

Overview

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Rhetoric Substantiated Below

Message #1

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June 15, 2020: Garcia Co-Sponsored The Life At Conception Act, Which Banned Abortion From “The Moment Of Fertilization.” According the summary of HR 616, “This bill declares that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual comes into being.” [HR 616, [6/15/20](#)]

The Life At Conception Act Does Not Include Exceptions For IVF. “Most House Republicans have cosponsored a bill declaring that life begins from the moment of conception, a position under increased scrutiny after the Alabama Supreme Court ruled that frozen embryos are ‘unborn children.’ This Congress, 125 House Republicans — including Speaker Mike Johnson — have cosponsored the ‘Life at Conception Act,’ which states that the term ‘human being’ includes ‘all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being.’ The bill does not include any exception for in vitro fertilization (IVF), a reproductive treatment that allows mothers to fertilize several eggs outside the womb in order to increase the chances of a viable pregnancy.” [Business Insider, [2/23/24](#)]

Rewire: The Life At Conception Act “Would Effectively Ban Abortion With No Exception For Rape, Incest, Or To Save The Life Of The Pregnant Person.” “H.R. 616 would grant equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and ‘preborn’ human person. [...] It would effectively ban abortion with no exception for rape, incest, or to save the life of the pregnant person. It would also ban birth control pills, IUDs, and emergency contraception. In addition, it would eliminate certain medical choices for women, including some cancer treatments and in vitro fertilization.” [Rewire, [9/28/19](#)]

Washington Post: The Life At Conception Act Signaled That Many Members “Would Like To See A Total Ban On Abortion.” “Several abortion bans have already been introduced in Congress. A six-week abortion ban has been introduced in the House, by Rep. Mike Kelly (R-Pa.), and the Life at Conception Act, which would recognize a fetus as a person with equal protections under the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, has been introduced in both chambers. Nineteen Republican senators and well over 100 Republicans in the House have co-sponsored the measure, signaling that many would like to see a total ban on abortion.” [Washington Post, [5/2/22](#)]

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Mike Garcia Took \$811,267 From The Securities And Investment Industry. [Open Secrets, accessed [9/2/24](#)]

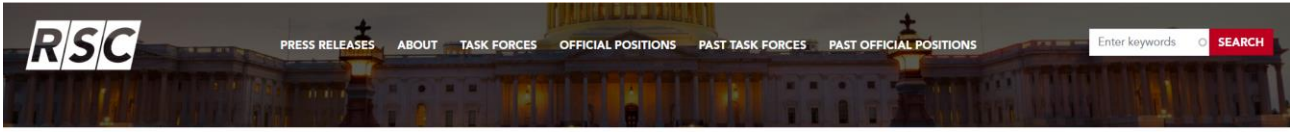
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Economic Policy Institute: “Privatizing Social Security: The Wall Street Fix” [Economic Policy Institute, [4/29/96](#)]

Wall Street Lobbied To Privatize Social Security. “As President Bush prepares to disclose the details of his plan to funnel hundreds of billions of dollars of future Social Security funds into privately held investment accounts, Wall Street has begun a muted lobbying campaign, chastened by bolder forays that failed in years past. [...] There are signs, however, that the industry is becoming a little more aggressive in pushing for private accounts, through a loose assemblage of trade associations, business coalitions and conservative research centers.” [The New York Times, [12/21/04](#)]

...and he proposed a budget that would gut Social Security ...

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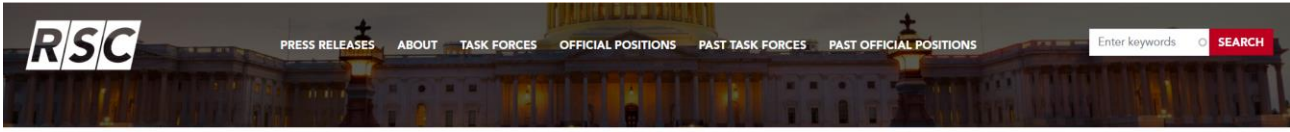
The Republican Study Committee Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Proposed Increasing The Retirement Age For Social Security Benefits. “For instance, the RSC Budget would make modest changes to the primary insurance amount (PIA) benefit formula for individuals who are not near retirement and earn more than the wealthiest PIA benefit factor. It would also make modest adjustments to the retirement age for future retirees to account for increases in life expectancy. Finally, for these individuals, it would limit and phase out auxiliary benefits for high income earners.” [Republican Study Committee, [3/20/24](#)]

Raising The Social Security Age Even By Three Years Would Cut Currently Scheduled Benefits By Nearly 20%. “The last major Social Security overhaul, in 1983, gradually raised the age to 67, effectively cutting benefits by 13 percent. Now there is renewed talk of moving the age to 70, which would effectively cut currently scheduled benefits by nearly 20 percent.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [4/25/23](#)]

The Impact Of Raising The Social Security Age Would Affect Lower- And Middle-Income Beneficiaries The Most. “Some policymakers, such as those on the Republican Study Committee, have proposed to raise Social Security’s full retirement age to 70 and beyond. Raising the retirement age cuts benefits for all new retirees — that is, those claiming Social Security benefits for the first time. These cuts could be deep, and they would fall hardest on lower- and middle-income beneficiaries because they rely most heavily on Social Security benefits.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [4/25/23](#)]

... and privatize Medicare, putting seniors' hard-earned benefits at risk.

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The Republican Study Committee Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Would Replace Medicare With A Voucher System. “The Republican Study Committee (RSC), which represents 80 percent of House Republicans and 100 percent of their leadership, revealed their dismal vision for American families. Their extreme 2025 budget proposal ends Medicare as we know it by replacing it with inadequate vouchers, destroys the Affordable Care Act (ACA), and guts Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Their budget also repeals the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), which empowered Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices and capped seniors’ out-of-pocket prescription drug costs, including the \$35 price cap per month for insulin.” [House Committee On The Budget, [6/13/24](#)]

Additional Resources

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