



Rational Republicans Support Candidates

We support candidates whose platforms are demonstrably rational, ethical, science-based, and economically responsible.

Rational Health Care Reform: We support reform of the ACA that is bipartisan, reduces the costs to American families, preserves protection for preexisting conditions, and does not reduce the number of persons or conditions covered.

Rational Taxation: We are fiscally conservative and socially liberal. Reform must ease middle class burden, preserve safety nets and spending better tailored to restore upward mobility. Any tax plan must close corporate loopholes, and shift the burden of taxation to the top 2% of earners. Spending must include greater investment into the fundamentals for a better future such as supporting public education.

Civil Rights and Civil Liberties: Women, People of Color, People with Disabilities, and LGBTQ, and People of diverse Religious beliefs can all share the Republican values of conservative government. We believe in free speech, but the freedom of speech needs to be appropriately balanced with the constitutionally fundamental freedoms of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Rational Environmental Protection: We believe in a balanced approach to environmental protection. We are concerned about climate change. We also see renewable energy development as a source for economic growth and American jobs. As rational republicans, we reject the narrative that a move away from fossil fuel will lead to economic ruin. We believe the opposite is true.

Rational National Security We see diplomacy and global relationships as the better path forward to greater global and domestic security. We support the preservation of Veteran health benefits and enhancement of active military pay, and the rational reduction of spending as detailed in DoD drafted savings plans.

Good Governance We see that rational thinking is best done by people whose conclusions are not bought and paid for. Therefore, comprehensive campaign finance reform is essential. We believe that fair representative public participation in the democratic process is essential and so we call for aggressive policy end to gerrymandering, expand voting opportunities, and ensure the education of the electorate. We see the Russian interference with the election as a major national threat. Likewise, we see fake news as an equal threat to democracy.

Rational Immigration Reform We want to simplify the path and cost to citizenship.

Rational Gun Laws We believe in the 2nd Amendment and the right to bear arms. We also believe that common sense reform in gun laws can make Americans safer without compromising this right.



Rational Republicans: Platform for Candidate Support

General Statement:

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Health Care:

1. ACA - Bi-Partisan revision (protect pre-existing conditions, reduce patient out of pocket costs);
2. Provide treatment for first time non-violent drug offenders who are convicted of simple possession or use;
3. Ensure funding for Planned Parenthood and similar organizations to provide high quality, low cost reproductive health care for women;

Taxation:

4. Bi-Partisan simplification of income taxation system that quantitatively benefits the middle class supporting the following:
 - 4.1. Reduce tuition for publicly funded Community Colleges and Trade Schools and provide deduction for student loan interest;
 - 4.2. Provide more targeted funding to enhance public schools, establish Pre-K for all, and provide comprehensive sex and drug education;
 - 4.3. Stabilize Social Safety Net programs like Social Security so that they may be preserved;
 - 4.4. Promote publicly funded scientific exploration and environmental research, and adequately fund the agencies responsible;
 - 4.5. Promote public projects that enrich and preserve our national history and expand and protect our National Parks; and
 - 4.6. Top 2% earners, pay more taxes;
5. Make corporations pay their fair share of taxes and end public assistance to corporations who have a negative tax rate;

Civil Rights and Civil Liberties:

6. Codify Roe v. Wade into law;
 - 6.1. Protect first amendment rights and patient's rights by reasonably restricting protests and demonstrations within 500 feet from any provider, medical clinic, or hospital;
7. Enact the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) guaranteeing Civil Rights to all Americans regardless of Sex, Race, Creed, Orientation, or Origin;
8. Ban "Conversion Therapy" on minors who are LGBTQ;
9. Strict Separation of Church and State as advocated by Thomas Jefferson;
10. Respect workers' rights and increase the federal minimum wage to \$12/hour;

Environmental Protection:

11. Ratify the Paris Climate Agreement and enact policies and infrastructure programs that reduce our carbon footprint so long as not punitive to small businesses;
12. Provide tax credits on the elimination of carbon pollution without enlarging the EPA;
13. Promote the growth of renewable technologies by:
 - 13.1. Rebuilding our infrastructure through environmentally friendly means, providing tax credits for consumer usage of solar power and electric vehicles, and providing incentives that re-train the workforce for green jobs;

National Security:

14. Maintain Veteran health benefits;
15. Increase Active Military Member pay;
16. Reduce wasteful Military spending on the purchase of equipment and materials, and encourage self-sufficiency in the Military by reducing civilian contractors when appropriate;
17. Support global reduction of nuclear weapons and stockpiles worldwide, and de-escalate nuclear rhetoric;
18. Encourage America to remain a respected international leader while working within the global community while reducing the need to act as global police force;

Good Governance:

19. Support a national audit that reduces redundancy and requires each Government agency to publish concise, easy to read annual budgetary spending reports;
20. Establish a content bias warning label system for political and news cable television and internet media sites that requires constant viewer notices on R (right leaning), L (left leaning), and N (neutral content with both R & L views explored) to combat the fake news epidemic;
 - 20.1. This system will be similar to the industry enforced MPAA content rating system required for theatrical movies to allow viewers to accurately gauge the content they view for fair use;
21. Codify Net Neutrality;
22. Re-establish the Fair Use Doctrine with FCC oversight;
23. Establish a non-partisan methodology for each State regarding the formation of legislative districts to prevent gerrymandering;
24. Limit Campaign Funding and Spending and overturn *Citizens United*;
25. Support expanding early voting and same day voting, including no-fault absentee ballots, mail-in ballots, and open polls *at minimum* two weeks before Election Day;
26. Support legislation that requires all candidates for President to submit a minimum of five (5) years of prior tax returns;

27. Enact regulation to expand and to clarify the definition of the Emoluments Clause;
28. Protect Voting Rights of all Americans and avoid voter suppression;

Rational Immigration Reform:

29. Simplify the path and cost to Citizenship;
30. Deportation of undocumented residents should occur when convicted of a felony or a violent misdemeanor;
31. Codify DACA into law;

Rational Gun Laws:

32. We uphold gun ownership and support the Second Amendment in the U.S. Constitution;
33. Provide education on gun safety, de-escalation and non-violent conflict resolution, and proper interaction with police in all publicly funded schools.