

Presidential	Barack Obama	Mitt Romney		Ron Paul
Topic	Democrat	Republican		Libertarian
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New law makes it easier to pay back federal loans – new borrowers pay no more than 10% of disposable income - Doubled funding for Pell Grants - Extended the American Opportunity Tax Credit - Saving teachers' jobs: The American Recovery and Reinvestme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Described plan in a paper titled, "A Chance for Every Child" - Proposes to redirect Title I funding from school enrollment to student choice - Increase school choice for poor families by using federal funding for vouchers - Wants to revamp accountabi 		
Economy				
Health Care				
Energy Policy	<p>Supports government subsidies of renewable energy Passed higher fuel standards for 2025 (54.5mpg) Supports Nuclear power Opposes drilling in US (has fought against pipelines, but has failed to do much more) Oil production is at a 8year high?</p> <p>Passed short term ban deep water drilling after BP disaster Supports Cap and Trade Wants to end federal oil subsidizes</p> <p>Want the government to support renewable resources and regulate large energy companies (oil, gas, etc)</p>	<p>Will allow renewable energy credits to expire as president Does not support government fuel standards Supports Nuclear Power Supports opening regulation for more deep water/nature reserve/alaskan drilling Wants to remove roadblocks to coal, natural gas, and nuclear power Opposes Cap and Trade Believes global warming causes are unknown, but does see human influence</p> <p>Overall believes the market and consumers will drive proper policy and government should get out of the way</p>		
Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raise taxes on rich Raise Capital Gains Tax Reduce Corp Tax Rate Overhaul Healthcare Increase College Spending Support Energy Initiatives Limit Defense Spending 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cut spending to 20% of GDP Cut taxes on all Lower Corp Tax Rate National Catastrophic Fund Support Energy Incentives Repeal Healthcare Law Cap Discretionary Spending at Inflation -1% Protect Defense Spending 		
Welfare				
Gay Rights				
National Defence	<p>Signed the National Defense Authorization Act in Jan, 2012 - The National Defense Authorization Act greatly expands the power and scope of the federal government to fight the War on Terror, including codifying into law the indefinite detention of terrorism suspects without trial. Under the new law the US military has the power to carry out domestic anti-terrorism operations on US soil. - Obama wants to downsize the military due to the ending of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, get rid of "outdated cold-war era systems" and step up investments in intelligence gathering and cyber warfare. One of the main reasons for downsizing being the national debt and budget cuts looming in the near future. - President Obama signed and passed the START Treaty with Russia, which will reduce the number of nuclear weapons deployed by Russia and the United States and has allowed the United States to resume inspections of Russian nuclear sites. - President Obama has been clear that he is determined to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon. Under President Obama's leadership, the United States gained the support of China, Russia, and other nations to pass the most comprehensive international sanctions regime that Iran has ever faced.</p> <p>The President also worked with Congress to pass the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions and Divestment Act, and signed additional sanctions hitting Iran's central bank and oil revenues, targeting Iran's entire financial system for the first time.</p>	<p>- Mitt Romney feels that USA should hike up military spending to 4% of the country's GDP. He also believes that the Government should increase the active duty work force by ten thousand.</p>	Neither served in the military	
war	Has set timetables for when our troops should be out of Iraq and Afghanistan. - Capturing of Osama bin Ladin and fighting to capture other leaders of terrorist organizations.	Supportive of the US entering Iraq and does not believe in a timed withdrawal from a war zone. He believes it should be when the Generals in country say the time Has come.		

<p>Immigration</p>	<p>Children of illegal immigrants should be granted citizenship and work permits if they apply. Their parents should not.</p> <p>Illegal immigrants working in the US should be granted amnesty.</p> <p>Failed to deliver on promised immigration overhaul, with the defeat of legislation that would have created a path to citizenship for young illegal immigrants enrolled in college or enlisted in the armed forces (the DREAM Act). Says he is still committed to it.</p> <p>Government has deported a record number of illegal immigrants under Obama.</p> <p>"Those young illegal immigrants under age 31 who, because they've graduated from high school or served in the military, are being told they'll be spared deportation."</p> <p>Supports a path to legalization for illegal immigrants that includes learning English and paying fines</p> <p>For toughening penalties for hiring illegal immigrants</p> <p>voted for fence along Mexican border.</p> <p>"we have to demand responsibility from people living here illegally... They must be required to admit that they broke the law. They should be required to register, pay their taxes, pay a fine and learn English... They must get right with the law before they can get in line and earn their citizenship."</p>	<p>Children of illegal immigrants should not be granted citizenship.</p> <p>Illegal immigrants working the US should not be granted amnesty.</p> <p>Favors U.S.-Mexico border fence.</p> <p>Opposes education benefits to illegal immigrants.</p> <p>Opposes offering legal status to illegal immigrants who attend college, but would do so for those who serve in the armed forces.</p> <p>Establish an immigration-status verification system for employers and punish them if they hire non-citizens who do not prove their legal status.</p> <p>Would end immigration caps for spouses and minor children of legal immigrants.</p> <p>"strengthen legal immigration and make it easier" while dealing with illegal immigration in a "civil but resolute manner." If foreigners get an advanced degree in the United States, Romney wants to "staple a green card" to their diploma, and support "a path to legal status" for anyone who joins the military.</p> <p>Vetoed legislation that would allow illegal immigrants to pay in-state tuition in MA.</p>	<p>Both agree illegal immigrants should not be covered under national health care.</p>	
<p>Social Security</p>		<p>Believes retirement age should be slowly increased to account for increases in longevity.</p> <p>Believes that benefits should continue</p>		
<p>Abortion</p>	<p>View: Pro-Choice</p> <p>Adoption: Supportive</p> <p>Roe vs. Wade: Supports: The Supreme Court voted to protect women's health/reproductive freedom, but it also affirms a broader principle: that the government should not intrude on private family matters. He is determined to prevent unintended pregnancies and support women and mother-- reduce the need for abortion, encourage healthy relationships and promote adoption.</p> <p>Planned Parenthood: Supports</p> <p>Embryonic Stem Cell research: Supports- Signed Executive Order "Removing Barriers To Responsible Scientific Research" involving human stem cells</p>	<p>View: Pro-Life</p> <p>Romney previously supported the women's right to decide, but now adamantly opposes abortions, unless in the case of rape, incest or if the mother's life is in mortal danger. He supports the Hyde Amendment, barring the use of federal funds for abortions.</p> <p>Adoption: In favor</p> <p>Roe vs. Wade: He'd like to see it overturned and a pro-life administration put into effect.</p> <p>Contraception Bill: Romney vetoed the bill, stating that it undermines the state's parental consent laws and represents a departure from the public consensus that minor children should not act without parental involvement in these matters.</p> <p>Planned Parenthood: Despite attending fundraisers in 2004 and a \$150 donation, Romney supports the Pence Amendment aimed at eliminating Title X grants for PP.</p> <p>Embryonic Stem Cell research: Not in favor. "I will not create new embryos through cloning or embryo farming, it's like creating life for the purpose of destroying it."</p>		<p>View: Strongly Pro-Life</p> <p>Roe vs. Wade: "Roe was wrongly decided because abortion simply is not a constitutional issue."</p> <p>Planned Parenthood: Voted in favor of the Pence Amendment, bill designed to ban federal funding for PP and eliminate the Title X program</p> <p>Embryonic Stem Cell research: Sponsored, Cures Can Be Found Act of 2007: which provides tax credits for qualified stem-cell research or storage and for donation of umbilical cord blood.</p>
<p>Campaign Finance</p>				
<p>Drug Policy</p>				
<p>Death Penalty</p>	<p>The death penalty is appropriate in certain acts of heinous crimes, but should be used with extreme caution.</p>	<p>Romney is in favor of capital punishment. He proposed in a 2005 death penalty bill (which was rejected) that legislation allow juries to consider death in cases that involve prolonged torture or multiple murders, as well as when the defendant has already been convicted of first-degree murder or serving a life sentence without parole.</p>		<p>Paul used to be for the death penalty, however has recently changed his views and is against the federal death penalty. He believes that it has been used unjustly. If you are rich you get away with it, if you are poor you are more likely to be prosecuted and convicted. Today with DNA evidence, there have been too many mistakes.</p>

<p>Veterans</p>	<p>Votes: -returning heroes tax credit/Wounded Warriors Tax Credit (11/11) *provides money to businesses that hire http://www.whitehouse.gov/issues/veterans</p> <p>-Recovery act (2/09) *\$840 Billion...1.4 Billion towards Veterans http://www.recovery.gov/Transparency/fundingoverview/Pages/fundingbreakdown.aspx</p> <p>-Missed vote for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriation act (9/07) *Increase spending on VA hospitals http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00063#position</p> <p>-Voted to increase spending on Veterans health care (3/06) *To provide an assured stream of funding for veteran's health care that will take into account the annual changes in the veteran's population and inflation to be paid for by restoring the pre-2001 top rate for income over \$1 million, closing corporate tax loopholes and delaying tax cuts for the wealthy. http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00063#position</p> <p>-Voted to increase spending on Veterans health care (3/6) * To provide, with an offset, \$20,000,000 for the Department of Veterans Affairs for Medical Facilities. http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00111</p> <p>-Voted to increase spending on veterans mental health related issues *To provide an additional \$500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2010, to be used for readjustment counseling, related mental health services, and treatment and rehabilitative services for veterans with mental illness, post-traumatic stress disorder, or substance use disorder. http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=1&vote=00343#name</p> <p>PLATFORM</p> <p>-Promises to help veterans as the return home from war. (8/11) http://www.whitehouse.gov/issues/veterans</p>	<p>Votes: - Has never held an office in either house</p> <p>PLATFORM - Website doesn't say much. States: "Mitt Romney cares about the well-being of our vets, he said, and will work tirelessly to lower the high unemployment for veterans and military families. Romney has pledged to be an advocate for veterans by fighting to ensure they get the opportunities and care they deserve."</p>		
<p>Agriculture</p>				
<p>Religion</p>				
<p>Fire Arms/ Gun Control</p>				
<p>Senior Issues</p>				
<p>Arts & Humanities</p>				