

The punditalia.net 2008 Presidential Platform

1. Restore the Bill of Rights.
2. Remove all US troops from Iraq within 6 months.
3. Redeploy as many troops as are necessary to Afghanistan to eliminate Taliban and Al Qaeda influence there.
4. Provide civilian assistance to rebuild the failed state of Afghanistan.
5. Cut off all foreign aid to Israel until the Israelis agree to remove their settlements from Palestinian territory.
6. Close those foreign military bases which can be determined to have no plausible function in our nation's defense.
7. Stop all acts of terrorism funded by, directed or organized by the US Government or any agency working under its control.
8. Eliminate the use of hollow Orwellian propaganda phrases from government statements and documents. Specifically ban the use of the term "War on Terrorism" (or any other similar "war" such as on drugs, violence, greed, obesity or sarcasm). The invasion and occupation of Iraq shall be called what they are.
9. Commit the US to respect for and compliance with International Law, including UN resolutions calling for compliance with international law and UN resolutions.
10. Create a system of single payer national health insurance and get all employers and insurance companies completely out of the health care business.
11. Revise tax laws to assure that income from work is not penalized in comparison with unearned income, and to provide net graduated taxes on income.
12. Capital gains tax calculations shall be indexed for inflation.
13. Eliminate the Bush tax cuts for high income people.
14. Legislate that corporations are not persons and do not have the legal protections given to persons by the Constitution.
15. Eliminate funding of public schools by property taxes.
16. Require full metrification in the US within four years.
17. Stimulate the economy by public works projects to restore our collapsing infrastructure.
18. Create a national rail network with regional depots to eliminate long distance freight by truck.
19. Invest in Amtrack sufficiently to make train travel more attractive than air travel, in terms of cost, comfort and time, for all trips requiring up to an hour of flight time.
20. Take measures to reduce urban sprawl and increase local food production.
21. Invest heavily in mass transit in all densely populated areas.
22. Require substantially better fuel efficiency for all new vehicles.
23. Raise federal gasoline taxes by 50 cents/gallon.

24. Tax private vehicles in direct proportion to their weight.
25. Apply anti-discrimination legislation (race, sex, age, health etc.) to car insurance and to health insurance.
26. Provide strong incentives for solar heating, cooling and electricity production for all new (and renovated) buildings.
27. Eliminate the use of all private military contractors (mercenaries).
28. Eliminate all current military foreign aid and stop arms sales to all foreign countries.
29. Provide decent medical care and benefits for military veterans.
30. Eliminate the Department of Homeland Security which is, or should be, redundant. We have a Defense Department, which has lost sight of its mission to defend the "Homeland" and has turned into a Dept of Offense under the current regime.
31. Prosecute employers of illegal workers but provide short-term work permits for seasonal foreign workers as required. Such workers shall be covered by minimum wage requirements and National Health system while in USA.
32. Apply all diplomatic pressure available on the Mexican Government to fix its economy by reversing World Bank and IMF policies or whatever it takes.
33. Raise cut-off for Social Security tax withholding.
34. Legislate against consolidation of ownership of the media.
35. Require that all radio and TV stations using the public airwaves provide a substantial amount of free time equally to all viable candidates during electoral campaigns.
36. Require that all primary elections be held within four months of the general election.
37. Ban corporations from making political contributions or collecting funds for such use from their employees.
38. Require that all products sold in the USA comply with the EU's REACH regulations (Registration, Evaluation & Authorization of Chemicals).
39. Appoint people to head agencies regulating industries who will act in the public interest rather than promoting the agendas of the industries.
40. Restore to non-partisan health the regulatory agencies that grew mostly from the time of FDR and which have been bloated, politicized and eviscerated by the Reagan and Bush Administrations
41. Investigate and prosecute the countless violations of the Constitution, International and national law, and regulations regarding conflict of interest, suppression of voters's right and election fraud, which have occurred at the highest levels of the Bush administration. Prosecute those involved for war crimes and crimes against humanity.