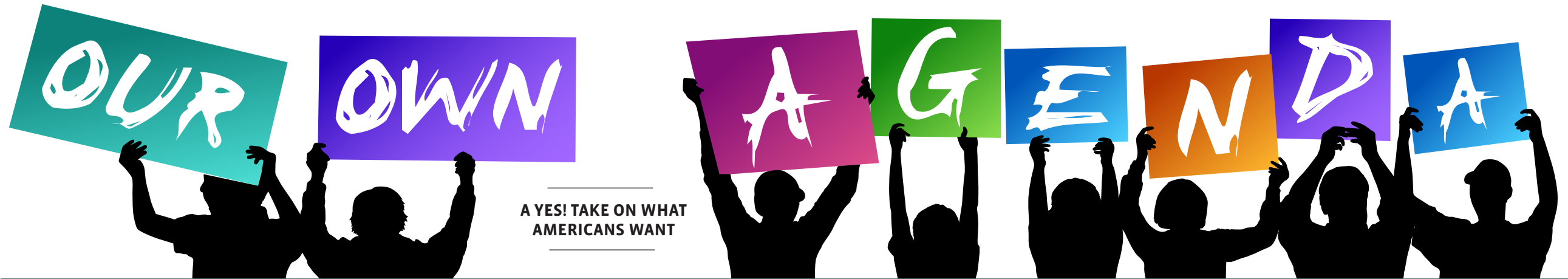


# 10 POLICIES FOR A BETTER AMERICA



A YES! TAKE ON WHAT  
AMERICANS WANT

## ECONOMY

- Repair and rebuild neglected bridges, railroads, schools, and other infrastructure, designing for climate change and a post-petroleum world.
- Extend unemployment insurance benefits.
- Provide tax relief to middle- and low-income families, and reinstate fair taxes on high-wealth individuals and corporate profits.
- Adopt the Employee Free Choice Act to increase opportunities to unionize.

67%

Favor public works projects to create jobs.

55%

Favor expanding unemployment benefits.

73%

Say corporations don't pay a fair share of taxes.

76%

Support tax cuts for lower- and middle-income people.

71%

Say unions help their members; 53% say unions help the economy in general.

## FAMILIES

- Make the minimum wage a "living wage" adequate to keep working families out of poverty.
- Provide everyone vacation and family leave.
- Provide gay and lesbian couples with the legal protections afforded to straight couples.
- Make bankruptcy and foreclosure laws protect families first, not predatory lenders.

64%

Are not confident that life for our children's generation will be better than it has been for us.

80%

Support increasing the federal minimum wage.

59%

Favor guaranteeing two weeks or more of paid vacation.

65%

Believe same-sex couples should be allowed to marry or form civil unions.

75%

Want to limit rate increases on adjustable-rate mortgages.

## CONSTITUTION

- Fully restore habeas corpus for all people in U.S. custody.
- Protect our right to privacy and freedom from warrantless search and seizure.
- Keep the internet free of corporate and government censorship and obstruction. Protect "net neutrality."
- Restore the balance of power between the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government.

70%

Support restoring habeas corpus rights for detainees at Guantanamo.

59%

Would like the next president to do more to protect civil liberties.

58%

Believe a court warrant should be required to listen to the telephone calls of people in the U.S.

68%

Believe the president should not act alone to fight terrorism without the checks and balances of the courts or Congress.

## ENERGY & CLIMATE

- Take a leadership role in reducing our own greenhouse gas emissions.
- Maximize the conservation and efficient use of existing energy supplies.
- Launch and fund ambitious research & development programs, offer tax credits, invest in public works projects, and focus government procurement to jumpstart renewable energy deployment.
- Invest in public transit and intercity rail.
- Tax carbon; use revenues for renewables and to help ratepayers.

79%

Favor mandatory controls on greenhouse gas emissions.

76%

Believe that oil is running out and a major effort is needed to replace it.

90%

Favor higher auto fuel efficiency standards.

75%

Favor clean electricity, even with higher rates.

72%

Support more funding for mass transit.

## HEALTH CARE

- Offer all Americans the option of joining a single-payer national health insurance program, paid for with tax dollars.
- Break the drug companies' monopoly and lower drug prices by allowing Americans to buy prescription drugs abroad.

73%

Believe our health care system is in crisis or has "major problems."

64%

Believe the government should provide national health insurance coverage for all Americans, even if it would raise taxes.

55%

Favor one health insurance program covering all Americans, administered by the government, and paid for by taxpayers.

69%

Believe the government should make it easier to buy prescription drugs from other countries.

79%

Say the U.N. should be strengthened.

## FOREIGN RELATIONS

- Lead a global effort to abolish nuclear weapons.
- Rule out unilateral attacks, deploying weapons in space, and torture.
- Phase out U.S. role as global police, and instead work through the U.N. and other international agencies to develop and enforce international law.
- Work with other countries to improve global health and environment.

73%

Favor abolishing nuclear weapons, with verification. 80% favor banning weapons in space.

81%

Oppose torture and support following the Geneva Conventions.

76%

Say the U.S. should not play the role of global police.

85%

Say that the U.S. should not initiate military action without support from allies.

79%

Say the U.N. should be strengthened.

## IRAQ & IRAN

- Develop a timetable for a withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq.
- Build no long-term military bases in Iraq. Leave control of Iraq's oil in the hands of Iraqis.
- Fund an international effort to help restore the economy and infrastructure of Iraq.
- Abolish future uses of private mercenaries.
- Enter into negotiations with Iran about nuclear issues and regional stability. End threats of attack and attempts to destabilize the Iranian government.

63%

Want U.S. forces home from Iraq within a year.

57%

Say going to war in Iraq was the wrong decision.

47%

Favor using diplomacy with Iran. 7% favor military action.

67%

Believe we should use diplomatic and economic means to fight terrorism, rather than the military.

## ELECTIONS

- Provide public financing for elections campaigns.
- Bring back the Fairness Doctrine and get broadcasters to open the people's airwaves to free campaign information.
- Require voter-verified paper ballots that are audited and can be recounted.
- End partisan districting and voter-roll purges.
- Fully implement the Voting Rights Act and enforce existing laws against vote suppression.
- Restore voting rights to ex-felons who have served their sentences.

86%

Say big companies have too much power.

74%

Favor voluntary public financing of campaigns.

66%

Believe intentional acts are likely to cause significant voting machines errors.

80%

Say ex-felons should have their voting rights restored.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- Drop punitive sentences for drug possession and other nonviolent offenses in favor of substance-abuse treatment, fines, community service, and restitution.
- Offer training and counseling to prepare inmates for a crime-free life after release.
- Channel youth into schools and jobs, not jail.

65%

Believe attacking social problems is a better cure for crime than more law enforcement.

87%

Support rehabilitation rather than a "punishment-only" system.

81%

Say job training is "very important" for reintegrating people leaving prison. 79% say drug treatment is very important.

## IMMIGRATION

- Implement trade policies that strengthen, not undermine, rural economies south of the border, reducing the poverty and displacement that spur migration. Start by ditching NAFTA.
- Increase minimum wage and worker protection for all, documented and undocumented.
- Provide a pathway to legal status and citizenship for immigrants already here.

56%

Believe NAFTA should be renegotiated.

80%

Favor allowing undocumented immigrants living in the U.S. to stay and apply for citizenship if they have a job and pay back taxes.

64%

Believe that on the whole, immigration is good for the country.



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