



US Senate, Minnesota

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.

Al Franken (DFL):

Minnesota seniors who rely on Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security can always count on Al to fight to protect these programs—for today and for the future. Al believes that a lifetime of hard work should earn seniors a dignified and comfortable retirement—and he's committed to defending the programs that provide critical protections for Minnesota seniors from those who would break these important promises. Protecting Social Security has been a priority for Al for many years—and he'll fight against efforts to privatize or cut it. (Source: Franken Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xNoPw>)

Michael McFadden (R):

Keeping the Promise to Today's Seniors. Social Security and Medicare are promises we've made to our seniors. As your Senator, I will fight to keep the promise we've made to our parents and grandparents by opposing any bill that changes the way those at or near retirement receive their benefits. Save Medicare & Social Security From Going Bankrupt. We can keep our promises while also being realistic about the challenges our current program faces. [...] We have to take action to preserve this important program for future generations. (Source: McFadden Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/yKHOS>)

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.

Al Franken (DFL):

Al will also strongly oppose attempts to end Medicare as we know it by turning it into a voucher program and leaving seniors to fend for themselves in the private insurance market. Instead, he will work to eliminate waste in order to preserve the program for future generations. Minnesota seniors struggling to pay the rising costs of prescription drugs are already receiving relief from the health reform law, and Al will continue to work to make sure the donut hole is closed. He's also going to keep fighting to save seniors and taxpayers tens of billions each year by allowing Medicare to negotiate for lower drug prices. (Source: Franken Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xNoPw>)

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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.

Al Franken (DFL):

Al also knows that many seniors rely on Medicaid to help them pay for long-term care, and will fight potential cuts to this important funding. Meanwhile, Al is working to keep employee pensions secure and provide every worker with ways to save for retirement. (Source: Franken Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xNoPw>)

Michael McFadden (R):

We all agree on one thing: this is not what an economic recovery should feel like. By governing from crisis to crisis and spending irresponsibly, career politicians in Washington have created an environment where American businesses are stockpiling cash instead of investing in growth and innovation. We need leaders with real-world experience who know how to grow the economic pie. By restoring people's confidence that the government has a long-term plan and will spend within its means, we can grow this economy, create jobs, and increase wages. (Source: McFadden Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/yK163>)



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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