

**POLITICIANS' PROFILE**  
**(Non-Binding Positions Disclosures)**

**Politicians:** Voters deserve to know your positions on the issues, especially if your views vary from traditional party positions. ♦ If you have the courage to be *honest*, no matter your party label, please fill out this profile and post your responses on your web site.

**(Answer Yes, No, Maybe, or No Response. Multiple answers are possible.  
Explain answers at 'Other.')**

**1. Abortion**

- Make all abortions illegal
- We need the same amount of abortions as today
- We need less abortions than today
- We need a lot less abortions than today
- Government should never pay for abortions
- Government should always pay for abortions
- Government should sometimes pay for abortions (specify when)
- Abortion is a state's right issue only (address inconsistencies inter-state)
- Abortions should be legal in the life of the mother cases
- Abortions should be legal in the case of rape
- Abortions should be legal in the life of incest
- Abortions should be legal in any and all cases (i.e., used as a birth control method)
- Government should outlaw RU284/Plan B pills
- Government should allow discarded embryo's to be used for medical research (vs. wasted)
- Let the woman decide whether to abort—not the state
- Require parental consent for teens under age 18
- Husbands and significant other males should be allowed a say in the abortion decision
- Government should require all women to adopt out and take their births full-term
- Partial-birth abortions should be legal
- Penalties for rape and incest should be increased
- Penalties for spousal rape and date rape should be increased
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Arab-Israeli Conflict**

- Ignore the conflict
- Favor the Arabs
- Favor the Jews
- Try to settle the issue as brokers
- Split the land
- Share the same space
- Alternate daily access to landmarks
- U.N. peace keepers maintain the peace
- Fund and build a new outlying Jerusalem suburb for the displaced Palestinians
- Build taller structures in Jerusalem to house displaced Palestinians
- Revitalize an old Israeli city for displaced Palestinians
- Have all-out war between the two factions to settle the issue once and for all
- Require all the Jews to leave the country
- Require all the Arabs to leave the country
- Require the displaced Palestinians to leave the country
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Bailouts (Ex.: Wall Street, Detroit, Banks, etc.)**

- For them when doing nothing could provably harm the economy
- For them whenever
- Against them in every case
- For bankruptcy court to settle all ailing business' problems
- For government loans with interest for failing companies
- For government taking over certain industries permanently
- For government taking over all industry permanently (i.e., Communism)
- For zero government intervention or regulation of any business activity (Laissez Faire)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Campaign Finance Reform**

- There is too much money spent on political campaigns
- There is not enough money spent on political campaigns
- There is just about the right amount of money spent on political campaigns
- Laws should limit private contribution amounts of individuals
- Laws should limit corporate contribution amounts of individuals
- Laws should limit interest group contribution amounts of individuals
- Laws should limit campaigns to a set maximum budget
- Politicians should experiment with and voters should reward their use of cheaper and free media
- Require politicians to use Facebook, YouTube and other free media as a set percentage of their budget
- Tax payers should fund all political campaigns
- Tax payers should fund Congressional and Presidential campaigns
- Free speech is not the same as buying elections, and legislation should refine the Supreme Court's decision nearly equating the two
- Politicians must submit to a non-binding Politicians' Profile
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. College**

- Make all colleges free (i.e., tax-payer funded)
- Maintain status quo—government has no business seeking to reduce costs
- Government should do all it can to reduce costs (cite suggested solutions for it)
- Develop a free, on-line syllabus of textbooks and tests to be taken then independently graded by certified government personnel (for a very inexpensive college curricula)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Death Penalty**

- For it
- Against it—only life imprisonment
- For it, but want better technology to prevent killing any innocents
- Leave the issue to the states alone to decide
- Hangings and firing squads should be prohibited as cruel and/or unusual punishment
- Governors should be prohibited from pardoning anyone on death row
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Drugs (Illegal types)**

- Increase our war against them
- Increase treatment programs to eliminate demand
- Allow the military to fight drug lords
- Legalize, tax and regulate drugs (with a mandate that tax payers will fund no related healthcare costs)
- Incentivize drug lords and drug dealers for reducing the violence and crime
- Create technology that safely produces artificial or virtual highs to reduce dependence
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**8. Economy & Jobs**

- Use stimulus spending to grow the economy
- Reduce taxes on small business (the largest job-creating sector)
- Reduce regulation on small business
- Reduce taxes on medium-sized business

- Reduce regulation on medium-sized business
- Reduce taxes on big business
- Reduce regulation on big business
- Government should invest in R & D in developing industries
- Give businesses tax incentives for hiring personnel
- You cannot improve the economy long-term by increasing debt
- Government should be allowed to print money without publicly disclosing it
- The national budget should be cut by 30%
- The national budget should be cut by 20%
- The national budget should be cut by 10%
- The national budget should be cut by between 10 and 30% (cross-training and re-training effective workers for better uses)
- Government should support companies being more globally competitive
- Government can do nothing to improve the economy
- Let business do whatever it wants
- I don't know how to improve the economy, but I know it's bad
- Unemployment benefits should be extended indefinitely
- Unemployment benefits should be cut off after 2 years
- Unemployment benefits should be at levels requiring employment after 2 years (i.e., time enough to re-train or open a business)
- Unemployment insurance recipients should do 1 to 3 hours a week compulsory civic service
- Unemployment benefits should be eliminated, or severely reduced (explain)
- Accountability for earnest, effective job search with unemployment insurance must exceed current fraud-inducing measures
- Let states continue to decide what measures are needed to verify unemployment job search activity
- Status quo for proving job search efforts with unemployment insurance is sufficient
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 9. Education

- Pay all teachers the same
- Pay all teachers more
- Pay all teachers less
- Pay for teacher performance
- An anonymous incentive program should be established for reporting bad teachers and administrators (without fear of job loss or union or NEA retaliation)
- Expand charter schools
- Eliminate all tenure
- Eliminate tenure for teachers with a continual bad track record
- Privatize all education
- Allow tax-payer funded school vouchers so parents have the choice of public or private schools
- A Blue Ribbon panel is needed to determine ways the U.S. can better compete without assuming more money is always the answer
- Parents should be fined for truant or low-achieving children (if the kids are capable but under-achieving)
- There should not be teaching only to the test
- Social promotion should be outlawed
- College should be allowed to be certified for government-standard home schooling
- Home schooling should be monitored by the state to ensure quality education is occurring
- The rich should receive better education, teachers and facilities, as they pay more taxes than the poor
- The rich should be allowed to buy a better education for their children through private schools
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 10. Equal Pay (for Women)

- For it
- Against it
- For it if a woman chooses to remain childless
- For it even if a woman is less qualified than a man
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Estate Tax**

- Eliminate the 'death tax'
  - Reduce the estate tax
  - Increase the estate tax for estates over \$5 M
  - Increase the estate tax for estates over \$10 M
  - Increase the estate tax for estates over \$15 M
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
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**12. Ethics & Legislative Reform**

- Outlaw all "tricks" identified as immoral on AmericanAnswers.org or PoliticalAnswers.com
  - Make use of specified tricks subject to stiff fines
  - Make use of specified tricks subject to stripping of perks and committee roles
  - Have an independent body monitor politicians for ethics violations
  - Vote in only those candidates pledged to ethical behavior
  - Make all laws publicly accessible at least 1 week before being voted on
  - Make all laws single issue (so they can't be stuffed with unrelated matters to benefit opponents)
  - Make all laws be read by politicians before voted on (at least in executive summary bulleted form)
  - Congress shall pass no laws exempting themselves or making their lives better than others as a result.
  - Require politicians to explain to their constituency when they change their vote(s) on principles pledged to
  - Use lie detectors to ensure political parties don't punish independence for party loyalty
  - Establish an anonymous whistle blower hotline to ensure political parties don't punish independence for party loyalty
  - Create an independent investigatory body to regulate and punish political parties punishing independence for party loyalty
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
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**13. Executive Pay**

- None of government's business
  - All of government's business
  - Some government interest
  - Cap their salaries by law
  - Tax them higher
  - Require laymen on Board of Directors
  - Organize consumers to boycott businesses whose executives are over-paid
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
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**14. Foreign Aid**

- Cut it off completely
  - Cut it back and require strict accountability
  - Expand it
  - Get more bang for our bucks when dolling out tax payer funds
  - Cut and expand, depending on which country (and require more accountability)
  - Maintain status quo
  - Other G-20 nations should step up their percentage of global giving
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
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**15. Gay Marriage**

- For it
  - Against it
  - For civil unions
  - Keep your private sex life in the closet
  - Fine public displays of affection between same sex persons
  - Prohibit gay couples from adopting children
  - One state can legally not recognize another's marriage certificate between same-sex couples
  - Prohibitions against sodomy should be re-instated
  - Homosexuality should be taught as an alternative lifestyle in public school sex education classes
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
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## 16. Global Warming

- Pollute more
  - Maintain status quo (with voluntary green measures)
  - Require higher standards for businesses
  - Implement cap-and-trade
  - Move more to renewable energy sources
  - Require patent relinquishment for high mpg automobile engines
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
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## 17. Gun Control

- Outlaw all guns and weapons in citizens' hands
  - Let anyone have any machinery for any reason in any number
  - Regulate, register, require training course and license to carry
  - Prohibit all hunting
  - Outlaw closed hunts (where animals are in restricted areas and the fight unfair)
  - Restrict technology that makes hunting a one-sided guaranteed result for the hunter
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
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## 18. Healthcare Reform (including Medicare and Medicaid)

- There was little (but fraud) wrong with Medicaid and ER indigent care paid by county taxes
  - Government should pay for everyone's healthcare
  - Americans over-use healthcare, due to lack of tort reform (fear of medical malpractice suits)
  - Give all American's catastrophic health care, and the rest is up to them
  - Have a two or three tiered system of healthcare
  - Portability in coverage is needed
  - Insurance purchased from any state should be allowed
  - Only use health savings accounts
  - Pre-existing conditions should always be covered
  - Any new system should ensure reasonable (not excessive) profits for insurance companies
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
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## 19. Immigration Reform

- Completely close the U.S. southern border
- Completely close all U.S. borders
- Keep our borders open and porous
- Deport all 12 million illegal aliens immediately
- Deport only criminals (i.e., felons) and terrorist illegal aliens
- Grant temporary worker status to the 12 million illegal aliens
- Grant permanent temporary worker status to the 12 million 'undocumented workers'
- Grant amnesty and U.S. citizenship to all 12 million 'undocumented workers'
- Grant U.S. citizenship to all U.S.-born children of 'undocumented workers'
- Grant all U.S.-born children of illegal aliens front of line consideration for U.S. citizenship
- Treat all U.S.-born children of illegal aliens as illegal aliens
- Non-U.S.-born Children of illegal aliens should receive in-state college tuition rates
- Allow illegal aliens access to our social services
- Prohibit undocumented workers from accessing our social services
- Require all undocumented workers to pay fines and/or back taxes, and be identified
- Make illegal aliens who stay in the country go to the back of the line in our citizenship application process
- Grant U.S. driver's licenses and/or Social Security cards to illegal aliens
- Require an approximately equal number of educated and poor but skilled immigrants
- Require every person immigrating to have an employer sponsor and only for jobs no Americans want or can fill
- Ignore this problem, as it benefits Republican business and the Democratic voting bloc (though *not* the American people)
- Police should be empowered to investigate citizenship status of suspected illegal aliens without racial profiling

\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**20. Judicial Activism**

- \_\_\_ Judges have to make up for slow or bad law changes
- \_\_\_ Judges should never reinterpret the law
- \_\_\_ Status quo is acceptable (i.e., some judicial activism)
- \_\_\_ Fire all judges who re-write the law to follow their personal agendas
- \_\_\_ Fine or demote judges who re-write the law to follow their personal agendas
- \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**21. Line Item Veto**

- \_\_\_ For it
- \_\_\_ Against it
- \_\_\_ For it with a 2/3 majority override/
- \_\_\_ For it with a majority rule (> 50%) override
- \_\_\_ For is in select cases/for certain issues (name them)
- \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**22. Lobbyists (& Political Action Committees)**

- \_\_\_ Eliminate them all
- \_\_\_ Maintain status quo
- \_\_\_ Regulate and monitor them
- \_\_\_ Require them to post agendas, meetings and contributions for public viewing (Ex.: Internet)
- \_\_\_ Restrict PAC-paid politician perks, including trips, golf games, etc.
- \_\_\_ Eliminate all PAC-paid politician perks, including trips, golf games, etc.
- \_\_\_ Require non-binding, publicly exposed lie detector results for politicians claiming lobbyist efforts didn't influence their votes
- \_\_\_ Limit them (money and access)
- \_\_\_ Government should establish lobbyists in the public interest
- \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**23. Minimum Wage**

- \_\_\_ For it
- \_\_\_ For it being raised
- \_\_\_ For it being tied to cost-of-living
- \_\_\_ Make it a 'living wage' a head of household's family could live off of (i.e., no longer "minimum")
- \_\_\_ Against it
- \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**24. NASA (National Aeronautical Space Administration)**

- \_\_\_ Shut it down
- \_\_\_ Cut it back, but cost-effectively seek similar results with less
- \_\_\_ Expand it
- \_\_\_ Make NASA science- and cost-justify every mission for the least cost for the benefits derived
- \_\_\_ The international space station should be managed by other nations
- \_\_\_ The U.S. should be dependent on other nations to get our astronauts to the international space station
- \_\_\_ The U.S. should explore Mars and beyond
- \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**25. National Debt**

- \_\_\_ Reduce it to 15% over budget (then balance all budgets thereafter) within 15 years or sooner
- \_\_\_ Reduce it completely and never again use credit
- \_\_\_ Maintain status quo
- \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**26. National Defense**

- \_\_\_ U.S. should hawk-ishly exert her will globally
- \_\_\_ U.S. should go to war only as a last resort
- \_\_\_ U.S. should dove-ishly appease enemies only with diplomacy

- Bomb rogue nation nuclear facilities as soon as detected
- Bomb rogue nation nuclear facilities when imminent danger is proven
- Just use diplomacy (i.e., dialogue) against rogue nations
- Use increasing economic sanctions against rogue nations
- When committed to war, America should always win—no defeat or retreat
- War should always be a last resort
- NATO should be expanded, and define its objectives more clearly for a modern world.
- The U.S. should seek full consensus and U.N. support before acting militarily
- The U.S. should not act until general consensus and U.N. backing is secured
- The U.N. should be revamped to end all corruption, or the U.S. should fund it less if not completely defund it.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**27. Nuclear Weapons (& Other Weapons of Mass Destruction)**

- The U.S. needs More of them
- The U.S. needs the same amount
- The U.S. needs less of them
- The U.S. needs a lot less of them
- The world needs more of them
- The world needs less of them
- WMD's should continue to be prohibited by international law
- Should be permitted by international law
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**28. Obesity**

- Require daily Physical Education in schools
- None of the government's business
- Increase taxes or fine obese people ("fat tax")
- Government should pay for poor children to have after-school athletic activities
- Charity alone should fund after-school sports activities for poor children
- Government should reward obese students who lose significant weight naturally (vs. by surgery)
- Charities and businesses should reward obese students who lose significant weight naturally
- Tax payers should be legally off the hook for all medical costs associated with obesity
- Maintain status quo
- Make all fattening foods illegal
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**29. Outsourcing**

- Make it illegal
- Maintain status quo
- Expand it
- Government should incentivize and work to re-capture America's manufacturing base from China
- Government should incentivize and work to re-capture America's tech support base from India
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**30. Pork Barrel Projects**

- Maintain status quo
- Make all 'pork' equal per state
- Eliminate all pork
- Establish priorities for pork barrel projects
- Implement more pork
- Define pork vs. valid projects and allow the latter only
- Government money should never be used for luxuries, never wasted, and never be used to favor one state more so than another (explain any nuances)
- Fine politicians who abuse pork projects
- Fine politicians who use pork to benefit their own careers
- Fine all politicians who suggest pork projects

Voters stop rewarding politicians with re-election for 'bringing home the bacon'  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**31. Reparations (to African-Americans)**

For them (identify who will should them)  
 Against them  
 For them for certain categories (explain and identify who will should them)  
 For reparations to other culture groups (explain)  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**32. Social Security Reform**

Increase the qualifying age to 70 for those reaching it in 5 or more years  
 Increase the qualifying age to 70 for all, effective immediately  
 Give people the option of accessing it later or receiving less benefits  
 Scrap the program and privatize all retirements  
 A Blue Ribbon panel needs to investigate ways to fund and long-term sustain this program  
 Citizens should have the option to privately invest their Social Security funds with the stipulation that they never receive any government aid in their retirement years if such investments fail  
 Citizens should not have the option to privately invest their Social Security funds (because their funds are used to subsidize others, who may never otherwise be able to retire)  
 Social Security funds should be untouchable (Ex.: in a "lock box")  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**33. Star Wars (& Weaponization of Space)**

Never build-out star wars  
 Use star wars to protect all countries (even enemies, so they don't fear our intentions)  
 Use star wars to protect all countries allied with America's interests  
 Pursue star wars with limited public disclosure (but admit it's existence)  
 Pursue star wars in secret  
 Space should never be used for military conquest  
 Space should be used for military conquest  
 International law needs to prohibit weaponization of space (with punishment for violators)  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**34. Stimulus Spending**

Never use government spending to stimulate the economy (all are 'make work' projects)  
 Eliminate most government spending to stimulate the economy  
 We need more government spending to stimulate the economy  
 Rewarding political constituencies and campaign contributors with such funds should be outlawed  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**35. Taxes**

Government should tax people 100%  
 Government should tax people 0%  
 Government should not tax a dime more than what is needed  
 Government should not tax a dime more than is needed and effectively used for valid, voted for causes  
 We need higher taxes on everyone  
 We need higher taxes on the "ultra-rich" (earning over \$250,000 a year)  
 We need higher taxes on the "rich" (earning over \$100,000 a year)  
 We need higher taxes on the middle class and rich (earning over \$60,000 a year)  
 We need to start taxing the poor (vs. exempting them)  
 We need less taxes on everyone  
 We need a flat tax  
 We need a consumption tax  
 Tax forms should be simplified (if possible)  
 Make citizens pay taxes without the funds being automatically deducted (so they feel the pain more)  
 For big government  
 For moderate government

- For small government
- The poor must engage in compulsory civic service as ‘sweat equity’ contribution in lieu of taxes
- It is insane to give other people’s money to the poor in the form of “earned income credit”
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**36. Term Limits**

- Limit all Congressmen to one term
- Limit all Congressmen to two terms
- Limit all Congressmen to three terms
- No limits to Congressional terms
- Establish a point system where Congressmen’s terms are ended when their grievances exceed a standard
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**37. Terrorism**

- Nuke their specific area of the world (to instill fear of resurrecting)
- War with them indefinitely–kill them all (or as many as possible)
- Try to negotiate a settlement/truce with them
- Try to help their countries to have a better life
- There is no solution (i.e., wring your hands and only complain)
- Terror cells within the U.S. should be raided and members jailed even before they take action
- Give captured terrorists (or war enemies) full U.S. civil legal rights and protections
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**38. Torture**

- Whatever gets us the information should be legal (as that’s sometimes how our people are treated)
- Abide by the Geneva Convention definitions of torture
- Water boarding is torture
- Water boarding is not torture
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**39. Welfare Reform**

- Expand benefits to the poor (Ex.: subsidize daycare, public transportation, after-school care, buy them a car and house)
- Reduce benefits to the poor (Ex.: food stamps, section 8 housing, Medicaid)
- Limit welfare’s duration per person (1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 years–explain)
- Train the poor to be capable employees, on budget and independent within 2 years
- Require the poor to conduct civic service in exchange for benefits
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**40. World’s Policeman**

- U.S. should be the world’s policeman
- U.S. has to be the world’s policeman when no one else will
- U.S. should always act in conjunction with the U.N.
- U.S. should never be the world’s policeman
- Hire an independent, quick response mercenary or global police force
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

The responses above represent my true feelings on specific issues.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Or*

I do not choose to participate in taking this Politicians’ Profile.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_