

GOVERNMENT AND LAW

Campaigns, Elections, and American Institutions

We support:

1. Automatic/Same-Day Voter Registration
2. OCE/RVRA/IRV
3. Iowa's redistricting-system used nationwide
4. absentee/early-voting
5. mandatory election audits
6. truth in political advertising
7. 5-year lobbying ban on Federal/State elected/appointed officials leaving government
8. paid federal/state election holidays
9. vote-by-mail
10. comprehensive congressional-ethics/CEC-reform
11. state/national candidates releasing tax-returns
12. Johnson Amendment
13. Iowa's judicial merit-selection-system
14. Iowa constitutional amendment requiring full funding for co-equal judicial-branch
15. government-transparency
16. posse-comitatus
17. RCV/IRV
18. publicly funded campaigns/elections
19. standardizing election poll-supervision, ballot type/tabulation
20. re-examining [501(c)(4)] political-activity
21. requiring political activity transparency—including funding
22. caucus system improvements
23. open-source software/paper-trailed voting-systems
24. VOICE/Fair-Elections-Now-Act
25. limiting campaigning-time
26. campaign/debate processes including third-party candidates

We oppose:

27. Citizens United
28. super-delegates
29. "corporate personhood"
30. Electoral College
31. Super-PACs
32. official languages

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33. any voter suppression
34. gerrymandering
35. national constitutional convention

Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

We support:

36. Affirmative Action
37. community right to enact laws protecting health/safety of natural persons/environment
38. repealing 2001 USAPA and 2008 FISAAA
39. providing tax-credits/employment bonding programs
40. barring law enforcement officials from sexual activities with suspects/detainees
41. limiting "cavity searches"
42. Habeas Corpus
43. privacy rights
44. Miranda Rights
45. separating church and state
46. fully-funding Iowa legal-aid services
47. individual/legal entity right to BDS any country/corporation
48. freedom of speech and press
49. restoring VRA(1965) entirely
50. renaming Columbus Day
51. DC/PR/Territory statehood

We oppose:

52. RFRA
53. national ID
54. warrantless-searches/electronic-drone surveillance
55. non-church religious-exemptions from anti-discrimination laws
56. presidential self-pardons
57. subverting civil-rights

Consumer Protection

We support:

58. strengthening/expanding/vigorously enforcing anti-trust laws
59. penalties that deter corporate-malfeasance
60. law-breaking elected-official personal financial-responsibility
61. government official insider-trading laws

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62. enforcement/strengthening Dodd-Frank
63. foreclosure safety-net
64. CFPB: fully-funded independent agency
65. reinstating Glass/Steagall
66. GDPR-level PII data protection

We oppose:

67. robocalls
68. utility deregulation/privatization
69. limiting court access
70. "Pork-Belly" amendments

Criminal Justice

We support:

71. Legalizing Cannabis
72. vacating non-violent drug-offense past sentences
73. ending war-on-drugs/treating drug-addiction as public health issues
74. mentally-ill/addicted offender treatment programs
75. specialty-courts
76. de-escalation/bias programs/training/improving police-community relations
77. independent investigations of deaths involving police/corrections
78. fully-funding/timely rape-kit processing
79. equitable funding for public defense/prosecution
80. juvenile sentencing/incarceration reform
81. citizens' review boards
82. HCPA
83. contemporary Nordic inmate-rehabilitation-model:
 - a. rehabilitation not punishment
 - b. increasing rehabilitation programs for recently released individuals
 - c. inmate minimum wage
 - d. restorative justice
 - e. incarceration alternatives
84. EJI
85. requiring SCOTUS super-majorities on Constitutional questions
86. community policing
87. reforming civil/criminal forfeiture laws
88. victims' services
89. legalizing/taxing/regulating all recreational-drugs
90. preventing/identifying/treating human trafficking victims
91. prosecuting "white-collar" crime

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92. classifying abortion clinics/provider attacks as domestic-terrorism

We oppose:

93. charging defendants for: court-appointed-attorneys/probation/community service/jail-rent
94. shackles/restraints during childbirth
95. for-profit jails/prisons
96. capital punishment
97. mandatory-minimum sentencing
98. bail-system abuse
99. law-enforcement militarization
100. "Stop-and-Frisk" policies
101. NDAA indefinite-detention provisions
102. civil/criminal statutes of limitations on child-abuse/sexual-abuse cases
103. ex-offender housing-discrimination

Government Services

We support:

104. quid-pro-quo government official prosecution
105. full-access to ALL public records
106. substantive funding for:
 - a. safe/reliable/well-maintained bridges/roadways
 - b. secure ports/water supplies/infrastructure
 - c. rural county/city (emergency) services
 - d. FVPSA/VAWA
 - e. Division of Tobacco Use and Control
 - f. Public Broadcasting
 - g. art in public-buildings
 - h. SHS projects/goals
 - i. prisons
107. USPS Banking
108. VOCA compensation going to victims
109. fully-funding/enforcing federal/state mandates
110. COLAs including medical costs/food/energy
111. SCOTUS following FJCC
112. local/international food-aid programs
113. State Bank of Iowa

We oppose:

114. FICA income cap

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- 115. eminent-domain for private-profit
- 116. nepotism
- 117. fast-track congressional voting without public debate
- 118. tax-cuts defunding public programs
- 119. privatizing/outsourcing government services/assets

Gun Safety

We support:

- 120. guardian accountability for minor negligent-gun-access
- 121. public/private property gun-free zones
- 122. updated version of the Assault Weapons Ban of 1994, restricting:
 - a. silencers/suppressors
 - b. bump-stocks
 - c. high-capacity-magazines
 - d. fragmentary-rounds
- 123. updating/amending the 2nd-Amendment
- 124. mandatory safety training/proficiency requirements
- 125. expanding NICS
- 126. firearm transfer universal background checks
- 127. registration
- 128. waiting periods
- 129. just-cause Sheriff discretion issuing Concealed-Carry
- 130. mandatory liability insurance for gun/ammunition owners/sellers/manufacturers
- 131. GVROA(2017)
- 132. mandatory reporting lost/stolen firearms
- 133. reasonable gun-regulation/responsible gun-ownership
- 134. gun buybacks

We oppose:

- 135. open-carry
- 136. Dickey Amendment
- 137. NCCR
- 138. private post-1968 firearms transfers without serial numbers

Immigration

We support:

- 139. state/federal DREAM/DAPA/DACA/TVDL/UAFSA
- 140. resolving visas/permanent-residency backlogs/prioritizing family unity

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- 141. Visa denial/removal judicial review
- 142. refugee classifying unaccompanied minors
- 143. adult/minor-refugee/asylum-seeker resettlement programs
- 144. immigration reform eliminating biases/reflecting skills needs/respecting national security needs/providing quicker-clearly-defined citizenship pathways
- 145. undocumented immigrant DL/vehicle registration
- 146. expedited vetting Syrian/Yemeni refugees
- 147. reinstating Governor Robert D. Ray's refugee-programs
- 148. requiring/funding immigrant/minors/guest workers legal representation
- 149. applying fair-labor laws/due-process to all

We oppose:

- 150. detaining undocumented minors
- 151. immigrant detention/deportation quotas
- 152. locally enforcing federal immigration laws
- 153. mass raids/related enforcement practices
- 154. religious exclusion
- 155. "papers please"
- 156. unnecessary travel-bans
- 157. abrogating birthright-citizenship

Internet and Telecommunications

We support:

- 158. publicly-owned/universal HSIA
- 159. modernized "Fairness Doctrine"/equal-time rule

We oppose:

- 160. internet censorship
- 161. warrantless bulk-data collection
- 162. cyberbullying
- 163. FCC's "UHF Discount" allowing media monoliths

Taxes and Social Security

We support:

- 164. charitable-giving tax-deductions
- 165. Veterans Exemption
- 166. restoring TIF's original purpose;

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- 167. "public-assistance" penalties for large employers
- 168. fair/just tax-code including progressive-taxation of capital/increasing top-marginal tax-rate

We oppose:

- 169. chained CPI
- 170. raising retirement age/cutting SS-benefits
- 171. taxing: unemployment/workers'-compensation/disability/SS-benefits
- 172. refundable corporate tax-credits
- 173. corporate tax-loopholes
- 174. SS-fund diversion
- 175. corporate-welfare

Transportation

We support:

- 176. Complete-Streets
- 177. crash-prevention engineering
- 178. Main Street Iowa
- 179. helmet laws
- 180. ET3/Hyperloop/High-speed Rail/light-rail feeder-systems
- 181. backseat passenger seat-belt law
- 182. transportation alternative-energies
- 183. rural-transportation expansion

ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

- BDS – Boycott, Divest, Sanction
- CCA - Child Care Assistance
- CEC - Citizens Election Council
- CFPB - Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
- COLA – Cost of Living Adjustment
- CPI – Consumer Price Index
- DACA – Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals
- DAPA – Deferred Action for Parents of Americans
- DC – District of Columbia
- DL – Drivers License
- DREAM – Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors
- EITC - Earned Income Tax Credit
- EJI – Equal Justice Initiative
- ET3 - Evacuated Tube-Transport-Technologies
- FCC - Federal Communications Commission

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FICA – Federal Insurance Contributions Act
FISAAA - Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (of 1978) Amendments Act (of 2008)
FJCC – Federal Judicial Code of Conduct
FVPSA – Family Violence Prevention and Services Act
GDPR - General Data Protection Regulation
GIVFAP - Grow Iowa Values Financial Assistance Program
GVROA - Gun Violence Restraining Order Act of 2017
HCPA - Hate Crimes Prevention Act
HSIA - High-Speed Internet Access
ICRC - Iowa Civil Rights Commission
ID - Identification
IOWA - Best State in the United States of America
IRV – Instant Runoff Voting
NCCR - National Concealed Carry Reciprocity
NDAA - National Defense Authorization Act
NICS – National Instant Criminal Background Check System
OCE – Office of Congressional Ethics
PAC - Political Action Committee
PII – Personally Identifiable Information
PR – Puerto Rico
RCV - Ranked Choice Voting
RFRA - Religious Freedom Restoration Act
Robert D Ray - Mythical creature, a Republican that embraced immigration
RVRA – Restoring Voting Rights Act
SCOTUS – Supreme Court of the United States
SHS – State Historical Society
SS – Social Security
TIF – Tax Incremented Financing
TVDL – Temporary Visitor's Driver's License
UAFA – Uniting American Families Act
UHF - Ultra High Frequency, In this context the name of a rule allowing single-company ownership of TV stations reaching up to 72% of households vs. 39%
USAPA- USA Patriot Act
USPS – United States Postal Service
VAWA – Violence Against Women Act
VOCA – Victims of Crime Act
VOICE – Voter Owned Iowa Clean Election
VRA - Voter Rights Act