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General Comment

I have spent considerable time over the last several years educating myself on the use of options to reduce risk in my retirement portfolio. I have successfully done this as my portfolio has grown with the use of conservative option strategies. In my view, restricting the use of options in an IRA account is not In the best interest of the investing public. Rather than restricting the use of investment vehicles, it would be far more useful to spend the money on educating tools. Also, IRA accounts are not "employee benefits", thus Individuals should have the opportunity to manage their "Individual Retirement Account" to the best of their ability. Some people can manage this on their own; others can seek help from qualified independent financial advisors.