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Today's Issues



The flag of Tennessee flew over Dave's quarters when he served in the Gulf War in Saudi Arabia.

1. Ensure the Safety of American Citizens as the Highest Priority

We must strengthen homeland security, renew our alliances with other nations, and jointly develop strategies to defeat terrorism. We must properly resource our military and increase its size. Concurrently our police, firefighters and all first responders must be properly trained and equipped to meet the safety needs of our citizens. Binding all this together should be strengthened lines of communications between federal, state and local governments. Then it will be possible to deal with any terrorist threats by ensuring that all emergency plans are effective, coordinated, and up-to-date.

2. Strengthen the American Economy.

If the government spends more money than it takes in taxes, it is forced to borrow. What it borrows it must pay back with interest. If it can't pay its loans back on time, the government is forced to borrow more or it will default on its debts. It is a downward spiral that brings the whole economy down with it. That is why the budget must be balanced and we must work to get America out of debt. This includes keeping taxes, inflation and the size of government down and using middle class tax cuts to help restore the purchasing power of struggling American families.

3. Protect American Sovereignty

I will uphold and enforce the immigration laws of our nation and I will not sell Americans out to "One World" philosophies and ideologies. U.S. firms, both large and small, should be encouraged to support the American people and the American economy—to hire within this country and to produce within this country. We should also be alert to foreign investments in the U.S., especially in critical sectors such as infrastructure, banking, advanced technology and homeland security.

4. Refrain from engaging in trade deals that harm Americans

American workers and their jobs are worth fighting for and protecting. --Our goal should be to produce more of what we consume, export more of what we produce, and create conditions that will encourage investment in producing more tradable goods and services. We should address the trading world as it is, not as we wish it were or wish it to be twenty-five years from now. Let us identify and address the huge gaps between commitments made by our trading partners and their de facto policies. And remember that endless trade negotiations will not solve our current account deficits, especially with Asia. We need solutions now to keep America's economy strong. Where our trading partners are using currency

My Top Four Priorities

Repeal the Pork, Cut Taxes

Bart Gordon and Barack Obama think we can borrow our way to prosperity. They have saddled our children and grandchildren with the most outrageous debt in American history, more than \$1 trillion just to pad the pockets of their political friends. My first priority when elected will be to repeal this wasteful spending and to cut income taxes across the board. [»](#)

Maintain our National Security.

Despite claims to the contrary by the current administration, our country is engaged in a War on Terror against radical terrorists. I will vote to vigilantly support our military in its efforts to keep our country safe. [»](#)

Care for our Veterans, Wounded Warriors, Servicemen and Women, and Their Families.

Those who serve our military sacrifice in many ways to protect us. I will provide assistance to the families of men and women who are serving, and will assist our wounded warriors and veterans to secure those Government services to which they are entitled. [»](#)

Keep Free Enterprise in our Health Care System.

One reason the United States has the highest level of health care in the world is that it's not run entirely by the Government. I will vote to keep it that way. [»](#)

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manipulation to subsidize their manufactured goods, the U.S. should attach an "equalization fee" to their exports to help level the import-export playing field. And Congress should give our trade negotiators the diplomatic clout they require to force needed currency adjustments with trade surplus countries. We must do whatever it takes to balance our trade and capital accounts. Our huge trade deficits are seriously damaging our economy and cannot be sustained indefinitely.

5. Support and Uphold the United States Constitution

Let us return to our nation's founding principles by appointing judges who will strictly interpret the U.S. Constitution and by educating our populace on the merits of the Constitution. I will work with Congress to ensure that we are following its principles and with state and local governments to ensure that we as an entire nation are following these constitutional principles.

6. Protect Against Intellectual Property Theft

Intellectual property theft is a serious crime that undermines our industry and our national security and it should be treated as the serious crime that it is. Meaningful penalties must be established to prevent the theft of America's intellectual property.

7. Enhance Provision of Health Care and Preventative Care

Our nation should support creative initiatives to ensure that all our citizens have access to the cost-effective health care and health insurance that they need. As President, I will encourage a private sector initiative for a health care plan that promotes cost-effective prevention and excellent medical care for all. Any such plan should place personal responsibility for the plan's execution with the individual—and not the government—in control. A key part of any such plan is preventive care and affordable prescriptions.

8. Support Human Life at all Stages: from the Unborn to the Elderly

I believe in and will uphold the intrinsic value of human life. This includes acknowledging and protecting the life of the unborn child, the life of the elderly and the most vulnerable among us, and the institution of marriage and family in our society.

9. Support Environmental Stewardship

We are answerable to future generations for our stewardship of the environment. I understand this solemn responsibility and as President, I will lead the effort to ensure that we protect and preserve the environment, that we maximize alternative means of clean energy, and that we support the implementation of green technologies, sustainable development and the use of best practices in waste reduction and waste management.

10. Ensure Energy Independence

Energy independence can be attained and, at the same time, the environment protected. First, we must increase the availability of nuclear power. Next, we must maximize the use of clean coal processes to produce electricity and finally, we need to increase our domestic oil supply. Exploration for new sources of oil and gas should be a priority in our efforts to make America energy independent. This includes exploration of the portion of the ANWR lands in the Arctic where we know there to be a significant supply. As in the case in Japan and France, nuclear energy should be a major supplier of electricity. The safety and security of each facility, of course, should be paramount. And other forms of alternative energy must be encouraged such as converting ocean wave action into energy and using aluminum oxide fuel cells to power motor vehicles.

11. Restore this Nation to a Place of Prominence and Prosperity

It would be my goal as President to strengthen our educational programs at all levels from elementary through higher education and to encourage a renaissance in American literature, music, art, history, science, and mathematics. And we must provide young American entrepreneurs with the resources they need to be successful. We must nurture the critical thinking skills of our citizens and strengthen the teaching of ethics and moral development at all levels of education. All of our institutions should reflect the importance of our democratic values.

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