

Why Can't Biden Fix Social Security? His Biggest Promise Is His Biggest Failure

Demand that Congress set the minimum Social Security benefit to 125% of the federal poverty level, or higher. Seniors are not getting enough money to live on. Do YOU want to be starving and struggling to exist when you are old?

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✓ SOCIAL SECURITY'S BASIC STRUCTURE, WHICH EMBODIES THE BEST OF AMERICAN VALUES AND HAS STOOD THE TEST OF TIME, SHOULD BE PROTECTED.

The late Robert M. Ball, the longest serving commissioner of Social Security, began his Social Security career in 1939 and was involved in all major reforms from that time until his death in

2008. He defined the fundamental structure and principles in the landmark essay, "[The Nine Guiding Principles of Social Security](#)."

Both in the essay and throughout his long, storied career, Mr. Ball explained that changes to Social Security have and always should occur "within a framework consisting of nine major principles. Social Security is *universal; an earned right; wage-related; contributory and self-financed; redistributive; not means-tested; wage-indexed; inflation-protected; and compulsory*."

The members of this Coalition subscribe to each of those guiding principles. We oppose proposals to means-test Social Security, change it into a defined contribution plan, or cut its dedicated premiums and substitute an open-ended draw on the general fund for its financing. These and similar ideas are contrary to Social Security's underlying structure, principles, and values.

✓ **SOCIAL SECURITY IS A SOLUTION AND SHOULD BE EXPANDED.**

Expanding social security is a solution. It provides retirement, disability, and life insurance to nearly all of America's working families more efficiently, securely, and universally than its private sector counterparts. Social Security lifts millions of Americans, including over a million children, out of poverty and reduces the depth of poverty for millions more. Expanding Social Security is key to addressing many of our nation's most pressing problems, including the retirement income crisis, growing income and wealth inequality, and the financial squeeze on working families.

When signing the Social Security Act of 1935 into law, President Franklin Roosevelt [explained](#), "This law... represents a cornerstone in a structure which is being built but is by no

means complete.” Consistent with that incremental approach, survivors’ and spousal protections were added in 1939, long-term disability insurance was added in 1956, and Medicare and Medicaid were added in 1965. No additional risks have been added since then, though. It is well past time to build on the strong cornerstone laid down in 1935 and address additional risks that result in lost wages and increased expenses.

✓ SOCIAL SECURITY IS A VEHICLE FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE. EXPANDING IT WILL MAKE IT EVEN MORE SO.

Social Security is designed to disproportionately benefit low-wage earners, including people of color, women, those with disabilities, members of the LGBTQ+ community, and others who have suffered discrimination. Moreover, because those discriminated groups are less likely to work in jobs that provide supplemental pensions, they are even more reliant on their earned Social Security benefits than white, non-Hispanic men, on average. Expanding benefits both across-the-board and in targeted ways can cause our Social Security system to be an even more important and effective vehicle of social and economic justice.

✓ ALL REFORMS OF SOCIAL SECURITY SHOULD GO THROUGH REGULAR ORDER, IN THE SUNSHINE.

Social Security is an extremely important issue that touches everyone’s lives. It should only be modified in the sunshine, subject to the full Congressional process known as regular order, with open hearings, Committee consideration with the ability to amend, and full debate on the floor of each chamber with the ability to amend. That is what has been done historically and that is what should be done in the future. Opponents of Social

Security often try to use bipartisan commissions to fast-track Social Security legislation that would force through unpopular changes. Should that happen, it would be a major disservice to current and future beneficiaries.

Americans' earned protections are under threat by continued, harsh cuts to the operating budget of the Social Security Administration (SSA). These cuts are occurring despite the fact that the services provided by SSA have already been paid for by the American people.

Cuts to SSA's budget have already forced the agency to close field offices, reduce staff and office hours, and freeze hiring—resulting in increased wait times and deterioration's in SSA's world-class services. Further reductions will greatly limit SSA's ability to administer benefit payments while also maintaining critical services to the public. To ensure that SSA can continue to provide Americans with the world-class, in-person services they deserve and have paid for, cuts to the agency's operating budget should be reversed, and Congress should allow SSA to restore and expand the vital services it provides to the American people.

The critical changes that you must ask your elected officials to make are:

1. Changing how your COLA is calculated

Congress must change how cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) are calculated to better reflect seniors' costs. Social Security currently uses the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), which excludes households that don't have at least one person working. That

means many retirees are left out. Compared to working-age people, retirees on average spend a higher share of their incomes on medical and housing costs, both of which rise faster than inflation.

Congress should be told to use the Consumer Price Index for the Elderly (CPI-E), which measures costs for older Americans. Using the CPI-E would only increase COLAs by 0.2 percentage points in an average year. Had the 2021 COLA been calculated based on the CPI-E, it would have been 1.5% instead of the 1.3% beneficiaries will receive, though the impact could be more meaningful when compounded over time.

2. A minimum benefit if you worked 30 years

Congress must be told to provide a minimum benefit of 125% of the federal poverty level for people with low lifetime earnings who worked at least 30 years. Based on the 2020 federal guidelines for the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia, someone with a 30-year work record would get a guaranteed monthly benefit of about \$1,329. According to a Penn Warren Budget Model analysis, such a plan would also increase benefits by anywhere from 5% to 50% for a small group of people who worked between 10 and 30 years.

3. A higher benefit after 20 years

Congress must be told to increase benefits by 5% for people who have received benefits for 20 years or more. The bonus would be phased in at 1% per year, starting with the 16th year of benefits. The goal is to boost payments for Social Security's oldest recipients because they have been forced into exhausting their

retirement savings.

Contact your elected officials at this link to tell them to do these things: <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials/>

You have to ask why no Social Security reform is mentioned/included in the \$1.5 trillion dollar stimulus package! No one in Congress wants to make a decision when it comes to addressing the reform issue. That is why the public must continue to lobby and fight on the behalf of others that are not receiving benefits they rightfully earned and deserve. Congress likes it the way it is, so they can have money to spend on their “pork-barrel projects” instead of helping their constituents that are in need of basic financial assistance. Congress has your tax money for big parties, hookers, vacations and Rolex watches so they don't care about regular folks.

How The Social Security Administration And The IRS have been ILLEGALLY Weaponized For Payback Revenge Reprisals Against The Whistle-Blowers And Journalists In This Case

... Social Security, SSI, SDI, Disability and other earned benefits were stone-walled. Applications for benefits for the Plaintiffs were intentionally “lost” like a “Lois Lerner hard drive”. Files in the application process “disappeared”. A U.S. Senator ordered Plaintiffs benefits to “never be approved” even though Plaintiffs worked 60 hour+ weeks for decades in service to their nation and their community. A SSA official in the local SSA office, who had a devout expressed hatred against one United States President ordered a benefits blockade against Plaintiffs because he found out that Plaintiffs ex-lawyer now worked in the White House.

Forensic evidence and backgrounders on every person who worked on, or had access to, Applicants files, records, benefits decisions and related data sets shows that a number of those employees and contractors were members, financiers, web promoters or supporters of ANTIFA anarchy groups or KKK or Proud Boys related political activist-type groups. In San Francisco and Marin Counties SSA offices, in employees workspaces and on their Facebook and MySpace sites, many employees proudly

display pictures of themselves wearing their pink "pussy hats", black riot gear and sporting political tattoos. FBI records and IG investigations show that SSA has the highest percentage of political activist employees of any federal agency.

Such persons are inclined to become drunk with power when allowed access to the trillions of dollars of government technology on the SSA file and decisions systems. A number of these persons have worked for, or with, U.S. Senators and other politicians who targeted Applicant in political reprisal. At least 3 persons in the San Francisco SSA office, at least 2 persons in the San Mateo SSA office and at least 2 persons in Marin SSA office are known to have engaged in such actions. Applicants funding and benefits were manipulated, so as to harm Applicant, as political reprisal as vendetta for his provision of testimony to federal investigators in a trillion dollar political corruption matter involving famous political figures featured in global news coverage. A vast number of agency abuse cases and lawsuits are now on public record in the Inspector General's offices and federal courts.

It is an indisputable fact that some government agencies run "hit-jobs" on citizens on orders from certain corrupt politicians. These actions are felony violations of the law.

Federal and State Agencies including SSA, FEC, DOE, HHS, VA, CIA, HUD, SA, SEC, FBI, DOJ and many others, have been charged, and found guilty, in these crimes against citizens.

In the Congressional investigation published by the United States Congress in review of the U.S. Department of Energy LGP/ATVM programs, it is clearly proven that the U.S.

Department of Energy was used as a slush-fund by some DOE executives in order to pay off campaign financiers by attacking and sabotaging their competitors.

The DOE Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant under contracts with the Department of Energy and the government-owned U.S. Enrichment Corp paid \$5M whistle-blower awards to those whistle-blowers who were attacked, using government agency resources, for reporting a crime.

Dept. of Energy Hanford URS has agreed to settle a lawsuit brought by former employee Walter Tamosaitis for \$4.1 million. The settlement in the whistle-blower case comes almost one year before the case was set for a jury trial in federal court in Richland and compensates Tamosaitis for attacks against him, by DOE officials, in retribution for reporting a crime.

VA officials attacked hundreds of citizens who reported corruption, ie:

<https://www.thenewamerican.com/usnews/health-care/item/18610-va-whistleblowers-facing-retribution>.

As shown in this report:

<https://www.pogo.org/analysis/2018/08/new-report-confirms-whistleblower-retaliation-is-alive-and-well-at-department-of-veterans-affairs/>

, Agencies attack often and harshly.

CIA and NSA executives have been widely shown to use spy tools to attack domestic citizens they don't like, ie:

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2435011/NSA->

employees-used-phone-tapping-tools-spy-girlfriends-cheating-husbands.html , and hundreds of other news links that can be provided.

Elon Musk and Tesla, as well as Eric Schmidt and Larry Page at Google, have been proven to use the CIA group: IN-Q-TEL, to run government sponsored/financed attacks on business competitors.

In Civil Action No. 1:13-cv-00777-RBW GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WERE CAUGHT BEING USED FOR ATTACKS AGAINST CITIZENS AND PUNISHED IN THE COURT AND THE MEDIA!

The IRS, and hordes of other government agencies have been caught and proven, IN COURT, to target and attack people for presumed political differences.

Why should we assume that the Social Security Administration is not ALSO doing this too to harm citizens who speak out?

The Lois Lerner IRS attacks took many years to resolve. In an unprecedented victorious conclusion to a four year-long legal battle against the IRS, the bureaucratic agency admitted in federal court that it wrongfully targeted citizens, during the Obama Administration, because of their political viewpoints and issued an apology to those people for doing so.

In addition, the IRS is consenting to a court order that would prohibit it from ever engaging in this form of unconstitutional discrimination in the future.

In a proposed Consent Order filed with the Court, the IRS has

apologized for its treatment of U.S. citizens including organizations from 20 states that applied for 501(c)(3) and (c)(4) tax-exempt status with the IRS between 2009 and 2012 -- during the tax-exempt determinations process. Crucially, following years of denial by the IRS and blame-shifting by IRS officials, the agency now expressly admits that its treatment of our clients was wrong and a total violation of our Democracy..

As set forth in the proposed Order:

“The IRS admits that its treatment of Plaintiffs during the tax-exempt determinations process, including screening their applications based on their names or policy positions, subjecting those applications to heightened scrutiny and inordinate delays, and demanding of some Plaintiffs’ information that TIGTA determined was unnecessary to the agency’s determination of their tax-exempt status, was wrong. For such treatment, the IRS expresses its sincere apology.”

Throughout litigation of this case, activists have remained committed to protecting the rights of the public who faced unlawful and discriminatory action by the IRS and other agencies. The objective from the very beginning has been to hold agencies accountable for corrupt practices.

This Consent Order represents a historic victory for the public and sends the unequivocal message that a government agency’s targeting of citizens organizations, or any organization, on the basis of political viewpoints, will never be tolerated and that revenge will be swift and vast.

The Order will put an end, once and for all, to the abhorrent

practices utilized against citizens, as the agreement includes the IRS's express acknowledgment of – and apology for – its wrongful treatment of the public. While this agreement is designed to prevent any such practices from occurring again, rest assured that all public interest lawyers will remain vigilant to ensure that the IRS, SSA, DOJ or SEC does not resort to such tactics in the future.

Per detailed reports, in March of 2012 lawyers began being contacted by literally dozens of citizens and groups who were being harassed by the Obama IRS after submitting applications for tax-exempt status. Their tax-exempt applications were held up for years (over seven years in some cases), and they began receiving obtrusive and unconstitutional requests for donor and member information. That began a now more than five and a half year fight with the burgeoning bureaucracy at the IRS. Then on May 10, 2013, Lois Lerner, the then head of the IRS Tax Exempt Organizations Division, publicly implicated the IRS in one of the worst political targeting scandals of the century.

This is an extraordinary victory against government agency abuse. It sends a powerful warning to the deep state bureaucracy that it will not be allowed to violate the Constitution in order to silence and shut down the whistle-blowers.

In addition to the IRS's admissions of and apology for its wrongful conduct, the Consent Order would specifically award Plaintiffs the following:

- A declaration by the Court that it is wrong to apply the United States tax code to any tax-exempt applicant or entity based solely on such entity's name, any lawful positions it espouses on

any issues, or its associations or perceived associations with a particular political movement, position or viewpoint;

- A declaration by the Court that any action or inaction taken by the IRS must be applied evenhandedly and not based solely on a tax-exempt applicant or entity's name, political viewpoint, or associations or perceived associations with a particular political movement, position or viewpoint; and

- A declaration by the Court that discrimination on the basis of political viewpoint in administering the United States tax code violates fundamental First Amendment rights. Disparate treatment of taxpayers based solely on the taxpayers' names, any lawful positions the taxpayers espouse on any issues, or the taxpayers' associations or perceived associations with a particular political movement, position or viewpoint is unlawful.

In the Order, the IRS has also agreed that (unless expressly required by law) certain actions against the Plaintiffs– i.e. the sharing, dissemination, or other use of information unnecessarily obtained by the IRS during the determinations process (such as donor names, the names of volunteers, political affiliations of an organization's officers, etc.) – would be unlawful. In addition, the IRS promises not to take any retaliatory action against our clients for exposing the targeting scheme.

Finally, and of crucial significance, the IRS admits it targeted persons and groups based on their viewpoints (i.e., "policy positions") and that such viewpoint discrimination violates fundamental First Amendment rights. This is the first time the IRS has admitted that its targeting scheme was not just "inappropriate" – as TIGTA found – but, as alleged, blatantly

unconstitutional.

To ensure consistency and uniformity within the agency's operations going forward, the IRS is required, pursuant to the Order, to inform all employees within the Exempt Organizations Division, as well as the Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners within other divisions, of the Order's terms.

This Order not only validates allegations about their treatment at the hands of the corrupt Obama-era IRS but also provides important assurances to the American public that the agency understands its obligation to refrain from further such discriminatory conduct. As Attorney General Sessions acknowledged in this regard, "[t]here is no excuse for [the IRS's] conduct," as it is "without question" that the First Amendment prohibits the conduct that occurred here, i.e., subjecting American citizens to disparate treatment "based solely on their viewpoint or ideology." Sessions further confirmed his Department's commitment to ensuring that the "abuse of power" in which the IRS engaged here "will not be tolerated."

It is impossible to overstate the importance of this victory. This marks a years-long fight for justice in defense of the constitutional rights of the public.

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From – [watchdog.org](#) – By M.D. Kittle

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Nguyen has said he cannot comment on internal personnel matters.

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