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## PRESIDENTIAL PLATFORM



### Tax Repeal and Reductions

- Replace the complicated tax code with a 10% flat tax. Eliminate savings, death, and inheritance taxes.
- Greatly reduce the size and power of the IRS commensurate with the simplified tax code.

### Constitution and States Rights

- The constitution was not written to restrain citizens' behavior. It was written to restrain the government's behavior.
- Return responsibility to the states for many of the departments and programs now run by the federal government, including education, health, and welfare.
- Legislators must read and understand bills before debating and voting on them. The language in bills must be understandable by a "reasonable person."

### Organizational Restructuring

- Eliminate or combine many government departments and agencies. Use a hiring freeze to reduce the federal workforce by attrition, with the workforce reassigned as needed.
- Senators, representatives, and other public officials must utilize the same benefits as the general population, including Social Security and health care. Eliminate Congressional perks and lifetime pensions.
- Strengthen military weapons and troops. Care for veterans.
- Withdraw from the United Nations. Stop funding and move the United Nations operations out of the United States. The United Nations charter fosters world turmoil and undermines the sovereignty and security of our country. The United Nations must not achieve dominion over our sovereignty.

### Budget & Spending

- Create a formula to balance the budget, eliminate the national debt, and right-size the government.
- Dramatically reduce government spending in all departments.
- Use zero-based budgeting to plan for necessary expenditures one year in advance, and collect revenues based on these needs. Spend only revenues already in the treasury.
- There should be no continuing debt ceiling because there should be no continuing debt. Except in time of declared war, the deficit may be no more than 3% of the Gross National Product (GDP).
- Stop most foreign aid. There is no constitutional authority for giving foreign aid. Such aid does not buy friendship or

goodwill. Instead, it typically promotes central planning, socialism, dependency, and poverty.

- Users should pay a larger share of costs for public services.

### Right to Keep and Bear Arms

- The inalienable right to keep and bear arms is essential to a free society.
- The only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun.
- Eliminate "gun-free zones." Allow law enforcement and other trained personnel to carry firearms to protect schools and other public places.
- Withdraw from United Nations anti-gun initiatives and discontinue funding global gun control programs.

### Immigration

- Secure the borders and points of entry.
- Simplify immigration and naturalization processes to provide a reasonable legal immigration process.
- Provide social benefits only to citizens.
- Children born in the U.S. are automatically granted citizenship only if their parents are citizens.
- Establish English as the national language to encourage cultural and economic integration.

### Economy

- Bring more manufacturing jobs back to the United States.
- Become energy independent rather than importing energy from other countries.
- Encourage the development of alternative energy sources.

### Welfare Entitlements

- Use Social Security funds for Social Security payments only.
- Encourage people to plan and be responsible for their own education, medical needs, and retirement.
- Phase out federal entitlement programs within 3 years, and make states and communities responsible for assistance programs.

### Discipline of Public Servants

- Prosecute public officials found wasting or misusing federal resources.

- Senators, representatives, and other public officials found guilty of felonies are to be removed from office immediately.
- Require foreign diplomats to abide by our laws or be expelled.

## Environment

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- Pollution is a serious problem. Individuals and states should reduce pollution and manage their natural resources.

## Health Care

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- The government should withdraw from the health care business and let the free market develop solutions. No one wins where there is excessive government control and forced mandates.
- Allow interstate health care insurance sales.

## Other

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- The federal government should not use public funds to influence citizens.
- Require voter ID and voter registration.