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Annuities cannot protect policyholders from inflation, and it is naive to assume that inflation will never exist again at a time when the nation is so much in debt.

Annuities can only be one sector of an investment portfolio--and a small sector at that! A portfolio needs to be balanced and diverse. Even the crafters of Social Security realized that payments would need to be adjusted for inflation.

People need to begin learning the financial facts of life when they are in grade school, not when they're retiring. They need to know that they must always save, but that at the same time risk is an inherent part of investing--the best they can do is diversify their risk.

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