



Positions and Policies Summary

Jobs and the Economy

We have allowed the creation of one of the most heavily-regulated, anti-business environments in the history of our country and among all nations. We must aggressively move toward a business climate in which small businesses, the job-creation engine of our economy, can once again grow and prosper. We can do this by sharply reducing the high cost of regulatory compliance, by reducing corporate taxes and, to stimulate investment in small businesses in America, by eliminating taxes on capital gains. We must stop government bailouts and takeovers. Tax cuts, with corresponding cuts in government spending, and the elimination of unnecessary regulations will help individuals, families and businesses. Small businesses will once again prosper, creating new jobs for hardworking Americans.

Debt and Deficit

We are turning our dreams into our children's nightmares. We must stop our government's unfathomable if not criminal out-of-control spending. We are facing two enormous crises:

1. Deficit spending: Deficit spending occurs when we spend more than we take in, when our outgo exceeds our income. A constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget will go a long way toward controlling deficit spending. But we must also adopt a single budget system for the federal government and eliminate "off-budget" budgeting. Further, we must practice "fixed-pie" budgeting, so that when a new expenditure is introduced to the federal budget, a corresponding amount must be eliminated from an existing expenditure.
2. Debt: The debt, the amount we already owe, is a clear and present danger and an urgent matter of national security. Including unfunded mandates such as social security and Medicare, our national debt is something in excess of \$60 trillion dollars and is forecast to grow by more than \$10 trillion in the next decade. Government costs too much because government has gotten too big. We must reduce the cost of government by reducing the size of government.

The Size and Growth of Government

The federal government has broken loose from its constitutional constraints and is gobbling up American freedoms and liberties in every direction it turns. As government increases, liberty decreases. As government expands, freedom contracts. We must make an incontrovertible multi-generational commitment to returning the federal government to its prescription in the U.S. Constitution. The reduction of the size of government can begin with the elimination of duplicative and competitive bureaucratic agencies and a drastic reduction in the authority,

reach, and scope of agencies such as the Department of Education, the EPA, and the Department of Energy.

Energy for America

To rescue the U.S. from its terminal dependency on external energy sources, we must use every American energy source to provide American consumers with American energy harvested and generated by American companies employing American workers. While America's energy policy must include the development of renewable energy resources, we must also focus on immediately available technologies to harvest and generate available and affordable energy resources. I support environmentally responsible oil and natural gas drilling off our coasts, in ANWR, and in the shale fields of the Western United States. I also support the development of nuclear power plants and coal-to-liquid fuels, the expansion of our nation's oil refining capacity, and the pursuit of alternative energy sources such as wind, solar, and ethanol produced from cellulosic sources, not food crops.

Health Care

I will work relentlessly to repeal and replace the healthcare insurance "reform" legislation that was recently passed by the U.S. Congress and signed into law by the President. The clear majority of Americans unmistakably oppose this government takeover of one-sixth of our national economy. This "reform" legislation clearly creates...

- Sharp increases in taxes and health insurance premiums.
- Unbearable new costs for small businesses, destroying thousands of jobs at a time when more Americans are out of work than in the last quarter century.
- Sharp cuts in Medicare benefits for our seniors.
- An unprecedented and unconstitutional requirement for all Americans to buy health insurance.
- An unfunded and unconstitutional mandate requiring States to dramatically increase their state tax-funded Medicaid programs.
- A monstrous addition to our national debt, further mortgaging our children's and grandchildren's futures.
- The most significant increase in federal funding of abortions since *Roe vs. Wade*.

We can make healthcare more affordable and more accessible with simple but very effective steps, including these:

- Eliminate the costs of unnecessary 'defensive' medical tests and procedures by making frivolous and unjustified lawsuits more difficult.
- Help Americans become healthcare 'value shoppers' by expanding health savings accounts.
- Lower premiums by making health insurance more competitive by allowing Americans to purchase health insurance across state lines.
- Increase benefits for home healthcare and managed care which have as their objective letting Americans avoid long and expensive stays in hospitals – ultimately dramatically lowering the costs of healthcare.

- Eliminate the fears of losing one's healthcare or of not having pre-existing conditions covered by allowing employees to own their policies, with premiums reimbursed by employers with pre-tax dollars.
- Make private individual health insurance premiums tax deductible.

The Right to Keep and Bear Arms

Freedom – the essence of the American dream and culture. As has been often but well said, freedom is not free. It is the beneficent award to future generations from those who are prepared and willing to pay its price. It was to guarantee our freedom that the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was drafted and ratified by those who understood its cost: *“A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the People to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.”* The right to keep and bear arms is the surest pledge of our liberty. I resolutely support the full rights afforded by the Second Amendment. But as Ronald Reagan reminded us, “Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.” To sustain its existence, freedom demands that, as its recipients, ordinary citizens are able to defend themselves from violent criminals, and that they are prepared to ably stand as the last line of defense from an oppressive government – the essence and intent of the Second Amendment.

Cap and Trade

The proposed “cap-and-trade” legislation would constitute a massive tax on energy consumption which would raise electricity rates 90 percent after adjusting for inflation, raise inflation-adjusted gasoline prices by 58 percent, raise residential natural gas prices by 55 percent, raise an average family's annual energy bill by \$1,241. But the \$1,241 annual energy bill is just the *direct* increase in energy prices that consumers will face. As energy prices increase, the cost of making products becomes more expensive. Businesses will have to pass the higher costs of operating onto consumers, which will be reflected in the higher prices we will pay for products. And American businesses will move out of America to locations where they will be able to compete in a global economy without this financial albatross, taking thousands of American jobs with them.

Immigration

We are a country of immigrants, but *illegal* immigration is harming our nation in at least four areas: education, welfare, health care, and *legal* immigration. To solve this problem, we must take at least the following steps:

1. Seal our borders; not just our southern border, but all of our borders. Our inadequately controlled borders are a matter of immediate national security. We must first contain the problem before we can conquer the problem.
2. Make it as impossible as possible for *illegal* aliens to be gainfully employed in the U.S. This includes strengthening the eVerify system which helps employers to determine the eligibility of an individual to work in the United States. (I am, however, strenuously opposed to the proposed bio-metric national ID system.)
3. Increase the fines and penalties for:
 - a. Those who produce forged employment documentation.
 - b. Employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants.

4. Protect and strengthen the guest worker program essential to U.S. agriculture.

Right to Life

Human life begins at conception. The sanctity of human life is rooted in who we are as Americans. Unborn children deserve the maximum legal protection that is afforded to any human being and to deny that right is turn our back on the very essence of who we are as a people.

Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA or “card check”)

I strongly oppose the misnamed Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA; “card check”), including any provision that would eliminate the organizing of a labor union without a secret ballot election, compulsory interest arbitration, unequal penalties for employers and unions, or lack of due process in mandatory reinstatement provisions.

Transparency in Government Spending

Taxpayers, who fund every expenditure made by government, deserve to know exactly how government spends their tax dollars. I support and urge the creation of online searchable databases for federal, state, and local governments, where taxpayers can track the spending of their tax dollars.

Stem Cell Research

I have consistently and strongly supported stem cell research, especially umbilical cord stem cell research, and celebrate reports that more than 70 human diseases are being treated by this technology. I oppose, however, the specific kind of embryonic stem cell research that requires human life to be sacrificed by the destruction of a human embryo. We must be ever vigilant against allowing ourselves to rationalize our way into unjustly terminating life at any stage.

In Support of a Parental Rights Amendment

Parents all over the country are acutely aware that their rights and responsibilities to oversee the education and upbringing of their children are under unprecedented judicial, legislative, and international assault. As unconscionable as it may be that any such measure could ever be considered necessary in America, the proposed Parent Rights Amendment is needed now

National Security

The most important responsibility of the federal government is the protection of the American people from enemies both foreign and domestic. A strong military equipped with the latest technology and supplied with the best resources is the greatest guarantee for peace. I do not believe that it is our responsibility to export democracy to countries and cultures where it is not wanted, nor should we turn our fighting force into a social science laboratory where political correctness, and not preparedness, is the priority. Further, our veterans should receive the finest healthcare afforded to American citizens.

Marriage

I believe that marriage, as instituted and defined by God, is the union of one man and one woman. I will co-sponsor and support a federal marriage amendment defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman.