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The United States Constitution

Article II, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution imposes only three eligibility requirements on persons serving as president, based on the officeholder's age, time of residency in the U.S., and citizenship status:

U.S. Constitution – Presidential Candidate Eligibility

"No person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty-five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States."

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Vincent Cordova Unveils National Retirement Initiative: Retirement Must Be a Freedom, Not Merely an Eligibility Determination

Independent 2028 U.S. presidential candidate releases a comprehensive policy framework challenging America to confront the economic, institutional and human realities of growing older.

Independent U.S. presidential candidate Vincent Cordova today announced the public release of the **National Retirement Dignity, Autonomy, and Economic Security Initiative (NRDAESI)**, including the proposed **Social Security Dignity, Autonomy, and Housing Security Act of 2029**.

The initiative challenges the United States to fundamentally reconsider how it measures retirement security, protects earned benefits and ensures that people have a meaningful opportunity to enjoy the remaining years of their lives.

Retirement should not be measured solely by the amount of a monthly check, the balance of a trust fund or the age at which a person becomes eligible for benefits. It must also be measured by whether a person can afford to live, maintain a home, receive healthcare and exercise control over their own life.

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Look Around. Zoom Out. One Day, That Will Be Us.

Every generation eventually grows older.

The people we see struggling today to afford medication, pay property taxes, maintain their homes or purchase groceries are not separate from us. They represent a stage of human life that many of us will eventually experience.

We must ask ourselves what kind of society we are building when people can dedicate decades of their lives to working, contributing to their communities and sustaining our economy, only to discover that they cannot afford to stop working.

What does retirement eligibility mean when a person cannot afford to retire?

What does homeownership mean when someone has spent decades paying off a mortgage but remains financially vulnerable to rising property taxes, insurance premiums and the cost of maintaining that home?

What does financial security mean when a person must choose between purchasing medication, eating properly and keeping their home warm?

These are not simply financial questions. They are questions about human dignity, freedom and the purpose of the institutions we have created.

A National Framework That Accounts for the Whole Human Life

The initiative establishes a comprehensive framework for examining retirement through the combined effects of:

- Social Security benefit adequacy and long-term sustainability.
- Housing affordability and housing security.
- Healthcare and prescription medication costs.
- Property taxes, insurance and household expenses.
- Independent living and long-term care.
- Disability protections and caregiver responsibilities.
- Employment conditions affecting older Americans.
- Supplemental Security Income and territorial program equity.

- Retirement-age requirements and meaningful freedom of choice.
- Government accountability and independently measured human outcomes.

The framework establishes a fundamental distinction between retirement eligibility, retirement adequacy, retirement freedom and retirement dignity.

A government program may successfully distribute benefits according to its administrative requirements while still failing to provide the human outcome for which it exists.

That distinction must no longer be ignored.

Protecting Social Security Without Sacrificing Human Life

Protecting existing Social Security benefits remains a fundamental commitment of the proposed Cordova administration.

The initiative calls for independent examination of long-term financing alternatives, including potential public revenue sources, natural resource royalties, closing tax loopholes and financial-sector reforms.

Earned Social Security benefits, needs-based assistance and proposed supplemental programs would remain financially distinct under the framework.

New supplemental programs would be financed outside the Social Security trust funds.

Financing alternatives would be independently evaluated over 10-, 25- and 75-year periods. No alternative will be represented as affordable, sustainable or sufficient to restore solvency without supporting independent actuarial and fiscal analysis.

The financial sustainability of Social Security matters. So does the sustainability of human life.

Neither should be examined in isolation from the other.

Our Lives Are Measured in Years

The initiative also opens a broader national discussion about retirement age and the amount of human life people are able to spend outside the demands of employment.

The possibility of full retirement at age 60 is among the alternatives identified for further examination, independent analysis and eventual public consultation.

It is not presented as an enacted benefit or a finalized legislative commitment.

However, the underlying question deserves national attention:

How much of a person's life should be consumed by the necessity of working before they are genuinely free to determine how they spend their remaining years?

Our economic institutions were created by human beings. They must ultimately serve human life rather than require human life to be sacrificed for their preservation.

Continuing to work should be a meaningful choice, not a condition of survival.

Equal Protection Across Every U.S. Territory

The retirement initiative also recognizes the need to examine unequal access to federal programs across U.S. territories.

A person's geographic location should not prevent the federal government from examining whether its laws and programs provide equitable protection, meaningful representation and adequate human outcomes.

The framework calls for independent evaluation of territorial program disparities, including Supplemental Security Income, healthcare and other essential assistance.

Any proposed reforms must respect the voices, circumstances and self-determination of the people affected.

Three Official Publications Released

The campaign has released three version-controlled discussion drafts, comprising 143 pages of policy analysis, administrative standards and proposed reforms.

NRDAESI-001 — National Retirement Policy Framework
Version 2.4 | 103 pages

The comprehensive retirement policy framework, including proposed protections, institutional responsibilities, legislative alternatives and accountability requirements.

Read the full publication

NRDAESI-002 — Executive Summary
Version 1.1 | 9 pages

An accessible introduction to the initiative's purpose, principal commitments and proposed direction.

Read the executive summary

NRDAESI-003 — Administrative and Operational Implementation Standards
Version 1.1 | 31 pages

A framework for translating policy objectives into administrative responsibilities, operational standards and accountable implementation.

Read the implementation standards

All three publications underwent publication-integrity verification, including independent checksum comparison and verification of the files delivered through the public website.

The publications are freely accessible without registration or payment.

A New Standard for Presidential Policy Development

The release also marks the implementation of the campaign's newly adopted **Presidential Policy Publication Standard**, establishing a consistent approach to future policy development and public communication.

The standard emphasizes:

- Evidence-based research and transparent source documentation.
- Clear distinctions between existing law, proposed legislation and unresolved alternatives.
- Independent professional, fiscal and actuarial evaluation.
- Accessible public information.
- Version-controlled official publications.

- Privacy protection and responsible public participation.
- Transparent government responsibilities.
- Independently measurable human outcomes.

The campaign has also introduced a website-wide **Read, Print or Study Offline** feature, enabling visitors to listen to information, print pages or retain browser-generated PDF copies for independent study.

Public policy should be accessible to the people whose lives it will affect.

Access to information should never depend on a person's ability to navigate complex technology, purchase specialized software or surrender unnecessary personal information.

Public Participation Without Political Conditions

The initiative includes preparations for **Retirement Voices**, a national listening initiative intended to help the campaign understand the lived experiences of retirees, older Americans, caregivers and people approaching retirement.

Participation will not be conditioned on political affiliation, campaign support or financial contributions.

Retirement Voices remains closed to submissions while its communication, privacy and safeguarding arrangements are completed.

The current publication represents the initial English-language public discussion phase. Qualified Spanish-language review, additional companion publications, independent professional evaluation and twenty outstanding legislative decisions remain pending.

This release does not represent the completion of the legislative process. It represents the beginning of a more transparent and accountable examination of the institutions that govern retirement.

A Government That Measures Its Success Through Human Life

The United States must confront a fundamental question about the purpose of its government and economic institutions.

Are we building systems that allow people to live, or are we building systems that increasingly require people to sacrifice their lives to sustain them?

A society should not measure its success solely through economic growth, institutional profitability or financial performance while overlooking whether its people can afford to exist.

The dignity of an older person should not depend on their remaining economic productivity.

A person's value does not expire when their ability to work declines.

After decades of contributing to society, no person should be forced to spend the remaining years of their life fighting simply to survive.

We owe that responsibility to the generations that came before us, to those living today and to every generation that will follow.

Because one day, that will be us.

Public Resources

Full retirement policy framework:
https://www.cordova2028.com/policy-vision/social-security-dignity-autonomy-and-housing-security-act

Accompanying article — Look Around, Zoom Out. One Day, That Will Be Us:
https://www.cordova2028.com/blog/look-around-zoom-out-one-day-that-will-be-us

Our Plan:
https://www.cordova2028.com/our-plan

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Vincent Cordova is a candidate for President of the United States. His campaign is built on the principle that the American government exists to serve life — the lives of American workers, the lives of the animals we are responsible for, and the living systems that sustain everything and everyone.

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