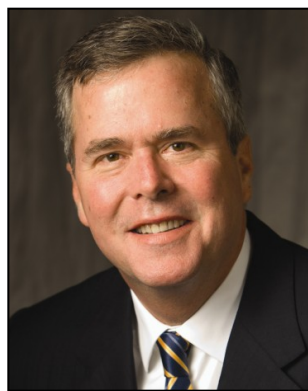


Jeb Bush



Profile

Formerly:
Governor (FL)

Education: University of Texas at Austin

Funds raised:
\$24,814,730

- Notable Endorsements:**
- Eric Cantor
 - Dean Heller
 - Orrin Hatch
 - Bob Riley
 - Tom Ridge
 - Thad Cochran

Policy Agenda

- Campaign Tagline:**
- #AllInForJeb
 - Jeb Can Fix It

- Policy Goals:**
- Simplify tax code
 - Increase school choice
 - Reverse military cuts
 - Secure borders
 - 4% economic growth
 - Help Cuba attain democracy
 - Intensify military fight against ISIS
 - Stand with Israel
 - Veteran Affairs reform
 - Balanced budget amendment
 - 6-year lobbying ban for members of Congress
 - Prioritize cybersecurity

- Recent Campaign Proposals:**
- Dec 13: Welfare reform
 - Oct 27: Medicare & Social Security Reform
 - Oct 21: American West Land and Resource Management
 - Oct 13: Health Care Plan
 - Sep 14: Strengthen Cybersecurity
 - Sep 8: Reform & Growth Tax plan

Legislation/Regulation

- Affordable Care Act
- Clean Power Plan
- Dodd-Frank
- Iran Nuclear Deal
- Keystone XL
- Trans-Pacific Partnership

Official Stance

- ✘ "This is not the end of the fight against ObamaCare"
- ✘ "Irresponsible and overreaching"
- ✘ "5 years is enough. We should repeal"
- ✘ "Iran deal is a farce"
- ✓ "A no brainer... Obama must... sign the bill"
- ✓ "I have no problem supporting TPP"

Policy Issue

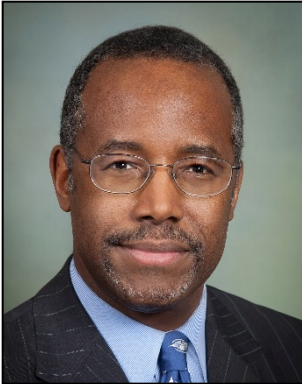
- Immigration
- Economy
- Foreign Policy
- Tax Reform
- Education

Overview

- Supports legal status for immigrants living unlawfully in the US, contingent on fines, taxes, and no public assistance
- Supports immigration of Christian Syrian refugees
- Plans on achieving annual GDP growth of 4% to spur creation of 19 million new jobs
- Focuses on inequality and middle class wage growth
- Aims to intensify military efforts on the ground to defeat ISIS in the wake of the Paris attacks
- Supports Israel; opposes friendly relations with Cuba
- Would simplify tax code to 3 brackets (28%, 25%, 10%)
- Cut corporate tax rate to 20% and eliminate death tax, Alternative Minimum Tax, marriage penalty
- Supports Common Core, unlike most conservatives, but thinks it should only be encouraged, not mandated, by federal government

Sources: National Journal Research; Jeb2016.com; Twitter, @JebBush; Jeb Bush, "Hillary Clinton's Politically Motivated Flip Flop on TPP is Wrong," Medium, April 22, 2015; Gerry Mullany, "Jeb Bush on the Issues," New York Times, June 15, 2015; Jeb Bush, "Full text of Jeb Bush's presidential announcement," Politico, June 15, 2015; Kristen Holmes, "Eric Cantor Endorses Jeb Bush for President," CNN, August 27, 2015; Charles J Dean, "Jeb Bush receives endorsement of former Alabama Gov. Bob Riley for GOP nomination," Alabama.com, August 24, 2015; Peter Sullivan, "Tom Ridge endorses Jeb Bush for President," February 3, 2015; Federal Election Commission, "Presidential Campaign Finance Summary," September 30, 2015; Igor Bobic, "Jeb Bush Calls for Ground Troops to Fight ISIS," HuffPost Politics, November 18, 2015; Candace Smith, "Jeb Bush Says U.S. Should Allow Syrian Refugees Who Can Prove They're Christian," ABCNews, November 17, 2015.

Ben Carson



Profile

Formerly:
Neurosurgeon

Education: Yale University, University of Michigan

Funds raised:
\$31,409,509

Notable Endorsements:

- None

Policy Agenda

Campaign Tagline:

- Heal. Inspire. Revive.

Policy Goals:

- Protect innocent lives (life begins at conception)
- Balanced Budget Amendment
- Overturn Common Core
- Keep Guantanamo Bay open
- Health Savings Accounts instead of Obamacare
- Stand up to Putin
- Protect the right to bear arms
- Stand by Israel
- Protect religious freedom
- Simplify tax code with comprehensive reform
- Strengthen military overseas to defeat ISIS

Recent Campaign Proposals:

- Dec 9: Healthcare Reform Plan
- Dec 8: Government bureaucratic reform

Legislation/Regulation

Affordable Care Act	✘ "Worst thing that has happened in this nation since slavery"
Clean Power Plan	? Not available
Dodd-Frank	✘ "One of the latest massive expansions [in government]"
Iran Nuclear Deal	✘ "A complete lack of common sense"
Keystone XL	✓ "It's perfectly safe"
Trans-Pacific Partnership	✓ "... now inclined to support TPP, with reservations"

Official Stance

Policy Issue

Overview

Immigration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Against accepting Syrian refugees Believes immigrants living in the US unlawfully should first leave the country, and then apply for guest worker status
Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Believes retirement age for Social Security should be raised to offset increasing payouts due to people living longer
Foreign Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports ground troops to fight ISIS Sympathizes with Israel; believes that Palestinians should be given land by neighboring countries, such as Egypt
Tax Reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports flat tax of no more than 15% Would abolish the IRS; no longer needed with a simplified flat tax system
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opposes Common Core and federally-determined standards Supports charter schools

Sources: National Journal Research; BenCarson.com; John McCormick, "Ben Carson Not Convinced on Global Warming," BloombergPolitics, November 26, 2014; Steve Benen, "'The worst thing that has happened in this nation since slavery,'" MSNBC, October 11, 2013; Leah Jensen, "Ben Carson: Iran Deal Puts 'Whole Country in Jeopardy,'" Daily Signal, July 16, 2015; Sahil Kapur and Ben Brody, "The Trans-Pacific Partnership Is Making for Strange Political Bedfellows," BloombergPolitics, June 11, 2015; Lisa DesJardins, "What does Ben Carson believe? Where the candidate stands on 10 issues," May 3, 2015; Gerry Mullany, "Ben Carson on the Issues," New York Times, May 3, 2015; Ben S. Carson, "The perfect example of government overreach: the CFPB," Washington Times, July 28, 2015; The Iowa Republican, "Iowa State Rep. Rob Taylor, Dr. Christi Taylor Named Co-Chairs for the National Draft Ben Carson for President Committee," September 18th, 2014; Federal Election Commission, "Presidential Campaign Finance Summary," September 30, 2015; Reid J. Epstein, "Ben Carson Backs White House's TPP Trade Deal," Wall Street Journal, November 6, 2015.

Chris Christie



Profile
<p>Currently: Governor (NJ)</p> <p>Formerly: US Attorney (NJ)</p>
<p>Education: University of Delaware, Seton Hall University</p>
<p>Funds raised: \$4,208,984</p>
<p>Notable Endorsements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bernie Streeter Larry Hogan Wayne MacDonald Scott Hilliard Tom Colantuono Paul LePage

Policy Agenda
<p>Campaign Tagline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telling it like it is
<p>Policy Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criminal justice reform Drug courts for first time non-violent offenders “Common-sense” bail reform Social Security reform Medicare/Medicaid reform Stronger national defense Strong, reliable intelligence Education reform to increase affordability and transparency Allow crude oil exports and maximize energy resources Lower individual tax rates and simplify tax code Controlling regulations
<p>Recent Campaign Proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None

Legislation/Regulation	Official Stance
Affordable Care Act	✘ “I believe it does not [work]”
Clean Power Plan	✘ “This is... over-regulation of the Obama administration”
Dodd-Frank	✘ “Dodd-Frank has hurt Main Street”
Iran Nuclear Deal	✘ “A bad deal is worse than no deal”
Keystone XL	✔ “We are missing an enormous opportunity”
Trans-Pacific Partnership	✘ “I will not support TPP as negotiated by this President”

Policy Issue	Overview
Immigration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would crack down on employers who are hiring immigrants living in the US unlawfully Believes U.S. should not accept any Syrian refugees
Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would gradually raise retirement age for Social Security Would invest in R&D and encourage innovation by making R&D tax credit permanent
Foreign Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Willing to send troops to fight ISIS Critical of normalizing relations with Cuba Would end Iran negotiations, strengthen ties with Israel
Tax Reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would simplify tax code by only having 3 tax brackets (top rate of 28%), eliminating wage tax for those older than 62 Cut corporate tax rate to 25%
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported Common Core in 2013, but changed his mind in 2015 Advocates for more transparency in college tuition fees

Sources: National Journal Research; ChrisChristie.com; Twitter, @ChrisChristie; Erin O’Neill, “Christie calls Obamacare a ‘failed federal program,’” NJ.com, March 18, 2014; Briana Vanozzi, “Christie Opposes President Obama’s Plan to Fight Climate Change,” NJTV News, August 3, 2015; Matt Arco, “Full text of Christie’s New Hampshire economic policy speech,” NJ.com, May 12, 2015; Chris Christie: Oppose the Iran Deal, Chabad House in New Brunswick, NJ, August 25, 2015; Pam Key, “Christie: No ‘trust’ for Obama with Trade Promotion Authority,” Breitbart, June 11, 2015; Elizabeth Summers and Lisa Desjardins, “What does Chris Christie believe? Where the candidate stands on 10 issues,” PBS NewsHour, June 30, 2015; Gerry Mullany, “Chris Christie on the Issues,” New York Times, June 30, 2015; Aliyah Frumin, “Gov. Chris Christie bags 2016 endorsement from Gov. Larry Hogan,” MSNBC, July 15, 2015; Kyle Cheney, “Chris Christie wins an endorsement: Main Gov. Paul LePage,” Politico, July 1, 2015; Federal Election Commission, “Presidential Campaign Finance Summary,” September 30, 2015; Jonathan D Salant, WATCH: Christie says Fox GOP debate snub is boosting his campaign donations,” NJ.com, November 8, 2015; Gregory Krieg, “Christie On Refugees: Not Even 5-Year-Old Orphans,” CNN, November 17, 2015.

Ted Cruz



Profile

Currently: Senator (R-TX)

Education: Princeton, Harvard Law School

Funds raised: \$26,567,298

Notable Endorsements:

- Bob Smith
- Steve Deace
- John Culberson
- Bill Anderson
- Brian Babin
- Jim Bridenstine
- Gun Owners of America
- Steve King
- Bob Vander Plaats

Policy Agenda

Campaign Tagline:

- Courageous Conservatives – Reigniting the Promise of America

Policy Goals:

- Repeal Obamacare
- Institute flat tax, abolish IRS
- Protect religious freedom
- Rescind President Obama’s “illegal and unconstitutional” executive actions
- Investigate and prosecute Planned Parenthood
- Move US embassy in Israel to Jerusalem
- Cancel Iran deal
- Stop illegal immigration by strengthening border control
- Stop “radical Islamic terrorism”

Recent Campaign Proposals:

- Nov 13: Plan to Stop Illegal Immigration
- Nov 10: Five for Freedom
- Oct 28: Simple Flat Tax

Legislation/Regulation

Affordable Care Act

Clean Power Plan

Dodd-Frank

Iran Nuclear Deal

Keystone XL

Trans-Pacific Partnership

Official Stance

✘ “Lawlessness on a breathtaking scale”

✘ “Flatly unconstitutional”

✘ “We need to repeal Dodd-Frank”

✘ “A catastrophic mistake”

✔ “A good start”

✘ “Deeply concerned”

Policy Issue

Overview

Immigration

Economy

Foreign Policy

Tax Reform

Education

- Criticizes Obama administration’s executive actions
- Opposes offering in-state tuition to children of unlawful immigrants; has supported ending birthright citizenship
- Calls for those fleeing persecution in the Middle East to be resettled in majority Muslim countries; Christians targeted for genocide should be provided safe haven in the US
- Would mandate a balanced budget
- Opposes Ex-Im bank
- Calls for the US to do “whatever is necessary and required” to dismantle ISIS and says the US must play a decisive role
- Would strengthen border control
- Would abolish IRS and institute a “simple flat tax” of 10%
- Plans to cut corporate tax rate to 16%
- Against Common Core
- Promotes charter schools and alternatives to public school

Sources: National Journal Research; TedCruz.org; Twitter, @TedCruz; Facebook, Senator Ted Cruz, Jan 13, 2015; Ted Cruz, Speech at CPAC 2014, Mar 6, 2014; Adam B. Lerner, “Ted Cruz says he’s going on Obamacare,” Politico, Mar 24, 2015; Associated Press, “Where They Stand: Ted Cruz on Key Issues of the 2016 Campaign,” New York Times, Mar 23, 2015; Lisa DesJardins, “What does Ted Cruz believe? Where the candidate stands on 10 issues,” PBS NewsHour, Mar 23, 2015; Reena Flores, “Ted Cruz: Birthright citizenship ‘doesn’t make sense,” Aug 23, 2015; Federal Election Commission, “Presidential Campaign Finance Summary,” Sept 30, 2015

Carly Fiorina



Profile

Formerly:
CEO of Hewlett-Packard

Education: Stanford, University of Maryland, MIT

Funds raised: \$8,496,013

Notable Endorsements:

- Amy Volk
- Earl Ehrhart
- Kevin Kuros
- Phyllis Henderson
- Candice Miller
- Lynn Jenkins

Policy Agenda

Campaign Tagline:

- New Possibilities. Real Leadership.

Policy Goals:

- Stand with Israel
- Reduce government spending
- Iran must agree to “anytime, anywhere inspections”
- Pass cybersecurity bill
- Provide school choice for all parents
- Secure border and enforce federal law in sanctuary cities
- Support small businesses and community banks to promote job growth
- Overhaul the Veterans Affairs department
- Zero-based budgeting in the federal government

Recent Campaign Proposals:

- None

Legislation/Regulation

Affordable Care Act	✘ “This law isn’t working”
Clean Power Plan	✘ “Terrible... should be repealed”
Dodd-Frank	✘ “We should get rid of Dodd-Frank and start again”
Iran Nuclear Deal	✘ “You’ve got to walk away sometimes”
Keystone XL	✔ “I support the Keystone Pipeline”
Trans-Pacific Partnership	✘ “Bunch of crony capitalism... a mess”

Official Stance

Policy Issue

Overview

Immigration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports path to citizenship for children of immigrants living in the US unlawfully who finish college/serve in the military • Would not permit Syrian refugees into the US unless vetted
Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to raising federal minimum wage • Believes reducing federal regulations will boost economy • Would decrease size of federal government workforce
Foreign Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would make it difficult for Iran to “move money around” unless they agree to anytime inspections • Increase Special Operations presence and rely on our allies in the region to combat ISIS
Tax Reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calls for comprehensive tax reform, including closing every loophole, lowering every rate; Would eliminate estate tax
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports school choice and expanding charter schools • Supports metric-based accountability of NCLB; against Common Core

Sources: National Journal Research; CarlyForAmerica.com; CarlyForPresident.com; CarlyForCA.com; Twitter, @CarlyFiorina; John Siciliano, “Fiorina takes aim at ‘terrible’ EPA climate rules, Washington Examiner, June 26, 2015; Gerry Mullany, “Carly Fiorina on the Issues,” New York Times, May 4, 2015; Maureen Sullivan, “Carly Fiorina on Education: 6 Things The Presidential Candidate wants You to Know,” Forbes, May 4, 2015; Lisa Desjardins and Sarah McHaney, “What does Carly Fiorina Believe? Where the Candidate stands on 10 Issues,” PBS NewsHour, May 4, 2015; The Fuse, “Carly Fiorina on Clean Coal, Energy Independence, and National Security,” June 10, 2015; Alex Griswold, “Fiorina Comes Out Against TPP: ‘I am Very Uncomfortable With This Deal,’” Daily Caller, May 7, 2015; Kevin Cirilli, “Fiorina: Abolish Wall Street Reform Law,” The Hill, April 9, 2015; Federal Election Commission, “Presidential Campaign Finance Summary,” September 30, 2015; Alex Swoyer, “Carly Fiorina on TPP Trade Deal: A Mess Full of Crony Capitalism,” Breitbart, Nov 9, 2015

John Kasich



Profile

Currently: Governor(OH)

Formerly:

- Chairman of the House Budget Committee
- House Rep. (R-OH)

Education: Ohio State University

Funds raised: \$4,376,788

Notable Endorsements:

- Robert Bentley
- Tom Rath
- Gregg Harper
- Alfonse D'Amato

Policy Agenda

Campaign Tagline:

- Kasich For Us

Policy Goals:

- Balance federal budget; pass the Balanced Budget Amendment
- Cut taxes
- Create jobs
- Strengthen military – especially the navy
- Strengthen alliances
- Improve cybersecurity
- Defund Planned Parenthood
- Defund the Second Amendment
- Repeal and replace Obamacare
- Achieve energy independence

Recent Campaign Proposals:

- Nov 17: National Security Plan
- Oct 15: Kasich Action Plan

Legislation/Regulation

Affordable Care Act

✘ “I don’t support Obamacare; I want to repeal it”

Clean Power Plan

✘ “The EPA is too punitive... I’m not for that”

Dodd-Frank

✘ “[Dodd-Frank] went overboard”

Iran Nuclear Deal

✘ “Scrap the President’s Iran deal”

Keystone XL

✔ “Mr. President, give us the Keystone Pipeline”

Trans-Pacific Partnership

✔ “Critical to us for... economic reasons and for jobs”

Policy Issue

Overview

Immigration

- Would consider giving legal status to immigrants living in the US unlawfully if they register and pay a fine
- Would not risk American lives by accepting Syrian refugees

Economy

- Would reduce regulations, balance budget, and move profits abroad back to the US to stimulate growth
- Opposes raising federal minimum wage

Foreign Policy

- Would send US troops to Iraq to fight ISIS, along with a coalition of allies; bombings are not enough
- Supports Israel; supports sending weaponry to Ukraine

Tax Reform

- Would lower corporate tax rate, but also eliminate some corporate tax breaks
- Would reduce number of tax brackets and cut taxes

Education

- Against Common Core; believes education is a state issue
- Advocates school choice

Sources: National Journal Research; JohnKasich.com; Twitter, @JohnKasich; Federal Election Commission, “Presidential Campaign Finance Summary,” Sep 30, 2015; Stephen Koff, “John Kasich on Ohio’s status-quo problem, trade, tenure, and the veepstakes: 8 takeaways,” Cleveland.com, April 24, 2015; Gerry Mullany, “John Kasich on the Issues,” New York Times, July 21, 2015; Sarah McHaney, “What does John Kasich believe? Where the candidate stands on 10 issues,” PBS NewsHour, July 21, 2015; Rebecca Kaplan, “John Kasich: What does he stand for?” CBS News, Aug 17, 2015; Tom Loblanc, “Kasich says he’s not an Obamacare hypocrite,” CNN, May 27, 2015; League of Conservation Voters, “In Their Own Words: 2016 Presidential Candidates on the Clean Power Plan,” Sep 4, 2015; Ben Brody, “John Kasich: Greed Isn’t So Good,” April 24, 2015; Alex Swoyer, “John Kasich: TPP Trade Deal is ‘Critical,’” Breitbart, Nov. 10, 2015

Rand Paul



Profile

Currently:
Senator (R-KY)

Education: Baylor University, Duke University School of Medicine

Funds raised: \$9,442,031

Notable Endorsements:

- Mitch McConnell
- Justin Amash
- Andy Barr

Policy Agenda

Campaign Tagline:

- Defeat the Washington Machine, Unleash the American Dream

Policy Goals:

- Federal Balanced Budget Amendment
- Pass term limits for politicians
- Audit the Federal Reserve
- Repeal Obamacare
- Secure border; enact "Trust but Verify" amendment
- Criminal justice reform
- Abolish Common Core
- Gradually raise retirement age
- Allow states to pass their own anti-abortion laws
- End NSA surveillance
- Repeal tax code and enact flat tax of 14.5%
- Stand with Israel
- Cut regulations
- Protect Bill of Rights, especially right to bear arms

Recent Campaign Proposals:

- None

Legislation/Regulation

Affordable Care Act	✗ "One of my first acts would be to repeal... Obamacare"
Clean Power Plan	✗ "I will do everything I can to repeal this rule"
Dodd-Frank	✗ "Overzealous regulations on banks"
Iran Nuclear Deal	✗ "I will vote against the agreement"
Keystone XL	✓ "I have repeatedly voted to allow this project to proceed"
Trans-Pacific Partnership	? "I still might vote for the trade agreement"

Official Stance

Policy Issue

Immigration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposes amnesty; supports temporary visas for immigrants living in the US unlawfully, but against path to citizenship • Calls for a moratorium on immigration from the Middle East
Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposes Federal Reserve's control of money supply and interest rates • Would reduce government spending, especially foreign aid
Foreign Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports standing with Israel and other allies, but has called to reduce military aid; willing to send troops to fight ISIS • Supports friendly relations with Cuba
Tax Reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would completely repeal tax code and replace with a flat tax of 14.5% • Would reform the IRS, not necessarily abolish it
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Against Common Core; advocates school choice • Would shut down the Department of Education and move the money to the state and local level

Overview

Source: National Journal Research; RandPaul.com; Twitter, @RandPaul; Federal Election Commission, "Presidential Campaign Finance Summary," September 30, 2015; League of Conservation Voters, "In Their Own Words: 2016 Presidential Candidates on the Clean Power Plan," September 11, 2015; Pat Garofalo, "Rand Paul's Jobs Plan: Repeal Financial Reform," Think Progress, November 2, 2010; Matthew Boyle, "Rand Paul Comes Out Swinging Against Obama's Secret Trade Deal Amid Collapse," Breitbart, May 12, 2015; New York Times, "Rand Paul on the Issues," April 7, 2015; Lisa Desjardins, "What does Rand Paul believe? Where the candidate stands on 10 issues," PBS News Hour, April 7, 2015; Jonathan Easley and Scott Wong, "Kentucky Republicans line up behind Paul," The Hill, April 6, 2015; Steven Nelson, "Who Still Stands With Rand?" US News, June 1, 2015.

Marco Rubio



Profile

Currently: Senator (R-FL)
Formerly:
 Speaker of the Florida House of Rep.

Education: Tarkio College, Santa Fe College, University of Florida, University of Miami

Funds raised:
 \$14,597,692

- Notable Endorsements:**
- Tom Rooney
 - Zach Wamp
 - Frank VanderSloot
 - Kenneth Griffin

Policy Agenda

Campaign Tagline:

- A New American Century

- Policy Goals:**
- Rebuild military so it is the strongest on the planet
 - Reform tax code
 - Reduce regulations
 - Stand against Cuba
 - Balanced budget amendment
 - Reform Social Security and Medicare
 - Increase defense spending
 - Lift crude oil export ban
 - Protect unborn life
 - Stop the Iran deal and stand strong against Iran
 - Defeat ISIS
 - Stand with Israel
 - Protect right to bear arms
 - Greater transparency in student loans

- Recent Campaign Proposals:**
- Oct 16: Powering the New American Century
 - Sep 25: Paid Leave Plan
 - Sep 13: Overhaul higher education

Legislation/Regulation

- Affordable Care Act
- Clean Power Plan
- Dodd-Frank
- Iran Nuclear Deal
- Keystone XL
- Trans-Pacific Partnership

Official Stance

- ✘ "Obamacare is still a bad law"
- ✘ "It will increase the cost of living in this country"
- ✘ "We need to repeal Dodd-Frank"
- ✘ "As president I would reverse the Iran deal"
- ✔ "Keystone Pipeline should move forward"
- ✔ "[TPP] will further our strategic goals in Asia"

Policy Issue

Overview

- Immigration
- Economy
- Foreign Policy
- Tax Reform
- Education

- Supports a path to citizenship for immigrants living in the US unlawfully; secure border before comprehensive reform
- Against President Obama's executive actions
- Would reduce regulations on energy and the Internet
- Supports a balanced budget and eliminating debt
- Would provide weaponry to Ukraine; enlarge NATO
- Willing to take military action against Iran if necessary
- Opposes US outreach to Cuba
- Would cut taxes to two brackets taxed at 15% and 35%; add child tax credits
- Plans to cut corporate tax rate to 25% and eliminate capital gains tax
- Advocates greater transparency in student loans
- Supports school choice

Sources: National Journal Research; MarcoRubio.com; Twitter, @MarcoRubio; Federal Election Commission, "Presidential Campaign Finance Summary," September 30, 2015; League of Conservation Voters, "In Their Own Words: 2016 Presidential Candidates on the Clean Power Plan," September 11, 2015; Time, "Transcript: Read the Full Text of the Primetime Republican Debate," August 6, 2015; Marco Rubio, "Asia Needs a Strong U.S.-Japan Alliance," Wall Street Journal, April 29, 2015; The Hill, "Race is on for 2016 endorsements," April 21, 2015; New York Times, "Marco Rubio on the Issues," April 13, 2015; Geoffrey Guray, "What does Marco Rubio believe? Where the candidate stands on 10 issues," April 13, 2015.

Donald Trump



Profile

Currently:
Chairman of The Trump Organization

Education: University of Pennsylvania

Funds raised: \$5,828,922

Notable Endorsements:

- Alan Cobb
- Brad Zaun
- Virgil Goode

Policy Agenda

Campaign Tagline:

- Make America Great Again!

Policy Goals:

- Build a wall along the southern border
- Enforce immigration laws
- Raise prevailing wage for H-1B visas
- Free market plan for healthcare to keep it affordable; return authority to the states
- Increase taxes on imported goods and renegotiate fair trade agreements
- Defend right to bear arms; enact national right to carry
- Provide veterans with access to the best quality care
- Declare China a currency manipulator

Recent Campaign Proposals:

- Dec 9: Temporarily halt Muslim immigration
- Nov 10: US-China Trade Reform
- Oct 31: Veteran’s Affairs Reform
- Sep 28: Tax plan

Legislation/Regulation

- Affordable Care Act
- Clean Power Plan
- Dodd-Frank
- Iran Nuclear Deal
- Keystone XL
- Trans-Pacific Partnership

Official Stance

- ✘ “Obamacare is a disaster”
- ? Not available
- ✓ “If [Volcker]’s happy, I’m happy”
- ✘ “The Iran Deal is a catastrophe that must be stopped”
- ✓ “I will immediately approve the Keystone XL pipeline”
- ✘ “The deal is so pathetic and so bad”

Policy Issue

- Immigration
- Economy
- Foreign Policy
- Tax Reform
- Education

Overview

- Would build a wall between the U.S. and Mexico paid for by Mexico; supports ending birthright citizenship
- Would impose criminal penalties on people who violate their visa
- Opposed to raising the federal minimum wage
- Would bring in Wall Street managers to help run the economy and put tariffs on foreign goods
- Wants to put troops on the ground to fight against ISIS
- Would police the Iran Deal in order to monitor Iran’s use of nuclear weapons
- Would have four tax brackets of 0%, 10%, 20%, and 25%
- Would eliminate marriage penalty, death tax, and Alternative Minimum Tax, lower corporate tax to 15%
- Against Common Core
- Believes education standards should be handled locally

Sources: National Journal Research; DonaldTrump.com; Twitter, @realDonaldTrump; Yan Q. Mui, “Donald Trump Just Had Some Pretty Interesting Things to Say About the Economy,” Washington Post, August 5, 2015; Maureen Sullivan, “Donald Trump on Education: 5 Things The Presidential Candidate Wants You to Know,” Forbes, June 16, 2015; Tory Newmyer, “Corporate Tax Dodgers Will Love Trump’s Plan to Crack Down on Corporate Tax Dodgers,” Fortune, August 21, 2015; Asma Khalid, “What’s In Donald Trump’s Immigration Plan and How it Could Affect the GOP,” NPR, August 17, 2015; Heather Long, “So What Exactly is Donald Trump’s Economic Policy?” CNN Money, July 28, 2015; “Trump Says Mideast Would Pay for US Troops, CNBC, August 16, 2015; Dan Diamond, “Donald Trump Hates Obamacare – So I Asked Him How He’d Replace It,” Forbes, July 31, 2015; Rhonda Holman, “Cobb signs on with Trump team,” March 10, 2015; Rick Wells, “Mark Levin Interviews Donald Trump on Taxes, EPA, Energy, Vets, Military, Middle East, Trade, Israel and More,” August 14, 2015; Federal Election Commission, “Presidential Campaign Finance Summary,” September 30, 2015; Gregory Krieg, “Trump: ‘I’m doing good for the Muslims,’” CNN, December 10, 2015.