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Why Social Security Reform Still Matters

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Biography

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Previously the principal deputy commissioner of the Social Security Administration (SSA), where he oversaw SSA's policy research efforts and led the agency's participation in the Social Security Trustees working group, Andrew Biggs has investigated the trade-offs involved in meeting Social Security's projected budgetary shortfalls. In 2005 he worked on Social Security reform at the White House National Economic Council and in 2001 was on the staff of the President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security. At AEI he will draw on micro and macroeconomic analysis, financial and behavioral economics, and research into public opinion and political institutions to analyze reforms to improve the effectiveness and long-range solvency of the Social Security program.

Professional Experience

- Associate commissioner for retirement policy, 2003-2006; deputy commissioner for policy, 2006-2007; principal deputy commissioner, 2007, Social Security Administration
- Associate director, National Economic Council, The White House, 2005
- Staff member, President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security, 2001
- Social Security analyst, Cato Institute, 1999-2003
- Director of Research, Congressional Institute, 1998-1999

Education

- Ph.D., Government, London School of Economics
- M.Sc., Financial Economics, University of London
- M.Phil., Social and Political Theory, Cambridge University
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