This guide outlines positions of the Democratic and Republican candidates, plus the Libertarian Party and Green Party candidates. For detailed source information, see

- Campuselect.org/guides.html

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- Hillaryclinton.com
- Donaldjtrump.com
- Johnsonweld.Com
- Jill2016.com

**Abortion: Should abortion be highly restricted?**

*Clinton*: No.

*Trump*: Yes.

*Johnson*: No.

*Stein*: No.

**Campaign Finance: Do you support the DISCLOSE Act, requiring political ads to list key funders?**

*Clinton*: Yes.

*Trump*: Individual position unclear; party platform opposes.

*Johnson*: No position found.

*Stein*: No position found.

**Campaign Finance: Support Supreme Court’s Citizens United decision, allowing unlimited corporate & union campaign contributions?**

*Clinton*: No. Proposes Constitutional amendment to overturn.

*Trump*: Ambiguous. Condemns money in politics. Praises Justice Scalia who voted in favor of decision. President of Citizen’s United organization is now Trump Deputy Campaign Manager.

*Johnson*: Yes. Considers it a First Amendment issue.

*Stein*: No.

**Climate Change: Is human activity causing climate change? Should government limit greenhouse gas emissions?**

*Clinton*: Yes on both: “an urgent threat and a defining challenge of our time.” Supports EPA coal plant restrictions.

*Trump*: No on both. “Climate change is a hoax.” “Cancel Paris climate agreement.” Opposes EPA coal plant restrictions.

*Johnson*: Humans probably cause climate change, but not the role of government to regulate.

*Stein*: Yes on both. “Halt any investment in fossil fuel infrastructure.”

**Climate change: Support renewable energy subsidies?**
Clinton: Yes.
Trump: No. Let market decide.
Johnson: Johnson: Unclear. In 2012 endorsed a resolution for renewable tax credits, more recently said wouldn't subsidize wind energy.
Stein: Yes. Enact an emergency Green New Deal.

**Contraception:** Let employers withhold contraceptive coverage due to personal religious beliefs?
Clinton: No.
Trump: Yes.
Johnson: No clear position found.
Stein: No.

**Courts:** Should the Senate have confirmed Obama’s Supreme Court nominee for Justice Scalia's seat?
Clinton: Yes.
Trump: No.
Johnson: Yes.
Stein: No position found.

**Economy:** To grow the economy increase government infrastructure spending? Or reduce taxes?
Clinton: More infrastructure investment.
Trump: Both reduced taxes and more infrastructure investment.
Johnson: Eliminate Corporate Taxes and Income Tax, replace with consumption tax on goods and services
Stein: Infrastructure spending: Green New Deal.

**Economy:** Prioritize deficit reduction or economic stimulus?
Clinton: Prioritize economic stimulus.
Trump: Prioritize economic stimulus but save $ by cutting depts. like EPA.
Johnson: Prioritize balanced budget, “veto any legislation that will result in deficit spending.”
Stein: Prioritize stimulus package: Green New Deal.

**Education:** Abolish the Dept. of Education & leave school funding & regulation to the states?
Clinton: No.
Trump: Yes.
Johnson: Yes.
Stein: No.

**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?
Clinton: Yes on both, using federal subsidies to cover costs. Expand income-contingent loan repayment.
Trump: Trump position unclear. His education advisor considers tuition subsidies & loan refinancing too costly, advocates private sector handling loans.
Johnson: No. Opposes federally guaranteed student loans, and government subsidies of loans, though open to negotiating reduced interest rates with banks.
Stein: Yes on both, “guarantee tuition-free education pre-school through university.”

**Environment:** Abolish Environmental Protection Agency?
Clinton: No.
Trump: Yes.
Johnson: No.
Stein: No.
**Financial Regulation:** Support Dodd-Frank, which established the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau & regulates banks & financial institutions?

*Clinton:* Yes.

*Trump:* No. Will come “close to dismantling.”

*Johnson:* No position found.

*Stein:* Did not go far enough.

**Gay Rights:** Support gay marriage?

*Clinton:* Yes, since 2013. Supported civil unions since 2000.

*Trump:* Would appoint Supreme Court Justices who’d reconsider federal mandate & let states decide.

*Johnson:* Yes.

*Stein:* Yes.

**Gay Rights:** Should federal government prevent discrimination based on sexual orientation?

*Clinton:* Yes.

*Trump:* No. Leave decision & legislation to states.

*Johnson:* Yes

*Stein:* Yes

**Guns:** Stricter background checks for gun purchases & ban assault rifles?

*Clinton:* Yes to both

*Trump:* No to both

*Johnson:* No to both

*Stein:* Yes to both

**Healthcare:** Repeal the Affordable Care Act, known as Obamacare?

*Clinton:* No. Her plan also lets 50-year-olds buy into Medicare.

*Trump:* Yes. Let Americans deduct health insurance cost from taxes.

*Johnson:* Yes. Also Medicare should be cut. Government should not be involved in health care.

*Stein:* Repeal and replace with “Medicare for All” public health insurance program.

**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?

*Clinton:* Comprehensive reform with earned path to citizenship for adults. Expand DREAM Act protection for children who came to U.S. when young.

*Trump:* 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.

*Johnson:* Make easier for immigrants to get a work visa; create a path to citizenship.

*Stein:* Create path to citizenship for immigrants. Support DREAM Act. End deportations.

**Immigration:** Ban immigration by Muslims?

*Clinton:* No.

*Trump:* Initial plan, ban all Muslims. Now ban immigration from any nation “compromised by terrorism.”

*Johnson:* No.

*Stein:* No.

**Iran:** Support treaty limiting Iran’s nuclear capacity in return for lifting economic sanctions?

*Clinton:* Yes.

*Trump:* No.
Johnson: “Skeptic,” but “wouldn’t get rid of treaty.”
Stein: Yes. Create nuclear-free zone in the entire Middle East.

**Iraq:** Did you support the Iraq war? What about Obama’s draw-down of troops? Should the US commit significant additional ground troops to Iraq to combat ISIS?
*Clinton:* 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.
*Trump:* Says opposed war but made no public opposition statements at time, & some indicating support. Later supported troop withdrawal. Now supports 20,000-30,000 additional U.S. troops.
*Johnson:* Opposed war. Boots on ground, bombs, & drones “make things worse.” ISIS has been “largely contained geographically.”
*Stein:* End Iraq and Afghan wars, withdraw troops & military contractors. Weapons embargo in Middle East.

**Marijuana:** Support legalizing marijuana?
*Clinton:* Let states decide.
*Trump:* Let states decide.
*Johnson:* Yes.
*Stein:* Yes.

**Minimum Wage:** Raising the $7.25-an-hour national minimum wage?
*Clinton:* Yes. Supports $12-per-hour national minimum, & encouraged individual cities & states to require $15 per hour.
*Trump:* Previously opposed any national minimum wage. Then said open to $10 national minimum.
*Johnson:* No. “Eliminate all federal wage standards.”
*Stein:* Yes. Supports $15-per-hour.

**Nuclear Weapons:** Would you consider using nuclear weapons against ISIS?
*Clinton:* No.
*Trump:* Yes. "I’m never going to rule anything out."
*Johnson:* No position found.
*Stein:* No.

**Obama:** Do you believe Barack Obama is a legal U.S. Citizen?
*Clinton:* Yes
*Trump:* Has repeatedly questioned whether Obama was born in the U.S.
*Johnson:* No position found, but hasn’t questioned this.
*Stein:* No position found, but hasn’t questioned this.

**Police:** How would you deal with police violence against citizens & citizen violence against police?
*Clinton:* Support police, set guidelines on use of force, & budget $1 billion for police training to address racial tensions.
*Trump:* “I will restore law and order to our country.” “You can’t have true compassion without providing safety.”
*Johnson:* “Root” of violence is “war on drugs.”
*Stein:* End police brutality & demilitarize police

**Prisons:** How to address the record U.S. prison population?
*Clinton:* In 1994 supported more penalties & sentences. Now says “time to end the era of mass incarceration.” Party Platform includes diversion for nonviolent offenders
*Trump:* Favors privatizing prisons & being “tough on crime.” Party Platform includes diversion for nonviolent offenders
Johnson: End unnecessary laws including ‘three strikes.’ Privatize prisons.
Stein: End mass incarceration. Eliminate harsh mandatory sentencing requirements.

**Social Security:** Support partial privatization of Social Security?
*Clinton:* No
*Trump:* Has previously supported, no recent stand. Platform supports.
*Johnson:* Yes. Supports full privatization
*Stein:* No

**Taxes:** Increase or decrease taxes on the wealthy & corporations?
*Clinton:* Increase taxes on both
*Trump:* Decrease on both as part of tax cut plan
*Johnson:* Decrease taxes on both. Would like to eliminate income and corporate taxes.
*Stein:* Increase taxes on both.

**Torture:** Are approaches like waterboarding that some consider torture acceptable in the fight against terror?
*Clinton:* No
*Trump:* Yes
*Johnson:* No
*Stein:* No

**Trade:** Support or oppose the Trans Pacific Partnership trade deal?
*Clinton:* Oppose, although previously supported it.
*Trump:* Oppose.
*Johnson:* Support.
*Stein:* Oppose.

**Voting Rights:** Support strict voter ID rules even if this prevents some people from voting? Restore Voting Rights Act?
*Clinton:* No, strict ID laws “disenfranchise people of color, poor people, and young people.” Need to restore Voting Rights Act.
*Trump:* Yes on voter ID. Otherwise people “will vote 10 times.” No statement on Voting Rights Act.
*Johnson:* No on voter ID. No position found on Voting Rights Act.
*Stein:* No. Restore Voting Rights Act.

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