

Social Security focus of debate

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ernment would lose \$1 trillion from the trust fund, making it even more difficult to fund Social Security, Nelson said.

"The issue is, when you take money out of Social Security, what happens?" he said in the same joint appearance. "It brings the day of reckoning on Social Security's insolvency just that much closer to you."

Nelson supports a plan he calls "Social Security Plus." He would place the trust fund in a "lock box," so that those funds would be used only for Social Security.

Then, the government could

extend Social Security's solvency to about 2055 by taking 10-15 percent of federal budget surpluses and placing them in the trust fund, he said.

In a fund-raising letter to supporters on Sept. 8, Nelson wrote that Stenberg's plan would make Social Security's financing problems worse.

"On Social Security," he wrote, "my opponent offers a plan that will destabilize the Social Security system by withdrawing an estimated \$1 trillion from the Social Security system during the next 10 years. This can only lead to higher payroll taxes, lower benefits and higher retirement ages."

Stenberg sharply criticized Nelson for that statement, saying Nelson misrepresented his position.

Stenberg said he did not support raising payroll taxes, cutting benefits or raising the retirement age, which is now at 65 and set to slowly rise to 67.

None of those outcomes would be necessary, he said, because his plan would raise investment returns.

With projected budget surpluses of \$3 trillion to \$4 trillion, the government could pay for promised Social Security benefits while preserving Medicare, paying down the national debt, increasing defense spending and

cutting taxes, Stenberg said.

"We can build more wealth for our future with this approach," he said during a Sept. 21 debate. "I do not support raising the retirement age, nor raising Social Security taxes. I hope I won't be hearing that during the rest of the campaign."

Responded Nelson: "You'll continue to hear that as long as you continue to propose taking money out of the Social Security system."

Both candidates have accused the other of flip-flopping on Social Security, but for now — as on several other issues — they hold views that give voters a clear distinction between them.

Campus race relations focus of discussion

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Campbell, director of the Campus Recreation Center and panel member, "but also recognize our commonalities."

The panel said most university students needed to be more aware of racial issues.

"The students in the majority don't think it's their issue, when in reality it affects everyone," said Minisa Chapman, a graduate assistant at the Hewitt Center and panel member.

After the panel discussion, participants said they felt specific action needed to be taken on campus.

Changes in recruitment and retention of students of color, more emphasis on multicultural events on campus and disbursement of international students throughout campus residence halls were needed, they said.

Olubodun and other people at the dialogue said they felt actions needed to be discussed not only for the effect they would potentially have on campus, but also for the effect throughout the community and the state.

"The university is a place in the state that people look up to as a leader on issues like this," Olubodun said.



Mfume: Issues cut across race

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made this nation distinct in its finest hours," he said.

Some of those finest hours have included rallied support of college students, he said.

But, political support from college-age voters is not consistent and has not been evident since the civil rights movement of the 1960s, he said.

"It might take 50 years for that pendulum to swing back," he said.

Right now, 18 to 30 year-olds simply do not participate in politics, Mfume said.

"Yeah, your issues are important — to you. But you're looked at in many respects as

political chumps."

Rowena Pacquette, a student assistant for Student Involvement and Minority Student Development at the Culture Center, who helped organize Mfume's visit to Lincoln, said she could tell by the looks on people's faces that Mfume was making an impact.

"Our biggest fear was that we wouldn't have enough people, so I'm just happy to have a good turnout," she added.

Stacey Goodlett, a sophomore communications major, was excited by Mfume's words.

"We really need some more black people to come and help lead the black students on campus," she said.



Derek Lippincott/DN
President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Kweisi Mfume speaks in front of a full Nebraska Union Auditorium. Mfume talked about the racism and problems that black Americans face.

Candidates hold debate, avoid attacks

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DANVILLE, Ky. — Republican Dick Cheney and Democrat Joseph Lieberman disagreed firmly but politely Thursday night about military readiness, tax cuts and the future of Social Security in a gentlemanly debate of campaign understatements.

Sitting a few feet apart around a small table, the vice presidential candidates agreed that President Slobodan Milosevic should give up power in Yugoslavia, but both opposed the use of American troops to force him out.

In a debate that ranged broadly over campaign issues, Lieberman, a two-term Connecticut senator, said Republicans want to "raid the Medicare trust fund to pay for their tax cuts."

But Cheney said there was more than enough money to go around, and it is "totally reasonable" to give relief to all taxpayers.

The two men sparred as they sat together for their only debate of the fall campaign. The atmosphere on a specially constructed stage at Centre College was far more relaxed than Tuesday night when presidential candidates Al Gore and George W. Bush met in Boston for the first of their three scheduled encounters.

Each man pledged at the outset to avoid personal attacks. Cheney took that one step further. "I promise not to bring up your singing," he said to Lieberman.

"And I promise not to sing," Lieberman replied with a smile.

But even good-natured comments reflected the widely differing views the two men hold.

Pointing to a strong economy, Lieberman said most people would say they are better off than

they were eight years ago.

"I am pleased to see from the newspapers that you're better off than you were 8 years ago too," he said to Cheney, a reference to the multi-million dollar separation package the former oil services company executive received when he left to join the GOP ticket.

"And I can tell you, Joe, that the government had nothing to do with it," Cheney said.

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