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Insider's Report: National Committee Scorecard Now Available Online!



The National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare has just released its 2026 **Congressional Scorecard**!

All 535 members are scored on the votes they took during the 119th Congress on bills affecting older Americans and their families — from zero percent for the worst records to 100% for true champions of Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and other programs.

The scorecard is based on 13 votes in the House and Senate from 2025-2026, including Trump's Big, Ugly Bill, which slashed more than $1 trillion from Medicaid and SNAP food assistance, and the vote to extend Affordable Care Act tax credits.

"The next Congress — and especially the next class of Senators — likely will decide the future of Social Security, with the trust fund projected to become depleted in 2032. Make no mistake: Social Security is on the ballot this November, and voters need to know where their members of Congress really stand. Social Security could be

We want to ensure that all voters have the fullest possible picture of where their elected representatives in Congress stand on issues related to earned benefit programs. Armed with this information, we believe Americans will see which candidates truly support the programs that seniors have paid into and earned — and vote accordingly.

Our Congressional Scorecard does not include Trump Administration actions that have devastated the Social Security Administration (SSA) and compromised Americans' private data, along with other White House policies that could further undermine Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and the Older Americans Act.

With early voting already underway in some states, the National Committee urges supporters to check out this resource before they cast their midterm votes. Explore the 2026 Congressional Scorecard **here**.

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Walter Gottlieb, Director of Communications at NCPSSM

What's the Matter with Aging?

On the latest ***You Earned This*** podcast episode you'll hear an engaging conversation with the host of the Aging Matters podcast (also a tv and radio show)! Cheryl Beversdorf's program focuses on living longer and healthier lives. She brings to the show her truly eclectic personal background: army nurse during the Vietnam War, congressional staffer and public relations professional — before launching Aging Matters in 2017. This wide-ranging interview covers everything from the prohibitive costs of long-term care to the importance of Social Security to unusual stories from real seniors (including older people who acted in



Ask Us!

Whether you're retired or approaching retirement, our team of experts in the field of Social Security policy is available to answer your questions about benefits.

You can either search our **archives** for valuable advice on a broad range of concerns or submit your question **here**.

This week's question is: My father-in-law is 77. He receives Social Security benefits and plans to marry. His intended receives her deceased husband's benefits. Do they lose either benefit after marriage?

Click here to read the answer.

Social Security Benefits

Learn about the Social Security program and policies that would strengthen your earned benefits.

Capital Quick Takes

Check out our new rapid response video series on the issues in Washington that matter most to seniors.

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Your support sustains our campaigns in Washington to protect and strengthen Social Security and Medicare.

Taxing high earners to help fund Social Security gains bipartisan attention — what it could mean for benefits

Social Security advocacy groups such as Social Security Works and the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare support taxing high earners to help shore up the program. (September 13, 2026, CNBC, Lorie Konish)

Iowa Social Security debate centers on lifting the payroll tax cap

Max Richtman, President and CEO of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, joined a group of Social Security advocates to throw the organization's endorsement behind Iowa State Representative Josh Turek who is seeking Iowa's open United States Senate seat against United States Representative Ashley Hinson. (September 15, 2026, When In Your State, Simon Heit)

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Powell says she won't cut Social Security or Medicare; Harding says he's better for them

Nebraska's 2nd District candidates Denise Powell and Brinker Harding are drawing contrasts over Social Security and Medicare, as Powell, the Democratic nominee, discussed the programs' future at a North Omaha campaign event alongside Max Richtman, President and CEO of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, which has endorsed her. (September 8, 2026, Omaha World Herald, Aaron Sanderford)

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The Real Fix for Social Security

Robert Reich argues that lifting or eliminating the Social Security payroll tax cap on higher earners could help strengthen the program's finances, noting growing bipartisan interest in the idea from lawmakers including Sens. Bernie Moreno (OH) and Elizabeth Warren (MA). (September 8, 2026, Robert Reich Substack)

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How Much Social Security Do Women Receive? Data Highlights Ongoing Gender Gap in Retirement Benefits

benefits than men because of lower lifetime earnings and employment gaps related to caregiving. (September 10, 2026, Investopedia, Sabrina Karl)

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Ominous outlook for Medicare drug spending

Medicare prescription drug spending is climbing sharply as more than one in five Part D enrollees reached the $2,000 out-of-pocket cap in 2025, shifting a growing share of high drug costs to taxpayers, insurers and manufacturers. (September 9, 2026, AXIOS, Adriel Bettelheim)

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