

NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE FOR 2016 U.S. PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Hillary Clinton (D)



Donald Trump (R)



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Abortion: Should abortion be highly restricted?	No	Yes
Campaign Finance: Do you support the DISCLOSE Act, requiring political ads to list key funders?	Yes	Individual position unclear, party platform opposes
Campaign Finance: Support Supreme Court's Citizens United decision, allowing unlimited corporate & union campaign contributions?	No. Proposes Constitutional amendment to overturn.	Ambiguous. Condemns money in politics. Praises Justice Scalia who voted in favor of decision.
Climate Change: Is human activity causing climate change? Should government limit greenhouse gas emissions?	Yes on both: "an urgent threat and a defining challenge of our time." Supports EPA coal plant restrictions.	No on both. "Climate change is a hoax." "Cancel Paris climate agreement." Opposes EPA coal plant restrictions.
Climate Change: Support renewable energy subsidies?	Yes	No. Let market decide.
Contraception: Let employers withhold contraceptive coverage due to personal religious beliefs?	No	Yes
Courts: Should the Senate have confirmed Obama's Supreme Court nominee for Justice Scalia's seat?	Yes	No
Economy: To grow the economy, increase government infrastructure spending? Or reduce taxes?	More infrastructure investment.	Both reduced taxes and more infrastructure investment.
Economy: Prioritize deficit reduction or economic stimulus?	Prioritize economic stimulus	Prioritize economic stimulus but save \$ by cutting depts like EPA
Education: Abolish the Dept. of Education & leave school funding & regulation to the states?	No	Yes
Education: Make public college tuition free for students from families earning \$125,000 or less? Have government help refinance student loans to lower interest rates?	Yes on both, using federal subsidies to cover costs. Expand income-contingent loan repayment.	Trump position unclear. His education advisor considers tuition subsidies & loan refinancing too costly, advocates private sector handling loans.
Environment: Abolish Environmental Protection Agency?	No	Yes
Financial Regulation: Support Dodd-Frank, which established the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau & regulates banks & financial institutions?	Yes	No. Will come "close to dismantling."
Gay Rights: Support gay marriage?	Yes, since 2013. Supported civil unions since 2000.	Would appoint Supreme Court justices who'd reconsider federal mandate & let states decide.
Gay Rights: Should federal government prevent discrimination based on sexual orientation?	Yes	No. Leave decisions & legislation to states.
Guns: Stricter background checks for gun purchases & ban assault rifles?	Yes to both	No to both

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Healthcare: Repeal the Affordable Care Act, known as Obamacare?	No. Her plan also lets 50-year-olds buy into Medicare.	Yes. Let Americans deduct health insurance cost from taxes.
Immigration: How would you address America's 11 million illegal immigrants? Should undocumented young people who entered the U.S. before age 16 & meet certain conditions get protection from deportation?	Comprehensive reform with earned path to citizenship for adults. Expand DREAM Act protection for children who came to U.S. when young.	Build wall. First said deport all illegal immigrants; then said wouldn't deport everyone. Also end automatic citizenship for U.S.-born children of immigrant parents
Immigration: Ban immigration by Muslims?	No	Initial plan, ban all Muslims. Now ban immigration from any nation "compromised by terrorism."
Iran: Support treaty limiting Iran's nuclear capacity in return for lifting economic sanctions?	Yes	No
Iraq: Did you support the Iraq war? What about Obama's draw-down of troops? Should the U.S. commit significant additional ground troops to Iraq to combat ISIS?	Voted to give Bush authority for war; then said "made a mistake." Supported Obama draw-down. Opposes adding more combat troops, but wants more support for Arab & Kurdish ground forces.	Says opposed war but made no public opposition statements at the time, & some indicating support. Later supported troop withdrawal. Now supports 20,000-30,000 additional U.S. troops.
Marijuana: Support legalizing marijuana?	Let states decide.	Let states decide.
Minimum Wage: Raise the \$7.25-an-hour national minimum wage?	Yes. Supports \$12-per-hour national minimum, & encouraged individual cities & states to require \$15 per hour.	Previously opposed any national minimum wage. Then said open to \$10 national minimum.
Nuclear Weapons: Would you consider using nuclear weapons against ISIS?	No	Yes. "I'm never going to rule anything out."
Police: How would you deal with police violence against citizens & citizen violence against police?	Support police, set guidelines on use of force, & budget \$1 billion for police training to address racial tensions.	"I will restore law and order to our country." "You can't have true compassion without providing safety."
Prisons: How to address the record U.S. prison population? (Both party platforms include diversion for nonviolent offenders)	In 1994 supported higher penalties & sentences. Now says "end the era of mass incarceration."	Favors privatizing prisons & being "tough on crime."
Social Security: Support partial privatization of Social Security?	No	Has previously supported, no recent stand. Platform supports.
Taxes: Increase or decrease taxes on the wealthy & corporations?	Increase taxes on both	Decrease on both as part of tax cut plan
Torture: Are approaches like waterboarding that some consider torture acceptable in the fight against terror?	No	Yes
Trade: Support or oppose the Trans Pacific Partnership trade deal?	Oppose, although previously supported it.	Oppose
Voting Rights: Support strict voter ID rules even if this prevents some people from voting? Restore Voting Rights Act?	No, strict ID laws "disenfranchise people of color, poor people, and young people." Need to restore Voting Rights Act.	Yes on Voter ID. Otherwise people "will vote 10 times." No statement on Voting Rights Act.

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