

THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE

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NEW PRESIDENT

THEIR VIEWS ON

HEALTH CARE

DONALD TRUMP

"The one thing we have to do is repeal and replace ObamaCare. It is a disaster. People's premiums are going up 35 percent, 45 percent, 55 percent. but I'll tell you what, the health savings accounts, I've been talking about it also. I think it's a very good idea."

HILLARY CLINTON

"We need a universal health care system where we manage chronic diseases, where we say to the health insurance companies that they must cover everyone, they have to do it at an affordable rate."

BERNIE SANDERS

"We have a massively dysfunctional health care system. At the end of the day, we need a cost-effective, high-quality health care system, guaranteeing health care to all of our people as a right."

TED CRUZ

"I will repeal Obamacare and propose commonsense reform that makes health care personal, portable, and affordable. I will expand competition in the marketplace, empower consumers and patients to make healthcare decisions with their doctors, and disempower the government from interfering."

BEN CARSON

"The system that I would put in place would largely negate the need for Medicare or Medicaid. I'm not talking about getting rid of those programs. We'll make health savings accounts available to people from the day that they are born to the day that they die, at which time they can pass it on to their family. We pay for it with the same dollars that we pay for our health care with."

MARCO RUBIO

"ObamaCare was supposed to help middle-class Americans afford health insurance. But now, some people are losing the health insurance they were happy with. Any solution should ultimately seek to promote a vibrant private market where individuals can buy health insurance the way we buy auto insurance, independent of our employer, with the kind of flexibility and coverage we need & at affordable prices."

JOHN KASICH

"I'm opposed to ObamaCare and I've been clear on that. In addition to that, instead of locking people up in prison who have mental health [problems], we give them treatment and keep them out and that saves us money. Instead of putting the drug addicted person back in prison and having them be released and back in prison, we treat them and we have a 10% recidivism rate."

WHOS RUNNING?

NOT ALL CANDIDATES ARE PRESENT



WAR ON DRUGS

DONALD TRUMP

Trump argued in 1990 that the only way to win the War on Drugs was to legalize drugs and use the tax revenue to fund drug education programs. As he put it, "You have to take the profit away from these drug czars." In his 2000 book, *The America We Deserve*.

HILLARY CLINTON

"I called for putting more officers on our streets, with greater emphasis on community policing to build trust while fighting crime, as well as new support for specialized drug courts & juvenile programs."

BERNIE SANDERS

Bernie believes the current prohibition of drug use, colloquially known as the "war on drugs," is a failed policy. He co-sponsored a bill to reduce recidivism, allowing incarcerated offenders access to pharmacological drug treatment.

TED CRUZ

"Given the undeniable costs and dubious benefits of mass, longterm incarceration of nonviolent drug offenders, Congress should take steps to give judges more flexibility in sentencing those offenders."

BEN CARSON

"Carson has said he's a fan of the war on drugs, and he told "The Blaze" he would "intensify it." He also supports medical marijuana "in compassionate cases." At a June campaign event in Colorado, he noted that "regular exposure to marijuana in the developing brain has been proven to result in a decreased IQ. The last thing we need is a bunch of people running around with decreased IQ."

MARCO RUBIO

"We must be mindful of the great successes we have had in restoring law and order to America's cities since the 1980s drug epidemic destroyed lives, families, and entire neighborhoods. I personally believe that legalizing drugs would be a great mistake and that any reductions in sentences for drug crimes should be made with great care."

JOHN KASICH

"To treat the mentally ill, 10,000 of them sit in our prisons. It costs \$22,500 a year to keep them in prison. I'd rather get them their medication so they could lead a decent life. -- We need to be in our schools. We need to be in our communities. We need to be in our synagogues. We need to be in our churches. We need to be everywhere. Don't leave it to somebody else."



THE LC CONCERT BAND WAS INVITED AT THE LAST MINUTE TO PLAY AT THE HILLARY CLINTON RALLY HELD AT THE IOWA WESTERN STUDENT CENTER. THE OPPORTUNITY WAS GREAT EXPOSURE FOR THE BAND, AND EVERYONE PLAYED PROUDLY REGARDLESS OF THEIR POLITICAL VIEWS.

A POLITICAL PERFORMANCE

EDUCATION

DONALD TRUMP

"We're going to be cutting tremendous amounts of money and waste and fraud and abuse. But, no, I'm not cutting services, but I am cutting spending. But I may cut Department of Education-- Common Core is a very bad thing. I think that it should be local education. If you look at a Jeb Bush and some of these others, they want children to be educated by Washington, D.C. bureaucrats."

HILLARY CLINTON

"To improve the quality of education, we need to improve instruction in the classroom. IN 2001, I proposed the National Teacher Corps, which brings teachers into the classroom, and a new initiative that would provide more schools with strong principals. Both became law."

BERNIE SANDERS

"I voted against NCLB in 2001, and continue to oppose the bill. In my view, NCLB ignores several important factors in a student's academic performance, specifically the impact of poverty, access to adequate health care, mental health, and nutrition."

TED CRUZ

"We need to repeal Common Core. We need to get the federal government out of the business of dictating educational standards. Education is far too important for it to be governed by unelected bureaucrats in Washington. It should be at the state level or even better at the local level."

BEN CARSON

"We know that the best education is homeschool, the next is private schools, the next is charter schools, the next is public schools. If we want to change that dynamic we've got to offer some real competition to the public schools. We do everything we can to facilitate school choice, a voucher system."

MARCO RUBIO

"I too believe in curriculum reform. It is critically important in the 21st Century. And it should happen at the state and local level. That is where educational policy belongs, because if a parent is unhappy with what their child is being taught in school, they can go to that local school board or their state legislature, or their governor and get it changed."

JOHN KASICH

"We simply don't have the rigor, the control in the classroom, the innovation, or the personnel to keep pace. Our public school leaders are reluctant to take any action or bring about substantive change because they're afraid they're going to get sued, or they fear the loss of market share, or they worry they'll innovate themselves straight out of their own jobs. Our public school system is log jammed, broken-down, paralyzed... and it's been unable to reform itself."

GUN CONTROL

DONALD TRUMP

"This isn't guns. This is about mental illness. You're always going to have difficulties, no matter how tight you run it. Even if you had great education having to do with mental illness, you educate the community, still you're going to have people that slip through the cracks."

HILLARY CLINTON

"We have to look at the fact that we lose 90 people a day from gun violence. This has gone on too long and it's time the entire country stood up against the NRA. The majority of our country supports background checks, and even the majority of gun owners do."

BERNIE SANDERS

"Back in 1988, when I first ran for Congress, I supported a ban on assault weapons. And over the years, I have strongly supported instant background checks, doing away with this terrible gun show loophole."

TED CRUZ

"The Second Amendment to the Constitution isn't for just protecting hunting rights, and it's not only to safeguard your right to target practice, it is a Constitutional right to protect your children, your family, your home, our lives, and to serve as the ultimate check against governmental tyranny — for the protection of liberty."

BEN CARSON

"We should never compromise the Second Amendment. Of course, we should be thinking about what we can do to keep dangerous weapons out of the hands of mentally unstable people. The two things are not incompatible."

MARCO RUBIO

"My position on guns is pretty clear. I believe law-abiding people have a fundamental constitutional right to bear arms. And I believe criminals and dangerous people should not have access to guns. There are laws that protect those two things-but many of these new gun laws are ineffective."

JOHN KASICH

"I'm a Second Amendment advocate. I think people have a right to be armed. It's about keeping the Second Amendment and it's allowing legitimate gun owners to be able to do what they want, which is exercise their constitutional right."