

# Election Integrity

## POLICY PROPOSALS

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1. Require all voters to present photographic identification issued by the federal, state, local, or tribal government when voting.
2. States should require all individuals who register to vote to provide documentation establishing that they are U.S. citizens.
3. Require individuals who register by mail to vote in person the first time they vote and comply with HAVA provisions.

## QUICK FACTS

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1. A 2012 Pew Study showed that 24 million voter registrations were inaccurate, out of date, or duplicates.
2. In 2017, the Public Interest Legal Foundation found that more than 5,500 noncitizens had registered to vote in Virginia. Of these illegal registrants, 1,852 cast nearly 7,500 ballots in a state in which two state-wide attorney general races have been decided by less than 1,000 votes.

  
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# Election Integrity

## A CORNERSTONE OF OUR CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC

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- The right to vote in a free and fair election is the most basic civil right and one on which many other rights of the American people depend.

## THE ELECTORATE MUST TRUST THE PROCESS

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- Every American must be able to trust the voting process and its result; otherwise, the democratic system itself breaks down.
- The security of the ballot box cannot be left to a simple honor system.

## THE DUTY TO DEFEND AGAINST FRAUD

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- Our entire voting system was designed for in-person voting; voting by mail presents serious security and logistical problems.
- Congress and the states must ensure that all eligible Americans are able to vote and that their votes are not stolen or diluted by fraud or administrative errors.

# Legal Immigration

## POLICY PROPOSALS

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1. Establish a merit-based immigration system, in which America selects the majority of future immigrants based on skills, as opposed to the current majority family-based system in which immigrants select future immigrants based on relations.
2. End chain migration.
3. End universal birthright citizenship.

## QUICK FACTS

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1. Many countries around the world such as Canada, Australia, and the U.K. successfully use merit-based immigration systems.
2. 56 percent of Canadian immigrants and 62 percent of Australian immigrants are merit based, compared with fewer than 15 percent in the U.S.
3. In 2016, illegal immigrant births accounted for 7.5 percent of all births in the U.S., totaling over 297,000.

  
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# Legal Immigration

## SAFE, PROSPEROUS, AND FREE

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- U.S. immigration policy should keep the American people safe, prosperous, and free.

## A SYSTEM FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

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- Our current legal immigration system is outdated and fails both immigrants and Americans.
- Prioritizing “merit”—the ways immigrants can contribute to the country—over distant family connections, like many other countries do, helps ensure immigrants can thrive in our country while maximizing the benefits of immigration for Americans.

## STEP-BY-STEP REFORMS

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- Congress must consider the full range of necessary reforms to legal immigration, border security, and enforcement, using a step-by-step approach to address each on its own merits rather than a comprehensive approach that often leads to amnesty.

# Education

## POLICY PROPOSALS

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1. Restore revenue responsibility for preschool to the states and voucherize Head Start.
2. Empower military families with education savings accounts and equip Native American children on tribal lands with school choice.
3. Eliminate federal student loans to make space for private lending.

## QUICK FACTS

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1. Head Start has cost \$240 billion since its inception in 1965, but has had little to no impact on parenting practices, or the cognitive, social-emotional, and health outcomes of participants.
2. Spending per-pupil on K-12 education has quadrupled in real terms since 1960 with little change in test scores.
3. The gap in learning between students from the highest 10 percent and lowest 10 percent of the income distribution has remained relatively the same over decades—roughly four years of learning.

  
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# Education

## EQUIP FAMILIES WITH CHOICE

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- Individuals and families—not government—make the best decisions regarding their families' health, education, jobs, and welfare.

## THE FEDERAL EDUCATION MONOPOLY HURTS STUDENTS

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## STATE AND LOCAL CONTROL

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## PROMOTING ECONOMIC MOBILITY

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# China

## POLICY PROPOSALS

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1. Defend American economic interests from the many threats posed by China, such as intellectual property theft and espionage.
2. Uphold the strength and credibility of our alliances in the region.
3. Work with our allies and trading partners to build collective action addressing economic challenges.
4. Support Hong Kong and Taiwan against Communist China's threats to their economic and political freedom.

## QUICK FACTS

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1. China is one of the world's worst human rights violators, persecuting and imprisoning a massive number of religious citizens and ethnic minorities.
2. China has the world's largest military, benefiting from a two-decade long modernization program and double-digit budget increases.
3. American companies have \$107 billion invested in China, while China has invested some \$40 billion in the United States.

  
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# China

## DISCIPLINED ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

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- The fact that the U.S. and China have closely linked economies should not obscure the differences between our free economy and China's state-controlled system.
- The current economic relationship must be managed to prevent damage to U.S. security interests and the privacy of our citizens.

## THE REAL CHINA

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- We need to honestly evaluate Chinese “cooperation.” Progress in one area does not excuse China's misdeeds in others.
- The Chinese government is actively working to dominate East Asia, as well as outer space and cyber space. Beijing also engages in economic espionage and human rights abuses.

## ENGAGE AND PROTECT

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- We should be clear-sighted about when our interests coincide with those of China and when they do not. We should always be prepared to protect our rights and interests and those of our allies when they are threatened by China.



# Life

## POLICY PROPOSALS

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1. Eliminate taxpayer funding for elective abortion here and abroad and redirect federal funding of Planned Parenthood to health centers not involved in abortion.
2. Protect conscience rights of doctors, nurses, and other medical practitioners.
3. Stop Obamacare's expansion of funding for abortion coverage.
4. Resist the push for physician-assisted suicide (PAS).

## QUICK FACTS

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1. Three in four Americans believe that abortion should be limited to, at most, the first trimester.
2. More than 300 pro-life laws have been passed in states across the country in the past decade.
3. Today, roughly one million abortions occur in the U.S. every year.
4. Planned Parenthood received \$563.8 million in taxpayer funding in 2018, up from \$543.7 million in 2017.

  
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# Life

## EQUAL RIGHTS

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- All human beings, from the moment of conception, are persons with intrinsic worth and possess the fundamental right to life.

## REDIRECT FUNDING FOR PLANNED PARENTHOOD

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- Women should have access to the best care possible, but taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize organizations accused of selling body parts of aborted children. We should redirect funding for Planned Parenthood to the more than 13,000 local health centers that provide more comprehensive women's care.

## PROTECT THE VULNERABLE

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- Legalizing physician-assisted suicide is a grave mistake that endangers the weak and vulnerable, corrupts the practice of medicine and the doctor-patient relationship, compromises family commitments, and betrays human dignity and equality before the law.

# Health Care

## POLICY PROPOSALS

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1. Stop the left's drive toward a government takeover of health care.
2. Remove mandates at the federal and state level that empower big government and big business, and prevent doctors and patients from working together.
3. Empower patients to get the health care and coverage they want and trust.
4. Reform federal health care programs, such as Medicaid, to make them more effective in supporting pathways out of poverty while saving taxpayers money.

## QUICK FACTS

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1. Nearly 38 percent of Americans get health care today via government programs, including 10 major means-tested programs.
2. Under Obamacare, premiums for individual health insurance doubled between 2013 and 2017 and have grown since. Meanwhile, 71 percent of U.S. counties have either no insurer choice or a choice between only two insurers, up from 33 percent in 2015.

  
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# Health Care

## PATIENT-CENTERED SOLUTIONS

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- Empowering individuals to control their health care dollars and decisions is a far better approach to health care reform.
- Americans should have the freedom to choose a plan and doctors that best suit their needs, not a one-size-fits-all plan that the government creates.
- Proposals like the public option and Medicare for All represent a Washington takeover of health care, which would take away Americans' choice and control, leaving it in the hands of untrustworthy politicians and an inefficient bureaucracy instead of doctors who know them best.

# The Role of the Courts

## POLICY PROPOSALS

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1. Policymakers should pledge to promote the appointment of constitutionalist judges.
2. Senators should prioritize determining whether judicial nominees will be committed to the judiciary's role as designed.
3. Senators should not abuse their role of "Advice and Consent."

## QUICK FACTS

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1. Courts with judges who serve unlimited terms have a total of 860 seats around the country.
2. The lower courts have the last word on most federal cases because the Supreme Court decides only about 80 cases per year.
3. Judicial vacancies have remained a problem, compromising the judiciary's ability to serve its purpose.

  
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# The Role of the Courts

## CONSTITUTIONAL

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- Judges are required to swear an oath to uphold the Constitution, and the Senate should ensure nominees have a record of interpreting the law as written.

## UNBIASED

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- A judge's responsibility is to interpret the written law, not to create laws that align with his or her personal policy preferences.
- Judges should not have the power to redefine laws and traditions Americans have known for over two hundred years.

## UNPOLITICIZED

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- Judicial nominees at all levels should not be considered political pawns to be captured by one party or another—they are servants of the American people with a duty to uphold the Constitution.

# Strategic National Defense

## POLICY PROPOSALS

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1. Modernize the nuclear deterrent to ensure its reliability and effectiveness for decades to come.
2. Develop and deploy a comprehensive, layered missile defense system.
3. Address vulnerabilities to an Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) and increase resilience of the domestic electric grid.
4. Support the development of a space-based sensor layer to augment needed data for missile defense systems.

## QUICK FACTS

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1. The U.S. has not tested its nuclear warheads since 1992.
2. The U.S. currently has only 44 Ground-Based Midcourse Defense interceptors to protect the homeland.
3. Over 20 countries have ballistic missiles, including U.S. competitors and adversaries such as China, Russia, and North Korea.

  
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# Strategic National Defense

## THE DUTY TO DEFEND

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- Providing for the common defense is one of the primary responsibilities of the federal government.
- There is a widening gap between this responsibility and the readiness of the U.S. missile defense programs.

## NUCLEAR CONSEQUENCES

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- U.S. nuclear weapons have kept peace by deterring a large-scale attack against our country and allies.

## A DEVELOPING THREAT

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- As our adversaries build their missile arsenals, the U.S. nuclear weapons age, and our nuclear triad is overdue for modernization.



# Infrastructure

## POLICY PROPOSALS

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1. Limit the highway program to highways and focus on programs that are truly national in nature.
2. Reduce the federal role in transit funding and devolve control for most of the National Highway System to the states.
3. Unburden infrastructure from mandates and regulations, such as the Davis Bacon Act.

## QUICK FACTS

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1. The latest highway bill diverted nearly 30 percent of authorized spending allocations to programs that are unrelated to highway construction.
2. Federal subsidies for construction have led to large cost inflation. Rail projects that received federal funding between 1980 and 2015 generally exhibited cost overruns between 40 percent and 50 percent.
3. Currently, state and local governments cover 98 percent of highway operations and maintenance costs.

  
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# Infrastructure

## OWNERSHIP AND JURISDICTION

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- The vast majority of transportation infrastructure assets are owned, operated, and maintained by state and local governments, businesses, and individuals.
- Excessive federal involvement has led to inefficiencies, delays, and waste, rather than superior infrastructure for our nation.

## LOCAL DECISION MAKING AND CONTROL

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- Infrastructure decisions should be made at a local or state level or by the private sector, each of which is more accountable to the public and knows their community's transportation needs better than Washington.

## THOSE WHO PAY SHOULD BENEFIT

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- Specific transportation infrastructure funds should not be diverted to other unrelated programs. Highway motorists should not have to subsidize urban transit or bike paths.

# Environment

## POLICY PROPOSALS

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1. Turn responsibility for environmental regulation and land management back to the states and the private sector.
2. Properly define the waters covered under the Clean Water Act to provide clarity and protection for property owners.
3. Improve the Endangered Species Act (ESA).
4. Require congressional approval for more stringent National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

## QUICK FACTS

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1. The federal government owns and controls 640 million acres of land in the United States, an area larger than California and Mexico combined.
2. The federal government has a poor track record in recovering endangered species. In the 45-year history of the ESA, fewer than 3 percent of the listed domestic species have been “recovered” and delisted, less than one per year.
3. From 1980 to 2018, several air pollutants showed dramatic declines, including a 91 percent decline in sulfur dioxide and a 99 percent decrease in lead.

  
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# Environment

## A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT

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- We all want a clean environment for ourselves and for future generations.

## LOCAL STEWARDSHIP

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- Our land and resources are best cared for by the people closest to them—not by the federal government.
- The state of our air and water has improved dramatically over the past several decades through innovation and investment in new technologies.
- Meanwhile, federal management of national sites often leads to bureaucratic mismanagement and stagnation. Catastrophic wildfires and species overpopulation devastate national parks, while nuclear cleanup efforts go unaddressed.