



<p><b>Abortion</b></p>	<p>“Recognizing that abortion is a sensitive issue and that people can hold good-faith views on all sides, we believe that government should be kept out of the matter, leaving the question to each person for their conscientious consideration.”</p>	<p>“Women's right to control their bodies is non-negotiable. It is essential that the option of a safe, legal abortion remains available.”</p> <p>“We endorse women’s right to use contraception and, when they choose, to have an abortion. This right cannot be limited to women's age or marital status. Contraception and abortion must be included in all health insurance policies in the U.S., and any state government must be able to legally offer these services free of charge to women at the poverty level.”</p>	<p>“We affirm the God-given legal personhood of all human beings from fertilization to natural death, without exception. The first duty of the law is to protect innocent life, created in the image of God. No government may legalize the taking of life without justification. Legalizing the termination of innocent life of the born or unborn, whether by abortion, infanticide, euthanasia or suicide, is a direct violation of their unalienable right to life. As to matters of rape and incest, we find it unconscionable to take the life of an innocent child for the crimes of his father.”</p>
<p><b>Criminal Justice</b></p>	<p>“Reduce the prison population ...”</p> <p>“Prisons should be the sentence of last resort, reserved for violent criminals. Those convicted of non-violent offenses should be handled by alternative, community-based programs ...”</p> <p>“Abolish the death penalty.”</p> <p>“Greens call for an end to the ‘war on drugs’, legalization of drugs and for treating drug abuse as a health issue.”</p> <p>“[Stop the] widespread privatization of prisons.”</p>	<p>“Criminal laws should be limited in their application to violations of the rights of others through force or fraud, or to deliberate actions that place others involuntarily at significant risk of harm. Therefore, we favor the repeal of all laws creating “crimes” without victims, such as the use of drugs for medicinal or recreational purposes.”</p> <p>“We support restitution to the victim to the fullest degree possible at the expense of the criminal or the negligent wrongdoer.”</p> <p>“We oppose the administration of the death penalty by the state.”</p>	<p>“Crime, in most cases, is to be dealt with by state and local governments ... We favor the right of states and localities to execute criminals convicted of capital crimes and to require restitution for the victims of criminals.”</p> <p>We believe that all men are created equal and therefore deserve equal protection under the law. We are opposed to all "hate crime" legislation at all levels of government, and to enhanced penalties for so-called hate crimes. We recognize that a result of the designation of "hate crime" is to extend federal jurisdiction to crimes which would otherwise be in the province of the states or local communities.”</p>



<p><b>Education</b></p>	<p>“Education is best provided by the free market, achieving greater quality, accountability and efficiency with more diversity of choice. Recognizing that the education of children is a parental responsibility, we would restore authority to parents to determine the education of their children, without interference from government. Parents should have control of and responsibility for all funds expended for their children's education.”</p>	<p>“The Green Party supports equal access to high-quality education, and sharp increases in financial aid for college students ... [We] believe every child deserves a public education that ... provides the breadth and depth of learning necessary to become an active citizen and a constructive member of our society. We do not believe our public school system, as it presently operates, helps us reach that goal.”</p> <p>“[We’re] strongly opposed to the dissolution of public schools and the privatization of education.”</p>	<p>“Education should be free from all federal government subsidies ... except with respect to veterans.”</p> <p>“Under no circumstances should the federal government be involved in national teacher certification, educational curricula, textbook selection, learning standards, comprehensive sex education, psychological and psychiatric research testing programs, and personnel.”</p> <p>“We affirm the free market principles which drive improvement of education through non-traditional options such as internet-based schools, charter schools, Christian and private schools, as well as home schooling options.”</p>
<p><b>Energy</b></p>	<p>“While energy is needed to fuel a modern society, government should not be subsidizing any particular form of energy. We oppose all government control of energy pricing, allocation, and production.”</p>	<p>“The Green Party advocates a rapid reduction in energy consumption through energy efficiency and a decisive transition away from fossil and nuclear power toward cleaner, renewable, local energy sources.”</p>	<p>“We call for abolishing the Department of Energy.”</p> <p>“Private property rights should be respected, and the federal government should not interfere with the development of potential energy sources, including natural gas, hydroelectric power, solar energy, wind generators, and nuclear energy.”</p>



<p><b>Environment</b></p>	<p>“Competitive free markets and property rights stimulate the technological innovations and behavioral changes required to protect our environment and ecosystems. Private landowners and conservation groups have a vested interest in maintaining natural resources.</p> <p>Governments are unaccountable for damage done to our environment and have a terrible track record when it comes to environmental protection. Protecting the environment requires a clear definition and enforcement of individual rights and responsibilities regarding resources like land, water, air, and wildlife.</p>	<p>“Greens want to stop runaway climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions at least 40% by 2020 and 95% by 2050, over 1990 levels. Climate change is the gravest environmental, social and economic peril that humanity has ever met.”</p> <p>“We need ecologically sound forms of transportation that minimize pollution and maximize efficiency ... [We] will shift our nation toward clean production and principles of zero waste ... “Land use policies must promote sustainable development and respect ecology.”</p> <p>Strict federal environmental protection standards must be enforced to preserve and improve air and water quality. (paraphrased)</p>	<p>“It is our responsibility to be prudent, productive, and efficient stewards of God's natural resources. In that role, we are commanded to be fruitful and multiply and to replenish the earth and develop it (e.g., to turn deserts into farms and wastelands into groves).</p> <p>“We reject ... the argument of the perceived threat of man-made global warming which has been refuted by a large number of scientists.”</p> <p>“We call for a return to the states and to the people all lands which are held by the federal government without authorization by the Constitution ... We also call for repeal of federal wetlands legislation and the federal Endangered Species Act ... (and) oppose environmental treaties and conventions ...”</p>
<p><b>Firearms</b></p>	<p>“We affirm the individual right recognized by the Second Amendment to keep and bear arms, and oppose the prosecution of individuals for exercising their rights of self-defense. Private property owners should be free to establish their own conditions regarding the presence of personal defense weapons on their own property. We oppose all laws at any level of government restricting, registering, or monitoring the ownership, manufacture, or transfer of firearms or ammunition.”</p>	<p>“[We want] thoughtful, carefully considered gun control such as is contained in the Brady Bill (1993). Eliminate the gun show loophole that permits sale of weapons without background checks. Extend background checks to all private sales of firearms.”</p>	<p>“The Constitution Party upholds the right of the citizen to keep and bear arms. We oppose attempts to prohibit ownership of guns by law-abiding citizens and stand against all laws which would require the registration of guns or ammunition.”</p>

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<p><b>Foreign Policy</b></p>	<p>“American foreign policy should seek an America at peace with the world. Our foreign policy should emphasize defense against attack from abroad and enhance the likelihood of peace by avoiding foreign entanglements. We would end the current U.S. government policy of foreign intervention, including military and economic aid. We recognize the right of all people to resist tyranny and defend themselves and their rights.</p>	<p>“Greens support sustainable development and social and economic justice across the globe. Reducing militarism and reliance on arms policies is the key to progress toward collective security.”</p>	<p>“The United States is a free and sovereign republic which should strive to live in peaceful commerce with all nations without interfering in their internal affairs, and without permitting their interference in ours. We oppose interventionist policy, and call upon the President and Congress to commence a systematic withdrawal from treaties and agreements.”</p>
<p><b>Health Care</b></p>	<p>“We favor a free-market health care system. We recognize the freedom of individuals to determine the level of health insurance they want (if any), the level of health care they want, the care providers they want, the medicines and treatments they will use and all other aspects of their medical care, including end-of-life decisions. People should be free to purchase health insurance across state lines.”</p>	<p>“The Green Party supports single-payer universal healthcare and preventive care for all. We believe that health care is a right, not a privilege.”</p>	<p>“The Constitution Party opposes the governmentalization and bureaucratization of American medicine. Government regulation and subsidy constitutes a threat to both the quality and availability of patient-oriented health care and treatment. Hospitals, doctors, and other health care providers should be accountable to patients – not to politicians, insurance bureaucrats, or HMO Administrators.”</p>

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<p><b>Immigration policy</b></p>	<p>“Political freedom and escape from tyranny demand that individuals not be unreasonably constrained by government in the crossing of political boundaries. Economic freedom demands the unrestricted movement of human as well as financial capital across national borders. However, we support control over the entry into our country of foreign nationals who pose a credible threat to security, health or property.”</p>	<p>“The Green Party stands firmly for social justice for all those living in this country regardless of their immigration status. Above all, policy and law must be humane.”</p> <p>“The undocumented immigrants who are already residing and working in the United States, and their families, should be granted a legal status which includes the chance to become U.S. citizens. Persons should be excluded from this process only if they present a clear and present danger to other members of our society. The level of fees required for this process should not be a burden on low-income workers.”</p>	<p>“We affirm the integrity of the international borders of the United States and the Constitutional authority and duty of the federal government to guard and to protect those borders, including the regulation of the numbers and of the qualifications of immigrants into the country.</p> <p>“We favor a moratorium on immigration to the United States, except in extreme hardship cases or in other individual special circumstances, until the availability of all federal subsidies and assistance be discontinued, and proper security procedures have been instituted to protect against terrorist infiltration.”</p>
<p><b>Labor</b></p>	<p>“Employment and compensation agreements between private employers and employees are outside the scope of government, and these contracts should not be encumbered by government-mandated benefits or social engineering. We support the right of private employers and employees to choose whether or not to bargain with each other through a labor union. Bargaining should be free of government interference, such as compulsory arbitration or imposing an obligation to bargain.”</p>	<p>“The Green Party supports the irreducible right of working people, without hindrance, to form a union and to bargain collectively with their employer.”</p> <p>“All workers, temporary or permanent, must be paid a living wage. The federal minimum wage for all workers should be set to at least \$15 per hour, indexed to inflation.”</p> <p>“We support the establishment of a reduced-hour work week and at least one month of vacation per year for all workers.”</p>	<p>“Nothing in the Constitution, writings of the Founders, nor in logic, can imagine a God-given right to earn a specific wage or buy at a specific price. We deny that civil government has the authority to set wages and prices; so doing is inconsistent with principles of individual liberty and the free market.”</p>

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<p><b>Marriage</b></p>	<p>“Sexual orientation, preference, gender, or gender identity should have no impact on the government’s treatment of individuals, such as in current marriage, child custody, adoption, immigration or military service laws. Government does not have the authority to define, license or restrict personal relationships. Consenting adults should be free to choose their own sexual practices and personal relationships.”</p>	<p>“The Green Party affirms the rights of all individuals to freely choose intimate partners, regardless of their sex, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation.”</p> <p>“The Green Party recognizes the equal rights of persons who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, intersex, trans-sexual, queer, or transgender to housing, jobs, civil marriage, medical benefits, child custody, and in all areas of life including equal tax treatment.”</p>	<p>“The law of our Creator defines marriage as the union between one man and one woman. The marriage covenant is the foundation of the family, and the family is fundamental in the maintenance of a stable, healthy and prosperous social order. No government may legitimately authorize or define marriage or family relations contrary to what God has instituted. We are opposed to any judicial ruling or amending the U.S. Constitution or any state constitution re-defining marriage with any definition other than the Biblical standard.”</p>
<p><b>Taxes</b></p>	<p>“All persons are entitled to keep the fruits of their labor. We call for the repeal of the income tax, the abolishment of the Internal Revenue Service and all federal programs and services not required under the U.S. Constitution. We oppose any legal requirements forcing employers to serve as tax collectors. Government should not incur debt, which burdens future generations without their consent. We support the passage of a ‘Balanced Budget Amendment’ to the U.S. Constitution, provided that the budget is balanced exclusively by cutting expenditures, and not by raising taxes.”</p>	<p>“Our current tax system is outrageously unjust. It is riddled with loopholes, subsidies and dodges for corporations and the super-rich.”</p> <p>“We call for progressive taxation, shifting tax from individuals to corporations, taxing ‘bads’ not ‘goods,’ taxing unearned income at the same rate as earned income, taxing speculation on Wall Street, and cutting corporate tax giveaways.”</p> <p>“We support substantive and wide-ranging reform of the tax system that helps create jobs, economic efficiencies and innovation within the small business community. We will end ‘corporate welfare.’”</p>	<p>“We propose legislation to abolish the Internal Revenue Service, and will veto any authorization, appropriation, or continuing resolution which contains any funding whatsoever for that illicit and unconstitutional agency. We are opposed to the flat-rate tax, national sales tax, and value added tax proposals that are being promoted as an improvement to the current tax system. The Sixteenth Amendment does not provide authority for an un-apportioned direct tax. Moreover, it is our intention to replace, with a tariff based revenue system supplemented by excise taxes, the current tax system of the U.S. government (including income taxes, payroll taxes, and estate taxes.)”</p>