



2016 US PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN SOURCES

Because the 2016 election includes such contestation in terms of facts, as well as the inevitably contrasting positions, we've added this list of sources from which we've derived our nonpartisan Presidential guide. We list the Clinton/Trump sources first, and the Johnson/Stein ones following the Clinton/Trump sources, so if you want to find the latter, search Gary Johnson or Jill Stein to jump to the section with their sources. We've listed each question from our candidate guide, the summary of candidate stands that we've used, and then the mainstream media links from which we've derived them, often followed by excerpts from the articles or broadcast interviews.

Abortion: Should abortion be highly restricted?

CLINTON

No

<https://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/womens-rights-and-opportunity/>

Hillary will fight back against Republican attempts to restrict access to quality, affordable reproductive health care. She will defend access to affordable contraception, preventive care, and safe and legal abortion—not just in principle, but in practice.

<https://www.hillaryclinton.com/briefing/factsheets/2016/01/22/lifelong-record-roe-anniversary/>

<http://votesmart.org/public-statement/1045630/transcript-of-the-fox-news-democratic-presidential-town-hall#.V6DuwI-cGM8>

“Under *Roe v. Wade*, which is rooted in the Constitution, women have this right to make this highly personal decision with their family in accordance with their faith, with their doctor.

It's not much of a right if it is totally limited and constrained. So I think we have to continue to stand up for a woman's right to make these decisions, and to defend Planned Parenthood, which does an enormous amount of good work across our country.”

BAIER: Just to be clear, there's no -- without any exceptions?

CLINTON: No -- I have been on record in favor of a late pregnancy regulation that would have exceptions for the life and health of the mother. I object to the recent effort in Congress to pass a law saying after 20 weeks, you know, no such exceptions, because although these are rare, Bret, they sometimes arise in the most complex, difficult medical situation.

TRUMP

Yes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dpIMuOPu5Hs> Fox News - O'Reilly Factor on May 10, 2016

Asked on Fox News what one thing he would do to “protect the sanctity of life,” Trump told host Bill O'Reilly, “I will protect it, and the biggest way you can protect it is through the Supreme Court and putting people on the court. Actually, the biggest way you can protect it, I guess, is by electing me president.”

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-fix/wp/2016/04/03/donald-trumps-ever-shifting-positions-on-abortion/> - Timeline of shifts in Trump's position

<http://www.politifact.com/wisconsin/article/2016/mar/30/context-transcript-donald-trump-punishing-women-ab/>
Transcript of MSNBC interview with Chris Matthews on March 30 2016

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-politics/wp/2016/06/30/donald-trump-finally-weighs-in-on-sweeping-supreme-court-abortion-decision/> - June 30 2016

Now if we had Scalia ... or if Scalia was replaced by me, you wouldn't have had that. Okay? It would've been the opposite,"

Campaign Finance: Do you support the DISCLOSE Act, which requires key funders of political ads to put their names on those ads?

CLINTON

Yes

<http://www.politicususa.com/2016/07/12/hillary-clinton-bernie-sanders-terrify-koch-brothers-single-sentence.html>

"We will do everything we can to overturn Citizens United. And we will require everybody Democrats, Republicans, Independents whoever to disclose all of their donors, and while we're at it, we're going to creating a small donor matching system to make it easy for more Americans to be elected at every level of government."

<http://www.bloomberg.com/politics/articles/2015-09-08/hillary-clinton-proposes-making-companies-disclose-political-donations>

TRUMP

Trump: Unclear; Platform: Oppose

<https://www.gop.com/the-2016-republican-party-platform/>

"We support repeal of federal restrictions on political parties in McCain-Feingold, raising or repealing contribution limits, protecting the political speech of advocacy groups, corporations, and labor unions, and protecting political speech on the internet. We likewise call for an end to the so-called Fairness Doctrine, and support free-market approaches to free speech unregulated by government."

"Freedom of speech includes the right to devote resources to whatever cause or candidate one supports. We oppose any restrictions or conditions that would discourage citizens from participating in the public square or limit their ability to promote their ideas, such as requiring private organizations to publicly disclose their donors to the government."

<http://www.campaignlegalcenter.org/news/blog/2016-republican-platform-campaign-finance-far-cry-teddy-roosevelt-days>

The 2016 platform mirrors the 2012 platform's specific language attacking campaign finance reform measures such as the McCain-Feingold law, contribution limits and the proposed DISCLOSE Act. It reiterates the party's stance against regulation of political spending, as well as its opposition to the [Fairness Doctrine](#) and any regulation of political speech on the Internet. The 2016 platform also makes no mention of reforms such as enhanced disclosure, but instead includes a proposal to "guard against foreign involvement in our elections" through "vigilance regarding on-line credit card contributions to candidates and campaigns."

Campaign Finance: Do you support the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision allowing unlimited corporate and union independent campaign contributions?

CLINTON

No. Proposes Constitutional amendment to overturn.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0cEZx6vwle4> July 16 2016

Secretary Clinton addressed Netroots Nation 2016 via video and made her first 30 day policy commitment at 2:00 minute mark

<http://www.politico.com/story/2016/07/hillary-clinton-citizens-united-225658> July 7 2016

Hillary Clinton committed Saturday to introducing a constitutional amendment to overturn the Citizens United decision within her first 30 days in office, if she's elected president. The announcement will come in a video during the closing keynote of the progressive Netroots Nation conference.

“The amendment would allow Americans to establish common sense rules to protect against the undue influence of billionaires and special interests and to restore the role of average voters in elections,” a Clinton spokesman said in statement. ...the Clinton spokesman said, she will sign an executive order requiring federal contractors to disclose their shareholders’ spending, while also pushing “for federal legislation to require effective public disclosure of political spending.”

TRUMP

Condemns money in politics but praises Justice Scalia who voted for decision.

Trump has made no explicit statements about Citizens United. He has praised Justice Scalia, who voted for Citizens United in the 5-4 decision. In July the campaign appointed Bryan Lanza, former Citizens United Communication Director, as Deputy Communications Director for Surrogates.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/politics/articles/2016-05-18/trump-lists-11-possible-u-s-supreme-court-successors-to-scalia> May 18 2016

"Justice Scalia was a remarkable person and brilliant Supreme Court justice," Trump said in a statement. "His career was defined by his reverence for the Constitution and his legacy of protecting Americans."

<http://www.businessinsider.com/donald-trump-antonin-scalia-death-2016-2>

Trump Tweet on Feb 13: The totally unexpected loss of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia is a massive setback for the Conservative movement and our COUNTRY!

<http://www.npr.org/2016/02/14/466668949/presidential-candidates-pledge-to-undo-citizens-united-but-can-they>
February 14, 2016

Like Sanders, Donald Trump has made money in politics one of the biggest targets of his campaign – and an emblem of his outsider status. He has called superPACs "horrible" and insists the separation between candidates and the independent groups backing them is a charade. Trump says he supports campaign finance reform, though a specific plan is not available on his website.

<https://www.publicintegrity.org/2016/06/17/19762/donald-trumps-big-money-bait-and-switch>

Now Trump is no longer spurning super PACs and eschewing tony private fundraisers tailor made for 1 percenters. Rather he’s tolerating, if not embracing, the post-*Citizens United* era of cash-flush politics that, until recently, Trump considered anathema to his largely anti-establishment presidential bid.

<http://ijr.com/2015/10/435663-justin-despite-disdain-big-money-donald-trump-finds-unlikely-ally-citizens-united/>

At the Family Research Center’s Values Voter Summit in Washington, D.C ... man who introduced him to the stage: David Bossie, the president of Citizens United. ... Trump and Bossie have been linked since the months prior to his presidential announcement when he gave a speech at a Citizens United event. Bossie also defended Trump on the Fox Business Network in August.

<https://www.donaldjtrump.com/press-releases/trump-campaign-announces-expansion-of-communications-team>

July 11 2016 – Trump-Pence announce new Deputy Communications Director for Surrogates. Most recently, Mr. Lanza served as Communications Director of the non-profit Citizens United.

Climate Change: Do you believe human activity is causing climate change? Should government act to limit greenhouse gas emissions?

CLINTON

Yes on both: “an urgent threat and a defining challenge of our time.” Supports EPA coal plant restrictions.

<https://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/climate/>

<http://www.climatechangenews.com/2016/04/12/diverging-views-sanders-and-clinton-on-climate-change/> April 12 2016

[S]he has a long track record while Secretary of State of helping roll back a fracking ban in Bulgaria, and [promoting American fracking technology around the world](#).

Importantly, her focus is on shifting off coal, and her website proposes a [\\$30 billion plan](#) to help coal-dependent workers and communities transition to renewable energy.

However Clinton's "clean power" and "clean energy" phrases leave huge wiggle room, since these terms often do not exclude natural gas extraction and combustion, nuclear power, potentially problematic "big hydro" dams, and even high-temperature coal combustion with carbon capture and storage (CCS). In fact, Clinton's coal plan includes research funding for CCS, widely seen in the coal industry as their last best hope in the face of climate activism. ... Clinton got negative marks from 350.org for not opposing fracking, not opposing extraction on public lands, not supporting divestment from fossil fuels, and not refusing campaign money from the fossil fuel industry.

<http://www.lcv.org/assets/docs/presidential-candidates-on-cpp.pdf>

TRUMP

No on both. "Climate change is a hoax." "Cancel Paris climate agreement." Opposes EPA coal plant restrictions.

<https://www.donaldjtrump.com/press-releases/an-america-first-energy-plan> May 26 2016 - "An American First Energy Plan"

Climate change is a hoax

<http://video.foxnews.com/v/5051649858001/trump-talks-dnc-minimum-wage-climate-change-and-nato/?#sp=show-clips> July 26 2016

Around 4 minutes ... Did you call it a hoax? Well ... I probably did? Manmade could have a minor impact... puts us at disadvantage because we're adhering to rules... companies unable to compete

Cancel Paris

<http://www.bbc.com/news/election-us-2016-36401174> May 27 2016

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump has said he would "cancel" the Paris climate deal in his first major speech on energy policy. He called for more drilling, fewer regulations and the approval of the Keystone XL oil pipeline from Canada. Mr Trump though doesn't have to go to such lengths to end US involvement. He could choose to ignore or reverse or delay Obama's initiatives on climate including the Clean Power Plan.

Oppose EPA coal restrictions

<http://www.npr.org/2016/08/08/488816816/donald-trump-looks-to-turn-the-page-on-bad-week-with-economic-speech> Aug 8 2016

Also critical to our economic renewal will be energy reform. The Obama-Clinton Administration has blocked and destroyed millions of jobs through their anti-energy regulations, while raising the price of electricity for both families and businesses. As a result of recent Obama EPA actions coal-fired power plants across Michigan have either shut down entirely or undergone expensive conversions. The Obama-Clinton war on coal has cost Michigan over 50,000 jobs. Hillary Clinton says her plan will "put a lot of coal companies and coal miners out of business." We will put our coal miners and steel workers back to work. Clinton not only embraces President Obama's job-killing energy restrictions but wants to expand them, including going after oil and natural gas production that employs some 10 million Americans.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0_2DgkKUwr4 – March 12 speech in Dayton, Ohio

"We have to protect your coal industry which is being decimated" by EPA regulations, he said. "And we have to protect your steel industry."

Climate change: Should we subsidize renewable energy?

CLINTON

Yes

<https://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/climate/>

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/comparison-donald-trump-vs-hillary-clinton-on-the-economy/>

Clinton wants to install half a billion additional solar panels and expand other forms of clean energy, like wind, geothermal, hydroelectric, and more. She also wants to invest in revitalizing the power grid to increase efficiency and reliability, especially in rural areas.

<http://www.lcv.org/assets/docs/presidential-candidates-on-renewable.pdf> - updated July 1 2016

TRUMP

No. Let market decide.

http://www.pv-magazine.com/news/details/beitrag/donald-trump-betrays-total-ignorance-of-solar--energy-market-dynamics_100024773/#axzz4FXKEaPon May 26 2016

Donald Trump is a notoriously hard politician to pin down on concrete policy proposals. ...Energy has been no different, and there is no section on energy in the brief "Positions" section of Trump's campaign website.

Trump's first speech on energy also did not result in a coherent policy platform in this regard, but did solidify his preference for production of energy from domestically sourced fossil fuels, particularly a desire to expand oil and gas extraction and to bring back coal mining and increase electricity generation from coal - while at the same time appealing to the market.

"The market forces are going to do whatever they do," stated Trump. "All I'm going to do is free up the coal." In the press conference before the speech, Trump also repeated myths that show an extremely outdated understanding of renewable energy. Despite his statement that "I know a lot about solar", Trump revived the old canard that solar and wind are "very expensive", and estimated a 30-year payback time.

<http://www.npr.org/2016/05/27/479660989/trump-wants-to-make-energy-production-great-again-even-as-it-sets-new-records> May 27 2016

Trump promised to scale back energy regulation on all fronts. "Any future regulation will go through a simple test," he said. "Is this regulation good for the American worker? If it doesn't pass this test, the rule will not be approved."

Trump bills himself as a savior of the coal industry. "We're going to save the coal industry, believe me, we're going to save it," he said.

At a press conference before his speech, Trump said he supports "all sorts of energy," including wind and solar panels. But he wasn't exactly heaping praise on the two alternative energy sources.

"The problem with solar is it's very expensive; wind is very expensive," he said.

"There are some places in California, wind is killing all of the eagles. You shoot an eagle, you kill an eagle, they want to put you in jail for five years. And yet the windmills are killing hundreds and hundreds of eagles ... so wind is — it's a problem."

"But despite that," Trump added, "I am into all types of energy."

http://video.foxnews.com/v/4645149613001/donald-trump-on-climate-change-policy/?playlist_id=930909812001#sp=show-clips

Climate Change: Should the Environmental Protection Administration be abolished?

CLINTON

No

<https://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/climate/>

<https://www.hillaryclinton.com/briefing/statements/2015/08/02/obama-clean-power-plan/>

Support and defend Obama's Clean Power Plan

TRUMP

Yes.

<http://www.msnbc.com/msnbc/donald-trump-pledges-rip-paris-climate-agreement-energy-speech>

May 26 2016

He pledged to dismantle the EPA entirely in an [April town hall](#), although he referred to it at the time as the “Department of Environmental” and “DEP.” He assailed Hillary Clinton for saying in March that fracking projects would be [unlikely to pass muster](#) under her environmental regime.

“Hillary’s agenda is job destruction. My agenda is job creation,” Trump said.

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[Party Platform] The current Administration, and particularly its EPA, seems not to care. Its Clean Power Plan — the centerpiece of the President’s war on coal — has been stayed by the Supreme Court. We will do away with it altogether. The Democratic Party does not understand that coal is an abundant, clean, affordable, reliable domestic energy resource. Those who mine it and their families should be protected from the Democratic Party’s radical anticoal agenda.

We will enforce the original intent of the Clean Water Act, not it’s distortion by EPA regulations. We will likewise forbid the EPA to regulate carbon dioxide, something never envisioned when Congress passed the Clean Air Act.

Contraception: Should employers have a religious right to refuse contraceptive coverage?

CLINTON

No

<https://verdict.justia.com/2015/05/04/hillary-clinton-and-the-winning-strategy-on-contraception>

“America moves ahead when all women are guaranteed the right to make their own health care choices, not when those choices are taken away by an employer like Hobby Lobby.”

<https://www.hillaryclinton.com/briefing/factsheets/2016/01/22/lifelong-record-roe-anniversary/>

TRUMP

Yes

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aw42h68_fkM&feature=youtu.be

CNN GOP debate Feb 25 2016

MODERATOR: All sorts of religious institutions fear that Hobby Lobby, if it's repealed, it was a 5-4 decision, they're going to have to bend their knee and provide morning-after pills.... Will you commit to voters tonight that religious liberty will be an absolute litmus test for anyone you appoint, not just to the Supreme Court, but to all courts?

TRUMP: Yes, I would.

[https://prod-static-ngop-pbl.s3.amazonaws.com/media/documents/DRAFT_12_FINAL\[1\]-ben_1468872234.pdf](https://prod-static-ngop-pbl.s3.amazonaws.com/media/documents/DRAFT_12_FINAL[1]-ben_1468872234.pdf)
[Party Platform] Ongoing attempts to compel individuals, businesses, and institutions of faith to transgress their beliefs are part of a misguided effort to undermine religion and drive it from the public square. ... We support the right of the people to conduct their businesses in accordance with their religious beliefs and condemn public officials who have proposed boycotts against businesses that support traditional marriage. ... We support the ability of all organizations to provide, purchase, or enroll in healthcare coverage consistent with their religious, moral, or ethical convictions without discrimination or penalty.

Courts: Should the Senate have confirmed Obama’s Supreme Court nominee?

CLINTON

Yes

<http://votesmart.org/public-statement/1057241/remarks-on-the-supreme-court-and-whats-at-stake-in-the-2016-election#.V6D2p4-cGM8> March 28 2016

For those of you who aren't following the saga, the story is pretty straightforward: President Obama has done his job and nominated Merrick Garland, one of the most respected judges in the country, to become the ninth justice. Democrats admire him. Republicans do, too. In fact, a few years ago, when another seat was open on the court, Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah--who's not exactly a liberal--said that if the president named Judge Garland, there was "no question" that he'd be confirmed. In fact Senator Hatch called the judge a "consensus nominee." Now normally, this is when the Senate would do its job--hold hearings, consider the nomination, call for a vote. ...But Republicans say they won't. They won't even hold a hearing. It doesn't matter how qualified the president's nominee is, or what the Constitution says, or what our country needs. This is their job! But they refuse to do it.

TRUMP
No

<http://votesmart.org/public-statement/1082796/donald-j-trump-releases-list-of-potential-united-states-supreme-court-justices#.V6D3FI-cGM8> May 18 2016

<http://www.nationalmemo.com/even-after-trumps-curiel-remarks-merrick-garland-probably-wont-receive-a-senate-vote/>

Economy: Do you support Dodd-Frank, which established the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and regulated banks and financial institutions?

CLINTON
Yes

<https://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/wall-street/>

http://useconomy.about.com/od/fiscalpolicy/p/Hillary_Economy.htm

Clinton thinks the [Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act](#) did not go far enough to end the threat from [too-big-to-fail](#) banks. She proposes a risk fee levied on all banks with more than \$50 billion in assets, high debt levels, or too much reliance on short-term funding. (Source: "Clinton Proposes Big Bank 'Risk Fee,'" *WSJ*, October 9, 2015)

TRUMP
No. Will come "close to dismantling."

<http://fortune.com/2016/05/18/trump-dodd-frank-wall-street/>

Dodd-Frank has made it impossible for bankers to function," the presumptive Republican nominee said. "It makes it very hard for bankers to loan money for people to create jobs, for people with businesses to create jobs. And that has to stop." Pressed on the extent of the changes he wanted to make, Trump said, "it will be close to dismantling of Dodd-Frank."

[https://prod-static-ngop-pbl.s3.amazonaws.com/media/documents/DRAFT_12_FINAL\[1\]-ben_1468872234.pdf](https://prod-static-ngop-pbl.s3.amazonaws.com/media/documents/DRAFT_12_FINAL[1]-ben_1468872234.pdf)
[Party Platform] The Dodd-Frank law, the Democrats' legislative Godzilla, is crushing small and community banks and other lenders. ... The worst of Dodd-Frank is the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, deliberately designed to be a rogue agency.

Economy: To grow the economy increase government infrastructure spending or reduce taxes? Prioritize deficit reduction or economic stimulus

CLINTON
More infrastructure investment.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/comparison-donald-trump-vs-hillary-clinton-on-the-economy/>

August 12 2016 - Clinton ... has proposed \$275 billion in new infrastructure spending to improve roads, bridges, rail lines, airports, and more. Her website claims she'd pay for the improvements through unspecified "business tax reform."

<http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/article/2016/jul/22/comparing-economic-agendas-hillary-clinton-and-don/> - July 22 2016

Both Clinton and Trump have urged increased spending on infrastructure and have advocated policies that help rebuild the nation's manufacturing sector, though Clinton has offered greater policy and budgetary specifics. Clinton on Infrastructure: Would boost federal investment by \$275 billion over five years and create a \$25 billion infrastructure bank.

On Taxes: Would largely maintain the current tax code, with some increases for wealthier taxpayers.

<http://time.com/4378996/hillary-clinton-economy-policies-speech/> June 22 2016

<https://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/a-fair-tax-system/>

TRUMP

Both reduced taxes and more infrastructure investment.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/comparison-donald-trump-vs-hillary-clinton-on-the-economy/>

August 12 2016 - Trump has proposed spending at least double the \$275 billion that Clinton has suggested to rebuild the country's infrastructure and create jobs. He's not offered an exact spending target, but he has raised some ire among fiscal conservatives by suggesting he'd tolerate significant deficit spending to make it happen.

<http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/article/2016/jul/22/comparing-economic-agendas-hillary-clinton-and-don/> July 22 2016

Trump's across-the-board tax cuts would represent a far bigger change than Clinton's proposal. It would lower revenues over 10 years by a whopping \$9.6 trillion, according to the Tax Policy Center's analysis.

"He says economic growth and cuts would make up for that, but it's hard to imagine that it would be possible to do so," Roberton Williams, a fellow at the Urban Institute-Brookings Institution Tax Policy Center, said. Gary Burtless, an economist with the Brookings Institution, agreed, saying he's "very skeptical the effects growth will be more than a small percentage of the amount Trump has claimed."

They got support on June 17 from [Moody's Analytics](#), an economic research and data-services firm that examined Trump's policies on taxes, government spending, immigration and international trade. Moody's concluded that Trump's proposals would make the U.S. economy less global and would substantially increase the federal debt, benefit the wealthy disproportionately, and push unemployment up. (Moody's has said it will release a similar analysis of Clinton's plan but has yet to do so.)

<http://graphics.wsj.com/elections/2016/donald-trump-hillary-clinton-on-the-economy/>

Link for both on deficit spending vs economic stimulus

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/01/business/economy/clinton-trump-either-way-count-on-deficit-spending-to-rise.html>

Education: Should the Dept. of Education be abolished and school funding left to the states?

CLINTON

No

TRUMP

Yes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qPspD2fvre4> October 18, 2015 – Fox News Sunday interview

"Would you cut serve -- would you cut departments?" Wallace asked Trump.

"No, I'm not cutting services, but I'm cutting spending. But I may cut Department of Education. I believe Common Core is a very bad thing," Trump said. "I believe that we should be — you know, educating our children

from Iowa, from New Hampshire, from South Carolina, from California, from New York. I think that it should be local education. ...So the Department of Education is one.”

http://talkingpointsmemo.com/livewire/donald-trump-epa-dept-of-education?utm_content=buffer939cc&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer Oct 18 2015

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/trump-says-hed-eliminate-department-of-environment-protection/article/2584908> March 3 2016

During Thursday's debate, Trump reiterated his claim that he would eliminate the Education Department and "the Department of Environment Protection," his term for the EPA.

"We're going to have little tidbits left but we're going to get most of it out," Trump said.

Education: Should public college tuition be free to students from families making \$125,000 or less? Should the government help refinance student loans?

Clinton:

Yes on both, using federal subsidies. Expand income-contingent loan repayment.

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/prestoncooper2/2016/07/27/clintons-free-college-2-0-doesnt-cut-it/#1541eed369e2> July 27 2016

The Democratic nominee is revising her original call for universal “debt-free” public college; she would now [make tuition free](#) at four-year public institutions for all students whose family incomes are less than \$125,000 per year. [The plan is a giveaway to the upper-middle class, if not the rich.](#) Despite the income limit, the benefits of this proposal would still accrue overwhelmingly to those with incomes between \$65,000 and \$125,000. This is because institutional aid and federal Pell Grants already substantially reduce the net tuition paid by lower-income students. According to [College Board](#), students with family incomes between \$30,000 and \$65,000 pay yearly in-state tuition of just \$1,440 at four-year public colleges—and students with family incomes below \$30,000 pay no tuition at all.

<https://www.hillaryclinton.com/briefing/factsheets/2015/08/10/college-compact-costs/>

Make income-based repayment simple and universal so that all students know they can enroll, and never have to repay more than they can afford.

Around one-third of the funds will go toward relief on interest from student debt. This includes allowing every American with outstanding public debt to refinance their student loans at today's low interest rates, cutting interest rates to reflect the government's cost of debt, and making it far easier for students to enroll in income-based repayment that limits crushing debt.

<https://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/college/>

<http://www.factcheck.org/2016/07/democratic-convention-day-1/>

Clinton announced [her plan](#) on July 6, but her plan calls for states to “step up and invest in higher education.” The *New York Times* [wrote](#) that “the federal government would provide tuition grants to states that agree to put up some matching money.”

The paper noted that “some experts said details of the initiative — including exactly how it would work and be paid for — were sketchy, and raised concerns that some states would decline to contribute money.”

More recently, *Times* columnist Kevin Carey [wrote](#), “States will be able to opt out of the Clinton plan, just as a significant number have chosen not to accept large federal subsidies to expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act.” Also, free tuition would be gradually phased in, beginning with families earning \$85,000 or less. “By 2021, families with income up to \$125,000 will pay no tuition at in-state four-year public colleges and universities,” [Clinton's plan says](#).

So Sanders overstates the impact of Clinton's plan when he says it “will guarantee” free tuition for families with incomes of \$125,000 a year or less. Actually, the plan “could eventually provide free in-state tuition to eligible students,” [as the Times writes](#).

Trump:

Trump unclear. His education advisor: Free tuition subsidies & loan refinancing too costly.

Restore primacy of private sector for loans.

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/stephendash/2016/08/02/how-student-loan-debt-became-a-political-football-for-clinton-and-trump/#3299a4f771d6> Aug 2 2016

Trump ... echoed Warren's debatable claims that the government makes a profit in student lending, and suggested he'd be open to government-back refinancing programs like those proposed by the Democrats. But you won't find any such policy in the Republican Party's platform.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m-kFkt2CyuU> April 3 2016 - Trump responds to student question

<https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2016/05/13/trumps-campaign-co-chair-describes-higher-education-policies-being-developed> May 13 2016

Sam Clovis, the national co-chair and policy director of Trump's campaign, outlined for *Inside Higher Ed* the ideas that the presumptive GOP nominee is preparing to put forth. ...

First off, Clovis made clear that the Trump campaign will fight and not endorse Hillary Clinton's proposal for debt-free public higher education or the Bernie Sanders plan for free public higher education. ...

Further, Trump will also reject President Obama's proposals for a state-federal partnership to make community college free for new high school graduates. Community colleges are "damn near free" now, and "almost anyone can afford community college," he said. ...

Many of the ideas on which the Trump campaign is working involve a complete overhaul of the federal student loan system, moving the government out of lending and restoring that role to private banks, as was the case before President Clinton partially and President Obama fully shifted loan origination from private lenders to the government. "We think it should be marketplace and market driven," he said....

Further, he said that all colleges should have "skin in the game" and share the risk associated with student loans.

...

That means a shift in who is involved in deciding on student loans, with less emphasis on parent contributions and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and more of "a partnership" between the student, the bank and the college. "We think if the college has real skin in the game, it will change its model."

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[Party Platform] The federal government should not be in the business of originating student loans. In order to bring down college costs and give students access to a multitude of financing options, private sector participation in student financing should be restored. Any regulation that increases college costs must be challenged to balance its worth against its negative economic impact on students and their families.

In order to encourage new modes of higher education delivery to enter the market, accreditation should be decoupled from federal financing, and states should be empowered to allow a wide array of accrediting and credentialing bodies to operate. This model would foster innovation, bring private industry into the credentialing market, and give students the ability to customize their college experience. ... states should be empowered to allow a wide array of accrediting and credentialing bodies to operate.

Gay Marriage: Do you support gay marriage?

CLINTON

Yes, since 2013. Supported civil unions since 2000.

<http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2015/jun/17/hillary-clinton/hillary-clinton-change-position-same-sex-marriage/> June 17 2015

Clinton came out in support of same-sex marriage in 2013 after more than a decade of opposing it.

March 2013: After leaving her position as secretary of state, she announced her support for same-sex marriage in a video with the Human Rights Campaign on March 18, 2013.

"LGBT Americans are our colleagues, our teachers, our soldiers, our friends, our loved ones. And they are full and equal citizens, and they deserve the rights of citizenship. That includes marriage. That's why I support marriage for lesbian and gay couples. I support it personally and as a matter of policy and law, embedded in a broader effort to advance equality and opportunity for LGBT Americans and all Americans."

The comments put her in line with other Democrats at the time who were mentioned as potential 2016 presidential contenders, including Vice President Joe Biden, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley. Obama had announced his support for same-sex marriage in May 2012.

June 2013: Hillary Clinton and Bill Clinton issued a joint statement about the U.S. Supreme Court ruling overturning the Defense of Marriage Act. The congratulatory note didn't mention that Bill Clinton had signed the law back in 1996: "the Court recognized that discrimination towards any group holds us all back in our efforts to form a more perfect union."

June 2014: NPR's Terry Gross grilled Clinton about her past positions' on gay marriage in what led to a testy exchange. Gross tried to get Clinton to explain if she had truly changed her stance or if the shifting political landscape made it possible for her to announce her support.

At one point Gross asked, "Would you say your view evolved since the '90s or that the American public evolved, allowing you to state your real view?"

Clinton replied: "I think I'm an American. (Laughing) And I think we have all evolved, and it's been one of the fastest, most sweeping transformations."

April 2015: On the day of the Supreme Court hearing oral arguments about same-sex marriage bans in a handful of states in April, Clinton changed her "H" logo to rainbow-colored and tweeted a message of support: "Every loving couple & family deserves to be recognized & treated equally under the law across our nation."

#LoveMustWin #LoveCantWait."

Our conclusion

Clinton opposed same-sex marriage as a candidate for the Senate, while in office as a senator, and while running for president in 2008. She expressed her support for civil unions starting in 2000 and for the rights' of states to set their own laws in favor of same-sex marriage in 2006.

As polls showed that a majority of Americans supported same-sex marriage, Clinton's views changed, too. She announced her support for same-sex marriage in March 2013.

It's up to voters to decide how they feel about her changed stance, but on same-sex marriage we give Clinton a Full Flop.

TRUMP

Would appoint justices to reconsider federal mandate, leave to states to decide

<http://www.foxnews.com/transcript/2016/01/31/ted-cruz-attacks-donald-trump-financial-record-trump-responds/>
"WALLACE: But -- but just to button this up very quickly, sir, are you saying that if you become president, you might try to appoint justices to overrule the decision on same-sex marriage?" TRUMP: "I would strongly consider that, yes." on Fox News Sunday (Jan 31 2016)

<http://www1.cbn.com/thebrodyfile/archive/2016/02/18/brody-file-exclusive-donald-trump-tells-evangelicals-they-can-trust> Feb 18 2016

"I think they can trust me on traditional marriage... and frankly, I was very much in favor of having the court rule that it goes to states, and let the states decide. And that was a shocking decision for you and for me and for a lot of other people, but I was very much in favor of letting the states decide and that's the way it looked it was going and then all of a sudden out of nowhere came this very massive decision and they took it away. But I was always in favor of state's rights; states deciding."

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/rundown/donald-trump-may-support-gay-rights-republican-party/>

July 21 2016 - Trump, who has said he'd nominate Supreme Court justices who might overturn gay marriage, has nonetheless spoken effusively about his friendships with gay people while avoiding anti-gay rhetoric that many other GOP candidates have embraced. After a gunman claiming Islamic State allegiance killed 49 people at a gay

nightclub in Orlando, Florida, Trump said he'd be better than Hillary Clinton because he wouldn't allow in Muslim immigrants who want to "murder gays."

Gay Rights: Should the federal government be able to prevent discrimination based on sexual orientation?

CLINTON:

Yes

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/06/03/opinions/equality-in-america-clinton/index.html> - June 3 2016

<https://www.hillaryclinton.com/feed/hillary-clinton-released-her-plan-protect-and-expand-rights-lgbt-community/>
Dec 19 2016

<https://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/lgbt-equality/>

TRUMP:

No. Leave to the states.

<http://www.westernjournalism.com/the-point/2016/05/13/donald-trump-issues-shocking-4-world-solution-trans-bathroom-debate-says-lot/> May 13 2016

"Let the states decide," Trump said on "Good Morning America." "I believe it should be states' rights and I think the states should make the decision. They're more capable of making the decision. I've felt that from the beginning."

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=10&v=gQKr4KRyBNM GMA clip on May 13 2016

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/politics-government/election/article87912277.html> July 6 2016 video
"I'm going with the state."

http://blog.countable.us/post/148016812390/highlights-from-the-democratic-party-platform?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=dnc-convention-7-29&utm_source=email

The platform also defines marriage as between one man and one woman, stating that children benefit from growing up in heterosexual, two-parent homes. It also states support for congressional legislation that would protect religious institutions who disagree with same-sex marriage and for state religious liberty laws that allow businesses to refuse services based on their religious beliefs (e.g. a baker who does not want to make cakes for same-sex weddings).

Guns: Do you support stricter background checks for gun purchases and the banning of assault rifles?

CLINTON

Yes

<https://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/gun-violence-prevention/>

Expand background checks to more gun sales—including by closing the gun show and internet sales loopholes—and strengthen the background check system by getting rid of the so-called "Charleston Loophole."

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/jun/13/hillary-clinton-calls-reinstating-assault-weapon/>

Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton on Monday called for reinstating a ban on so-called assault weapons in the wake of the deadly terrorist attack in [Orlando](#).

"We know the gunman used a weapon of war to shoot down at least 50 innocent Americans, and we won't even be able to get the Congress to prevent terrorists or people on the no-fly list from buying guns," Mrs. Clinton said on CNN's "New Day."

"This is just totally incomprehensible ... and I think we've got to get back to common-sense gun safety reform, and we can't fall into the trap that is set up by the gun lobby that says if you can't stop every shooting and every incident you should not try to stop any," she said.

“We did have an assault weapons ban for 10 years, and I think it should be reinstated,” she said.

TRUMP

No

<http://votesmart.org/public-statement/1117562/fox-news-the-oreilly-factor-transcript-donald-trump-on-the-latest-presidential-polling#.V6EBfI-cGM8> June 21 2016

O'REILLY: Would you put any limits on what you can and cannot buy.

TRUMP: On the guns I wouldn't because again, it's a question of protection and, also, once you start, where do you end? Where do you end?

<http://www.politifact.com/texas/statements/2016/apr/12/donald-trump/donald-trump-fully-flip-flops-lately-opposes-ban-a/> April 12 2016

Trump also brings up assault-weapon restrictions, but not in a supportive way, saying: "Gun and magazine bans are a total failure. That's been proven every time it's been tried. Opponents of gun rights try to come up with scary sounding phrases like 'assault weapons,' 'military-style weapons' and 'high-capacity magazines' to confuse people. What they're really talking about are popular semi-automatic rifles and standard magazines that are owned by tens of millions of Americans."

That policy position showed up on the site in September 2015, according to an ABC News [story](#) at the time, which said: "The position on assault weapons represents a departure for Trump from a stance he held about 15 years ago."

Our ruling

Trump supported the assault-weapon ban in 2000. He opposes restrictions now.

We rate this a FULL FLOP.

<https://www.donaldjtrump.com/positions/second-amendment-rights>

BACKGROUND CHECKS. There has been a national background check system in place since 1998. Every time a person buys a gun from a federally licensed gun dealer – which is the overwhelming majority of all gun purchases – they go through a federal background check. Study after study has shown that very few criminals are stupid enough to try and pass a background check – they get their guns from friends/family members or by stealing them. So the overwhelming majority of people who go through background checks are law-abiding gun owners. When the system was created, gun owners were promised that it would be instant, accurate and fair. Unfortunately, that isn't the case today. Too many states are failing to put criminal and mental health records into the system – and it should go without saying that a system's only going to be as effective as the records that are put into it. What we need to do is fix the system we have and make it work as intended. What we don't need to do is expand a broken system.

Healthcare: Should we repeal the Affordable Care Act, aka Obamacare?

CLINTON:

No. Plan also lets 50-year-olds buy in to Medicare.

<https://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/health-care/>

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/11/us/politics/hillary-clinton-health-care-public-option.html?_r=0 May 11 2016

“I'm also in favor of what's called the public option, so that people can buy into Medicare at a certain age,” Mrs. Clinton said on Monday at a [campaign event in Virginia](#).

Mrs. Clinton's suggestion was that perhaps younger Americans, “people 55 or 50 and up,” could voluntarily pay to join the program.

TRUMP:

Yes. Platform also significantly cuts Medicare.

<https://www.donaldjtrump.com/positions/healthcare-reform>

[https://prod-static-ngop-pbl.s3.amazonaws.com/media/documents/DRAFT_12_FINAL\[1\]-ben_1468872234.pdf](https://prod-static-ngop-pbl.s3.amazonaws.com/media/documents/DRAFT_12_FINAL[1]-ben_1468872234.pdf)

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/04/upshot/donald-trumps-compassionate-talk-on-health-care-is-not-matched-by-his-plan.html> March 4 2016

He would repeal Obamacare in its entirety — including the provision that protects Americans with pre-existing conditions, and the provision that extended Medicaid coverage to low-income Americans in many states. In its place, he would seek to [lower barriers for insurance companies wishing to do business in new states](#), and he would allow people who buy their own insurance to deduct the premiums from their income taxes. He would make further reforms to Medicaid, turning the program into an annual block of money that states could spend as they wish on health care for the poor. He would encourage Americans to use health savings accounts for their out-of-pocket health spending.

Immigration: How should we address America’s 11 million illegal aliens? Should undocumented young people who entered the U.S. before age 16 and meet certain conditions get legal protection from deportation?

CLINTON:

Comprehensive reform with earned path to citizenship for adults. Expand DREAM Act protection for children who came to U.S. when young.

<https://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/immigration-reform/>

Introduce comprehensive immigration reform

End the three- and 10-year bars

Defend President Obama’s executive actions—known as DACA and DAPA—against partisan attacks

Do everything possible under the law to protect families

Enforce immigration laws humanely

<http://votesmart.org/public-statement/1117274/speech-by-hillary-clinton-at-the-2016-democratic-party-convention#.V6EN0Y-cGM8>

I believe that when we have millions of hardworking immigrants contributing to our economy, it would be self-defeating and inhumane to try to kick them out. Comprehensive immigration reform will grow our economy and keep families together - and it's the right thing to do.

And we'll build a path to citizenship for millions of immigrants who are already contributing to our economy!

<https://www.hillaryclinton.com/briefing/statements/2016/06/15/hillary-clinton-statement-on-the-4th-anniversary-of-daca/> June 15 2016

“Four years ago today, President Obama used his constitutional authority to change the lives of thousands of young people who call America home. Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) has given DREAMers the freedom to provide for their families, further their educations, and live their lives without fear of being deported from the country they know and love. This policy is good for our economy—and it is true to our values as Americans.

TRUMP:

Build wall. Has said deport all illegal immigrants; more recently wouldn’t deport everyone. End automatic citizenship for children born in U.S.

<http://votesmart.org/public-statement/1114534/time-magazine-speech-by-donald-trump-at-the-2016-republican-party-convention#.V6EOI4-cGM8>

We are going to build a great border wall to stop illegal immigration, to stop the gangs and the violence and to stop the drugs from pouring into our communities!

We are going to have an immigration system that works, but one that works for the American people.

<https://www.donaldjtrump.com/positions/immigration-reform>

<http://thehill.com/blogs/ballot-box/presidential-races/284910-trump-shifts-tone-no-mass-deportations>
June 25 2016

Pressed on whether he would issue mass deportations, as he has called for in the past, Trump said, "No, I would not call it mass deportations.

"We are going to get rid of a lot of bad dudes who are here. That I can tell you," Trump said.

However, Trump stood by his proposal to restrict people from "terrorist countries" from entering the U.S.

Previously, he said that if elected he would temporarily ban Muslims from entering the country.

"I want terrorists out. I want people that have bad thoughts out. I would limit specific terrorist countries, and we know who those terrorist countries are," Trump said.

Immigration: Should we ban immigration by Muslims?

CLINTON

No

<http://time.com/4368907/hillary-clinton-muslim-ban-donald-trump-orlando-shooting/>

June 14 2016

Now, I've talked before about how this approach is un-American. It goes against everything we stand for as a country founded on religious freedom. But it is also dangerous.

First, we rely on partners in Muslim countries to fight terrorists. This would make it harder.

CLINTON: Second, we need to build trust in Muslim communities here at home to counter radicalization, and this would make it harder. Third, Trump's words will be, in fact, they already are, a recruiting tool for ISIS to help them increase its ranks of people willing to do what we saw in Orlando. And fourth, he's turning Americans against Americans, which is exactly what ISIS wants.

TRUMP

Earlier ban all Muslims. Now ban from any nation "compromised by terrorism."

<http://votesmart.org/public-statement/1114534/time-magazine-speech-by-donald-trump-at-the-2016-republican-party-convention#.V6EOI4-cGM8>

Lastly, and very importantly, we must immediately suspend immigration from any nation that has been compromised by terrorism. Until such time as proven vetting mechanisms have been put in place, we don't want them in our country.

<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/donald-trump-expands-his-immigrant-ban-to-more-than-just-muslims-2016-07-24> July 24 2016

Donald Trump said Sunday that his proposal to suspend immigration from "countries compromised by terrorism" is actually an expansion of his plan to ban foreign Muslims from entering the U.S. ... Asked if the change in phrasing meant he'd stepped back from the plan, Trump told NBC's "Meet the Press" that it was just the opposite. "In fact, you could say it's an expansion. I'm looking now at territory." "It's their own fault..."

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/08/16/politics/how-us-vets-immigrants-donald-trump-extreme-vetting/>

Aug 16 2016 with link to Aug 15 video

Trump's proposal starts with a ban that would "temporarily suspend immigration from some of the most dangerous and volatile regions of the world that have a history of exporting terrorism." This appears to be the candidate's latest version of his controversial blanket travel ban on all Muslims entering the US.

Secondly, upon taking office, he would ask that the State Department and Department of Homeland Security provide him with a list of countries where adequate screening "cannot take place." Trump did not name any countries specifically, and it was not clear what he considers inadequate vetting.

Finally, he called for a more stringent immigration test to limit admission to the United State to only "those who share our values and respect our people."

He elaborated, "In the Cold War, we had an ideological screening test. The time is long overdue to develop a new screening test for the threats we face today. I call it extreme vetting. I call it extreme, extreme vetting."

Iran: Do you support the treaty limiting Iran's nuclear capacity in return for lifting economic sanctions?

CLINTON

Yes

<https://www.hillaryclinton.com/briefing/factchecks/2016/01/25/countering-iranian-threats-with-toughness-and-diplomacy/>

<http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2015/nov/23/hillary-clinton/hillary-clinton-says-she-helped-usher-iran-negotia/>

Our ruling

Clinton said, "I spent 18 months putting together the sanctions against Iran so that we could force them to the negotiating table."

Clinton's claim is for the most part accurate, though a little exaggerated. During her first 18 months as secretary, the State Department was at the helm of a global effort to increase sanctions on Iran, culminating in an important U.N. resolution. Clinton was personally involved in these diplomatic efforts and pushed them publicly. And experts said these sanctions, on top of other sanctions passed before and after, were crucial to getting Iran to the negotiating table.

However, Clinton wasn't singularly responsible for the sanctions, just as the sanctions passed under her watch likely weren't singularly responsible for opening up Iran to talks.

We rate her statement Mostly True.

TRUMP

No

<http://foreignpolicy.com/2016/06/16/white-house-even-donald-trump-wont-want-to-tear-up-the-iran-deal/> June 16 2016

Trump at various times has vowed to either tear up the deal or enforce it "like you've never seen a contract enforced before."

<https://www.donaldjtrump.com/media/donald-j-trump-remarks-at-aipac> March 21 2016

My number one priority is to dismantle the disastrous deal with Iran. I have been in business a long time. I know deal-making and let me tell you, this deal is catastrophic - for America, for Israel, and for the whole Middle East.

Iraq: Did you support the Iraq war and Obama's drawdown of troops? Should the US commit significant additional ground troops to Iraq to combat the rise of ISIS?

CLINTON

Voted to give Bush authority for war; later said "made a mistake." Opposes adding more combat troops, but wants more support for Arab and Kurdish ground forces.

<http://www.factcheck.org/2015/08/bush-clinton-play-blame-game-in-iraq/>

Clinton was involved in the negotiations as Obama's secretary of state and, at least publicly, supported the president's decision.

Days after Obama announced he would withdraw all troops by Dec. 31, 2011, Clinton was asked on "Meet the Press" if critics had a point that such a withdrawal would "endanger recent success in Iraq by not having any residual force?" She replied, "They should have raised those issues when President Bush agreed to the agreement to withdraw troops by the end of this year."

More recently, she defended Obama's actions at a 2014 town hall meeting televised by CNN. This time, she blamed the Iraqi government.

Clinton, June 17, 2014: Some now say, well, you should have made him or you should have — but that's not the way it works. You have to — if you're going to having American troops in harm's way — and we knew Iraq would be quite dangerous for a long time, unpredictable, at the very least — you have to have the host government, in this case Iraq, say, OK, here's what we want. We're signing this agreement which will protect American soldiers. We didn't get that done. And I think, in retrospect, that was a mistake by the Iraqi government.

Iraq war

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/fact-checker/wp/2016/07/19/pence-versus-clinton-on-the-iraq-war-vote-mistake/> July 19 2016

2006 - Clinton, in a December interview with NPR, says there would never have been a vote if it had been known that no illicit weapons existed. She tried to shift the blame to Bush for cutting short the inspections.

2007 - Clinton, under fire for her vote during the Democratic primaries, made this statement at an April debate aired on MSNBC: "I take responsibility for my vote. Obviously, I did as good a job I could at the time. It was a sincere vote based on the information available to me. And I've said many times that if I knew then what I now know, I would not have voted that way."

During an August debate, Clinton called the Iraq War "a terrible mistake" for the United States. "I would never have diverted our attention to Iraq, and I never would have pursued this war. I think that has been a terrible mistake for our country," she said

2014 - In her book "[Hard Choices](#)," Clinton admitted that she "got it wrong" in Iraq.

"While many were never going to look past my 2002 vote no matter what I did or said, I should have stated my regret sooner and in the plainest, most direct language possible," she wrote on Page 137. "I'd gone most of the way there by saying I regretted the way President Bush used his authority and by saying that if we knew then what we later learned, there wouldn't have been a vote. But I held out against using the word *mistake*.

I thought I had acted in good faith and made the best decision I could with the information I had. And I wasn't alone in getting it wrong. But I still got it wrong. Plain and simple."

Troops

<https://www.hillaryclinton.com/briefing/statements/2016/06/02/transcript-hillary-clinton-delivers-major-national-security-address/> June 2 2016

Over the past year, I've laid out my plans for defeating ISIS. We need to take out their strongholds in Iraq and Syria by intensifying the air campaign and stepping up our support for Arab and Kurdish forces on the ground. We need to keep pursuing diplomacy to end Syria's civil war and close Iraq's sectarian divide, because those conflicts are keeping ISIS alive. We need to lash up with our allies, and ensure our intelligence services are working hand-in-hand to dismantle the global network that supplies money, arms, propaganda and fighters to the terrorists. We need to win the battle in cyberspace.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZT0GvITWU84> Feb 4 2016 - - MSNBC debate video

"We have to support the Arab and Kurdish fighters on the ground who are actually doing the fighting. ... We will not send American combat troops back to either Syria or Iraq. That is off the table. But we do have Special Forces, we do have trainers, we do have military personnel helping with the air strikes that the United States is leading so that we can try to take out ISIS infrastructure, take out their leadership.

TRUMP

Says opposed war but made no public opposition statements at time, and some indicating support. Now supports 20,000-30,000 additional troops.

Iraq war

<http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2016/jun/22/donald-trump/trump-still-wrong-his-claim-opposed-iraq-war-ahead/> June 22 2016

Troops

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/03/11/politics/donald-trump-30000-troops-isis/> March 11 2016

Donald Trump's assertion that the United States has "no choice" but to send 20,000 to 30,000 combat troops to fight ISIS in the Middle East raises a slew of complicated questions, military analysts said Friday....It also represents an about-face.

In October, Trump spoke of potential perils. "Everybody that's touched the Middle East, they've gotten bogged down," Trump said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "I don't want to see the United States get bogged down. We've spent now \$2 trillion in Iraq, probably a trillion in Afghanistan. We're destroying our country."

At the CNN-hosted debate Thursday night, the Republican presidential front-runner sounded a different note. "We really have no choice. We have to knock out ISIS," he said. "I would listen to the generals, but I'm hearing numbers of 20,000 to 30,000."

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/27/us/politics/donald-trump-transcript.html?_r=0 March 27 2016

HABERMAN: Mr. Trump, you have talked about your plans to defeat ISIS, and how you would approach it. Would you be willing to stop buying oil from the Saudis if they're unwilling to go in and help?

SANGER: On the ground?

TRUMP: Oh yeah, sure. I would do that.

SANGER: But I just want to make sure I understand your answer to Maggie's question. So you said earlier this week that we should use air power but not send in ground forces. That had to be done by the regional Arab partners. We assume by that, you mean the Saudis, the U.A.E. and others from whom we might purchase oil or have alliances. I think Maggie's question, if I understood it right, was if these countries are unwilling to send in ground troops against ISIS, and so far they have been, despite President Obama's efforts to get them in, would you be willing to say, "We will stop buying oil from you, until you send ground troops?"

TRUMP: The answer is, probably yes

<http://www.factcheck.org/2016/08/trumps-false-obama-isis-link/>

Marijuana: Do you support efforts to legalize marijuana?

CLINTON

Mostly leave up to the states.

<https://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/criminal-justice-reform/>

Hillary will allow states that have enacted marijuana laws to act as laboratories of democracy and reschedule marijuana from a Schedule I to a Schedule II substance.

<http://fortune.com/2016/07/12/hillary-clinton-donald-trump-marijuana/> July 12, 2016

... says she supports taking steps to make marijuana use legal across the U.S. on a state-by-state basis.

"I think what the states are doing right now need to be supported," she told Jimmy Kimmel in March. I absolutely support all the states that are moving toward medical marijuana, moving toward."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y-cOmrBWydA> March 25 2016 on Jimmy Kimmel

TRUMP

Mostly leave up to the states.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-politics/wp/2015/10/29/trump-wants-marijuana-legalization-decided-at-the-state-level/> Oct 29 2015

"In terms of marijuana and legalization, I think that should be a state issue, state-by-state," Trump said while taking a handful of questions during a political rally at a casino outside Reno on Thursday afternoon.

<http://fortune.com/2016/07/12/hillary-clinton-donald-trump-marijuana/> July 12, 2016

In the past Trump has also supported legalizing pot for recreational use, but more recently he has limited his position to legalizing medicinal cannabis state by state. ... told Washington Post last October "And then I really believe we ought to leave it up to the states."

<http://www.theweedblog.com/does-donald-trump-support-marijuana-legalization/> July 1 2016

[Links within article to more mainstream sources]

In 1990, Trump said he favored legalizing all drugs, but more recently he has said he opposes legalizing and regulating marijuana for adult use. He supports legal access to medical marijuana, and he believes states should be able to set their own marijuana policies with regard to adult use.

"In terms of marijuana and legalization, I think that should be a state issue, state-by-state. ... Marijuana is such a big thing. I think medical should happen — right? Don't we agree? I think so. And then I really believe we should leave it up to the states." Washington Post, October 29, 2015

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“I’d say [regulating marijuana] is bad. Medical marijuana is another thing, but I think it’s bad and I feel strongly about that. [Moderator: “What about the states’ right aspect of it?”] If they vote for it, they vote for it... But I think, medical marijuana, 100%.” C-SPAN, June 23, 2015

“We’re losing badly the War on Drugs. You have to legalize drugs to win that war. You have to take the profit away from these drug czars.” Miami Herald, April 14, 1990

Minimum Wage: Do you support raising the \$7.25 an hour federal minimum wage?

CLINTON

Yes. Now supporting \$15, earlier supported \$12.

<https://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/om-an-economy-that-works-for-everyone/>

she will raise the minimum wage to a living wage

<https://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/labor/>

Raise the minimum wage and strengthen overtime rules. Hillary will work to raise the federal minimum wage to \$12, and support state and local efforts to go even higher—including the “Fight for \$15.” She also supports the Obama administration’s expansion of overtime rules to millions more workers.

<http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/article/2016/jul/22/hillary-clintons-top-10-campaign-promises/>

July 22 2016

Clinton says she supports increasing the minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$12 an hour nationwide. But usually in her campaign stump speeches, Clinton does not name a specific amount.

When Sanders was in the campaign, [he distinguished himself](#) by calling for a \$15 an hour wage, and now the 2016 [Democratic Party platform](#) (to be finalized at the Democratic National Convention) calls for the same.

[Clinton herself has also shown support for the Fight for \\$15 campaign that pushes for higher minimums in individual states and cities, and in June 2015 she spoke with a gathering of Fight for \\$15 members via phone and told them she supported their campaign.](#)

Again, raising the minimum wage would require action from Congress.

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/12/opinion/hillary-clintons-plan-for-a-fair-economy.html?_r=0

says \$12

http://www.slate.com/blogs/moneybox/2016/04/18/hillary_clinton_explains_her_position_on_a_15_minimum_wage.html April 18

Clinton, who has taken heat from progressive activists for declining to support a simple, \$15 pay floor, tied herself in knots [attempting to explain](#) her position on the issue during last week's Democratic debate. First, she told the crowd that if Congress sent her a bill raising the federal minimum to \$15 an hour, she would “of course” sign it. But then the candidate suggested she'd prefer a compromise approach, similar to a bill recently passed in New York state. Finally, her campaign blasted out a press release stating that Clinton “supports a \$12 federal minimum wage,” but would encourage some states and cities to go higher—her known position going into the evening.

<http://www.latimes.com/politics/la-na-pol-democrats-minimum-wage-20160729-snap-story.html> Aug 16 2016

As the New York primary approached, she stood alongside the state’s governor as he signed legislation bringing that state’s minimum wage up to \$15 per hour, with some exceptions for non-urban areas.

The Democratic platform approved at this week’s convention set the goal at \$15, with future increases tied to the rate of inflation.

<https://www.demconvention.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Democratic-Party-Platform-7.21.16-no-lines.pdf>

No one who works full time should have to raise a family in poverty. We believe that Americans should earn at least \$15 an hour and have the right to form or join a union and will work in every way we can—in Congress and the federal government, in states and with the private sector—to reach this goal. We should raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour over time and index it, give all Americans the ability to join a union regardless of where they work, and create new ways for workers to have power in the economy so every worker can earn at

least \$15 an hour. We applaud the approaches taken by states like New York and California. We also support creating one fair wage for all workers by ending the sub-minimum wage for tipped workers and people with disabilities.

TRUMP

Has opposed federal minimum wage. Also said open to federal \$10 level.

<http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2016/jul/28/donald-trump/donald-trump-gets-full-flop-stance-minimum-wage/> July 28 2016

On the question of whether the federal government should set a minimum wage, Trump seems to have made a shift between his *Meet the Press* comments and his Florida news conference.

In the *Meet the Press* interview, Trump explicitly said he doesn't want the federal government raising, or even setting, the minimum wage floor. By contrast, in the Florida news conference, he said the "federal" minimum wage "has to go up."

Trump emphasized in both instances that he prefers the states to raise their minimum wages on their own, so it's fair to say that Trump is sending conflicting messages. Still, his contrast on the question of a federal minimum wage hike is pretty stark. We rate this a Full Flop.

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/07/27/politics/donald-trump-minimum-wage/> July 27 2016

Donald Trump said Tuesday that he would support raising the federal minimum wage to \$10 an hour, a departure from his previous assertion that wages are "too high."

The Republican presidential nominee was pressed to provide a specific number by Fox News host Bill O'Reilly, who said "there has to be a federal minimum wage."

Trump initially dismissed that.

"There doesn't have to be," Trump said. "I would leave it and raise it somewhat. You need to help people. I know it's not very Republican to say."

"Ten bucks?" O'Reilly asked.

"I would say 10. I would say 10," Trump agreed. "But with the understanding that somebody like me is going to bring back jobs. I don't want people to be in that \$10 category for very long. But the thing is, Bill, let the states make the deal."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXorazroxNs> July 26 2016 (13:23) - O'Reilly Factor interview video

<http://thehill.com/policy/finance/289642-trumps-minimum-wage-two-step-confuses-biz-groups-advisers>

July 28 2016

This week call for \$10/hour ...

Even Trump's own economic brain trust could not explain how the GOP nominee decided \$10 per hour should be the new standard.

<https://www.gop.com/the-2016-republican-party-platform/>

No change in federal minimum wage: "Minimum wage is an issue that should be handled at the state and local level."

Nuclear Weapons: Would you consider using nuclear weapons against ISIS?

CLINTON

No

<http://www.politico.com/story/2016/06/hillary-clinton-donald-trump-nuclear-button-223841>

"This is a man who said that more countries should have nuclear weapons, including Saudi Arabia," Clinton said. Clinton also recalled Trump's quip about a potential conflict between Japan and North Korea: "If they do, they do. Good luck, enjoy yourself, folks." "I wonder if he even realized he's talking about nuclear war," she marveled.

Clinton also reminded listeners that Trump "refused to rule out using nuclear weapons against ISIS, which would mean mass civilian casualties."

<http://thebulletin.org/where-will-next-president-stand-nuclear-weapons9391> May 3 2016

[Clinton] has been explicit in keeping “all options on the table” to ensure that Iran does not go nuclear—a significant position for a candidate whose 2002 vote for the Iraq War showed she was ready to use military force as a counter-proliferation tool.

Trump and Cruz do agree, however, on the use of tactical nuclear weapons against ISIS—a remarkably explicit position for candidates or leaders to utter. ... To varying degrees, both have criticized the deal with Iran; both see potential in using nuclear weapons against ISIS and perhaps elsewhere; and both focus on state-based nuclear threats from Iran and North Korea.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/08/09/AR2007080900855_pf.html

Aug 9 2007

The New York senator, a member of the Armed Services committee, was asked about reports that the Bush administration was considering military intervention -possibly even a nuclear strike-to prevent Iran from escalating its nuclear program.

"I have said publicly no option should be off the table, but I would certainly take nuclear weapons off the table," Clinton said. "This [Bush] administration has been very willing to talk about using nuclear weapons in a way we haven't seen since the dawn of a nuclear age. I think that's a terrible mistake."

TRUMP

Yes. "I'm never going to rule anything out."

<http://www.bloomberg.com/politics/articles/2016-03-23/trump-lays-out-vision-for-gaining-respect-from-muslim-world> March 23 2016

Trump's vision for how he would earn Muslim respect included such controversial proposals as returning to outlawed harsh interrogation techniques like waterboarding; monitoring mosques in the U.S.; and leaving open the possibility of using tactical nuclear weapons against the Islamic State.

“I'm never going to rule anything out—I wouldn't want to say. Even if I wasn't, I wouldn't want to tell you that because at a minimum, I want them to think maybe we would use them,” he said.

“We need unpredictability,” Trump continued. “We don't know who these people are. The fact is, we need unpredictability and when you ask a question like that, it's a very sad thing to have to answer it because the enemy is watching and I have a very good chance of winning and I frankly don't want the enemy to know how I'm thinking. But with that being said, I don't rule out anything.”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VSnVb4i_ZZ4 March 23 interview video

<http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/article/2016/jul/06/17-things-donald-trump-said-and-then-denied-saying/> March 30, 2016: Nuking ISIS

Trump denied being open to using nuclear weapons against ISIS at a [town hall in Wisconsin](#).

"I didn't say, 'don't take it (off the table).' I said I would be very, very slow and hesitant to pull the trigger," he told MSNBC's Chris Matthews.

A few days earlier, he [told Bloomberg](#) he'd "never rule anything out" in order to preserve an element of unpredictability.

Obama: Do you believe Barack Obama is a legal U.S. Citizen?

CLINTON

Yes

http://www.today.com/id/42469703/ns/today-today_people/#.V1b6HvkrJD8

“Three weeks ago when I started, I thought he was probably born in this country,” Trump, who is very publicly mulling his own run for the Republican nomination for president in 2012, told TODAY's Meredith Vieira. “Right now, I have some real doubts.”

<http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2015/sep/23/donald-trump/hillary-clinton-obama-birther-fact-check/>

TRUMP

Has questioned this repeatedly.

<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/donald-trumps-history-raising-birther-questions-president-obama/story?id=33861832>

Police: How should we deal with police violence and deliberate violence against police?

CLINTON

Budget \$1 billion for police training to address racial tensions with police, set guidelines on use of force.

<https://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/criminal-justice-reform/>

To successfully reform our criminal justice system, we must work to strengthen the bonds of trust between our communities and our police, end the era of mass incarceration, and ensure a successful transition of individuals from prison to home.

[List of items include]

- Bringing law enforcement and communities together to develop national guidelines on the use of force by police officers, making it clear when deadly force is warranted and when it isn't and emphasizing proven methods for de-escalating situations.
- Acknowledging that implicit bias still exists across society—even in the best police departments—and tackle it together. Hillary will commit \$1 billion in her first budget to find and fund the best training programs, support new research, and make this a national policing priority.
- Making new investments to support state-of-the-art law enforcement training programs at every level **on issues** like use of force, de-escalation, community policing and problem solving, alternatives to incarceration, crisis intervention, and officer safety and wellness.
- Supporting legislation to end racial profiling by federal, state, and local law enforcement officials.

TRUMP

"I will restore law and order to our country."

<http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/2016-conventions/trump-other-conservatives-embrace-blue-lives-matter-movement-n615156> July 23 2016

"An attack on law enforcement is an attack on all Americans," Donald Trump said in his speech accepting the Republican presidential nomination on Thursday. "I have a message to every last person threatening the peace on our streets and the safety of our police: When I take the oath of office next year, I will restore law and order to our country."

<http://www.nbcnews.com/video/trump-law-and-order-must-be-restored-745579587909> Aug 16 2016 speech in Wisconsin - "Law & order must be restored."

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/donald-trump-black-lives-matter-calls-for-killing-police/>

"When you see something like that taking place -- that's really a threat, if you think about it. And when you see something like that taking place, we are going to have to perhaps talk with the Attorney General about it or do something," he said. "But, at a minimum, we're going to have to be watching because that's really bad stuff and it's happened more than once." July 19 2016

Prisons: Should we reduce the U.S. prison population?

CLINTON

In 1994 supported increased penalties & sentences. Now says "time to end the era of mass incarceration."

<https://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/criminal-justice-reform/>

<https://www.hillaryclinton.com/speeches/remarks-columbia-university-criminal-justice-and-mass-incarceration/>

It's time to change our approach. It's time to end the era of mass incarceration. We need a true national debate about how to reduce our prison population while keeping our communities safe.

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/12/upshot/debate-over-prison-population-turns-to-the-states.html?_r=0

Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders are [backpedaling](#) from [their support](#) of a 1994 anti-crime [law](#) that some blame for the large number of people in prisons.

Mrs. Clinton wants to cut mandatory minimum sentences for nonviolent drug offenses and reduce the mandatory penalties for a second or third violent offense.

TRUMP

Favors privatizing prisons. "Tough on crime." Platform supports diversion for non-violent offenders.

<http://info.msnbc.com/news/2016/03/30/35330907-full-transcript-msnbc-town-hall-with-donald-trump-moderated-by-chris-matthews?lite> March 20 2016 MSNBC townhall

"By the way, with prisons...I do think we can do a lot of privatizations, and private prisons it seems to work a lot better."

<http://www.msnbc.com/morning-joe/watch/trump-on-carson--drug-use--american-jobs-564249155556>

Nov 11 2015 – I'm tough on crime. We have to stop crime. You look at what's going on in the inner cities right now, it's unbelievable. ... It's like the Wild West."

Republican Platform

[https://prod-static-ngop-pbl.s3.amazonaws.com/media/documents/DRAFT_12_FINAL\[1\]-ben_1468872234.pdf](https://prod-static-ngop-pbl.s3.amazonaws.com/media/documents/DRAFT_12_FINAL[1]-ben_1468872234.pdf)

[Party Platform] Two grave problems undermine the rule of law on the federal level: Over-criminalization and over-federalization. We applaud the Republican Governors and legislators who have been implementing criminal justice reforms like those proposed by our 2012 platform. Along with diversion of first-time, nonviolent offenders to community sentencing, accountability courts, drug courts, veterans treatment courts, and guidance by faith-based institutions with proven track records of rehabilitation, our platform emphasized restorative justice to make the victim whole and put the offender on the right path. As variants of these reforms are undertaken in many states, we urge the Congress to learn from what works. In the past, judicial discretion about sentences led to serious mistakes concerning dangerous criminals. Mandatory minimum sentencing became an important tool for keeping them off the streets. Modifications to it should be targeted toward particular categories, especially nonviolent offenders and persons with drug, alcohol, or mental health issues, and should require disclosure by the courts of any judicial departure from the state's sentencing requirements.

<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2016/07/18/two-parties-two-platforms-on-criminal-justice>

[Includes language from both Party platforms on nonviolent offenders]

Social Security: Do you support partial Social Security privatization?

CLINTON

No

<https://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/social-security-and-medicare/>

We can never let Republicans cut or privatize Social Security—we should protect and expand it. – Tweet on June 3 2016

<http://www.thefiscaltimes.com/2016/07/27/How-Democratic-and-GOP-Platform-Clash-Over-Social-Security-Reform> July 27 2016

The platform, heavily influenced by Sanders, who calls it the "most progressive" in the party's history, in close collaboration with Hillary Clinton's camp, rejects any notion that Social Security should be restructured to prevent a cash crisis or a federal debt crisis.

"Democrats are proud to be the party that created Social Security, one of the nation's most successful and effective programs. Without Social Security, nearly half of America's seniors would be living in poverty," the platform document states. "We will fight every effort to cut, privatize, or weaken Social Security, including

attempts to raise the retirement age, diminish benefits by cutting cost-of-living adjustments, or reducing earned benefits.” ..

TRUMP

Has supported in past, no recent stands; party supports.

http://www.ontheissues.org/Celeb/Donald_Trump_Social_Security.htm

https://ballotpedia.org/2016_presidential_candidates_on_federal_assistance_programs

<http://www.thefiscaltimes.com/2016/07/27/How-Democratic-and-GOP-Platform-Clash-Over-Social-Security-Reform> July 27 2016

Trump early in the primary season said he would oppose cuts in Medicare and Medicaid, seemingly echoing the sentiments of liberal Democrats and drawing kudos from senior advocacy groups.

However, [Bloomberg reported](#) that when Trump met with House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) on May 12, he said privately that he favors cutting Social Security on moral grounds but knew that declaring it would seriously hurt his chances in November. The following day Trump’s senior policy advisor Sam Clovis said during a conference in Washington that Trump would consider changes in Social Security and Medicare “after the administration’s been in place.”

Republican Platform

<http://www.thefiscaltimes.com/2016/07/27/How-Democratic-and-GOP-Platform-Clash-Over-Social-Security-Reform> July 27 2016

Last week, the Republican delegates gathered in Cleveland were emphatic in saying that all entitlement programs, including Social Security, will be on the table in looking for long-term solutions to budget and debt problems. Ryan and other GOP leaders have long advocated changes in Social Security, including partial privatization of the system.

[https://prod-static-ngop-pbl.s3.amazonaws.com/media/documents/DRAFT_12_FINAL\[1\]-ben_1468872234.pdf](https://prod-static-ngop-pbl.s3.amazonaws.com/media/documents/DRAFT_12_FINAL[1]-ben_1468872234.pdf)

[Party Platform] As the party of America’s future, we accept the responsibility to preserve and modernize a system of retirement security forged in an old industrial era beyond the memory of most Americans. Current retirees and those close to retirement can be assured of their benefits. Of the many reforms being proposed, all options should be considered to preserve Social Security. As Republicans, we oppose tax increases and believe in the power of markets to create wealth and to help secure the future of our Social Security system. Saving Social Security is more than a challenge. It is our moral obligation to those who trusted in the government’s word.

Taxes: Increase or decrease taxes on the wealthy and corporations?

CLINTON

Increase

[Confirmation and details in]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3rOUYIZV914> August 11 2016 economic speech in Michigan

<http://www.newsweek.com/hillary-clinton-full-transcript-economic-speech-489602> - transcript

<http://www.npr.org/2016/08/13/489761605/how-did-trumps-and-clintons-economic-policy-speeches-compare>
Aug 13 2016

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/comparison-donald-trump-vs-hillary-clinton-on-the-economy/>

Aug 12 2016

TRUMP

Decrease

https://assets.donaldjtrump.com/An_America_First_Economic_Plan- Winning_The_Global_Competition_.pdf

Aug 8 2016 speech in Detroit

<http://www.npr.org/2016/08/13/489761605/how-did-trumps-and-clintons-economic-policy-speeches-compare>
Aug 13 2016

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/comparison-donald-trump-vs-hillary-clinton-on-the-economy/>
Aug 12 2016

<http://www.bloomberg.com/politics/articles/2016-08-08/trump-aims-to-reset-with-curb-on-new-financial-regulations>

Trump announced major changes to his plan to slash individual income-tax rates, taking the top rate to 33 percent. While that's higher than the 25-percent top rate Trump had initially proposed, it still represents a cut from the current top rate of 39.6 percent.

Trump initially proposed three tax rates—down from the current seven—of 10 percent, 20 percent, and 25 percent. His new rates—12 percent, 25 percent, and 33 percent—mirror those proposed by House Republicans under Speaker Paul Ryan in June.

For businesses, Trump's tax plan would slash the rate on corporate and business income to 15 percent, down from a current top corporate tax rate of 35 percent.

Still, Trump's proposals to cut individual tax rates and the tax rate on income from partnerships, along with eliminating the estate tax, mean the wealthy would pay less under his plan, said Kyle Pomerleau, director of federal projects at the conservative Tax Foundation.

<http://time.com/money/4442985/trump-child-care-tax-plan/>

"There's really no way to know what it means until the specifics are released," says CPA Mike Piper and author of the Oblivious Investor blog.

Why? Because there are already a number of tax deductions and credits present in the tax code.

"Currently, parents who work (or look for work) while paying for child care can take advantage of the [child and dependent care credit](#)," says Piper. "Would Trump's plan replace this credit with a deduction? Would the deduction be in addition to this credit? Or would it work like college expenses currently work, where people have the option of claiming a credit *or* a deduction?"

Plus, there are questions left unanswered about how the deduction would work.

"Would the deduction be an itemized deduction or an 'above the line' deduction, which can be claimed even by people using the standard deduction?" says Piper. "Also, would there be an income limit on the deduction? Would it get phased out for taxpayers as their income increases through a certain range (as happens for many tax breaks)?"

Also, lower income families might not benefit from the plan since they don't pay federal income taxes in the first place.

"If it replaces the credit, it may end up making child care more expensive for certain families, especially those with lower incomes," says financial planner Matt Becker. "A tax deduction may not be as helpful for those families since their tax rate is low and they would therefore only get a smaller break."

Torture: Are approaches like waterboarding that some consider torture acceptable in the fight against terror?

CLINTON

No

<http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2016/mar/30/hillary-clinton/evidence-backs-hillary-clinton-claim-torture-count/>

Clinton said that when it comes to fighting terrorism, "Another thing we know that does not work, based on lots of empirical evidence, is torture."

When it comes to the real goal of getting useful intelligence, the preponderance of the evidence shows that the details interrogators will get from a detainee can typically be acquired without torture. When torture is used, the "information" extracted is likely to be fiction created by a prisoner who will say anything to get the punishment to stop.

All ethical issues aside, the experts say, it doesn't work because it is extremely inefficient and, in many ways, counterproductive.

We rate the claim True.

TRUMP

Yes

<http://www.cnn.com/videos/politics/2016/06/28/donald-trump-comments-istanbul-airport-attack-bts.cnn>

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2016/jun/28/donald-trump-ohio-rally-isis-torture-tpp-rape>

Donald Trump offered renewed support on Tuesday for the use of torture while repeatedly comparing a proposed free trade agreement to rape. Trump, who has [often praised the use of waterboarding](#) and has spoken positively about [alleged war crimes](#) committed by American troops, said at a campaign rally, "We have to fight fire with fire", after referencing the penchant for beheadings by Isis.

Trump also renewed his praise of waterboarding, which was banned by the Bush administration in 2006 as both potentially illegal and ineffective. "What do you think about waterboarding?" Trump asked the crowd. They cheered as he gave his answer: "I like it a lot. I don't think it's tough enough."

<http://www.nh1.com/news/on-waterboarding-trump-tells-nh1-news-we-have-to-do-things-that-are-unthinkable/>

Donald Trump backed up his renewed call for waterboarding, saying the United States is "going to have to do things that are unthinkable almost."

Trade: Do you support or oppose the Trans Pacific Partnership trade deal?

CLINTON

Oppose. Previously supported.

https://ballotpedia.org/2016_presidential_candidates_on_the_Trans-Pacific_Partnership_trade_deal

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/07/27/politics/tpp-what-you-need-to-know/index.html> July 27 2016

She opposes the deal.

But while serving as Obama's secretary of state, Clinton praised TPP as a deal that "sets the gold standard in trade agreements."

Then, last fall, once the 12 participating nations announced they had finalized the text after years of negotiations, Clinton said she opposes it -- citing its lack of a crackdown on currency manipulation and provisions to extend pharmaceutical drug companies' patent protections in poorer countries.

"I did say, when I was secretary of state, three years ago, that I hoped it would be the gold standard," Clinton said at an October debate with Sanders. "It was just finally negotiated last week, and in looking at it, it didn't meet my standards. My standards for more new, good jobs for Americans, for raising wages for Americans. And I want to make sure that I can look into the eyes of any middle-class American and say, 'This will help raise your wages.' And I concluded I could not."

Clinton's history is mixed on free trade. She spoke in favor of NAFTA when her husband signed it into law, but called it a "mistake" during her 2008 presidential campaign. She voted both for and against trade deals during her eight years in the Senate.

And, like Clinton, her running mate, Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine -- who's also slated to speak Wednesday night -- has supported the TPP in the past, only to say he'll oppose it now.

TRUMP

Oppose.

<https://www.donaldjtrump.com/positions/economic-vision>

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/07/27/politics/tpp-what-you-need-to-know/index.html> July 27 2016

Trump's opposition to free trade deals -- particularly NAFTA and the TPP -- are animating causes of his candidacy. He's railed against them at every campaign rally since he kicked off his campaign 13 months ago.

<http://thehill.com/policy/finance/288812-trump-vow-to-overhaul-us-trade-policy> July 21 2016

Trump's isolationist tone on trade policy has put him at odds with powerful business groups like the U.S. Chamber of Commerce that have warned retreating from the global stage will severely damage the nation's economy. He said former President Bill Clinton's signing of the North American pact was "one of the worst economic deals ever made by our country."

<http://truthinmedia.com/reality-check-donald-trump-right-nafta-worst-trade-deal-history/>

So a President Trump would make sure that steel used to build American buildings comes from America. But as a businessman who has built many skyscrapers, Trump hasn't always done that.

According to Wayne Barrett's *Trump: The Deals and the Downfall* from 1991, Trump chose to build Trump Tower with concrete instead of Pennsylvania steel because the cost was too high.

Trump is connecting Hillary Clinton to NAFTA. But historically, what is important is that while Clinton signed NAFTA, it was pushed and created by George H.W. Bush.

Voting Rights: Do you support strict voter ID rules even if this prevents some people from voting? Would you restore Voting Rights Act?

CLINTON

No. "Repair the Voting Rights Act"

<https://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/voting-rights/>

Repair the Voting Rights Act. Hillary will fight to restore the portions of the Voting Rights Act that were struck down by the Supreme Court to make sure that all citizens enjoy the full protections they deserve—especially in states where they have been disproportionately targeted by laws that restrict voting access to the polls. She will fight back against harmful restrictions on voting across the country, so that minority voters, young people, low-income voters, seniors, and women are equally capable as others at expressing their voices and their votes in our democracy.

<https://www.hillaryclinton.com/briefing/statements/2016/08/06/hillary-clinton-statement-on-the-51st-anniversary-of-the-voting-rights-act/> Aug 6 2016

<https://www.demconvention.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Democratic-Party-Platform-7.21.16-no-lines.pdf>

We will restore voting rights for those who have served their sentences. And we will continue to fight against discriminatory voter identification laws, which disproportionately burden young voters, diverse communities, people of color, low-income families, people with disabilities, the elderly, and women.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-fix/wp/2015/06/04/in-houston-an-adamant-hillary-clinton-declares-war-on-voter-id/>

TRUMP

Yes. Otherwise people "will vote 10 times." No statement on Voting Rights Act.

<http://thehill.com/blogs/ballot-box/290203-trump-warns-of-voter-fraud-people-are-going-to-vote-10-times>

Aug 2 2016

During an interview on Fox News Channel's "The O'Reilly Factor," Trump said that recent decisions striking down voter identification laws will lead to widespread voter fraud.

"The whole thing with voter ID identification I think is really — I mean people are going to walk in, they are going to vote 10 times maybe," Trump said, according to a transcript of the interview set to air on Tuesday night.

"Who knows? They are going to vote 10 times. I am very concerned and I hope the Republicans are going to be very watchful and I hope the authorities are going to be very watchful."

<http://blogs.wsj.com/washwire/2016/08/09/donald-trump-backs-strict-north-carolina-voter-id-law/>

Aug 9 2016 - Wading into a contentious local issue, GOP nominee Donald Trump threw his support behind North Carolina's voter ID law, [which was recently struck down by a federal appeals court that said it would limit](#)

[African-American access to the polls.](#) The law ended same-day registration, reduced early voting, and excluded student and public assistance IDs from the acceptable documents required to be shown at the polls.

[https://prod-static-ngop-pbl.s3.amazonaws.com/media/documents/DRAFT_12_FINAL\[1\]-ben_1468872234.pdf](https://prod-static-ngop-pbl.s3.amazonaws.com/media/documents/DRAFT_12_FINAL[1]-ben_1468872234.pdf) [Party Platform] For this reason, we support legislation to require proof of citizenship when registering to vote and secure photo ID when voting. We strongly oppose litigation against states exercising their sovereign authority to enact such laws. In addition, to guarantee that everyone's vote is counted, we urge that electronic voting systems have a voter-verified paper audit trail. We urge every state to join the Interstate Voter Registration Cross Check Program to keep voter rolls accurate and to prevent people from voting in more than one state in the same election. To guard against foreign involvement in our elections, we call for vigilance regarding online credit card contributions to candidates and campaigns.

GARY JOHNSON AND JILL STEIN SOURCES FOLLOW BELOW:

Sources for Libertarian Party candidate Gary Johnson and Green Party candidate Jill Stein

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<http://www.jill2016.com/>

issues, platform. Press releases, videos

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also some info on positions

<https://www.countable.us/jillstein>

http://www.jill2016.com/transcript_jill_stein_accepts_the_green_party_nomination

http://therealnews.com/t2/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=31&Itemid=74&jumival=15657 Feb 15 2016 with Chris Hedges, transcript

Abortion: Should abortion be highly restricted?

JOHNSON
No

<https://www.johnsonweld.com/abortion>

On a personal level, Gary Johnson believes in the sanctity of the life of the unborn. As Governor, he supported efforts to ban late-term abortions.

However, Gov. Johnson recognizes that the right of a woman to choose is the law of the land, and has been for several decades. That right must be respected and despite his personal aversion to abortion, he believes that such a very personal and individual decision is best left to women and families, not the government. He feels that each woman must be allowed to make decisions about her own health and well-being and that the government should not be in the business of second guessing these difficult decisions.

Appreciate Life. Respect Choice. Stay Out of Personal Decisions.

https://www.johnsonweld.com/personal_freedom

His vice presidential running mate, Governor Bill Weld, was not only an early proponent of civil rights for gays and lesbians, he actually appointed the judge who wrote the opinion that established marriage equality as a matter of constitutional right. He is also an outspoken defender of a woman's right to choose, rather than allow the government to make such an important and personal decision for them.

Gary Johnson believes that people, not politicians, should make choices in their personal lives. Responsible adults should be free to marry whom they want, arm themselves if they want, and lead their personal lives as they see fit — as long as they aren't harming anyone else in doing so.

https://ballotpedia.org/Gary_Johnson_presidential_campaign,_2016

Johnson discussed abortion and Texas House Bill 2, which requires that doctors who perform abortions have hospital admitting privileges at a facility within 30 miles of where an abortion is performed and that abortion facilities meet the same requirements as outpatient surgery centers, in an interview with *The Texas Tribune* on April 12, 2016. Johnson said, "I think it's an affront to women's rights. Abortion is an unbelievably difficult decision that anyone should have to make. But only a woman should make it."

STEIN
No

<http://www.jill2016.com/platform>

Allow full access to contraceptive and reproductive care.

Expand women's access to "morning after" contraception by lifting the Obama Administration's ban.

Campaign Finance: Do you support the DISCLOSE Act, which requires key funders of political ads to put their names on those ads?

JOHNSON
No statement/position found

STEIN
No statement/position found

Campaign Finance: Do you support the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision allowing unlimited corporate and union independent campaign contributions?

JOHNSON
Yes

<http://2016election.procon.org/view.source.election.php?sourceID=13898>

"I think it [the *Citizens United* case] comes under the First Amendment, that they should be able to contribute as much money as they want."

Source: Thomas R. Eddlem, "The 'Other' Candidates for President," *thenewamerican.com*, Aug. 20, 2012

<http://ivn.us/2016/08/12/issues-candidate-stands-campaign-finance/>

Johnson has spoken in favor of the *Citizens United* decision, citing its basis in the First Amendment's protection of free speech. This position is in accordance with the Libertarian Party's 2016 platform, which calls for "the repeal of all laws which restrict voluntary financing of election campaigns."

STEIN

No

Implied by below

<http://www.jill2016.com/platform>

Restore the Glass-Steagall separation of depository commercial banks from speculative investment banks.

https://ballotpedia.org/Jill_Stein_presidential_campaign,_2016

Stein tweeted: "If Hillary really believed in overturning *Citizens United* & getting [money] out of politics why didn't she fundraise like [Bernie](#)?"

https://ballotpedia.org/Jill_Stein_presidential_campaign,_2016

According to a 2012 *Huffington Post* profile of [Jill Stein](#), "she would appoint Supreme Court justices who believe corporations are corporations, not people, and fight to get corporate money and influence out of the political process."^[72]

Climate Change: Do you believe human activity is causing climate change? Should government act to limit greenhouse gas emissions?

JOHNSON

"Probably so." Not role of government to regulate.

<https://www.johnsonweld.com/environment>

When it comes to global climate change, Johnson and Weld believe that the politicians in Washington, D.C. are having the wrong debate.

Is the climate changing? Probably so.

Is man contributing to that change? Probably so.

But the critical question is whether the politicians' efforts to regulate, tax and manipulate the private sector are cost-effective – or effective at all. The debate should be about how we can protect our resources and environment for future generations. Governors Johnson and Weld strongly believe that the federal government should prevent future harm by focusing on regulations that protect us from real harm, rather than needlessly costing American jobs and freedom in order to pursue a political agenda.

Protect the Environment. Promote Competition. Incentivize Innovation.

https://ballotpedia.org/Gary_Johnson_presidential_campaign,_2016

In a video posted to YouTube in March 2012, [Gary Johnson](#) said he opposed the [Keystone XL](#) pipeline only if eminent domain were necessary to establish it. "If the Keystone pipeline is an issue of eminent domain – no, the government should not get involved or I'd have to really have a look at that. If it's rules and regulations that we're talking about, then, yes, rules and regulations can make and should make and I would support making the Keystone XL pipeline happen."

<https://www.countable.us/garyjohnson>

It is NOT the proper role of government to engage in social and economic engineering for the purpose of manipulating the energy marketplace or creating winners and losers in what should be a robust free market." [garyjohnson2016.com]

http://www.ontheissues.org/Gary_Johnson.htm

Cap-&-trade imposes costs with no environmental improvement
No cap-and-trade; no taxing carbon emissions

STEIN

Yes on both: “an all-out climate emergency.” “Halt any investment in fossil fuel infrastructure”

During a February 15, 2016, interview with Chris Hedges posted on *TheRealNews.com*, [Stein](#) said, “[W]e are facing an all-out climate emergency.”^[83]

http://therealnews.com/t2/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=31&Itemid=74&jumival=15657

<https://www.countable.us/jillstein>

We must halt ALL investment in fossil fuel infrastructure, including natural gas, and phase out all fossil fuel power plants by at least 2030.” [twitter.com/DrJillStein]

<http://www.jill2016.com/plan>

Protect Mother Earth:

Lead on a global treaty to halt climate change. End destructive energy extraction: fracking, tar sands, offshore drilling, oil trains, mountaintop removal, and uranium mines. Protect our public lands, water supplies, biological diversity, parks, and pollinators. Label GMOs, and put a moratorium on GMOs and pesticides until they are proven safe. Protect the rights of future generations.

<http://www.jill2016.com/platform>

End destructive energy extraction and associated infrastructure: fracking, tar sands, offshore drilling, oil trains, mountaintop removal, natural gas pipelines, and uranium mines. Halt any investment in fossil fuel infrastructure, including natural gas, and phase out all fossil fuel power plants. Phase out nuclear power and end nuclear subsidies. End all subsidies for fossil fuels and impose a greenhouse gas fee / tax to charge polluters for the damage they have created.

Support a strong enforceable global climate treaty that limits global warming to no more than 1.5 degrees Celsius and provides just financial compensation to developing countries.

http://www.jill2016.com/transcript_jill_stein_accepts_the_green_party_nomination

but a Green New Deal to fix the climate crisis as well as the economic crisis. It creates a wartime level mobilization to green our energy, food and transportation systems, and restore critical infrastructure, including ecosystems. And we’ll do this in the needed time frame – by achieving 100% renewable energy by 2030, and implementing an immediate moratorium on all new fossil fuel infrastructure and exploration. This will revive our economy, turn the tide on climate change, and make wars for oil obsolete, which enables us to cut the military budget to pay for this. In addition, it saves so much money by preventing the fossil fuel-linked diseases like asthma, heart attacks, strokes, cancer and more, it actually pays for itself in health savings alone.

Climate change: Should we subsidize renewable energy?

JOHNSON

“Promote competition & incentivize innovation”

<https://www.johnsonweld.com/environment>

But the critical question is whether the politicians’ efforts to regulate, tax and manipulate the private sector are cost-effective – or effective at all. The debate should be about how we can protect our resources and environment for future generations. Governors Johnson and Weld strongly believe that the federal government should prevent future harm by focusing on regulations that protect us from real harm, rather than needlessly costing American jobs and freedom in order to pursue a political agenda.

Protect the Environment. Promote Competition. Incentivize Innovation.

http://www.ontheissues.org/2012/Gary_Johnson_Energy_+_Oil.htm

Johnson co-sponsored the Western Governors' Association resolution:

Renewables: Accelerate the development and deployment of promising renewable energy technologies through the extension and expansion of state and federal production tax credits.

STEIN

Yes. Enact an emergency Green New Deal.

<http://www.jill2016.com/plan>

Create millions of jobs by transitioning to 100% clean renewable energy by 2030, and investing in public transit, sustainable agriculture, and conservation.

<http://www.jill2016.com/platform>

Enact an emergency Green New Deal to turn the tide on climate change, revive the economy and make wars for oil obsolete. Initiate a WWII-scale national mobilization to halt climate change, the greatest threat to humanity in our history. Create 20 million jobs by transitioning to 100% clean renewable energy by 2030, and investing in public transit, sustainable agriculture, conservation and restoration of critical infrastructure, including ecosystems.

Implement a Just Transition that empowers those communities and workers most impacted by climate change and the transition to a green economy. Ensure that any worker displaced by the shift away from fossil fuels will receive full income and benefits as they transition to alternative work.

Enact energy democracy based on public, community and worker ownership of our energy system. Treat energy as a human right.

Redirect research funds from fossil fuels into renewable energy and conservation. Build a nationwide smart electricity grid that can pool and store power from a diversity of renewable sources, giving the nation clean, democratically-controlled, energy.

Climate Change: Should the Environmental Protection Administration be abolished?

JOHNSON

No

<https://www.johnsonweld.com/environment>

Governor Johnson believes the Environmental Protection Agency, when focused on its true mission, plays an important role in keeping the environment and citizens safe.

Johnson does not, however, believe the government should be engaging in social and economic engineering for the purpose of creating winners and losers in what should be a robust free market. Preventing a polluter from harming our water or air is one thing. Having politicians in Washington, D.C., acting on behalf of high powered lobbyists, determine the future of clean energy innovation is another.

STEIN

No

<http://www.jill2016.com/platform>

Enact stronger environmental justice laws and measures to ensure that low-income and communities of color are not disproportionately impacted by harmful pollution and other negative environmental and health effects.

http://www.ontheissues.org/2016/Jill_Stein_Environment.htm

Stein added, "We need an EPA committed to protecting the environment, and to a transparent, democratic process within the agency. This is essential if the EPA is to apply science in the public interest, free from the corrupting influence of industry that has historically had too much influence over EPA scientific decisions."

Source: FireDogLake.com, "Jill Stein Arrested", by Kevin Gosztola , Oct 31, 2012

Contraception: Should employers have a religious right to refuse contraceptive coverage?

JOHNSON

Yes

http://www.ontheissues.org/2012/Gary_Johnson_Abortion.htm

Q: Should the government require health insurance companies to provide free birth control?

A: No, let the insurance companies decide instead of a government mandate.

Source: Presidential comparison website www.iSideWith.com , May 16, 2012

STEIN

No

http://www.ontheissues.org/2016/Jill_Stein_Abortion.htm

Q: You have stated your support of the Obama administration's mandate that insurance companies provide birth control to women free of charge. Would you exempt religious organizations from this mandate?

STEIN: Religion and healthcare have nothing to do with each other. It should not be the prerogative of an employer to exercise his personal beliefs in determining the healthcare of his employees. Healthcare is a human right and we need to provide it through "Medicare for all". It needs to be a system that does away with this divide and conquer mentality that pits the religious community against the health of employees. It doesn't make any sense. We have a right to healthcare and there is a way to make it affordable.

Source: [iSideWith.com](http://www.iSideWith.com) interview of Jill Stein , Nov 1, 2012

Courts: Should the Senate have confirmed Obama's Supreme Court nominee?

JOHNSON

Yes

<http://2016election.procon.org/view.source.election.php?sourceID=13898#question2077>

"[T]hey should hold hearings on Obama's nominee. It's Obama's duty to provide that nomination and I think that Congress should follow through on that, which obviously they are not."

Source: Phone Interview with ProCon.org, June 14, 2016

STEIN

Unknown

Economy: Do you support Dodd-Frank, which established the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and regulated banks and financial institutions?

JOHNSON

No position found.

STEIN

Did not go far enough

<http://www.jill2016.com/plan>

Empower the People:

Abolish corporate personhood. Protect voters' rights by establishing a constitutional right to vote. Enact electoral reforms that break the big money stranglehold and create truly representative democracy: public campaign financing, ranked-choice voting, proportional representation, and open debates.

<http://www.jill2016.com/platform>

Make Wall Street, big corporations, and the rich pay their fair share of taxes.

Create democratically-run public banks and utilities.

Provide full protection for workplace rights, including the right to a safe workplace and the right to organize a union without fear of firing or reprisal by passing the Employee Free Choice Act.

- Eliminate the doctrine of corporate personhood that among other things has been used to justify unlimited corporate spending in elections with a constitutional amendment to clarify that only human beings have constitutional rights.
- Enact electoral reforms that break the big money stranglehold and create truly representative democracy: full public election financing, ranked-choice voting, proportional representation, and open debates.

http://www.jill2016.com/jill_stein_endorses_bank_whistleblowers_united_plan_to_break_stranglehold_of_big_banks_over_our_economy_democracy

Dodd-Frank has not fixed the gaping problems endemic to finance that will cause future epidemics of elite financial fraud and resultant global crises.

http://www.ontheissues.org/2016/Jill_Stein_Budget_+_Economy.htm

The watered down Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform did not fix the massive problems with the deregulated financial status quo. Wall Street and the big banking interests continue to steer the economy just as they did before the Great Financial Crash of 2008. It's time to really reform Wall Street so that working America has a chance. Here is what the financial reforms of the Green New Deal will do.

- First, the debt overhang holding back the economy must be deleveraged by reducing homeowner and student debt burdens, including an immediate halt to all foreclosures and evictions
- Democratize monetary policy. This means we'll nationalize the private bank-dominated Federal Reserve Banks
- We will break up the oversized banks that are "too big to fail."
- We will end taxpayer-funded bailouts for banks, insurers, and other financial companies.
- We will establish a 90% tax on bonuses for bailed out bankers.

Source: [Green Party 2012 People's State of the Union speech](#) , Jan 25, 2012

Economy: To grow the economy increase government infrastructure spending or reduce taxes?

JOHNSON

Reduce taxes?

https://www.johnsonweld.com/wasteful_spending

But the idea that we can somehow balance the federal budget without cutting military spending and reforming entitlements is fantasy. What is required is leadership and political courage. As Governor of a state with an overwhelmingly Democratic legislature, Gary Johnson stood up to excess spending, vetoed 750 bills and literally thousands of budget line items ... and balanced the state's budget.

Governor Johnson has pledged that his first major act as President will be to submit to Congress a truly balanced budget. No gimmicks, no imaginary cuts in the distant future. Real reductions to bring spending in line with revenues, without tax increases. No line in the budget will be immune from scrutiny and reduction. And he pledges to veto any legislation that will result in deficit spending, forcing Congress to override his veto in order to spend money we don't have.

<https://www.johnsonweld.com/jobs>

Johnson has said that, "As Governor, I didn't create a single job." His point, of course, being that government doesn't "create" jobs. Entrepreneurs, businesses, and economic prosperity are the building blocks for job growth. Let's get rid of the unnecessary laws and taxes that syphon the resources businesses use to create the jobs we need.

STEIN

Infrastructure spending: Green New Deal

https://ballotpedia.org/Jill_Stein_presidential_campaign,_2016

Calls for a massive jobs creation program to boost the economy

Supports reducing the deficit by creating jobs, cutting military spending, and changing how income is taxed

http://ontheissues.org/2016/Jill_Stein_Technology.htm

Q: Your top planks in your platform?

STEIN: So, our top plank really is a Green New Deal to transform our economy to a green economy, 100 percent wind, water and sun by the year 2030--we can do it; this is an emergency, and we must do it--but to use that as an opportunity to put America back to work, to renew our infrastructure and to basically assure that everyone has a job. That's another key plank of our Power to the People Plan, that it ensures economic rights for everyone--the right to a job, the right to complete healthcare through a Medicare for All, improved Medicare-for-All plan; that we ensure the right to quality education, from preschool through college, and that includes free public higher education and abolishing student debt.

Source: [Democracy Now interviews of 2016 presidential hopefuls](#) , Jun 22, 2015

Economy: Prioritize deficit reduction or economic stimulus?

JOHNSON

Prioritize balanced budget?

http://www.ontheissues.org/2016/Gary_Johnson_Budget_+_Economy.htm

I suspect I am not the only American asking, if a trillion dollars' worth of stimulus didn't work, why will another \$450 billion do the trick? Whether it be jobs created with borrowed and newly-printed dollars, temporary extensions of tax cuts, or sending money to the states to postpone layoffs, none of the President's proposals will remove the real obstacles to job creation. Government cannot create jobs. Businesses, entrepreneurs and investors can create jobs, and right now, they are simply afraid to do so. And they should be. They are looking at a national debt that is consuming the private economy, more deficit spending with no end in sight, and a regulatory environment that promises only new and costly surprises every day.

Government is absolutely a big part of the jobs problem, but it is not the solution--other than by getting out of the way. Congress and the Administration have almost helped us to death.

Source: Response to 2011 Jobs Speech, on www.garyjohnson2012.com , Sep 8, 2011

Johnson: I'd avoid continually raising the debt ceiling by not incurring more debt! I'd submit to Congress a balanced budget in 2013, & veto any appropriation that exceeds that budget.

https://ballotpedia.org/2016_presidential_candidates_on_budgets

Expressed support for a balanced budget amendment

Proposed a 20 percent reduction in federal spending with cuts to military spending, Medicaid, and Medicare

http://www.syracuse.com/politics/index.ssf/2016/08/gary_johnson_on_11_key_issues_where_does_libertarian_presidential_candidate_stan.html

Johnson says he would balance the federal budget by cutting military spending and reforming entitlement programs. He hasn't provided specifics on what he would cut.

STEIN

Prioritize stimulus package: Green New Deal.

http://www.ontheissues.org/2016/Jill_Stein_Budget_+_Economy.htm

Q: In your opinion, was the Obama administration's 2009 stimulus plan too large or too small?

STEIN: It was misdirected. It was mostly tax breaks for the wealthy. It made a slight dent in the crisis but it didn't fix it. We would pass a real stimulus package called the Green New Deal. Instead of passing tax breaks for corporations, which is what the 2009 stimulus package did, we would create jobs directly. It will put everyone

back to work and will also green the economy which would green our energy and food supply and provide public transportation. It will be the same size as the 2009 stimulus but instead of tax breaks for corporations it would create jobs.

Source: iSideWith.com interview of Jill Stein , Nov 1, 2012

<http://www.jill2016.com/plan>

A Green New Deal:

Create millions of jobs by transitioning to 100% clean renewable energy by 2030, and investing in public transit, sustainable agriculture, and conservation.

Education: Should the Dept. of Education be abolished and school funding left to the states?

JOHNSON

Yes

Eliminate the federal Department of Education, and return control to the state and local levels.
[garyjohnson2016.com]

<https://www.johnsonweld.com/education>

Governor Johnson believes that state and local governments should have more control over education policy. Decisions that affect our children should be made closer to home, not by bureaucrats and politicians in Washington, D.C. That is why he believes we should eliminate the federal Department of Education. Common Core and other attempts to impose national standards and requirements on local schools are costly, overly bureaucratic, and actually compromise our ability to provide our children with a good education.

STEIN

No

<http://www.jill2016.com/platform>

Use Department of Education powers to offer grants and funding to encourage metropolitan desegregation plans based on socioeconomically balanced schools.

Education: Should public college tuition be free to students from families making \$125,000 or less? Should the government help refinance student loans?

JOHNSON

No.

<http://www.politico.com/story/2016/06/off-message-transcript-gary-johnson-223918>

Q: for a long time you were against student loans because you believe it hikes overall tuition, that it creates an inflated market

A: That's the reason for the high cost of college tuition.

Q: He's for student loan amnesty all together, and that's--by the way, that is a huge element of his appeal, when you look at the polling. Do you think he's just wrong about that?

Q: Well, what he's right about is that students have been sold a bill of goods, so as president of the United States, at the end of the day, I get to either sign or veto legislation that Congress sends me, I would really take a hard look at how students might, I don't know, receive some sort of benefit or reduced interest rate. I mean, if we can--if the Federal Reserve can bail out all the big banks, it seems to me that we might arrange lower interest rates for these loans to get paid back.

But students have been sold a bill of goods, and the bill of goods is that, you know, there's no excuse for you not to go to college because of guaranteed government student loans, and because of that, in my opinion, college tuition costs twice as much as it would have cost if there would have been no government guaranteed student loans.

<http://2016election.procon.org/view.answers.election.php?questionID=2094>

"I would not believe that colleges or universities should be free. So from a federal standpoint... they would be too expensive from a federal standpoint. If states want to do that of course, that's their prerogative. But should they be free? No, they shouldn't be free... In my opinion the high cost of college tuition has everything to do with guaranteed student loans. I believe that if guaranteed government student loans were to have never existed then college tuition today would be half of what it is."

Source: Phone Interview with ProCon.org, June 14, 20

STEIN

Yes on both, "guarantee tuition-free education pre-school through university" & "abolish student debt."

<http://www.jill2016.com/plan>

Education as a Right:

Abolish student debt to free a generation of Americans from debt servitude. Guarantee tuition-free, world-class public education from pre-school through university. End high stakes testing and public school privatization.

<http://www.jill2016.com/platform>

Guarantee tuition-free, world-class public education from pre-school through university.

Abolish student debt to free a generation of Americans from debt servitude.

Protect our public school systems from privatization.

http://www.jill2016.com/transcript_jill_stein_accepts_the_green_party_nomination

There are 43 million young people – and not so young people – who are locked in predatory student debt, with no prospects for getting out. And there is only one candidate who will cancel that debt – and you're looking at her. ... So we do have the power to end student debt, and to make public higher education free. This is the right thing to do to provide the younger generation with economic security in the 21st century, just like free high school education provided security in the 20th century.

https://ballotpedia.org/Jill_Stein_presidential_campaign,_2016

On July 5, 2016, Jill Stein released the web video, "Abolish Student Debt." In the ad, Stein says, "We will bail out millennials and others in student debt. We did it for the crooks on Wall Street – it's about time to do it for the millennials and the generation held hostage in debt."

Gay Marriage: Do you support gay marriage?

JOHNSON

Yes

https://www.johnsonweld.com/personal_freedom

Gary Johnson and Bill Weld want to get the government out of your life. Out of your cell phone. Out of your bedroom. And back into the business of protecting your freedoms, not restricting them.

This is why Gary Johnson embraced marriage equality before many current Democratic leaders joined the parade.

Gary Johnson believes that people, not politicians, should make choices in their personal lives. Responsible adults should be free to marry whom they want, arm themselves if they want, and lead their personal lives as they see fit — as long as they aren't harming anyone else in doing so.

STEIN

Yes

<http://www.jill2016.com/plan>

Freedom and Equality:

Expand women's rights, protect LGBTQIA+ people from discrimination, defend indigenous rights and lands, and create a welcoming path to citizenship for immigrants. Protect the free Internet, legalize marijuana/hemp, and treat substance abuse as a public health problem, not a criminal problem.

Gay Rights: Should the federal government be able to prevent discrimination based on sexual orientation?

JOHNSON

Yes?

<http://rare.us/story/wrangling-with-gary-johnsons-position-on-religious-liberty/>

Asked about his contention at an LP debate that Christian bakers should be forced to provide services at a gay wedding, [Johnson said the following](#):

I think if you discriminate on the basis of religion, I think that that is a black hole. Look, I think you should be able to discriminate for stink or you're not wearing shoes or whatever, but I'll tell you what, if we discriminate on the basis of religion, to me, that's doing harm to a big class of people. ...I think Muslims right now in this country would be banned from all sorts of businesses right now because it would be the popular thing to do.

Challenged by fellow candidate Austen Petersen as to whether that meant a Jewish baker would have to prepare a cake for a Nazi wedding, Johnson said, "That would be my contention." At a later debate, [Johnson said](#) that religious freedom laws, recently passed in several states, are "really just a way to discriminate against gay individuals."

STEIN

Yes

<http://www.jill2016.com/plan>

protect LGBTQIA+ people from discrimination

http://ontheissues.org/2016/Jill_Stein_Civil_Rights.htm

OnTheIssues :In the wake of national same-sex marriage, what about transgender rights?

Stein: I include transgender rights in GLBT protection. Sexual orientation should not be a basis for discrimination whether it's LGB or T. In my first run for office in 2002, when this issue was first brought to my attention, I was for marriage, not just civil unions. It wasn't until 3 years ago that the leadership of the Democratic Party changed its tune--even in 2004 Hillary was still opposing gay marriage. Vice President Joe Biden finally broke the ice [by saying he was "comfortable" with gay marriage in 2012]-- by that time gay marriage was rating highly favorable in the polls--is that leadership? I believe in doing what is right and leading the way. The Democratic Party is doing the opposite of that.

Source: [Phone interview on 2016 presidential race by OnTheIssues.org](#) , Jul 6, 2015

OnTheIssues: What do you think of businesses claiming "Religious Freedom" to oppose gay rights?

Stein: Yes, like Hobby Lobby. I ask, "Whose freedom?" Freedom of corporations and the economic elite, or freedom of employees and consumers? We need to be about freedom for everybody. We need to uphold the law of the land--everybody's freedom needs to be respected--if your freedom means dominating someone else, then you don't get it--businesses cannot discriminate based on gender or religion or lack thereof--businesses are public entities that exist in the public marketplace and need to respect the dignity and human rights of everyone, period.

OnTheIssues: How do you respond to Hobby Lobby's argument?

Stein: Religion is used there as a surrogate for patriarchy--usually male--to dominate women's reproductive lives. It's a misuse and an abuse of the concept of religion that is simply be used as a surrogate.

Source: [Phone interview on 2016 presidential race by OnTheIssues.org](#) , Jul 6, 2015

Guns: Do you support stricter background checks for gun purchases and the banning of assault rifles?

JOHNSON

No on both

https://www.johnsonweld.com/personal_freedom

Gary Johnson believes that people, not politicians, should make choices in their personal lives. Responsible adults should be free to marry whom they want, arm themselves if they want, and lead their personal lives as they see fit — as long as they aren't harming anyone else in doing so.

<http://reason.com/blog/2016/06/14/theres-just-no-evidence-whatsoever-to-su>

"I understand how so many people can believe that if you restrict this kind of weapon you can prevent this kind of incident," said Libertarian Party candidate Gary Johnson in reaction to the murders in Orlando and the political calls to further restrict access to certain guns that arose after the shooting.

"But there's just no evidence whatsoever to suggest that it makes us any safer, and in fact restricting guns makes things less safe, that's the camp that I'm in," he said in a phone interview this morning.

STEIN

Yes on both

https://ballotpedia.org/Jill_Stein_presidential_campaign,_2016

Calls for an assault weapons ban and regulations to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and individuals with mental illness

Connects gun violence with economic disparity

Healthcare: Should we repeal the Affordable Care Act, aka Obamacare?

JOHNSON

Yes. Medicare should be cut

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/onpolitics/2016/05/25/record-lets-take-gary-johnson-speed-date/84892588/>

Obamacare will wreck economy, Medicare should be cut

<http://politic365.com/2012/10/17/libertarian-nominee-gary-johnson-on-obamacare-a-torpedo-in-a-sinking-ship/>
Libertarian Party Presidential nominee Gary Johnson said on Thursday that he thinks the U.S. economy is "going to collapse" and that the President's signature health care reform achievement, the Affordable Care Act, is a "torpedo in a sinking ship."

Medicare spending needs to be slashed, said Johnson in response to a fundraiser attendee who asked what should be done about Medicare in the long-term. And he called the current system "absolutely not sustainable."

https://ballotpedia.org/Gary_Johnson_presidential_campaign,_2016

Proposed a 20 percent reduction in federal spending with cuts to military spending, Medicaid, and Medicare
During a Libertarian candidate forum that aired on the Fox Business Network on April 1, 2016,
and

During an interview with *The Texas Tribune* on April 12, 2016

https://ballotpedia.org/Gary_Johnson_presidential_campaign,_2016

In October 2012, [Gary Johnson](#) called the [Affordable Care Act](#), also known as Obamacare, "a torpedo in a sinking ship." He said, "I think the economy's going to collapse" as a result of the healthcare law

After the Affordable Care Act was upheld as constitutional by the [Supreme Court](#) in June 2012, Johnson released a statement to criticize the decision. "Whether the Court chooses to call the individual mandate a tax or anything else, allowing it to stand is a truly disturbing decision. The idea that government can require an individual to buy something simply because that individual exists and breathes in America is an incredible blow to the bedrock principles of freedom and liberty. It must be repealed, and Congress needs to get about doing so today," Johnson wrote. He added, "Government cannot create a system that will reduce costs while increasing access. Only competition and the price transparency that competition will bring can accomplish the imperatives of affordability and availability."¹

Supports cuts to Medicaid and Medicare with block grants to the states to design and run entitlement programs (2011)

http://www.ontheissues.org/2016/Gary_Johnson_Health_Care.htm

Q: Will you issue an executive order to repeal ObamaCare as unconstitutional?

A: Yes, if it's possible. I would do the same for [President Bush's Medicare] prescription [drug subsidies]. Two parties can take responsibility for where we're at right now.

Source: Interview by Scott Holleran on scottholleran.com blog , Aug 21, 2011

Repeal ObamaCare, as well as the failed Medicare prescription drug benefit.

Source: [Presidential campaign website, garyjohnson2012.com, "Issues"](http://Presidential_campaign_website.garyjohnson2012.com/Issues) , May 2, 2011

STEIN

Repeal and replace with Medicare for All single-payer public health insurance program.

<http://2016election.procon.org/view.answers.election.php?questionID=002024>

"I will replace ACA with improved Medicare for All, which provides quality care while saving money... ACA makes a profit-driven system even more expensive by adding complexity ('exchanges') to an already massive bureaucracy. Crafted by insurers, it provides \$400 billion in taxpayer subsidies for stripped-down policies that enrich insurers while forcing consumers to buy the inadequate plans through a mandate. Costs continue to skyrocket, as seen with the Massachusetts plan (on which ACA is based), impoverishing consumers, businesses and government while draining resources from safety-net hospitals and threatening care for tens of millions who'll remain uninsured."

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/robert-scheer/scheer-intelligence-jill_b_9189566.html Feb 9 2016

The one place we differ from Bernie on health care is by defending the Affordable Care Act, or saying that we're going to build on the Affordable Care Act, because that's the mythology that the health insurance system uses, that we can grow our way incrementally to a single-payer system. And you can't; you really have to kiss it goodbye and expand Medicare in one fell swoop, which can be done very quickly and efficiently. But it's this myth that we can keep adding layers of complexity to this private insurance bureaucracy that's used to forever forestall doing what we need to do. And the health care system is in collapse.

http://ontheissues.org/Jill_Stein.htm: Strongly favors: Expand Obamacare

<http://www.jill2016.com/plan>

Health Care as a Right:

Establish an improved "Medicare For All" single-payer public health insurance program to provide everyone with quality health care, at huge savings.

<http://www.jill2016.com/platform>

Establish an improved "Medicare for All" single-payer public health program to provide everyone with quality health care, at huge savings by eliminating the \$400 billion annually spent on the paperwork and bureaucracy of health insurance. No co-pays, premiums or deductibles. Access to all health care services, including mental health, dental, and vision. Include everyone, period. No restrictions based on pre-existing illness, employment, immigration status, age, or any other category.

Prioritize preventive health care, including physical activity, healthy nutrition and pollution prevention.

<http://votesmart.org/candidate/political-courage-test/35775/jill-stein/#.V7dh14-cGM8> – Infer No?!

"As a physician, I've seen Romneycare in action in my home state of Massachusetts. Forty percent of the people who need health coverage find that it's still too expensive for them. And a quarter of the people who seek payments get denied by their private insurers. It has failed to control costs, and as a result they are raising co-pays and attacking public employee health plans. It's a fiscal and administrative nightmare which has gutted public services in Massachusetts. Schemes developed by health industry lobbyists to enrich themselves will never take care of our real needs." <http://www.independentpoliticalreport.com/2012/06/jill-stein-romneycare-and-obamacare-are-class-warfare-and-failures/> (www.independentpoliticalreport.com)

http://ontheissues.org/2016/Jill_Stein_Health_Care.htm

Hillary Clinton's recent attack on Sen. Bernie Sanders for his advocacy of single-payer health plan has brought the health care crisis into the spotlight. We are both physicians who have a long history of working on health policy. While the two Democratic candidates offer proposals that are very different from each other, we see that neither is calling out health care privatization as the fatal flaw in the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Clinton argues we can simply expand the Affordable Care Act to achieve universal coverage, which we view as impossible. Sanders is on target with his new Medicare-for-all proposal. However, by preserving the illusion that the ACA is a "step in the right direction," Sanders misses the point that the current U.S. health care system under the ACA is unique among industrialized nations because it treats health care as a commodity rather than a public good.

Source: [TruthDig.com article by Margaret Flowers & Jill Stein](#) , Jan 22, 2016

http://www.gp.org/social_justice_2016/#sjHealthCare

doesn't mention ACA?

Enact a universal, comprehensive, national single-payer health plan that will provide the following with no increase in cost:

Immigration: How should we address America's 11 million illegal aliens? Should undocumented young people who entered the U.S. before age 16 and meet certain conditions get legal protection from deportation?

JOHNSON

Make easier for immigrants to get a work visa; create a path to citizenship.

<https://www.johnsonweld.com/immigration>

Practical Reform. No Walls. Incentivize Assimilation.

Solving immigration problems is not as easy as building a wall or simply offering amnesty.

We should appreciate and respect the diversity of immigrants that come to the United States to be productive members of society. But we also need to recognize that everyone who comes here is not so well-intentioned. Governors Johnson and Weld believe that, instead of appealing to emotions and demonizing immigrants, we should focus on creating a more efficient system of providing work visas, conducting background checks, and incentivizing non-citizens to pay their taxes, obtain proof of employment, and otherwise assimilate with our diverse society.

Making it simpler and more efficient to enter the United States legally will provide greater security than a wall by allowing law enforcement to focus on those who threaten our country, not those who want to be a part of it.

https://ballotpedia.org/Gary_Johnson_presidential_campaign,_2016

During an interview on June 28, 2016, on *America with Jorge Ramos*, Ramos asked [Gary Johnson](#) "if the same 'anti-immigrant sentiment' of Brexit might make its way to the polls on November 8th in the U.S." Johnson replied, "I don't see Britain's exit from the European Union as isolationist. I really see it as them staking out their own opportunity." Johnson called the European Union "a giant bureaucracy" and a "crony capitalist" institution.

In August 2010, Johnson wrote an op-ed for the Tenth Amendment Center in the wake of [Arizona's](#) efforts at immigration reform, arguing that states' rights should be protected. He wrote, "Every state is different, and is presented with its own challenges and opportunities related to immigration – and countless other issues. Rather than trying, as the [Obama administration](#) is doing, to stop Arizona from implementing its own approach, we should be encouraging the states to be the policy laboratories they were intended to be in our federal system."¹

Would make it as easy as possible for individuals without criminal records who want to come to the U.S. to work to get work visas

Supports comprehensive immigration reform

During an interview with *The Texas Tribune* on April 12, 2016, Johnson discussed immigration and other topics. Johnson said, "I think we should make it as easy as possible for somebody who wants to come into this country

and work to get a work visa. I'm not talking about a green card. The solution is to create a moving line. Don't put the government in charge of quotas. There will either be jobs or there won't be jobs. And a work visa should include a background check and a Social Security card so that taxes get paid." Johnson also said that "there should be a pathway to citizenship, and there should be an embrace of immigration as something really good. They're not taking jobs that U.S. citizens want."

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/onpolitics/2016/05/25/record-lets-take-gary-johnson-speed-date/84892588/>

Make it easier for immigrants to get a work visa; create a path to citizenship

STEIN

Create path to citizenship for immigrants. Support Dream Act.
Also end night raids, detentions, and deportations.

<http://www.jill2016.com/platform>

Support immigrants' rights. Create a welcoming path to citizenship for immigrants.

Halt deportations and detentions of law-abiding undocumented immigrants. including the shameful practice of night raids being used to terrorize refugee families.

Improve economic and social conditions abroad to reduce the flow of immigrant refugees, in part by repealing NAFTA, ending the failed drug wars, and halting CIA and military interventions against democratically elected governments.

Demilitarize border crossings throughout North America.

<http://www.jill2016.com/plan>

Freedom and Equality:

Expand women's rights, protect LGBTQIA+ people from discrimination, defend indigenous rights and lands, and create a welcoming path to citizenship for immigrants. Protect the free Internet, legalize marijuana/hemp, and treat substance abuse as a public health problem, not a criminal problem.

http://www.jill2016.com/transcript_jill_stein_accepts_the_green_party_nomination

We can create a welcoming path to citizenship for undocumented Americans who are critical to the diversity and vitality of our communities, economy and culture. We must end the shameful night raids, detentions and deportations of hard working, law abiding immigrants. In fact, one of the most important things we can do to fix the immigration crisis is to stop causing it in the first place with predatory policies like NAFTA, the war on drugs, military interventions, CIA-supported coups and US trained death squads.

We say to Donald Trump, we don't need no friggin wall. We just need to stop invading other countries. And by the way, the Republicans are the party of hate and fear mongering. But Democrats are the party of night raids, detentions, and deportations.

We will put an immediate halt to deportations, detentions and night raids for people whose only crime was to flee the poverty and violence created by predatory US policies across the border.

Supports the DREAM Act and creating a legal status and path to citizenship for individuals living and working in the U.S. without legal permission

http://www.jill2016.com/stop_night_deportation_raids

Our nation of immigrants needs a just immigration system that won't allow the ruling elite to divide working people. That means halting deportations, passing the DREAM Act, and creating legal status and a path to citizenship for hard-working, law-abiding undocumented immigrants.

Immigration: Should we ban immigration by Muslims?

JOHNSON

No.

<https://www.isidewith.com/candidate-guide/gary-johnson/immigration/muslim-immigrants>

Should Muslim immigrants be banned from entering the country until the government improves its ability to screen out potential terrorists? *stats discuss*

Gary Johnson's answer: No, banning immigrants based on their religion is unconstitutional

Source: provided by candidate March 10 2016

https://ballotpedia.org/Gary_Johnson_presidential_campaign_2016

We must face the fact that ISIS is a murderous, violent movement driven by Sharia ideology, not by the religion of Islam. We need not and should not be Islamophobic, but all who are free and wish to be free should be Shariaphobic.

Nov 2015

During a Libertarian candidate forum that aired on the Fox Business Network on April 1, 2016, [Gary Johnson](#) said, "I think that if you discriminate on the basis of religion, I think that is a black hole." Johnson continued, "I think you should be able to discriminate for stink or you're not wearing shoes or whatever. If we discriminate on the basis of religion, to me, that's doing harm to a big class of people."

<http://reason.com/blog/2016/01/06/exclusive-gary-johnson-running-for-presi>

reversed his 2012 position about banning burqas: My response was wrong....banning face veils wouldn't work, and would be impossible to enforce without infringing on basic rights."

STEIN

No

http://www.jill2016.com/dr_jill_stein_s_statement_on_orlando_mass_shooting

We must reject inflammatory attempts to scapegoat all Muslims for this tragedy

<https://www.isidewith.com/candidate-guide/jill-stein/immigration>

Should Muslim immigrants be banned from entering the country until the government improves its ability to screen out potential terrorists? *stats discuss*

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Iran: Do you support the treaty limiting Iran's nuclear capacity in return for lifting economic sanctions?

JOHNSON

"Skeptic," but "wouldn't get rid of treaty."

https://ballotpedia.org/Gary_Johnson_presidential_campaign_2016

Johnson questioned the efficacy of sanctions against Iran on October 22, 2012. He tweeted, "'Crippling' sanctions only cripples the Iranian people. That does NOT make us safer."

<http://dailycaller.com/2016/06/07/exclusive-gary-johnson-says-the-threat-of-radical-islam-is-overblown/>

Libertarian presidential nominee Gary Johnson thinks the threat of radical Islam is "overblown," and refused to draw a line in the sand about how to respond to a nuclear Iran

Johnson told the DC that he's a "skeptic" of the Iran deal because Iran "funds terrorism." He also took issue with it on grounds of transparency, saying "no one seems to know what's in it."

The former governor wouldn't get rid of the agreement if elected.

STEIN

Yes. Create nuclear-free zone in the entire Middle East.

<http://2016.presidential-candidates.org/JStein/?on=iran>

I want to say a few words about why we must not go to war with Iran. We must use diplomacy to deal with the possibility of Iran being a future nuclear threat in the region.

But we must also use diplomacy to deal with nuclear threats that already exist right now in the region, and around the world – because there's no such thing as a survivable or a local nuclear war.

That's why we need to push for a nuclear-free Middle East and a nuclear-free world.

http://www.gp.org/democracy_2016#demForeignPolicy

The Green Party supports the "joint comprehensive plan of action" signed in July, 2015 by Iran and the P5+1 (five permanent members of the UN Security Council: China, France, Russia, United Kingdom, United States plus Germany), and the European Union, which confirms Iran's status as a zone free of nuclear weapons. According to the United States National Intelligence Estimate, Iran halted an alleged active nuclear weapons program in the Fall of 2003. Iran, which has signed the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty, has consistently called for a nuclear-free zone in the entire Middle East.

Iraq: Did you support the Iraq war? What about Obama's draw-down of troops? Should the US commit significant additional ground troops to Iraq to combat ISIS?

JOHNSON

Opposed war. Boots on ground, bombs, & drones "make things worse." ISIS has been "largely contained geographically."

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/opinion/editorials/ct-libertarian-gary-johnson-bill-weld-edit-0720-md-20160719-story.html>

Concerning the war on terror, Johnson sounded cautious, fretting about the "unintended consequences" of trying to save the world. Said Weld about American troops in Afghanistan: "When should they come home — never? We have to leave 8,400 troops there because we decided to do what the British Empire and Russian empire decided to do and failed miserably?" We would disagree, but appreciated the directness of his answer.

http://www.ontheissues.org/2016/Gary_Johnson_War_+Peace.htm

I was opposed to us going into Iraq from the beginning, I really thought that there was no threat to our national security, I really thought that if we went into Iraq we would find ourselves in a civil war to which there would be no end and I thought we had the military surveillance capability to see Iraq rollout any weapons of mass destruction and if they would have done that, we could have gone in and dealt with that. Afghanistan originally, I was completely supportive of that.

Source: 2011 GOP primary debate in South Carolina , May 5, 2011

https://www.johnsonweld.com/foreign_policy_and_national_defense

Many senior military and foreign policy analysts have concluded that the rise of ISIS can actually be traced back to instability created by our meddling in the affairs of others. This is because the last several administrations, both Republican and Democrat, have used our military resources to pursue undemocratic regime changes, embark on impossible nation-building exercises, and to establish the United States as the policeman of the world. This imperialistic foreign policy makes it easier for ISIS, Al Qaeda, and other violent extremists to recruit new members. We need to build a strong military. But we should not use our military strength to try to solve the world's problems. Doing so creates new enemies and perpetual war.

As President, Gary Johnson will move quickly and decisively to cut off the funding on which finance violent extremist armies depend. They will repair relationships with our allies. And they will only send our brave soldiers to war when clearly authorized by Congress after meaningful, transparent deliberation and debate.

The idea that we can defeat terrorism by simply putting more boots on the ground or dropping more bombs ignores the reality that this expensive tactic simply hasn't worked. In fact, it's made the situation worse.

No Nation Building. No Policing the World. More Security Here at Home.

<http://www.latimes.com/politics/la-na-pol-gary-johnson-fundraiser-20160724-snap-story.html>

Asked about Islamic State, he took a decidedly nonalarmist tone, asserting that the terrorist group had largely been contained geographically, although he acknowledged that the problem of the group inspiring "lone-wolf" attackers posed a thornier challenge. He vowed to slash taxes and pined for abolishing the IRS "if he could wave a magic wand."

<http://dailycaller.com/2016/06/07/exclusive-gary-johnson-says-the-threat-of-radical-islam-is-overblown/>

“You can argue we’re at war with ISIS, I’ll concede that ... Do I have an issue with wiping out ISIS? If it involves boots on the ground, if it involves dropping bombs, if it involves flying drones, I think all those methods have the unintended consequence of making things worse not better.”

STEIN

End wars, withdraw troops & military contractors. Weapons embargo in Middle East.

<http://www.jill2016.com/platform>

End the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, withdrawing troops and military contractors.

<http://www.jill2016.com/plan>

Peace and Human Rights:

Establish a foreign policy based on diplomacy, international law, and human rights. End the wars and drone attacks, cut military spending by at least 50% and close the 700+ foreign military bases that are turning our republic into a bankrupt empire. Stop U.S. support and arms sales to human rights abusers, and lead on global nuclear disarmament.

http://www.jill2016.com/transcript_jill_stein_accepts_the_green_party_nomination

More of the same failed war on terror is not the answer. It’s time to stop ISIS in its tracks and end the Wars for Oil with a new kind of offensive in the Middle East, a Peace Offensive – including a weapons embargo to the Middle East, and a freezing of the bank accounts of countries that are funding international jihadism, including the Saudi’s, who comprised 15 of 19 9/11 attackers, and who were identified as still the leading funder of Sunni extremist terrorism worldwide in State Department cables signed by Hillary Clinton in 2009, released by Wikileaks.

It’s important to recognize where this violent extremist threat came from in the first place. A global terrorist movement linked to Saudi wahhabism was an idea cooked up CIA and Saudi Arabia in Afghanistan to grow the Mujaheddin to stop the Soviet Union. And it has continued with Saudi schools – madrassas – that continue to be a recruiting and training ground for tomorrow’s terrorists.”

We can’t simultaneously fight terrorism with one hand, while we and our allies fund terrorism, train terrorists and arm terrorists with the other. The only ones benefitting from this catastrophic policy are the war profiteers themselves, who are calling the shots in foreign policy by funding the establishment parties and their politicians. In fact, US foreign policy has become fundamentally a marketing strategy for the weapons industry. We started the terrorist threat. Now it’s time to shut it down. That is what our campaign alone will do.

http://therealnews.com/t2/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=31&Itemid=74&jumival=15711

We are on a lethal trajectory. We should not keep doing what has brought us here. You know, like ISIS. We should not try to fix ISIS with more of what created ISIS. We’re advocating a peace offensive. Not a passive, not hands-off, not look the other way, but actually let’s withdraw the funding and the arms that we are providing, either, you know, directly as it gets captured from our, you know, the forces we’ve trained, or indirectly through the Saudis. We are funneling, you know, we have an open spigot of weapons to the Saudis who are then distributing them to the good terrorists. You know, the good terrorists, today.

We can create a weapons embargo to the Middle East and just, you know, stop all the fires from further exploding. We can stop funding them, and we have been funding terrorism going back at least to the Mujaheddin together with the Saudis. This is the problem.

Marijuana: Do you support efforts to legalize marijuana?

JOHNSON

Yes.

<http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2016/aug/17/gary-johnson/gary-johnson-correct-most-americans-support-legal/> Aug 17 2016

In 1999, I became the only sitting governor to publicly advocate the legalization of marijuana,"

https://www.johnsonweld.com/war_on_drugs

Legalizing and regulating marijuana will save lives and make our communities safer by eliminating crime and creating an industry that can legitimately participate in America's economy.

The Federal government should not stand in the way of states that choose to legalize marijuana.

Governors Johnson and Weld would remove cannabis from Schedule I of the federal Controlled Substances Act, which will allow individual states to make their own decisions about both recreational and medical marijuana -- just as they have done for decades with alcohol. Eliminating the Federal government as an obstacle to state legalization decisions is not only constitutionally sound, but would allow much-needed testing of marijuana for medical purposes, as well as regulation that reflects individual states' values and needs. We need to treat drug abuse as a health issue, not a crime.

https://www.johnsonweld.com/criminal_justice_reform

The failed War on Drugs is, of course, the greatest example. Well over 100 million Americans have, at one time or another, used marijuana. Yet, today, simple possession and use of marijuana remains a crime — despite the fact that a majority of Americans now favor its legalization.

End the War on Drugs. Reduce Recidivism. Support Law Enforcement.

STEIN

Yes

<http://www.jill2016.com/plan>

Freedom and Equality:

Expand women's rights, protect LGBTQIA+ people from discrimination, defend indigenous rights and lands, and create a welcoming path to citizenship for immigrants. Protect the free Internet, legalize marijuana/hemp, and treat substance abuse as a public health problem, not a criminal problem.

Minimum Wage: Do you support raising the \$7.25 an hour federal minimum wage?

JOHNSON

No. "Eliminate all federal wage standards."

<http://dc.medill.northwestern.edu/blog/2016/08/16/eliminating-the-minimum-wage-inside-gary-johnsons-plan/#sthash.baLRhIDk.dpbs>

"Libertarians are fiscally conservative, and socially they really don't give a damn as long as you don't force your social whatever-it-is on anybody else," he said in a June interview with CNN. "I do not support a federal minimum wage." -

https://ballotpedia.org/Gary_Johnson_presidential_campaign,_2016

In an interview with *The Daily Caller* in February 2015, [Johnson](#) expressed support for right-to-work laws

<https://www.isidewith.com/candidate-guide/gary-johnson/economic>

Should the government raise the federal minimum wage?

Gary Johnson's answer: No, and eliminate all federal wage standards

Source: submitted by candidate on March 10 2016

STEIN

Yes. Supports \$15-per-hour.

<http://www.jill2016.com/plan>

A Just Economy:

Set a \$15/hour federal minimum wage. Break up "too-big-to-fail" banks and democratize the Federal Reserve. Reject gentrification as a model of economic development. Support development of worker and community cooperatives and small businesses. Make Wall Street, big corporations, and the rich pay their fair share of taxes. Create democratically run public banks and utilities. Replace corporate trade agreements with fair trade agreements.

<http://www.jill2016.com/platform>

Establish the right to a living wage job.

Guarantee a living wage job for all.

Set a \$15/hour federal minimum wage, with indexing.

Nuclear Weapons: Would you consider using nuclear weapons against ISIS?

JOHNSON

No position found.

STEIN

No

We are challenging the establishment parties' silence on crucial life-or-death issues. In foreign policy, only our campaign is calling for an immediate weapons embargo to the Middle East and an end to drone warfare. Only our campaign calls for ending financial support for governments violating human rights and committing war crimes, including Israel and Saudi Arabia. We are the only campaign to call for cutting U.S. military spending at least 50%. And leading on global nuclear disarmament.

Source: Green Party response to 2015 CNN Democratic primary debate , Oct 14, 2015

http://www.ontheissues.org/2016/Jill_Stein_Homeland_Security.htm

STEIN: They're both saber-rattling about Iran. We're not seeing what the American people really need and what international security really needs. In fact, Iran recently hosted the non-aligned nations. It's not just Iran. It was all the non-aligned nations with them--Brazil and Argentina and many others--that together put forward a proposal for eliminating nuclear weapons throughout the Middle East and, in fact, eliminating nuclear weapons throughout the world. That is the true solution that we should be getting behind.

Source: [Democracy Now! Expanded Third Obama-Romney 2012 debate](#) , Oct 22, 2012

http://www.gp.org/democracy_2016#demForeignPolicy

Our government should establish a policy to abolish nuclear weapons. It should set the conditions and schedule for fulfilling that goal by taking the following steps:

- Declare a no-first-strike policy.
- Declare a no-pre-emptive strike policy.
- Declare that the U.S. will never threaten or use a nuclear weapon, regardless of size, on a non-nuclear nation.
- Sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). Our pledge to end testing will open the way for non-nuclear states to sign the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), which has been held up by our refusal to sign the CTBT. Honor the conditions set in the NPT for nuclear nations.
- Reverse our withdrawal from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty and honor its stipulations.
- End the research, testing and stockpiling of all nuclear weapons of any size.
- Dismantle all nuclear warheads from their missiles.

Obama: Do you believe Barack Obama is a legal U.S. Citizen?

JOHNSON

No position found.

STEIN

No position found.

Police: How should we deal with police violence and deliberate violence against police?

JOHNSON

“Root” of violence is “war on drugs.” Police model cities with fewest number of shootings.

https://ballotpedia.org/Gary_Johnson_presidential_campaign_2016

In an interview with *Politico* on July 8, 2016, [Gary Johnson](#) said “the root” the violence in Dallas was “the war on drugs.” He continued, “If you are [black and] arrested in a drug-related crime, there is four times more likelihood of going to prison than if you are white. And shooting is part of the same phenomenon That’s the common thread. Shootings are occurring with black people, black people are dying. This is an escalation.”

In an interview with *BuzzFeed* on July 6, 2016, [Johnson](#) called the footage of the police shooting death of Alton Sterling “very disturbing.” He continued, “If there was no display of a gun, if he didn’t have it in his hand...if his hand wasn’t being suppressed, I don’t get it. I mean, that’s murder.” Johnson said police departments should model themselves after those in cities with the fewest number of shootings.

STEIN

End police brutality & demilitarize police. Independent investigation of every death/injury. Repair communities.

<http://www.jill2016.com/plan>

Racial Justice Now:

End police brutality and mass incarceration. Create a Truth and Reconciliation Commission to understand and eliminate the legacy of slavery that lives on as pervasive racism in the economy, education, housing and health. Ensure that communities control their police rather than police controlling our communities, by establishing police review boards and full time investigators to look in to all cases of death in police custody. Demilitarize the police.

<http://www.jill2016.com/platform>

- End the failed war on drugs. Replace drug prohibition with harm reduction. Legalize marijuana/hemp. Treat substance abuse as a health problem, not a criminal offense.
- Release nonviolent drug offenders from prison, removing such offenses from their records, and provide them with both pre- and post-release support.
- End police brutality, mass incarceration and institutional racism within our justice system. Support the Black Lives Matter Movement.
- Demilitarize police. End use of SWAT teams and no-knock raids for drugs and serving papers.
- Repair our communities rather than dump resources into the prison-industrial complex.
- Establish police review boards so that communities control their police, and not the other way around. Appoint dedicated investigators to investigate every death or serious injury at the hands of police.
- Enact laws to require independent outside legal representatives to investigate and prosecute any killing or brutality by the police rather than prosecutors involved in the local criminal justice system.
- Eliminate harsh mandatory sentencing requirements which often result in unjustified sentences.

Prisons: How to address the record U.S. prison population?

(Both DP & RP party platforms include diversion for nonviolent offenders)

JOHNSON

End unnecessary laws including ‘three strikes’. Follow state & local criminal justice reforms. Privatize prisons.

https://www.johnsonweld.com/criminal_justice_reform

More generally, mandatory minimum sentences for a wide range of offenses and other efforts by politicians to be “tough” have removed far too much common-sense discretion from judges and prosecutors.

These factors, combined with the simple fact that we have too many unnecessary laws, have produced a society with too many people in our prisons and jails, too many undeserving individuals saddled with criminal records, and a seriously frayed relationship between law enforcement and those they serve.

Fortunately, a growing number of state and local governments are taking steps toward meaningful criminal justice reform. The federal government must do the same, and Gary Johnson is committed to bringing real leadership to this long-overdue effort.

Gary Johnson and Bill Weld are committed to meaningful criminal justice reform.

https://ballotpedia.org/Gary_Johnson_presidential_campaign_2016

In September 1999, Johnson, an advocate of private prisons, opposed an independent review of private prison operations in New Mexico following several riots and fatalities at private facilities in the state. A spokeswoman from his office said he was "confident and satisfied" with an inquiry conducted by the Public Safety and Corrections Department.

<https://www.countable.us/garyjohnson>

Contrary to their intent, mandatory minimum laws like 'three strikes' do little to reduce crime... They do, however, help drive prison overcrowding and demand substantial increases in corrections spending." [abqjournal.com]

<http://votesmart.org/public-statement/1040509/private-prisons#.V7etA4-cGM8>
private prisons statement – Feb 10 2016

http://www.ontheissues.org/Gary_Johnson.htm

Too many unnecessary laws leads to too many in prison
Vetoed early release of prisoners due to overcrowding

STEIN

End mass incarceration. Eliminate harsh mandatory sentencing requirements.

<http://www.jill2016.com/plan>

Racial Justice Now:

End police brutality and mass incarceration. Create a Truth and Reconciliation Commission to understand and eliminate the legacy of slavery that lives on as pervasive racism in the economy, education, housing and health. Ensure that communities control their police rather than police controlling our communities, by establishing police review boards and full time investigators to look in to all cases of death in police custody. Demilitarize the police.

<http://www.jill2016.com/platform>

- End the failed war on drugs. Replace drug prohibition with harm reduction. Legalize marijuana/hemp. Treat substance abuse as a health problem, not a criminal offense.
- Release nonviolent drug offenders from prison, removing such offenses from their records, and provide them with both pre- and post-release support.
- End police brutality, mass incarceration and institutional racism within our justice system. Support the Black Lives Matter Movement.
- Demilitarize police. End use of SWAT teams and no-knock raids for drugs and serving papers.
- Repair our communities rather than dump resources into the prison-industrial complex.
- Establish police review boards so that communities control their police, and not the other way around. Appoint dedicated investigators to investigate every death or serious injury at the hands of police.
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<https://www.countable.us/jillstein>

Harsh mandatory sentencing requirements often result in unjustified sentences and fuel soaring incarceration rates. Let's eliminate them." [twitter.com/DrJillStein]

Social Security: Do you support partial Social Security privatization?

JOHNSON

Yes

http://www.ontheissues.org/Gary_Johnson.htm

A portion of Social Security ought to be privatized

<http://politic365.com/2012/10/17/libertarian-nominee-gary-johnson-on-obamacare-a-torpedo-in-a-sinking-ship/>

You got to raise the retirement age, you have to change the escalator built into social security from the wage index to the inflation rate. There could be a very fair means-testing of social security. And it could be opt-in, opt-out, being able to self-direct social security.”

STEIN

No

http://ontheissues.org/2016/Jill_Stein_Corporations.htm

OnTheIssues: I know that you oppose privatization generally, but are there any federal functions that are better done by privately?

Stein: I'm not aware of any--and I am aware of lots of miserable examples of privatization--everything from prisons to the military, public transportation, judicial services, social services--privatization is an enormous step backwards. On healthcare we would save \$400 billion a year if we switched to single payer--to a fully non-privatized health insurance system--with health delivery the same, but payment via public insurance. Another great example is municipal energy systems--public systems costs less, are more responsive, do faster work, and consumers can direct their energy choices. We could then make good choices for consumers and for the planet. On every front public systems are outdoing private companies.

Source: [Phone interview on 2016 presidential race by OnTheIssues.org](#) , Jul 6, 2015

http://ontheissues.org/2016/Jill_Stein_Social_Security.htm

Do you support allowing individuals to divert a portion of their Social Security taxes into personal retirement accounts?

A: This proposal to turn our Social Security system over to private corporations would lead to huge losses for retirees who depend on Social Security. And it would create investment risks that cannot be tolerated in our Social Security program.

Source: Presidential Election 2012 PVS Political Courage Test , Nov 1, 2012

http://ontheissues.org/Jill_Stein.htm Strongly opposes Privatize Social Security

Taxes: Increase or decrease taxes on the wealthy and corporations?

JOHNSON

Decrease taxes on both.

“I'd like to eliminate income tax, corporate tax .. abolish IRS” –

<http://www.politico.com/story/2016/06/off-message-transcript-gary-johnson-223918>

Well, I'd like to scrap the entire tax code. I'd like to eliminate income tax. I would like to eliminate corporate tax. If we do that we can also abolish the IRS.

<https://www.johnsonweld.com/taxes>

Today's federal tax code does all the wrong things. It penalizes productivity, savings and investment, while rewarding inefficiency and designating winners and losers according to political whim.

For far too long, tax laws have been used not just as a means to collect needed revenues, but as a way for special interests to penalize their competitors while subsidizing themselves. The result is a tax code that is more than 70,000 pages long, enforced by a government agency with almost 100,000 employees. As a result, our tax code has created a nightmare for the average American, while providing shelter for those with the means to manipulate it.

Governor Johnson advocates for the elimination of special interest tax loopholes, to get rid of the double-taxation on small businesses, and ultimately, the replacement of all income and payroll taxes with a single consumption tax that determines your tax burden by how much you spend, not how much you earn. Such a tax would be structured to insure that no one's tax burden for the purchase of basic family necessities would be increased. To the contrary, costs of necessities would likely decrease with the elimination of taxes already included in the price of virtually everything we buy.

Many leading economists have long advocated such a shift in the way we are taxed, and Gary Johnson believes the time has come to replace our current tax code, which penalizes the savings, productivity and investment we so desperately need.

<http://www.latimes.com/politics/la-na-pol-gary-johnson-fundraiser-20160724-snap-story.html>

He vowed to slash taxes and pined for abolishing the IRS “if he could wave a magic wand.”

https://ballotpedia.org/Gary_Johnson_presidential_campaign_2016

Supports eliminating the income and corporate taxes, abolishing the IRS, and replacing them with a federal consumption tax

Advocated for replacing income, capital gains, and payroll taxes with a “Fair-tax”

<http://politic365.com/2012/10/17/libertarian-nominee-gary-johnson-on-obamacare-a-torpedo-in-a-sinking-ship/>

Johnson explained that he is advocating the FairTax, a national sales tax that eliminates the federal income tax and payroll tax

http://www.syracuse.com/politics/index.ssf/2016/08/gary_johnson_on_11_key_issues_where_does_libertarian_presidential_candidate_stan.html

Johnson would eliminate loopholes and deductions for special interests; get rid of “double taxation” on small businesses; and, eventually replace taxes on income with taxes on consumption. The Libertarian Party platform calls for the abolition of the Internal Revenue Service.

STEIN

Increase taxes on both.

<http://www.jill2016.com/plan>

A Just Economy:

Set a \$15/hour federal minimum wage. Break up “too-big-to-fail” banks and democratize the Federal Reserve. Reject gentrification as a model of economic development. Support development of worker and community cooperatives and small businesses. Make Wall Street, big corporations, and the rich pay their fair share of taxes. Create democratically run public banks and utilities. Replace corporate trade agreements with fair trade agreements.

<http://www.jill2016.com/platform>

- Increase government revenues for social needs by restoring full employment, cutting the bloated, dangerous military budget, and cutting private health insurance waste.
- Require full disclosure of corporate subsidies in the budget and stop hiding subsidies in complicated tax code.
- Rewrite the entire tax code to be truly progressive with tax cuts for working families, the poor and middle class, and higher taxes for the richest Americans.
- Strengthen rather than cut Medicare and Social Security. Remove the cap on social security taxes above a certain level of income.

Torture: Are approaches like waterboarding that some consider torture acceptable in the fight against terror?

JOHNSON

No

http://www.ontheissues.org/2016/Gary_Johnson_Homeland_Security.htm

Q: Would you support a resumption of waterboarding under any circumstances?

SANTORUM: Under certain circumstances or any circumstances?

Q: Under any circumstances that you could imagine.

SANTORUM: Sure.

JOHNSON: I would not.

Source: [2011 GOP primary debate in South Carolina](#) , May 5, 2011

Q: You state that "no criminal or terrorist suspect captured by the US should be subject to physical or psychological torture." On what moral grounds should our government be precluded from using torture to protect our nation?

A: I just think that there's no end to that. Let's say we know there's a bomb ticking, so we have to torture this guy--that's the argument for the death penalty--but the law that gets written also is public policy which allows us to put someone who's innocent to death. The basis of our country is that we protect the innocent. Are we going to torture people to prevent nuclear briefcase bombs? It amounts to the ends justify the means.

Source: [Interview by Scott Holleran on scottholleran.com blog](#) , Aug 21, 2011

STEIN

No

<http://theantimedia.org/jill-stein-pardon-snowden-cabinet/> July 14 2016

Stein said her pardons wouldn't stop with Snowden, but would extend to others, including CIA whistleblower John Kiriakou, who first [revealed](#) proof of U.S. government employment of waterboarding and other torture tactics, as well as Chelsea Manning.

<http://2016election.procon.org/view.answers.election.php?questionID=002065>

We need a foreign policy based on international law, human rights, and diplomacy, instead of militarism. Our current foreign policy has been an outright incredible disaster. Drones and torture have especially been damaging."

Source: Green Party Videos, "Jill Stein Green Party State of the Union Response 2015," youtube.com, Jan. 21, 2015

<https://www.isidewith.com/candidate-guide/jill-stein/foreign-policy/torture>

Should the military be allowed to use enhanced interrogation techniques, such as waterboarding, to gain information from suspected terrorists? *stats discuss*

Jill Stein's answer: No, torture is inhumane, unethical, and violates the 8th amendment

http://www.gp.org/democracy_2016#demForeignPolicy

End torture, such as in prisons like Abu Ghraib, Guantanamo Bay and other U.S.-controlled facilities. Ensure those guilty of ordering or executing torture are held accountable for violations U.S. and international law.

Trade: Do you support or oppose the Trans Pacific Partnership trade deal?

JOHNSON

Support

https://ballotpedia.org/Gary_Johnson_presidential_campaign,_2016

Supports free trade, but not trade agreements that only aim to support big business

On July 27, 2016, [Bill Weld](#), Gary Johnson's running mate, said that he and Johnson support the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade deal and free trade in general. Weld said, "We're the only free trade ticket in the race." He added, "I'm convinced TPP is good policy. I'm not sure that the rank-and-file members in Congress agree with Mr. Trump on that. Until quite recently, you thought of the Republican party as the free trade party. It's just Mr. Trump that's gone off the reservation. ... [The TPP] brings us in under the rubric, under the tent of a free trade area with 11 nations...in Asia that does not include China. So it's almost like an informal economic alliance with those 11 countries. So it's more than a beachhead - it's planting the flag, economic flag big-time in Asia, and that's worth a lot to us."

During an interview on July 3, 2016, Johnson told CNN that he would sign the [Trans-Pacific Partnership](#) if elected. Johnson said, "I'm being told [by advisors] that the Trans-Pacific Partnership would, in fact, advance free trade, and so I would support that document."

During an interview on June 6, 2016, with *Politico's* Glenn Thrush, Johnson said, "Would I have signed or implemented the Trans-Pacific Partnership? I've got to tell you, I think it's laden with crony capitalism. Free

market really is the answer. It's the answer to unifying the whole planet, in my opinion, and if China wants to subsidize the goods that it sells to the United States, who benefits from that? Well, we do.

STEIN
Oppose

<http://www.jill2016.com/plan>

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<http://www.jill2016.com/platform>

Replace NAFTA and other corporate free trade agreements that export American jobs, depress wages, and undermine the sovereign right of Americans and citizens of other countries to control their own economy and political choices. Enact fair trade laws that benefits local workers and communities.

http://ontheissues.org/2016/Jill_Stein_Free_Trade.htm

OnTheIssues: What's your opinion on TPP, the Trans-Pacific Partnership? Is it the same as your negative opinion of NAFTA and CAFTA?

Stein: Well, TPP is worse; it's like NAFTA on steroids--very little about trade and more about putting corporate profits first and creating a corporate state.

Source: Phone interview on 2016 presidential race by OnTheIssues.org , Jul 6, 2015

**Voting Rights: Do you support strict voter ID rules even if this makes it harder for some people to vote?
Would you restore Voting Rights Act?**

JOHNSON

No on voter ID. No position found on Voting Rights Act.

<https://www.texastribune.org/2016/04/12/white-house-race-unfolds-gary-johnson-sees-third-p/>

TT: Texas is perennially [near the bottom nationally in voter turnout](#). We have what some consider the nation's strictest voter ID law, and we don't allow people to register to vote online. How do you feel about those policies?

Johnson: I'm in the camp that believes we should make it as easy as possible to vote. When you start talking about restricting the right to vote or voter ID, ultimately that's about less people voting.

TT: How would you respond to those who say out current policies are about protecting the integrity of elections?

Johnson: No, I think it's about restricting Hispanic voters for the most part.

STEIN

No. Restore Voting Rights Act.

<http://www.jill2016.com/platform>

- Protect voters' rights by enforcing and expanding the constitutional right to vote (including a new amendment if necessary). Enact the full Voter's Bill of Rights guaranteeing each person's right to vote, the right to have our votes counted on hand-marked paper ballots, and the right to vote within systems that give each vote meaning. Make voter registration the responsibility of government, not a voluntary opt-in for citizens.
- Restore Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act, requiring preclearance by the Attorney General or federal district court of DC to election law changes in areas previously found to limit voting rights.
- Enact simplified, safe same-day voter registration to the nation so that no qualified voter is barred from the polls.
- Restore voting rights to offenders, including while in prison.