



US Senate, Nebraska

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.

David A. Domina (D):

Domina said Social Security's earning cap is too low. He said Social Security should not be called an "entitlement" and the program should not be cut or privatized. "It is a promise that was made to the people of the United States," Domina said. "It was earned by many who count on it. It must be protected." (Source: Norfolk Daily News, <http://ow.ly/wSYoo>)

Benjamin E. Sasse (R):

Midland University President Ben Sasse said he could support some form of means testing as part of a broader package. ..."When the Congress has overpromised, we should make sure that the poorest and sickest among us are taken care of first," Sasse said. ...[The Senate candidate] stressed that he would exempt older individuals from any changes... Sasse said he would protect those within a decade of retirement. ...Sasse ...endorsed some form of privatization. (Source: Omaha World-Herald, <http://ow.ly/xiOcQ>)

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.

David A. Domina (D):

"I would work hard to enforce the law entrusting funds for [Medicare] to be kept separate and never commingled in the general treasury. [It is] not [an] "entitlement" within the general treasury budget and must be dealt with accordingly. The cap on contributions must be raised or eliminated. These steps will assure long-term stability for the fund." (Source: Journal Star, <http://ow.ly/wSZ9d>)

Benjamin E. Sasse (R):

We [must] protect the security of current seniors who have planned their retirement around Government promises... Our safety net must now begin making honest, sustainable promises to the next generation... • Gradually adjust Medicare's eligibility age. [However,] the Government cannot change the eligibility rules for current retirees and those approaching retirement... • Transition Medicare to a defined contribution system that offers more choice and higher quality coverage... • Adjust Medicare premiums for wealthier Americans. • Protect seniors from identify theft by removing Social Security numbers from Medicare cards. (Source: Sassefornebraska.com, <http://ow.ly/wTjgs>)

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.

David A. Domina (D):

We cannot allow companies to get ever bigger, outsource more jobs, dry up more opportunities, or build taller barriers to entry for our aspiring independent businesses. We must be friendly to new businesses, and companies who want to compete fairly in America. Government must be about protecting the middle. (Source: Davedomina.com, <http://ow.ly/wTcTR>)

Benjamin E. Sasse (R):

The way to get a real economic growth agenda is by rolling back the regulatory state and letting job creators go to work. [...] Ben believes that we need an all-of-the-above energy policy. This approach would lower energy prices, create as many as three million jobs, and reduce our dependence on the Middle East. [...] We've got the people; we've got the talent; and most of all we have the work ethic – the will to create something lasting for our families and our neighbors– if we can just get the federal government out of the way, and let our people build. (Source: Sassefornebraska.com, <http://ow.ly/xiOOK>)



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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