GOVERNMENT AND LAW

Campaigns, Elections, and American Institutions

We support:

- 235. Automatic/Same-Day Voter Registration
- 236. OCE/RVRA/IRV/RCV
- 237. lowa's redistricting system used nationwide
- 238. absentee/early-voting
- 239. mandatory election audits
- 240. truth in political advertising
- 241. 5-year lobbying ban on Federal/State elected/appointed officials leaving government
- 242. paid federal/state election holidays
- 243. vote-by-mail
- 244. comprehensive congressional-ethics/CEC-reform
- 245. mandatory release of state/national candidates tax-returns
- 246. [MINORITY REPORT TO STRIKE 245]
- 247. [MINORITY REPORT TO REPLACE 245 WITH: "mandatory release of state/national candidates' tax-returns as condition of ballot inclusion"]
- 248. Johnson Amendment
- 249. Iowa's judicial merit-selection-system
- 250. Iowa constitutional amendment requiring full funding for co-equal judicialbranch
- 251. government transparency
- 252. publicly funded campaigns/elections
- 253. standardizing election poll-supervision, ballot type/tabulation
- 254. re-examining [501(c)(4)] political-activity
- 255. requiring political activity transparency-including funding
- 256. caucus system improvements
- 257. [MINORITY REPORT TO STRIKE 256]
- 258. open-source software/paper-trailed voting-systems
- 259. VOICE/Fair-Elections-Now-Act
- 260. limiting campaigning-time
- 261. [MINORITY REPORT TO ADD: "campaign/debate processes including third-party candidates"]

We oppose:

- 262. Citizens United
- 263. superdelegates
- 264. [MINORITY REPORT TO STRIKE 263]

- 265. corporate personhood
- 266. [MINORITY REPORT TO ADD: "Electoral College"]
- 267. Super-PACs
- 268. official languages
- 269. gerrymandering
- 270. national constitutional convention

Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

We support:

- 271. community right to enact laws protecting health/safety of natural persons/environment
- 272. repealing 2001 USAPA and 2008 FISAAA
- 273. providing tax-credits/employment bonding programs
- 274. barring law enforcement officials from sexual activities with suspects/detainees
- 275. limiting "cavity searches"
- 276. Miranda Rights
- 277. separating church and state and returning to pre-1954 pledge of allegiance
- 278. fully-funding lowa Legal Aid
- 279. individual/legal entity right to BDS any country/corporation
- 280. freedom of speech and press
- 281. restoring VRA(1965) entirely
- 282. renaming Columbus Day
- 283. DC/PR/Guam/Territory right to statehood

We oppose:

- 284. RFRA
- 285. national ID
- 286. warrantless-searches/electronic-drone surveillance
- 287. non-church religious-exemptions from anti-discrimination laws
- 288. presidential self-pardons
- 289. subverting civil-rights

Consumer Protection

- 290. strengthening/expanding/vigorously enforcing anti-trust laws
- 291. penalties that deter corporate malfeasance
- 292. personal financial responsibility for law-breaking elected officials
- 293. government official insider-trading laws

- 294. foreclosure safety-net
- 295. CFPB: fully-funded independent agency
- 296. GDPR-level PII data protection

We oppose:

- 297. robocalls
- 298. utility deregulation/privatization
- 299. limiting court access
- 300. "Pork-Barrel" amendments

Criminal Justice

- 301. legalizing cannabis
- 302. vacating non-violent drug-offense past sentences
- 303. ending war-on-drugs/treating drug-addiction as public health issues
- 304. mentally-ill/addicted offender treatment programs
- 305. specialty-courts
- 306. de-escalation/bias programs/training/improving police-community relations
- 307. independent investigations of deaths involving police/corrections
- 308. fully-funding/timely rape-kit processing
- 309. equitable funding for public defense/prosecution
- 310. juvenile sentencing/incarceration reform
- 311. citizens' review boards
- 312. HCPA
- 313. contemporary Nordic inmate-rehabilitation-model:
 - a. rehabilitation not punishment
 - o. increasing rehabilitation programs for recently released individuals
 - c. inmate minimum wage
 - d. restorative justice
 - e. incarceration alternatives
- 314. EJI
- 315. community policing
- 316. reforming civil/criminal forfeiture laws
- 317. victims' services
- 318. [MINORITY REPORT TO ADD: "legalizing/taxing/regulating all recreational-drugs"]
- 319. preventing/identifying/treating human trafficking victims
- 320. prosecuting "white-collar" crime
- 321. classifying abortion clinics/provider attacks as domestic-terrorism

We oppose:

- 322. requiring supreme court super-majorities on constitutional questions
- 323. charging defendants for: court-appointed-attorneys/probation/community service/jail-rent
- 324. shackles/restraints during childbirth
- 325. for-profit jails/prisons
- 326. capital punishment
- 327. mandatory-minimum sentencing
- 328. bail-system abuse
- 329. law-enforcement militarization
- 330. "Stop-and-Frisk" policies
- 331. NDAA indefinite-detention provisions
- 332. civil/criminal statutes of limitations on child-abuse/sexual-abuse cases
- 333. ex-offender housing-discrimination

Government Services

We support:

- 334. prosecuting government officials charged with quid-pro-quo bribery offenses
- 335. full-access to ALL public records excepting PII
- 336. 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 State Buildings
 - h. SHS projects/goals
 - i. prisons
- 337. USPS Banking
- 338. VOCA compensation going to victims
- 339. fully-funding/enforcing federal/state mandates
- 340. COLAs including medical costs/food/energy
- 341. local/international food-aid programs
- 342. State Bank of Iowa

We oppose:

- 343. eminent-domain for private-profit
- 344. nepotism

- 345. fast-track congressional voting without public debate
- 346. tax-cuts defunding public programs
- 347. privatizing/outsourcing government services/assets

Gun Safety

We support:

- 348. guardian accountability for minor negligent-gun-access
- 349. public/private property gun-free zones
- 350. updated version of the Assault Weapons Ban of 1994, restricting:
 - a. silencers/suppressors
 - b. bump-stocks
 - c. high-capacity-magazines
 - d. fragmentary-rounds
- 351. [MINORITY REPORT TO ADD: "updating/amending the 2nd-Amendment"]
- 352. mandatory safety/proficiency training
- 353. [MINORITY REPORT TO STRIKE 352]
- 354. expanding NICS
- 355. firearm transfer universal background checks
- 356. registration
- 357. waiting periods
- 358. just-cause Sheriff discretion issuing Concealed-Carry
- 359. mandatory liability insurance for gun/ammunition owners/sellers/manufacturers
- 360. GVROA(2017)
- 361. mandatory reporting lost/stolen firearms
- 362. reasonable gun-regulation/responsible gun-ownership
- 363. gun buybacks

We oppose:

- 364. open-carry
- 365. Dickey Amendment
- 366. NCCR
- 367. private post-1968 firearms transfers without serial numbers

Immigration

- 368. state/federal DREAM/DAPA/DACA/TVDL/UAFA
- 369. resolving visas/permanent-residency backlogs/prioritizing family unity
- 370. Visa denial/removal judicial review

- 371. refugee classifying unaccompanied minors
- 372. adult/minor-refugee/asylum-seeker resettlement programs
- 373. immigration reform eliminating biases/reflecting skills needs/respecting national security needs/providing quicker-clearly-defined citizenship pathways
- 374. undocumented immigrant DL/vehicle registration
- 375. expedited vetting Syrian/Yemeni refugees
- 376. reinstating Governor Robert D. Ray's refugee-programs
- 377. requiring/funding immigrant/minors/guest workers legal representation
- 378. applying fair-labor laws/due-process to all

We oppose:

- 379. detaining undocumented minors
- 380. immigrant detention/deportation quotas
- 381. locally enforcing federal immigration laws
- 382. mass raids/related enforcement practices
- 383. religious exclusion
- 384. "papers please"
- 385. unnecessary travel-bans
- 386. abrogating birthright-citizenship

Internet and Telecommunications

We support:

- 387. publicly-owned/universal HSIA
- 388. modernized "Fairness Doctrine"/equal-time rule

We oppose:

- 389. internet censorship
- 390. warrantless bulk-data collection
- 391. cyberbullying
- 392. FCC's "UHF Discount" allowing media monoliths

Taxes and Social Security

- 393. charitable-giving tax-deductions
- 394. Veterans Exemption
- 395. restoring TIF's original purpose
- 396. "public-assistance" penalties for large employers

397. fair/just tax-code including progressive-taxation of capital/increasing topmarginal tax-rate

We oppose:

- 398. chained CPI
- 399. raising retirement age/cutting SS-benefits
- 400. taxing: unemployment/workers'-compensation/disability/SS-benefits
- 401. refundable corporate tax-credits
- 402. corporate tax-loopholes
- 403. SS-fund diversion
- 404. corporate-welfare

Transportation

We support:

- 405. Complete-Streets
- 406. crash-prevention engineering
- 407. Main Street Iowa
- 408. helmet laws
- 409. ET3/Hyperloop/High-speed Rail/light-rail feeder-systems
- 410. backseat passenger seat-belt law
- 411. transportation alternative-energies
- 412. rural-transportation expansion

ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

501(c)(3) – a tax-exempt organization

501(c)(4) – a tax-exempt and non-profit social welfare organization

BDS - Boycott, Divest, Sanction

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

EJI – Equal Justice Initiative

ET3 - Evacuated Tube-Transport-Technologies

FCC - Federal Communications Commission

FISAAA - Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (of 1978) Amendments Act (of 2008)

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

ID - Identification

IOWA - Best State in the United States of America

Johnson Amendment – a provision in the U.S. tax code, since 1954, that prohibits all 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations from endorsing or opposing political candidates

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

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