Age and Youth: Let's Stand Together!



Corporations and their paid-for politicians have caused the worst economic crisis since the Depression of the 1930s. Not satisfied with taking away our jobs, our homes, and our savings, they are now dismantling our grandchildren's public education.

They are also dismantling Social Security, Medicare, and Medi-Cal. As we speak, they are convening secretive, high-power Commissions to kill these programs' legal protections for seniors, disabled people, kids, and the poor. The fight for public education, Social Security, Medicare, and Medi-Cal is a fight for our future. Let's fight together!

These programs are worth fighting for, particularly for younger adults.

For 75 years, Social Security has kept tens of millions of seniors out of poverty and independent. Do you want your parents to be dependent on you? Do you want to be dependent on your children? Social Security is there for you even now. Today's payroll taxes will keep Social Security solvent for decades. Making high-earners pay would keep Social Security solvent indefinitely. We demand the government repay the Social Security Trust Fund the billions that it borrowed for war, bank bailouts, and tax cuts. Don't be fooled. The same ones who say Social Security is doomed and must be privatized to survive, say public schools are doomed and must be made charter to survive!

For 35 years, Medicare and Medicaid have kept tens of millions of seniors, the poor, and people with disabilities from serious illness and premature death, but now its financing is being challenged. Meanwhile, younger adults can't get medical care from either employers or on their own. The cure? Don't cut Medicare. Extend Medicare to everyone, so we ALL have equal, comprehensive, affordable, and accessible care. Don't be fooled. On a per-person basis, seniors' healthcare costs are rising no faster than everyone else's. The problem is healthcare profiteers, not seniors and Medicare.

We demand: Restore funding for all students, pre-school through graduate school. Restore social service cuts. No cuts to Social Security, Medicare and Medi-Cal. Single payer healthcare. Restore progressive taxation on corporations and the wealthiest. Stop spending billions on wars that bleed our programs and kill our jobless youth.

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