

**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: \_\_\_\_\_