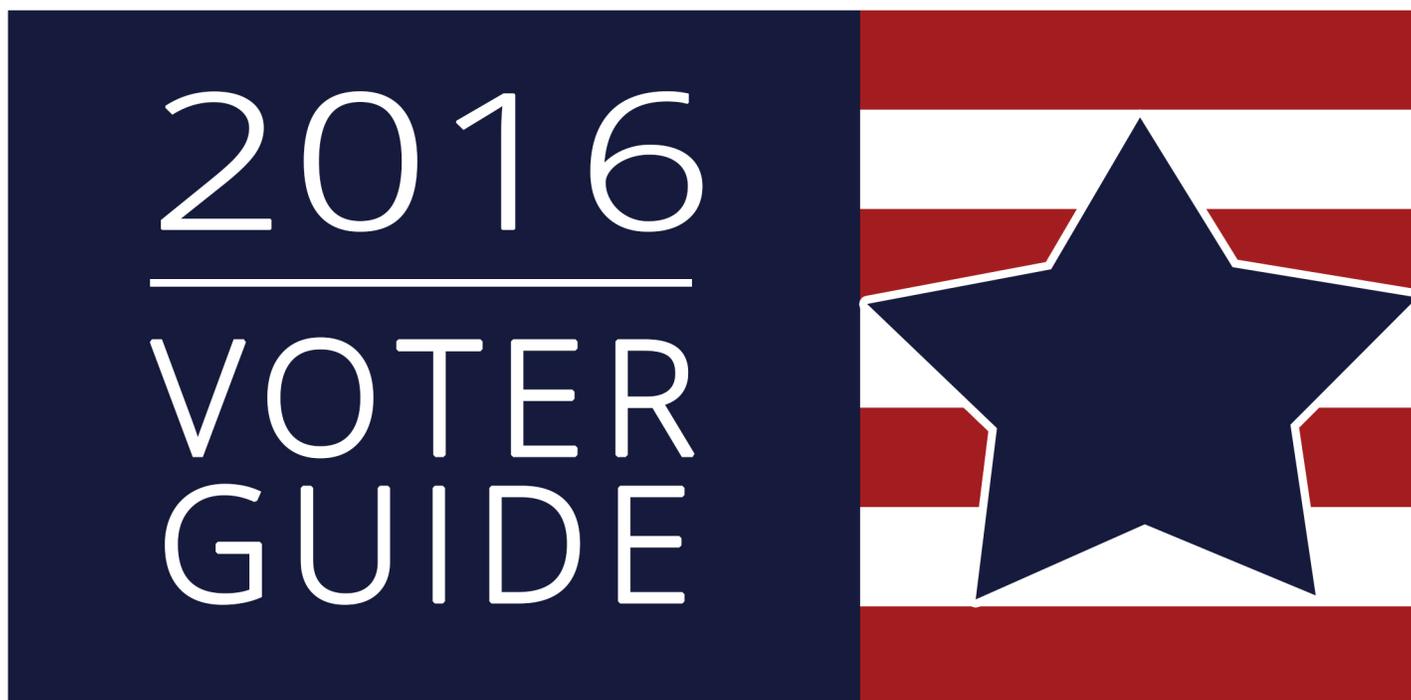


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BIOGRAPHIES



Donald Trump (Republican)

Age: 70.

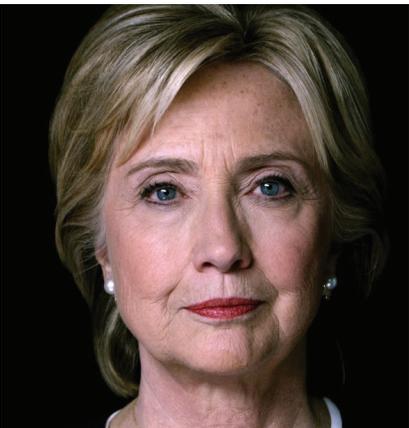
Place of Birth: Queens, New York.

Education: Fordham University, University of Pennsylvania.

Spouse: Melania Trump.

Background: Owner of the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Trump Tower, executive producer and host of The Apprentice television series.

Running Mate: Mike Pence, Governor of Indiana



Hillary Clinton (Democrat)

Age: 68.

Place of Birth: Chicago, Illinois.

Education: Wellesley College, Yale University.

Spouse: Bill Clinton.

Background: Secretary of State, United States Senator (NY), First Lady of the United States, First Lady of Arkansas, Board Member of The Clinton Foundation.

Running Mate: Tim Kaine, U.S. Senator, Virginia



Gary Johnson (Libertarian)

Age: 63.

Place of Birth: Minot, North Dakota.

Education: University of New Mexico.

Spouse: Kate Prusack (engaged).

Background: Governor, New Mexico; Founder of Big J Enterprises (now owned by TLC Heating, Plumbing & A/C).

Running Mate: William Weld, former Governor of Massachusetts



Jill Stein (Green)

Age: 66

Place of Birth: Chicago, Illinois

Education: Harvard College, Harvard Medical School

Spouse: Richard Rohrer

Background: Candidate, U.S. President 2012 (Green Party); Board of Directors, Physicians for Social Responsibility

Running Mate: Ajamu Baraka, Human Rights Advocate

PROMINENT ENDORSING ORGANIZATIONS



The following statewide and national organizations have publicly posted on the Internet their endorsement of one of the presidential candidates. We have provided the websites for more information about the organization and their endorsement. The description of each organization was taken directly from the website of the endorsing organization.

Right to Life of Michigan: DONALD TRUMP

RTL is a nonpartisan, nonsectarian, nonprofit organization of diverse and caring people united to protect the precious gift of human life from fertilization to natural death.

<https://www.rtl.org>

NARAL Pro-Choice America: HILLARY CLINTON

NARAL Pro-Choice America uses the political process to elect lawmakers who share our pro-choice values and defeat candidates who don't.

<http://www.prochoiceamerica.org>

National Border Control Council: DONALD TRUMP

"We promote immigration laws and policies that contribute to the security of the United States and oppose policies that restrict the sworn duties of Border Patrol Agents."

www.bpunion.org

AFL – CIO: HILLARY CLINTON

We dedicate ourselves to improving the lives of working families, bringing fairness and dignity to the workplace and securing social equity in the Nation.

<http://www.aflcio.org/>

National Organization for Women: HILLARY CLINTON

As an independent, non-partisan committee, NOW/PAC endorses candidates who take uncompromising stands on feminist issues.

<http://nowpac.org>

Fraternal Order of Police: DONALD TRUMP

The Fraternal Order of Police is the world's largest organization of sworn law enforcement officers... committed to improving the working conditions of law enforcement officers and the safety of those we serve..."

www.fop.net

Sierra Club: HILLARY CLINTON

It is the statewide voice for the nation's oldest, largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization.

<http://www.sierraclub.org/>

National Rifle Association – ILA: DONALD TRUMP

ILA is committed to preserving the right of all law-abiding individuals to purchase, possess and use firearms for legitimate purposes as guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

<https://home.nra.org/>

POLICY POSITIONS



The following position statements are taken directly from each candidate's website or are transcripts from interviews. Michigan Family Forum has not changed any of the wording, though we have edited them for length. Each source is different so some responses are more of a "bullet" format while others more "conversational." Similarly, some responses appear in the first person, such as "We" or "I" while others may reference a candidate by title, such as "Governor Johnson." While each candidate's responses may vary in length on individual categories, we tried to keep the total number of words for the candidates comparable. Final word count: Donald Trump (681); Hillary Clinton (686); Gary Johnson (545); Jill Stein (627)

GUN CONTROL



Trump (Republican): The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed upon. The Second Amendment guarantees a fundamental right that belongs to all law-abiding Americans. Our Founding Fathers knew, and our Supreme Court has upheld, that the Second Amendment's purpose is to guarantee our right to defend ourselves and our families.

It's been said that the Second Amendment is America's first freedom...Protecting that freedom is imperative. Here's how we will do that:

- Gun and magazine bans are a total failure. The government has no business dictating what types of firearms good, honest people are allowed to own.
- There has been a national background check system in place since 1998. What we need to do is fix the system we have and make it work as intended. What we don't need to do is expand a broken system.
- The right of self-defense doesn't stop at the end of your driveway...That permit should be valid in all 50 states.¹

Clinton (Democrat):

- Expand background checks to more gun sales—including by closing the gun show and internet sales loopholes—and strengthen the background check system by getting rid of the so-called "Charleston Loophole."
- Take on the gun lobby by removing the industry's sweeping legal protection for illegal and irresponsible actions, and revoking licenses from dealers who break the law.
- Keep guns out of the hands of domestic abusers, other violent criminals, and the severely mentally ill by supporting laws that stop domestic abusers from buying and owning guns, making it a federal crime for someone to intentionally buy a gun for a person prohibited from owning one... She will also support work to keep military-style weapons off our streets.²

Johnson (Libertarian): Gary Johnson believes that people, not politicians, should make choices in their personal lives. Responsible adults should be free to marry whom they want, arm themselves if they want, and lead their personal lives as they see fit — as long as they aren't harming anyone else in doing so.³

Stein (Green): "It'd be hard to [confiscate weapons] at this point. So, we establish background checks and assault weapons ban as a floor. And we add to that stripping the gun manufacturers of their immunity — so currently they have immunity right now from lawsuits holding them accountable for dangerous weapons, and for putting those weapons in the hands of dangerous people.

That's another tool that should be brought to bear that does not have issues with the Second Amendment.

...I think we need to begin to move in that direction, and I do believe as a society that we need to disarm because we are now an armed garrison state, and everyone is in the crossfire right now — black lives are in the target hairs, and police are also in the target hairs. We've become a culture of open carry — not just guns but assault weapons and sniper rifles."⁴

¹ <https://www.donaldjtrump.com/positions/second-amendment-rights>, September 8, 2016

² <https://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/gun-violence-prevention/> September 12, 2016

³ https://www.johnsonweld.com/personal_freedom September 14, 2016

⁴ <http://www.vox.com/2016/9/14/12913174/jill-stein-green-party> September 19, 2016

IMMIGRATION



Trump (Republican):

- There must be a wall across the southern border.
- Any immigration plan must improve jobs, wages and security for all Americans.”
- All criminal aliens must be returned to their home countries, a process which can be aided by canceling any visas to foreign countries which will not accept their own criminals.
- End birthright citizenship.
- Before any new green cards are issued to foreign workers abroad, there will be a pause where employers will have to hire from the domestic pool of unemployed immigrant and native workers.⁵

Clinton (Democrat):

- Introduce comprehensive immigration reform. Hillary will introduce comprehensive immigration reform with a pathway to full and equal citizenship within her first 100 days in office. It will treat every person with dignity, fix the family visa backlog, uphold the rule of law, protect our borders and national security, and bring millions of hardworking people into the formal economy.
- Enforce immigration laws humanely. Immigration enforcement must be humane, targeted, and effective. Hillary will focus resources on detaining and deporting those individuals who pose a violent threat to public safety, and ensure refugees who seek asylum in the U.S. have a fair chance to tell their stories.
- Expand access to affordable health care to all families. We should let families—regardless of immigration status—buy into the Affordable Care Act exchanges. Families who want to purchase health insurance should be able to do so.⁶

Johnson (Libertarian): We should appreciate and respect the diversity of immigrants that come to the United States to be productive members of society. Candidates who say they want to militarize the border, build fences, and impose punitive measures on good people, ground their position in popular rhetoric, not practical solutions.

Governors Johnson and Weld believe that, instead of appealing to emotions and demonizing immigrants, we should focus on creating a more efficient system of providing work visas, conducting background checks, and incentivizing non-citizens to pay their taxes, obtain proof of employment, and otherwise assimilate with our diverse society.⁷

Stein (Green):

- Support immigrants’ rights. Create a welcoming path to citizenship for immigrants.
- Halt deportations and detentions of law-abiding undocumented immigrants., including the shameful practice of night raids being used to terrorize refugee families.
- Improve economic and social conditions abroad to reduce the flow of immigrant refugees, in part by repealing NAFTA, ending the failed drug wars, and halting CIA and military interventions against democratically elected governments.
- Demilitarize border crossings throughout North America.⁸

⁵ <https://www.donaldjtrump.com/positions/immigration-reform> September 8, 2016

⁶ <https://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/immigration-reform/> September 12, 2016

⁷ <https://www.johnsonweld.com/immigration> September 14, 2016

⁸ <http://www.jill2016.com/platform> September 13, 2016

HEALTH CARE



Trump (Republican): On day one of the Trump Administration, we will ask Congress to immediately deliver a full repeal of Obamacare. We will work with Congress to make sure we have a series of reforms ready for implementation that follow free market principles and that will restore economic freedom and certainty to everyone in this country.

Our elected representatives in the House and Senate must:

1. Completely repeal Obamacare.
2. Modify existing law that inhibits the sale of health insurance across state lines. As long as the plan purchased complies with state requirements, any vendor ought to be able to offer insurance in any state. By allowing full competition in this market, insurance costs will go down and consumer satisfaction will go up.⁹

Clinton (Democrat):

- Defend and expand the Affordable Care Act, which covers 20 million people. Hillary will stand up to Republican-led attacks on this landmark law—and build on its success to bring the promise of affordable health care to more people and make a “public option” possible. She will also support letting people over 55 years old buy into Medicare.
- Bring down out-of-pocket costs like copays and deductibles. Hillary believes that workers should share in slower growth of national health care spending through lower costs.
- Defend access to reproductive health care. Hillary will work to ensure that all women have access to preventive care, affordable contraception, and safe and legal abortion.¹⁰

Johnson (Libertarian): “Well, both of us having been governors of our respective states, look, there should be a safety net out there regarding health care, and in no way are we saying that the safety net should be eliminated. I am going to sign onto any initiatives, really, that bring a free-market approach to health care. And bringing free-market approach to health care, we would not have insurance to cover ourselves for ongoing medical need. We would have insurance to cover ourselves for catastrophic injury and illness.”¹¹

Stein (Green):

- Establish an improved “Medicare for All” single-payer public health program to provide everyone with quality health care, at huge savings by eliminating the \$400 billion annually spent on the paperwork and bureaucracy of health insurance. No co-pays, premiums or deductibles. Access to all health care services, including mental health, dental, and vision. Include everyone, period. No restrictions based on pre-existing illness, employment, immigration status, age, or any other category.
- Eliminate the cancer of health insurance, which adds costs while reducing access to health care.¹²
- We call for a health care system that emphasizes preventive care, respects patients’ privacy, gives special attention to the needs of the physically and mentally disabled, and conducts treatment and research unimpaired by sexism, racism, or homophobia.
- We call for the reinstatement of funding to community mental health services so that low-cost or no-cost treatment is available on a voluntary basis, with clients’ rights respected. We oppose involuntary incarceration for treatment without due process.
- We support the right to choose or refuse medical treatment, the right to die, and the right to assisted suicide.
- We call for full community decision-making regarding the creation, organization or elimination of public health care facilities.¹³

⁹ <https://www.donaldjtrump.com/positions/healthcare-reform> September 8, 2016

¹⁰ <https://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/health-care/> September 12, 2016

¹¹ <http://cnnpressroom.blogs.cnn.com/2016/06/22/transcript-cnn-libertarian-town-hall-moderated-by-chris-cuomo/> September 13, 2016

¹² <http://www.jill2016.com/platform> September 13, 2016

¹³ <http://www.rev16.us/spusa-platform/> September 14, 2016

ECONOMY



Trump (Republican): All economic policy must be geared towards making it easier to hire, invest, build, grow and produce in America – creating a level playing field for our workers and businesses in global competition, and creating jobs here, not overseas.

- Lower taxes for everyone, making raising a family more affordable for working families.
- Require each federal agency to prepare a list of all of the regulations they impose on American business, and rank them from most critical to health and safety to least critical. Least critical regulations will receive priority consideration for repeal.
- Withdraw from the TPP.¹⁴

Clinton (Democrat):

- Pursue smarter, fairer, tougher trade policies that put U.S. job creation first and get tough on nations like China that seek to prosper at the expense of our workers. This includes opposing trade deals like the Trans-Pacific Partnership that do not meet a high bar of creating good-paying jobs and raising pay.
- Commit to a full-employment, full-potential economy and break down barriers so that growth, jobs, and prosperity are shared in every community in America.
- Strengthen American manufacturing with a \$10 billion “Make it in America” plan.¹⁵

Johnson (Libertarian): Governors Johnson and Weld believe that we must allow a regulatory and tax environment that incentivizes fairness. The purpose of government regulation is to protect citizens from bad actors and the harm they might do to health, safety, and property. But regulation should not be used to manipulate the economy, to manage private lives and businesses, or to place unnecessary burdens on those who make our economy work. We simply need to apply common sense to regulatory policy. Governors Gary Johnson and Bill Weld helped create the conditions for job growth in their states. In the White House, they will create the conditions for massive job growth across the entire country.¹⁶

Stein (Green):

- Guarantee a living wage job for all.
- Set a \$15/hour federal minimum wage, with indexing.
- Break up “too-big-to-fail” banks and democratize the Federal Reserve.
- Support development of worker and community cooperatives and small businesses.
- Make Wall Street, big corporations, and the rich pay their fair share of taxes.¹⁷

¹⁴ <https://www.donaldjtrump.com/positions/economic-vision> September 8, 2016

¹⁵ <https://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/jobs/> September 12, 2016

¹⁶ <https://www.johnsonweld.com/jobs> September 13, 2016

¹⁷ <http://www.jill2016.com/platform> September 13, 2016

ABORTION



Trump (Republican):

I am committed to:

- Nominating pro-life justices to the U.S. Supreme Court.
- Signing into law the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, which would end painful late-term abortions nationwide.
- Defunding Planned Parenthood as long as they continue to perform abortions and reallocating their funding to community health centers that provide comprehensive health care for women.
- Making the Hyde Amendment permanent law to protect taxpayers from having to pay for abortions.¹⁸

Clinton (Democrat):

- Proudly stand with Planned Parenthood. She will always defend the essential health and reproductive care that Planned Parenthood provides for women.
- Protect women's health and reproductive rights. Women's personal health decisions should be made by a woman, her family, and her faith, with the counsel of her doctor. Hillary will fight back against Republican attempts to restrict access to quality, affordable reproductive health care. She will defend access to affordable contraception, preventive care, and safe and legal abortion—not just in principle, but in practice.¹⁹

Johnson (Libertarian): Gov. Johnson recognizes that the right of a woman to choose is the law of the land, and has been for several decades. That right must be respected and despite his personal aversion to abortion, he believes that such a very personal and individual decision is best left to women and families, not the government. He feels that each woman must be allowed to make decisions about her own health and well-being and that the government should not be in the business of second guessing these difficult decisions.²⁰

Stein (Green):

- Allow full access to contraceptive and reproductive care.
- Expand women's access to "morning after" contraception by lifting the Obama Administration's ban.²¹

¹⁸ <https://www.donaldjtrump.com/media/trump-announces-pro-life-coalition-supports-making-hyde-amendment-permanent> September 21, 2016

¹⁹ <https://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/womens-rights-and-opportunity/> September 12, 2016

²⁰ <https://www.johnsonweld.com/abortion> September 13, 2016

²¹ <http://www.jill2016.com/platform> September 13, 2016

NATIONAL SECURITY



Trump (Republican):

- Increase the size of the U.S. Army to 540,000 active duty soldiers, which the Army Chief of Staff says he needs to execute current missions.
- Rebuild the U.S. Navy toward a goal of 350 ships, as the bipartisan National Defense Panel has recommended.
- Provide the U.S. Air Force with the 1,200 fighter aircraft they need.
- Invest in a serious missile defense system to meet growing threats by modernizing our Navy's cruisers and procuring additional, modern destroyers to counter the ballistic missile threat from Iran and North Korea.
- Emphasize cyber warfare and require a comprehensive review from the Joint Chiefs of Staff and all relevant federal agencies to find and mitigate our cyber vulnerabilities. We will invest in the offensive cyber capabilities we require.²²

Clinton (Democrat):

- Provide budgetary certainty to facilitate reforms and enable long-term planning. The recent budget deal reached between the Congress and the White House is a promising first step in providing government agencies with much needed fiscal stability. But we must go further by ending the sequester for both defense and non-defense spending in a balanced way.
- Invest in innovation and capabilities that will allow us to prepare for and fight 21st-century threats. That includes leveraging our information advantage through what's called "net-centric warfare" capabilities and preparing for asymmetric threats.
- Create a defense budget that reflects good stewardship of taxpayer dollars. As president, Hillary will prioritize defense reform initiatives, curbing runaway cost growth in areas like health care and acquisition and stretching every dollar.²³

Johnson (Libertarian):

As President, Gary Johnson will move quickly and decisively to cut off the funding on which violent extremist armies depend. He will repair relationships with our allies. And he will only send our brave soldiers to war when clearly authorized by Congress after meaningful, transparent deliberation and debate. The idea that we can defeat terrorism by simply putting more boots on the ground or dropping more bombs ignores the reality that this expensive tactic simply hasn't worked. In fact, it's made the situation worse. No Nation Building. No Policing the World. More Security Here at Home.²⁴

Stein (Green):

- Establish a foreign policy based on diplomacy, international law, human rights, and nonviolent support for democratic movements around the world.
- Cut military spending by at least 50% and close the 700+ foreign military bases. Ensure a just transition that replaces reductions in military jobs with jobs in renewable energy, transportation and green infrastructure development.
- Stop U.S. financial and military support to human rights abusers. Barring substantial changes in their policies, this would include Saudi Arabia, Israel and Egypt.
- End the US' role as the world's arm supplier.
- Restore the National Guard as the centerpiece of our defense.
- Ban use of drone aircraft for assassination, bombing, and other offensive purposes.
- End the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, withdrawing troops and military contractors.²⁵

²² <https://www.donaldjtrump.com/policies/national-defense/> September 28, 2016

²³ <https://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/military-and-defense/> September 28, 2016

²⁴ https://www.johnsonweld.com/foreign_policy_and_national_defense September 28, 2016

²⁵ <http://www.jill2016.com/platform> September 28, 2016