

**Top 4 Republican Presidential Candidates' Positions in 12 Subject Areas**  
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<b>Republican Candidate</b>	<b>Abortion</b>
Donald Trump	Ban late abortions; exceptions for rape, incest or health. (Jun 2015)
Ben Carson	Ban abortion more than 20 weeks after fertilization. (May 2015)
Marco Rubio	Ban late abortions; exceptions for rape, incest or health. (Jun 2015)
	Consensus that life begins at conception; so no abortion. (May 2014)
Ted Cruz	Allow vote to end Planned Parenthood's funding. (Aug 2015)
	Ban taxpayer funding of abortion & partial birth abortion. (Mar 2015)
	Protect innocent human life with partial-birth ban. (Jul 2011)

<b>Republican Candidate</b>	<b>Budget&amp;Economy</b>
Donald Trump	We owe \$19T and we need a businessman to bring us back. (Sep 2015)
	If debt reaches \$24T, that's the point of no return. (Jun 2015)
	Predicts 35% boost to economy from eliminating national debt. (Nov 1999)
Ben Carson	Let the economy work the way it's supposed to. (Jan 2014)
	The free market works. (Jan 2014)
Marco Rubio	Repeal and replace Dodd-Frank: it eviscerates banks. (Aug 2015)
	Freeze spending for everything but defense at 2008 levels. (Apr 2015)
	Tax, borrow, & spend is not the way out of the recession. (Feb 2013)
Ted Cruz	Top 1% under Obama got fat & happy while workers are hurting. (Feb 2015)
	Lost Generation: Obama agenda hammers young people. (Mar 2014)
	Balanced budget amendment to stop bankrupting our country. (Mar 2014)
	Choice is more federal spending, or free markets & liberty. (Aug 2012)

<b>Republican Candidate</b>	<b>Education</b>
Donald Trump	Common Core is a disaster. (Jun 2015)
	Cut the Department of Education way, way down. (Jun 2015)
	Founded Trump University to teach the art of deal-making. (Jun 2015)
	Opposes Common Core. (Feb 2015)
	Americans don't know their roots: study your ancestry. (Apr 2010)
	Comprehensive education instead of limiting subjects. (Apr 2010)
	Teach citizenship; stop “dumbing down”. (Jul 2000)
	End “creative spelling,” “estimating,” & “empowerment”. (Jul 2000)
Ben Carson	Our public education system has become a propaganda system. (May 2015)
	Private schooling better than Common Core public schooling. (Feb 2015)
	When you educate a man, you liberate a man. (May 2014)
Marco Rubio	Common Core will convert from suggestions to mandate. (Aug 2015)
	Too many 4-year college grads; focus on vocational careers. (Apr 2015)
Ted Cruz	Right to education: public, private, charter, or homeschool. (Mar 2015)
	We should thank parents who homeschool. (Mar 2015)
	Local control of education instead of Common Core. (Mar 2015)
	Education decisions best made at local level. (Jun 2012)
	Denounce the Common Core State Standards. (Feb 2014)

<b>Republican Candidate</b>	<b>Energy &amp; Oil</b>
Donald Trump	Climate change is a hoax. (Jun 2015)
	No Cap-and-Tax: oil is this country's lifeblood. (Dec 2011)
	Jobs will slump until our lifeblood--oil--is cheap again. (Dec 2011)
	Enough natural gas in Marcellus Shale for 110 year supply. (Dec 2011)
Ben Carson	Smart way in Mideast is to declare energy independence. (Sep 2015)
	Climate debate is distracting and irrelevant. (May 2015)
	Petroleum independence would deprive terrorists of funding. (Jan 2012)
	Intelligently tap our own resources offshore & in Alaska. (Jan 2012)
Marco Rubio	Addressing global warming would destroy our economy. (Sep 2015)
	Climate is always changing; it's not from human activity. (May 2014)
	Human activity is not causing climate change. (May 2014)
	Our government can't control the weather. (Feb 2013)
	Grow our energy industry, not "clean energy" like Solyndra. (Feb 2013)
	I dislike cap-&-trade, but it is inevitable as national law. (Jun 2012)
Ted Cruz	Fight against Gulf moratorium on offshore exploration. (Jul 2011)
	<a href="#">Signed the No Climate Tax Pledge by AFP. (Nov 2010)</a>
	Cap-and-trade has no impact on global temperatures. (Jul 2010)
	Explore proven energy reserves & keep energy prices low. (Jul 2010)
	Let states lease energy rights on federal lands. (Jun 2013)

<b>Republican Candidate</b>	<b>Foreign Policy</b>
Donald Trump	Putin has no respect for America; I will get along with him. (Sep 2015)
	We must deal with the maniac in North Korea with nukes. (Sep 2015)
	More sanctions on Iran; more support of Israel. (Jun 2015)
	China is our enemy; they're bilking us for billions. (Dec 2011)
	When you love America, you protect it with no apologies. (Dec 2011)
Ben Carson	Back Israel and follow what Netanyahu wants on Iran. (May 2015)
	Don't just sit around waiting to see what other people do. (Feb 2015)
	America on same bad path as ancient Rome, but we can fix it. (May 2014)
	US is exceptional, with different values than rest of world. (May 2014)
Marco Rubio	North Korea is run by a maniac with nuclear weapons. (Sep 2015)
	Putin trying to position Russia as a geopolitical force. (Sep 2015)
	We've neglected Latin American democracies & our alliances. (Apr 2015)
Ted Cruz	Don't let world courts bind American sovereignty. (Sep 2015)
	Move American embassy in Israel to Jerusalem. (Sep 2015)
	Cuba is oppressive but never misses chance to propagandize. (Oct 2014)

<b>Republican Candidate</b>	<b>Free Trade</b>
Donald Trump	We don't beat China or Japan or Mexico in trade. (Aug 2015)
	China and Japan are beating us; I can beat China. (Jun 2015)
	35% import tax on Mexican border. (Jun 2015)
	Stupid people negotiate our trade bills, & trade won't work. (Jun 2015)
	20% tax on all imported goods. (Dec 2011)
Ben Carson	Stop severe trade imbalance via stiff tariffs. (Jan 2012)
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Marco Rubio	Develop policies that embrace reality of globalization. (Jan 2015)
	Trade with Cuba won't translate into political freedom. (Dec 2014)
	Continue reducing barriers to free and fair trade. (Aug 2010)
Ted Cruz	End the Export-Import Bank. (Aug 2015)
	The Export-Import bank is corporate welfare. (Mar 2015)

<b>Republican Candidate</b>	<b>Government Reform</b>
Donald Trump	Government scrutiny is greatest threat to American Dream. (Jul 2000)
	Ban soft money; but allow unlimited personal contributions. (Jul 2000)
	Government should do public works & safety & little else. (Jul 2000)
Ben Carson	Covertly spy on government workers to make them work harder. (Jun 2015)
	5-year federal hiring freeze, to decrease size of government. (Jan 2015)
	Human nature makes giving up power difficult. (Jan 2012)
	Too many lawyers in government; get more doctors in. (Jan 2012)
	Lengthen House term to 6-10 years, with no re-election. (Jan 2012)
Marco Rubio	Regulatory agencies shouldn't write criminal law. (Apr 2015)
	Conservatives must show they have real solutions to poverty. (Jan 2015)
	Government has a role, but it is not giving poor money. (Jan 2015)
	More government breeds complicated rules & holds us back. (Feb 2013)
	Choose more freedom instead of more government. (Aug 2012)
Ted Cruz	If you like special interests, I ain't your guy. (Aug 2015)
	Executive actions override Congress & the Constitution. (Nov 2014)
	Stop IRS from asking: 'tell me the content of your prayers'. (Mar 2014)
	Presidents should not pick & choose laws to enforce. (Mar 2014)
	End Washington cronyism via Congressional term limits. (Mar 2014)

<b>Republican Candidate</b>	<b>Gun control</b>
Donald Trump	A very strong person on the Second Amendment. (Jun 2015)
	I am against gun control. (Feb 2011)
Ben Carson	Law-abiding citizens have right to guns without registration. (Mar 2014)
	Extremely pro-2nd Amendment; never let anyone tamper with it. (Feb 2014)
	Semi-automatic weapons ok in countryside, but not cities. (Mar 2013)
Marco Rubio	Criminals will ignore gun laws because they're criminals. (Sep 2015)
	New gun laws are ineffective, so don't pass them. (Apr 2013)
	Has a concealed weapon permit, but does not carry a weapon. (Apr 2013)
	Deal with gun violence, but do it constitutionally. (Feb 2013)
Ted Cruz	Opposes unreasonable and burdensome gun restrictions. (Jul 2011)
	Voted NO on banning high-capacity magazines of over 10 bullets. (Apr 2013)
	<a href="#">Opposes restricting the Second Amendment. (Oct 2012)</a>
	Oppose the United Nations' Arms Trade Treaty. (Sep 2013)

<b>Republican Candidate</b>	<b>Healthcare</b>
Donald Trump	I'm for vaccines, but in smaller quantities to avoid autism. (Sep 2015)
	The insurance companies have total control over politicians. (Aug 2015)
	ObamaCare is a catastrophe that must be repealed & replaced. (Jun 2015)
	Don't cut Medicare; grow the economy to keep benefits. (Jun 2015)
	ObamaCare deductibles are so high that it's useless. (Jun 2015)
	Save Medicare & Medicaid without cutting them to the bone. (Jan 2015)
	Kill ObamaCare before it becomes a trillion-ton weight. (Dec 2011)
	Increase insurance competition across state lines. (Dec 2011)
Ben Carson	Vaccines never caused autism; vaccination is important. (Sep 2015)
	Obamacare is about restriction and control. (Feb 2015)
	Vaccines are extremely important, despite individual rights. (Feb 2015)
	Spokesperson for Mannatech nutrition supplement for 10 years. (Jan 2015)
	ObamaCare robs you of your ability to control your own life. (May 2014)
	ObamaCare is the worst thing since slavery. (Oct 2013)
	Health savings account from birth; teach poor responsibility. (Feb 2013)
	Fund HSAs for indigent from collected HSAs of the rest of us. (Feb 2013)
	Two-tiered system ok as long as care is adequate. (Jan 2012)
	Saudi Arabian solution: stiff penalties for medical fraud. (Jan 2012)
	Regulate insurance companies as non-profit services. (Jan 2012)
	Government responsibility for catastrophic coverage. (Jan 2012)
Marco Rubio	All kids should get vaccinated, with medical exceptions. (Feb 2015)
	ObamaCare stifles entrepreneurship with regulation. (Jan 2015)
Ted Cruz	I regret voting for John Roberts because of ObamaCare vote. (Sep 2015)
	Washington wants ObamaCare, the people want liberty. (Feb 2015)
	Support nuns' battle for religious liberty against ObamaCare. (Jan 2015)
	Government shutdown on ObamaCare worked: GOP won in 2014. (Nov 2014)
	To repeal ObamaCare, show Dems they'd lose by supporting it. (Mar 2014)

Republican Candidate	Immigration
Donald Trump	We're only country dumb enough for birthright citizenship. (Sep 2015)
	Illegal immigrants populate many criminal gangs. (Sep 2015)
	This is a country where we speak English, not Spanish. (Sep 2015)
	We need wall on Mexican border, but ok to have a door in it. (Aug 2015)
	Mexican government is sending criminals across the border. (Aug 2015)
	OpEd: businesses & Republicans condemn anti-Mexico terms. (Jul 2015)
	Half of the undocumented residents in America are criminals. (Jun 2015)
	Mexico & Latin America send us drugs, crime, and rapists. (Jun 2015)
	Build great wall on southern border; have Mexico pay for it. (Jun 2015)
	We need strong borders; we need a wall. (Feb 2015)
	Citizenship for illegal immigrants is a GOP suicide mission. (Mar 2013)
	351,000 illegal aliens are in our prisons; costing \$1.1B. (Dec 2011)
	Anchor babies were NEVER the intent of the 14th Amendment. (Dec 2011)
Ben Carson	Turn off the spigots, then allow agricultural guest workers. (Sep 2015)
	We have the ability to build a border wall, but not the will. (Sep 2015)
	Moral low road to use cheap labor if no path to citizenship. (Feb 2015)
	Pathway to citizenship unfair to past & current immigrants. (Feb 2015)
	Use Canadian model for guest worker program. (Jan 2015)
Marco Rubio	My family are all immigrants; but no comprehensive solution. (Sep 2015)
	Replace family-based system with economic contribution. (Sep 2015)
	Legal immigrants have been waiting in line for 15 years. (Aug 2015)
	Joined "Gang of Eight" to push comprehensive reform. (Apr 2015)
	Deal with border & future immigrants BEFORE any amnesty. (Feb 2015)
	2010: Earned path to citizenship is code for amnesty. (Feb 2015)
	Modernize immigration to win global competition for talent. (Sep 2014)
Ted Cruz	Support Kate's Law: oppose our leaders who won't enforce. (Aug 2015)
	Path to citizenship is profoundly unfair to legal immigrants. (Feb 2015)
	End Obama's illegal amnesty via Congress' checks & balances. (Nov 2014)
	Defund amnesty; and refuse any nominees until rescinded. (Nov 2014)
	No path to citizenship for 1.65 million illegals in Texas. (Oct 2012)
	Give police more power to ask about immigration status. (Jun 2012)
	Boots on the ground, plus a wall. (Apr 2012)
	Triple the size of the Border Patrol. (Mar 2012)
	Strengthen border security and increase enforcement. (Jul 2011)

<b>Republican Candidate</b>	<b>Jobs</b>
Donald Trump	Real unemployment rate is 20%; don't believe 5.6%. (Jun 2015)
	Raising business tax causes businesses to move jobs overseas. (Dec 2011)
	Unions fight for pay; managers fight for less; consumers win. (Jul 2000)
	Foreign companies are taking jobs from US. (Dec 1999)
Ben Carson	Minimum wage should probably be raised; then index it. (Sep 2015)
Marco Rubio	Give wage subsidies rather than raise minimum wage. (Jan 2015)
	Voted against Paycheck Fairness Act (equal pay for women). (Sep 2014)
	Ok to extend unemployment if it's paid for. (Jan 2014)
Ted Cruz	Pass a flat tax and abolish the IRS, and jobs will follow. (Sep 2015)
	Raising minimum wage by executive fiat opposes rule of law. (Jan 2014)
	Lowest labor force participation in over three decades. (Jan 2014)
	Extending unemployment benefits exacerbates joblessness. (Aug 2012)

<b>Republican Candidate</b>	<b>Tax Reform</b>
Donald Trump	Raise graduated taxes on hedge fund managers. (Sep 2015)
	One-time 14% tax on wealthy to pay down national debt. (Jun 2015)
	4 brackets; 1-5-10-15%; kill death tax & corporate tax. (Dec 2011)
	Cutting tax rates incentivizes a strong national work ethic. (Dec 2011)
Ben Carson	Progressive taxation on the rich--that's socialism. (Sep 2015)
	God's a pretty fair guy, so tithing is better than FairTax. (Aug 2015)
	IRS unneeded with proportional flat tax system. (May 2015)
	God says tithe at 10%; no triple tithe for bumper crops. (May 2014)
	Bible endorses flat tax--10% tithing. (Feb 2013)
Marco Rubio	Our outdated tax code encourages outsourcing jobs. (Jan 2015)
	2007: Replace all property taxes by adding 2.5% to sales tax. (Feb 2014)
	Replace property taxes with a consumption tax. (Jun 2012)
	OpEd: Proposed consumption tax called "largest tax increase". (Jun 2012)
Ted Cruz	Abolish the IRS. (Feb 2015)
	Permanent Washington elite protects the tax code. (Apr 2012)
	Adopt a single-rate tax system. (Jul 2010)
	Repeal tax hikes in capital gains and death tax. (Jul 2010)