthcare to the repeal of the death tax, I have always made the welfare of our seniors a top priority. (Source: Roberts Senate Website, <http://ow.ly/xVr4V>)



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.

To find out more about these issues and voting information, please visit [aarp.org/yourvote](http://aarp.org/yourvote).

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