

The Candidates on Social Security

Supports Benefit Expansion



Democratic Nominees

President: Hillary Clinton & VP: Tim Kaine

✓ **Clinton Pledges No Cuts:** “I won't cut Social Security. As always, I'll defend it, & I'll expand it.” <http://bit.ly/1SLASuy>

✓ **Clinton Supports Expansion:** Promises to “Fight any effort to privatize or weaken Medicare and Social Security, and expand Social Security for future generations by asking the wealthiest to contribute more.” <http://hrc.io/1TgbSv1>

✓ **Kaine Supports No Cuts** by voting for the Wyden-Sanders Amendment to prevent cuts to Social Security benefits in the 114th Congress on March 24, 2015. <http://bit.ly/2adY9Ss>

✓ **Kaine Supports Expansion** by voting for the Warren-Machin Amendment to expand Social Security in the 114th Congress on March 27, 2015. <http://bit.ly/1GxdmcN>

Opposes Expansion & Open to Cuts



Republican Nominees

President: Donald Trump & VP: Mike Pence

✗ **Trump is Open to Cuts** “As our demography changes, a prudent administration would begin to examine what [Social Security] changes might be necessary for future generations.” <http://bit.ly/297Vey2>

✗ **Trump Supported Cuts in the Past** In one of his books, he compared Social Security to a Ponzi Scheme and said that “Privatization would be good for all of us” & “[Raising the retirement age to] age seventy makes sense for people now under forty” <http://bzfd.it/29zdGfd>

✗ **Trump Opposes Expansion** “Democrats...want to increase [Social Security.] They want to actually give more. And that's what we're up against.” <http://cnn.it/29xzgB6>

✗ **Pence Supports Cutting Benefits:** “I am for reforming our public entitlements for Americans who are far away from retirement. We need to keep promises to seniors that have been made, make sure that people who are counting on Medicare, Social Security have the benefits that they have. But for younger Americans, absolutely yes, we ought to bring real reform for the sake of future generations of Americans to get spending under control.” <http://huff.to/29UjnrB>

✗ **Pence Supports Privatization Greater Than the G.W. Bush Plan:** “Conservatives want to see personal retirement accounts that have immediate relevance to younger Americans, that they can see the value, and that will require that they be big and that they be implemented in the final bill without delay.” <http://bit.ly/2a4rLFO>

✗ **Sam Clovis, Trump Campaign Policy Advisor:** “After the administration has been in place, then we will start to take a look at all of the programs, including entitlement programs like Social Security and Medicare... We'll start taking a hard look at those to start seeing what we can do in a bipartisan way.” <http://on.wsj.com/24Q8OZS>