



WHAT THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS DONE FOR SENIORS

IMPROVED MEDICARE AND HEALTH CARE:

- 8.2 million seniors and people with disabilities on Medicare have saved \$11.5 billion on prescription drugs since 2010 thanks to the Affordable Care Act
- Provided a 50 percent discount on brand-name drugs and a 28 percent discount on generic drugs in 2014 for Medicare recipients in the “donut hole”
- Launched the Innovation Center to learn new ways to provide quality Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP while saving money, and are funding up to \$1 billion in Innovation Awards to organizations that are improving health care quality and affordability
- Created Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control programs and the government’s healthcare fraud prevention efforts have recovered \$19.2 billion over the last five years
- Established the Elder Justice Act to examine the most effective ways to recognize, respond and inhibit elder abuse, neglect and exploitation, as 84 percent of these incidents go unreported

GUARANTEEING RETIREMENT SECURITY:

- The Recovery Act granted a one-time payment of \$250 to 56 million retirees to assist with expenses during the economic crisis
- Increased protections for retirement savings by obliging companies to provide more full disclosure of the fees they charge on 401(k) plans
- Created an unbiased guide to help investors choose the best personalized retirement investment

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN:

- Passed and signed legislation that invests approximately \$40 billion in Pell Grants – which provides funding for 8 million students a year pursuing higher education
- Passed and signed legislation that provides forgiveness for student loan debt after 20 years of steady repayment
- The Recovery Act invested \$5 billion in early learning programs including Head Start – which has served more than 30 million children since it was established
- Reauthorized the Violence Against Women Act, which was first enacted in 1994. From 1993 to 2010, the rate of intimate partner violence declined by 67 percent and, between 1993 and 2007, the rate of intimate partner homicide of females has declined by 35 percent and of males has declined by 46 percent

SENIORS...

ARE VOTERS: Over 15% of rural Americans are members of at least one racial or ethnic minority group

ARE GROWING: The population of persons age 65 and older increased by 7.6 million between 2002 and 2012, and is expected to more than double by 2060

ARE EDUCATED: The education level of seniors has been increasing – in 1970, only about 1 in 4 seniors had a high school diploma. As of 2013, approximately 1 in 4 had at least a bachelor’s degree

IN POVERTY: The median income for seniors in 2012 was \$27,612 for males and \$16,040 for females. Approximately 3.9 million seniors were living below the poverty level in 2012. For 35 percent of Social Security beneficiaries, it constituted 90 percent or more of their income in 2011

ARE WORKERS: In 2013, 8.1 million seniors age 65 and older were in the labor force or actively seeking work and constituted 5 percent of the U.S. labor force

HAVE A DISABILITY:

In 2012, 36 percent of seniors reported some type of disability – such as, difficulty in hearing, vision or cognition

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THE GOP ON SENIORS

Voted more than 50 times to repeal or undermine the Affordable Care Act

Supported a budget that privatizes Medicare on a voucher system

Over 130 Republicans voted against the Violence Against Women Act

Voted to block Paycheck Fairness Act

Opposed the Recovery Act which provided extra monetary funding for seniors during the economic crisis

House Republicans voted for the Ryan budget which would restructure Medicare into a premium support program and cost seniors more

Montana State Rep. and landlord, Dave Hagstrom wrote a letter to low-income renters – who he said were “living in a bit of a fairytale lifestyle” – warning them that America was due for sharp cuts effecting health care, Social Security and hot lunch so they need to accept that they don’t need “to live as long as they currently do, or as ‘comfortably’ as they currently do

“I want folks to think about something. I want folks to think seriously about how slavery really works... It is my sincere belief that over entitlements are a means of en-slaving the people by robbing opportunity while taking care of basic needs. Think about it. We ARE NOT cattle. We are human beings living in a country that still allows us the opportunity to write our own ticket. But that is rapidly slipping away. We have to wake up fast and realize that entitlements aren’t there because politicians love the people. It’s a means to gain power over the people allowing them to control us. Vote smart in 2014 and pressure political leaders to focus on jobs, education and opportunity - not slavery.” –**ARIZONA CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE JIM BROWN**
SUGGESTED GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE IS BEING USED TO ENSLAVE AMERICANS

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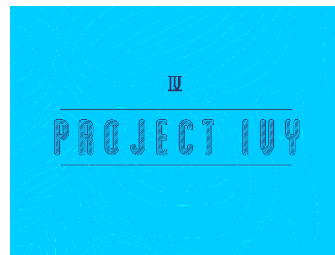
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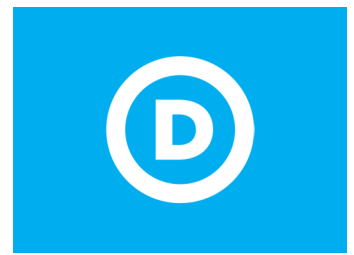
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