

AFSCME Retirees Endorse Joe Biden

AFSCME retirees have always fought to protect retirement security for retired public service workers and all Americans. When we vote this November, we're deciding the future of Social Security, Medicare, and other retirement benefits. Here's where President Biden and Donald Trump stand on the issues that matter to seniors and retired Americans:



JOE BIDEN



DONALD TRUMP

MEDICARE

“I will not cut a single Social Security or Medicare benefit. In fact, I’m going to extend the Medicare trust fund for at least two decades.”

- Make the wealthy pay their fair share.
- For income over \$400,000, raise Medicare tax from 3.8% to 5%. [CNBC, 3/9/23]

“There is a lot you can do in terms of entitlements – in terms of cutting.” [CNBC, 3/11/24]

- Cut \$920 Billion in funding for Medicare. [WASHINGTON POST, 2/10/20]
- Changed the poverty line to kick hundreds of thousands of struggling seniors off Medicare programs. [CENTER FOR BUDGET AND POLICY PRIORITIES, 6/12/19]

SOCIAL SECURITY

“Working people who built this country pay more into Social Security than millionaires and billionaires do. It’s not fair.”

[STATE OF THE UNION, 3/7/24]

- Boost funding 10% to fix Social Security customer service wait times, hire more staff for office locations. [CNBC, 3/9/23]
- Advocated for the full repeal of WEP to stop punishing retirees who worked a lifetime in both the public and private sectors. [AFSCME, 8/20/20]

Social security is a “a huge Ponzi scheme” and we should “raise the age for receipt of full Social Security benefits to 70.”

[CNN, 4/7/23]

- Permanently cut Social Security funding source to reduce taxes for corporations. [WASHINGTON POST, 8/20/20]
- Cut \$75 billion in funding from Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income. [FORBES, 2/10/20]
- Supported Paul Ryan’s cruel budget to cut Medicare and privatize Social Security. [CNN, 9/26/23]

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

- President Biden’s Inflation Reduction Act cut insulin costs for Medicare beneficiaries to \$35 per month, immediately saving money for hundreds of thousands of seniors. [WASHINGTON POST, 8/18/23] [HHS, 1/24/23]
- President Biden’s Inflation Reduction Act forces Big Pharma to negotiate prices on 48 major drugs, lowering out-of-pocket costs for seniors. [AP, 12/14/23]
- All recommended vaccines for seniors are now FREE.
- Would reinstate the ban on Medicare negotiating drug prices, raising costs for seniors.
- Proposed cutting Medicare reimbursement rates, which could lead to some seniors losing access to their favorite doctors.
- Force some seniors to pay more for prescription drugs to pay for cuts to Medicaid. [FORBES, 3/14/19]

PENSIONS

- Shored up pensions for millions of workers in the American Rescue Plan.
- Proposed deep cuts to federal pensions in every annual budget. [WASHINGTON POST, 2/10/20]

ESSENTIAL SERVICES

- Invest an additional \$3 billion in services seniors depend on, such as food programs, in-home care, and more. [NATIONAL COUNCIL ON AGING, 3/20/23]
- Cut all federal funding for Meals on Wheels and programs to help seniors keep the heat on in the winter.
- Cut all funding for legal aid for seniors facing foreclosure, eviction, elder abuse and more.

“President Joe Biden has stood rock solid against MAGA assaults on Social Security and Medicare during his presidency. Meanwhile, Donald Trump tried to cut Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid and made it clear he will try again. It is an easy choice between these two. We know Joe Biden will fight for our retirement security.”

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