



US Senate, Wyoming

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.

Mike B. Enzi (R):

The [Social Security] Trust Fund is anticipated to be exhausted by 2033. Thereafter, payroll taxes will be sufficient to pay only about three-quarters of scheduled benefits. We need solutions that are for the long-term and that put Social Security on a sustainable path so Americans now and into the future can rely on it. A little bit of pain now to shore up the Trust Fund will prevent a lot of pain in the future for those depending on Social Security. (Source: Enzi Senate Website <http://ow.ly/xIUeH>)

Charles E. Hardy (D):

Preventive health care is an essential investment in both our physical and financial health. To better meet these needs I am in favor of single-payer health insurance. I will also do everything in my power to protect Social Security and Medicare. (Source: Democracy for America <http://ow.ly/ygtOX>)

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.

Mike B. Enzi (R):

I support an alternative approach, one that can reduce health care costs, preserve the rights of patients to see the doctors of their choice, protect Medicare coverage for seniors, ensure that people can take their insurance with them from job-to-job, and reduce the burdens imposed on employers and consumers. (Source: Enzi Senate Website <http://ow.ly/xIVfv>)

Charles E. Hardy (D):

Hardy said no one should be worried about getting sick and that health care is an inalienable right. He would like to reform Medicare to include provision of eyeglasses, hearing aids and dentures at little cost to senior citizens. (Source: Sheridan Press <http://ow.ly/xNgr1>)

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.

Mike B. Enzi (R):

[...] I will continue to work to ensure that additional safeguards are put into place for retirement savings. Individuals and families should have greater access to 401(k), IRA and other retirement savings accounts and the financial literacy and education to make the right investment decisions for those savings. Policies and practices must be put in place to keep traditionally-defined benefit retirement plans healthy. I will find new ways to strengthen existing retirement plans while seeking new ways for families and small businesses to participate in future defined benefits retirement plans. (Source: Enzi Senate Website <http://ow.ly/xIUT5>)

Charles E. Hardy (D):

Hardy is a strong proponent of raising the minimum wage. He did not give a specific figure, but he believes raising the minimum wage will help lift people out of poverty. He said that he is not concerned that raising the minimum wage will cause product prices to increase or jobs to be lost due to businesses being unable to support the higher wages since no one has ever proven to him that has happened in the past. He said if people are making more money, increased product prices will not matter. (Source: Sheridan Press <http://ow.ly/xNgr1>)



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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