

- We recognize a need for campaign finance reform, but not reforms which merely solidify the advantage of incumbents and establishment candidates, and which create more obstacles for already disadvantaged third party candidates.
- We see a need for a fairer and simpler tax system.
- We strongly support the 2nd Amendment right to keep and bear arms, and call for the repeal of all regulations that do not respect this constitutional right.
- We are for limiting the influence of foreign governments by means of lobbying reform.

Some National Platform Highlights

The platform addresses budgetary issues, tax reform, political reform, trade policy, fishing rights, foreign policy, sovereignty, immigration, education, homosexuality, marriage, religious expression, adoption, parental primacy, cloning/genetic manipulation, abortion, the right to bear arms, election reform, privacy rights, property rights, judicial activism, money and the Federal Reserve, states rights, opposition to the police state, separation of powers, hate/thought crimes, affirmative action, limitation of federal law enforcement, campaign finance, and government ethics. What follows is merely an abbreviated version of the platform, with a selection of some of the planks, some of which are summarized.

Sovereignty

The United States of America is a Sovereign Republic, subject only to our Creator and not answering to any alien power or foreign potentate. Any treaty or alliance that surrenders national sovereignty is, by law and our Constitution, utterly null and void. Any attempt to establish a global government is a direct threat to our Sovereign Republic and endangers our Constitution and will be vigorously opposed.

Foreign Policy

All treaties, alliances and agreements must be subordinate to the Constitution. Any alliance or treaty that commits this nation to participate in foreign conflicts subverts our Constitution and our independence, and is therefore illegal. Only Congress can commit United States armed forces to armed conflict with a declaration of war. The Constitution does not empower the Federal Government to police the world or to place our armed forces under foreign command.

The United States must withdraw from the United Nations immediately. Our participation in this organization places our nation's sovereignty in extreme peril. The United States must promptly withdraw from all international monetary and financial institutions such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank, WTO, NAFTA, GATT. These institutions violate the meaning and intent of our Constitution, and some claim the unconstitutional power to levy tax on the United States

Government and American citizens. The America First Party is totally opposed to and unequivocally rejects the World Court because it claims authority to overrule the Constitution. We are totally against a New World Order or any one-world government, not simply because it is unconstitutional and would end this nation's sovereignty, but because it will end up enslaving all people except the elite.

Gun Rights

We wholeheartedly support 2nd Amendment rights as guaranteed by the Constitution and as given to us by Almighty God. No law is legitimate that restricts this right. In keeping with this belief, we will call for repeal of all federal gun legislation and nullification of all state laws that are not in accordance with an individual's constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

Illegal Immigration

The federal government has conspicuously failed to secure our nation's borders against illegal immigration, a failure which undermines the rule of law, violates our national sovereignty, and imposes intolerable social and fiscal burdens on the American people.

We support the following:

- Not rewarding illegal immigrants for breaking the law by granting temporary or permanent amnesty;
- Adopting the recommendation of the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform to eliminate easy access to jobs by requiring the verifiable proof that the prospective employee is a United States citizen or a properly registered alien.
- Imposition of sanctions, including the suspension of visa privileges and cutoff of foreign aid, against any country that refuses to cooperate with the U.S. in the repatriation of its illegal alien nationals, or in preventing aliens from illegally entering the U.S. through its territory.
- Effective enforcement of immigration laws to insure that all illegal aliens identified or apprehended by law enforcement agencies are promptly deported.
- Use of the armed forces, when required to help the U.S. Border Patrol prevent illegal crossing by aliens, drug smugglers, or other criminals;
- Adoption of a law clarifying that the 14th Amendment does not give automatic citizenship to a child born on U.S. soil to illegal alien parents.

Legal Immigration

While we cherish America's history of immigration, we must recognize that our nation is no longer an unsettled frontier. Immigration has escalated to over one million each year – the highest level in American history. The Census Bureau projects

a population exceeding 400 million by 2050.

The America First Party supports:

- A temporary ban or “time out” on all immigration, except for spouses and minor children of U.S. citizens, for a period of ten years, thereafter limiting America's immigration to the historic level of 250,000 per year.
- Barring importation of temporary workers that always reduce wages, working conditions, and incomes of American workers.
- Reforming the visa system to give priority to reuniting nuclear family members such as spouses and minor children, and ending chain migration of extended family relatives;
- A campaign to assimilate new immigrants, by teaching them English, and by encouraging them to learn about American history, government, and civic culture.
- Re-implementation of immigration sponsorship policy or proof of financial viability.

Assimilation and Cultural Identity

The America First Party supports passage of legislation designating English as the official language of the United States. Citizenship shall not be granted to anyone that is not at least marginally proficient in speaking, reading and understanding the English language, the U.S. Constitution and our national history.

Trade

Our trade recommendations call for a policy which

- operates within the boundaries of the U.S. Constitution;
- restores Congressional authority to regulate commerce;
- safeguards American labor, health, safety and environmental standards from cheap imports;
- eliminates trade deficits;
- protects U.S. jobs and industry in order to ensure the blessings of liberty to all Americans and their posterity.

The America First Party will support candidates for federal office who support the following positions:

- all international trade agreements are in fact treaties and as such must be passed by a 2/3 super-majority in the Senate
- "Fast Track" trade negotiating authority shall not be abdicated to the Executive Branch
- a complete U.S. withdrawal from the following institutions: World Trade Organization (WTO), North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), International Monetary Fund (IMF), and World Bank
- revocation of Most Favored Nation trade status from any nation that restricts the basic human rights of workers

- required revenue tariffs on all foreign made goods sold in the United States to achieve balanced trade, and replace federal income taxes.
- the United States will guarantee its ability to be self-sufficient through bilateral trade and negotiation with other nations.

Federal Budget

The budget plank calls for fiscal responsibility and accountability, no tolerance for continual budget overruns, an end to the federal debt, and an end to corporate welfare and special interest subsidies.

Tax Reform

We shall work to establish tariffs on all goods imported to this country for sale, determined by the country of origin. There shall be no excise taxes imposed on any goods produced within the United States containing at least 75% of its value from components produced within the United States by American-owned producers. Tariffs and excise taxes shall be the source of at least fifty percent of the total federal taxes collected. We believe that the remainder of federal receipts should be from usage fees and sales taxes, which shall be uniform among all citizens.

We shall work toward the effectual elimination of all state, and local income taxes by immediately and unceasingly reducing the tax in an aggressive, structured, and responsible manner until the tax is nonexistent. We hold that the federal income tax is unconstitutional, as the 16th Amendment was never properly ratified. At no time shall any tax jurisdiction impose both a sales tax and an income tax.

We shall oppose all taxes on property beyond any sales taxes paid upon acquisition of that property, inheritance taxes, or taxation of the seller's receipts of a property sale.

Pro-Life

We affirm the principle espoused in the Declaration of Independence, that we are all endowed by our creator with certain unalienable rights, and among them is the right to life. The right to life is not superseded by any foreign or domestic law.

Since the United States Supreme Court decision in the case of Roe v. Wade legalized abortion, there have been 40 million unborn babies slaughtered, laying to waste an entire generation. It is time that we end the American Holocaust. We are committed to protecting the lives of these innocent persons.

We recognize that life begins at conception and continues until natural death. We support the overturning of Roe v. Wade and seek the passage and vigorous enforcement of legislation which protects the right to life, regardless of age or state of gestation.

America First Party



What We Stand For

The America First Party values the ideals of the American revolution and the US Constitution, as well as the sacrifices of those Americans who have unselfishly given all, on the battlefields of the world, for our country. We wish to continue to uphold these ideals and values, and in this same spirit of uncompromising and sacrificial dedication.

- We are therefore adamantly opposed to the incremental hand-over of American sovereignty to the international community, and reject plans for a world-government.
- We regard our participation in NAFTA, and our membership in the UN's World Trade Organization (WTO) as an abomination, and as clear evidence of a trend which, if unchecked, can only lead to the end of our great nation. We are against our membership in the United Nations, and all other international agreements which usurp the constitutional authority of our government, and which are heavily favored by both the Republican and Democratic establishment.
- Our opposition to NAFTA and the WTO does not imply that we are opposed to the concept of trade. We support fair-trade, and believe that we should work to promote jobs in the USA by means of negotiated bilateral trade agreements, and by promoting a business environment suited to small business, which accounts for nearly 80% of American jobs.
- The America First Party is also a socially conservative party which opposes trends which undermine traditional society. We are therefore strongly opposed to abortion, cloning and genetic manipulation, embryonic stem-cell research, homosexuality, and undue interference by government in the family. Our national platform acknowledges that life begins at conception.
- We are for legislation that recognizes the institution of marriage as a union of one man and woman, as established by God.
- We believe in the concept of parental primacy in the education and disciplining of children, and are opposed to any effort to force children to attend sexual education classes against the will of their parents.

power is returned to the Congress, the states and the people in accordance with the original intentions of the US Constitution.

State's Rights

Restore states rights by ensuring the powers not specifically delegated to the Federal government by the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution are restored to the states respectively or to the people. Federal agencies not in compliance with amendment 10 are to be abolished with the attendant responsibilities being transferred to the states respectively.

Money and the Federal Reserve

As insisted upon by the founding fathers, the U.S. is to operate on a coined money standard without interference or influence from private financial institutions, either foreign or domestic. Dissolve the Federal Reserve Bank, which has no legal basis since it is a privately owned corporation.

Rights of Private Property Owners

The Federal government has used environmental policy to initiate government management of the environment and limit the peoples right to the use of their private property. The Fifth Amendment of the Constitution limits the federal power of eminent domain. The activities of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have become extra-constitutional in this regard and must be ended.

The federal government has also used environmental policy to bind this nation to international treaties based on exaggerated claims of dubious scientific value. The federal governments binding of U.S. citizens under unconstitutional UN or international treaties should be ended and these treaties rescinded; they include Kyoto, The Biodiversity Treaty, Convention on Climate Control, and Agenda 21.

Limitation of Federal Law Enforcement

It shall be the position of the America First Party that national law enforcement agencies be restricted to protective services, local and state resource agencies, and investigative agencies, to the limitation that arrest and search powers rest with local and state authorities.

Preserve Knowledge of the Constitution

A primary responsibility of the federal government is to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the U.S. All freshmen congressmen should attend classes stressing Constitutional principles and responsibilities for upholding those principles. Encourage the states to embark on rigorous programs of teaching the Constitution of the U.S. and of each respective state to its population.

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We believe funding for public education should be derived from local sources such as state and county taxes, municipal bonds, private grants and philanthropic scholarships.

We will work to discontinue a national curriculum, mandates, federal grants and programs such as Goals 2000, Outcome Based Education, School to Work, sensitivity workshops, sex education and a host of other programs that proliferate in our schools and seek to corrupt our children, undermine parental authority and traditional family values.

Affirmative Action

The America First Party calls for the elimination of all laws that grant special privileges or protection for any race or group. Affirmative Action creates inequality before the Law, and only serves to fracture our national unity.

Homosexuals in the Military

The America First Party will not support any proposal that allows homosexuals into the military service of the United States of America, in any capacity. The United States military service is an honorable vocation for honorable men and women.

Marriage

We strongly supports the traditional family as ordained by God and built upon the marital union of one man and one woman.

Religious Expression

No society can survive in the absence of moral governance. In recognizing America's historic Christian roots, the America First Party firmly supports the necessary restoration of God to the public square.

Hate or Thought Crime

The America First Party is unalterably opposed to all so-called 'hate crime' laws whether they are federal, state, county, or municipal. The elusive element of 'hate' as a significant factor in the commission of a particular crime is something that can best be determined by God, not by Man.

Separation of Powers

Ensure the federal government adheres strictly to the separation of powers enumerated in the Constitution. Rescind all Executive Orders and Presidential Directives and deny "Fast Track" authority since it is a clear violation of the separation of powers. End judicial activism as well as the delegation of power by Congress to either of the other branches or to any of its agencies or institutions.

Government agencies and institutions having no basis in the Constitution should be promptly terminated or transferred to the respective states. Repeal all Emergency Powers thus ensuring

Cloning / Genetic Manipulation

Although the mapping of the human genome is a tremendous achievement, we must be mindful of our obligations to use this technology wisely, with great reverence, and in accordance with the highest moral standards.

The America First Party calls for the following regulations:

- Banning the cloning of human beings and of other mammals, fowl, fish, and reptiles.
- Banning the modification of the human genome to eliminate undesirable traits, to enhance existing abilities or traits, or to create new abilities or traits.
- Outlaw the use of fetal tissue for genetic or other research, but permit the use of placenta tissues collected following the natural birth of a child.

Parental Primacy

We support the return of all God-given rights for every family to decide how to discipline their children, what their children are allowed to do, and with whom they are allowed to associate. Parents will decide where and how their child will be educated, whether in public, private or religious education. Parents will have the right to withdraw their child from sexual education classes if they believe the program is not in the best interest of their child – such as the teaching of homosexual practices, which are completely against Godly and family values.

Parents must be notified if their child asks for an abortion, or the taking of birth control pills. There should never be any type of sexual examination at school or on school time. An examination must be done with the parents' consent, and at their physician's office, or in extreme cases where abuse can and will be proved, by court order. In the case of child abuse, government involvement should revert to the county where the child lives, and only when there is proof beyond a reasonable doubt.

Education

With reference to the limited powers granted to the Federal Government by the Constitution, we call for the dismantling of the Department of Education. The Federal Government shall not regulate nor intervene in our schools.

The indiscriminate diagnosis of Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), hyperactivity, and depression by school staff, and the undue pressure exerted on parents to medicate their children with mind-altering drugs such as Ritalin, Paxil, and Prozac, is an injustice to our children, and is outside the legitimate purview of school administrations. The responsibility for the health and welfare of children belongs to the parent or legal guardian in consultation with their family physician, and this right shall not be breached by school administrators, staff or federal and state agencies.