



US Senate, South Carolina

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.

Lindsey Graham (R):

Acknowledging the reality that Social Security is on an unsustainable path, Graham has consistently worked to put proposals on the table to modernize and strengthen Social Security, while protecting today's seniors. These efforts included leading a reform effort in 2003 that would have created private accounts as well as introducing a plan in 2012 (S.804) with Republican Senators Rand Paul and Mike Lee that would make Social Security solvent without raising taxes. (Source: Graham Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xTjWr>)

C. Bradley Hutto (D):

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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.

Lindsey Graham (R):

My goal is to save Medicare from bankruptcy and ensure seniors have affordable, high-quality health care [...]. Allowing seniors access to the Federal Employee Health Benefit program [...] will give them more choices and lower their out-of-pocket costs. It's also good for the taxpayers because it will save the federal government \$1 trillion over the next decade and reduce the unfunded liability of Medicare by \$16 trillion. — Lindsey Graham Graham, during a Senate Budget Committee, offered an amendment that proposed requiring Medicare beneficiaries making more than \$250,000 a year to pay the total amount of their premium. (Source: Graham Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xTjWz>)

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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.

Lindsey Graham (R):

[...] Lindsey Graham believes the federal government spends too much, taxes too much, and borrows too much. That's why in 2012, Graham was ranked by the National Taxpayer Union Foundation as one of the Top Five Senate budget cutters for proposing over \$400 billion in spending cuts Graham supports a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution, reforming Social Security and Medicare to save them from bankruptcy, and repealing and replacing Obamacare. His fiscal conservative voting record reflects the views of our state in ensuring a smaller, smarter, and more efficient federal government. (Source: Graham Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xTjWr>)

C. Bradley Hutto (D):

Brad has a long history of fighting for jobs and small businesses. He received a perfect score of 100% from the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce for his hard work and leadership for creating jobs. As our Senator, he will roll up his sleeves on day one to help bring good paying jobs with benefits here in South Carolina. [...] Brad will work to ensure that South Carolina workers are properly trained and that the business environment is attractive for job creators. He will work to restore and improve the state's crumbling infrastructure and to rebuild failing schools in the state's rural areas. (Source: Hutto Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xTvRY>)



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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