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# DECISION TIME—March 6, 2012

In our last issue of **VOICES Magazine**, as part of our “Leadership Series,” we published several articles on decision making. It is now time to put the tools of the decision making process to work. As you are well aware, we Republicans will be going to the polls on March 6, to vote in Georgia’s primary to select our candidate in the 2012 presidential election.



As I write this a few days before the South Carolina primary on January 21, we must decide on four candidates: Newt Gingrich, Ron Paul, Mitt Romney, and Rick Santorum. Jon Huntsman suspended his campaign on Sunday, January 15. Rick Perry dropped out of the race today (January 19). By the time this issues goes to press, there could be an even smaller field.

In an effort to educate you in your decision making process, we have put together this special issue of **VOICES Magazine** to provide you with information on where each of these candidates stands on the specific issues of Capital Punishment, Education, Energy, Foreign Affairs, Gun Control, Healthcare, Immigration, Right to Life, and Taxes. Armed with this information, you can then educate your friends, relatives, co-workers, colleagues, business associates, your hair stylist, etc., so they, too, can make an *educated* decision on their choice of a candidate to support.

As you review this data, you must also keep in mind the end game: **Who of these four candidates can actually defeat the sitting president and send him back to Chicago? Each of us has our “favorite” candidate based on our own biases. But . . . Is he really the right candidate? And, therein lies the ultimate dilemma.**

So, folks, it’s about to be “crunch time.” We need to be honest with ourselves and look at all the facts. I urge you to continue to do your research on your “first choice,” as well as all the others in the race. Share your findings with those among you who are still “on the fence.” If we all pledge to do this, we will ensure that we get the “right candidate” to put up against Obama. Likewise, if we fail to educate ourselves and others, we run the very real risk of sending the wrong opponent to go head-to-head with the Obama machine. The result of this failure will be four more years of a president who is bound and determined to continue bringing about changes that will ultimately take this country down a dangerous path — a path that will make this country unrecognizable as we have known it.

*Sherry Roedl*  
Associate Editor

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### GOP Debate Schedule:

January 26 — TBD — CNN — Jacksonville, Florida  
February 22 — 8 p.m. ET — CNN — Mesa, Arizona  
March 1 — 8 p.m. ET — CNN — CNN & The Georgia Republican Party  
March 5 — 8 p.m. ET — NBC — Reagan Library Simi Valley, California  
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**March 6 — SUPER TUESDAY — Georgia Primary**



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## GET INFORMED AND GET INVOLVED

GFRW President  
Rose Wing



### ***The best voter is an educated and informed voter.***

First, I want to thank the staff of VOICES for writing this special edition on the Republican Presidential Candidates. It is wonderful. If you do not agree with everything that is said, that is fine because the articles are to make you think, to stimulate your mind toward this election year, and to lead you to have conversation. It is not until you educate yourself on candidates, learn issues and learn where candidates stand on issues that you can make an educated decision. The Georgia debate will be on March 1 and the Presidential Primary on March 6. Learn more about each candidate and continue to watch debates between now and March 6.

After the Republican Party has a Presidential nominee, all of us as Republicans need to get behind him and get actively involved in the Presidential race. Our choice for President may not have been your original choice. ***For sure, Obama is not our choice.*** Your future, our children's

future, and our grandchildren's future depend on getting Obama out of office.

I look forward to being President of GFRW in 2012 and working with you during this election year. I am excited about seeing you on February 24 and 25 at the Winter Board Meeting in Alpharetta, Georgia, at the Marriott. Non-Board members are invited -- and I encourage you to come. We are having training sessions on leadership, social media, and president training. In addition, we are having elected officials, candidates, special speakers -- like Sue Everhart -- fun social events--and possibly surprise guests. Our young Republican Women are invited, as well, as we have a special social for you. Look forward to seeing you on February 24-25.

***Get informed and get involved,***

***Rose Wing***

President of GFRW

*"Status Quo, you know, that's Latin  
for the mess we're in!" . . . Ronald Reagan*





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### Winter Board Meeting

February 24-25, 2012

Alpharetta Marriott — Windward Parkway

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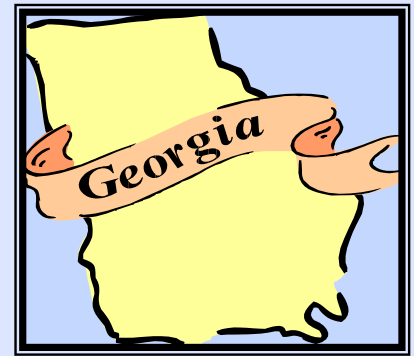
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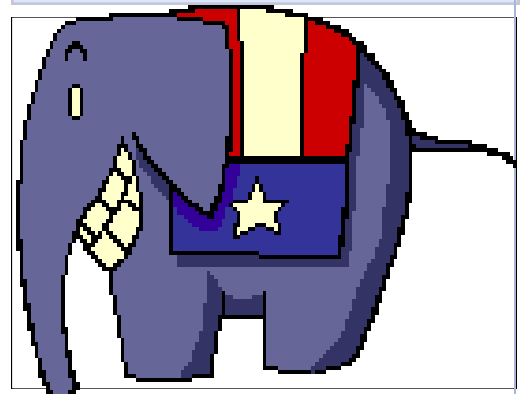
*"America is like a gigantic boiler  
Once the fuse is lighted under it there  
is no limit to the power it can  
generate."*

—Winston Churchill



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# 2012 Race Will Get Tougher

By Randy Evans

**The 2012 GOP Presidential contest has lived up to its billing -- grueling and unpredictable. The contest has had more twists and turns than the Gordian Knot. It has been political reality television from the start. Media melodrama began with who would or would not be a candidate and then shifted to who would or would not remain a candidate.**

Meanwhile, voters are fed up with both parties. They see unacceptably high levels of unemployment, deficits and debt, and politicians who cannot or will not shoot straight with them. As a result, voter scrutiny of Presidential candidates has never been higher.

Yet, the Presidential nomination process itself is supposed to test the mettle of candidates. Once elected, the President takes a pounding every day in office. While expensive and long, the nomination process makes sure that only those candidates who can handle the heat actually stay in the kitchen.

This dynamic has been magnified by two things: the world of instant information; and, voters who want to decide for themselves. Both have changed how American politics works.

There was a time when both the source and speed of information could be managed. Even in the world of telegraphs and telephones, most folks got their political news through a series of filters beginning in Washington, D.C., and state capitols and ending up at the local barber shop or church. Not everyone read a newspaper. A few listened to the radio.

Of course, the Internet and cable news changed all of this. Now, with the click of a button or a touch on a remote, voters can find out what they want to know, when they want to know it. More importantly, they can decide -- hence, Fox's successful "You Decide" marketing brand. Candidates who have adapted to this new "voter centric" model have done pretty well; candidates still running campaigns from the last Millennium have not. The political world has changed.

In part, this is the reason the seemingly non-stop series of Presidential debates has so shaped the 2012 Presidential GOP contest and

will shape the 2012 Presidential race itself. Voters can watch the candidates and decide for themselves.

This has meant that direct mail "hit pieces," electronic blast e-mails, and negative advertisements just do not have the impact they once had. (Unfortunately, this is not true for many other political contests on the ballot.) Attacks



get made and responses are given in real time at a debate.

Now, if the Presidential debates were really just debates, then a Presidential selection process so heavily focused on debates would just produce the best debater, not necessarily the best President. But, by that analysis, a process heavily focused on who raised the most money would only produce the best fundraiser, not the best President. Or, a process entered on who could best organize volunteers would only produce the best community organizer, not the best President.

Yet, the 2012 GOP Presidential debates have much been more than just debates. From debate to debate, everything changes -- the formats, questioners, participants, locations, sponsors, and even the networks. Some have been goofy (thick or thin crust pizza). Some have been feisty. Some have actually involved good questions with deep discussions about each candidate's policies for solving America's problems.

Of course, only political junkies watch every single minute of every debate. But, more Americans are watching; and, as the race narrows, even more will watch.

No one suggests that a debate-only strate-

gy wins the nomination. At the same time, everyone knows that debates matter more now than ever.

As the sorting process has continued, the spotlight has shifted from one candidate to another. Each time, the process determines who can handle the scrutiny and pressure of being the leader of the most powerful and important nation on the planet. But, make no mistake about it -- this is exactly what a Presidential selection process should do.

Admittedly, some, if not most, of the twists and turns of this Presidential race have been unexpected. It is the nature of human events -- things change, often in completely unexpected ways. But the result has been the same -- the strongest candidates (although scarred and marred by the process) emerge.

In the next few weeks, as the process narrows to the final candidates who will vie for the Republican nomination, things will get more testy, challenging, and difficult. The level of scrutiny leveled at the final candidates will be intense; and, any cracks, or more likely, stress fractures, will surface in dramatic fashion -- as they should.

Throughout this testing time, Republicans should be honest with themselves about one thing -- whatever they put their nominee through will pale in comparison to the rigors of the General Election contest. After all, it is the most powerful and important job in the world.

## Who Am I?

Randy Evans of McKenna Long & Aldridge served as outside counsel to the Speakers of the 104th--109th U.S. Congresses, Dennis Hastert and Newt Gingrich. He also represents several other members of Congress, as well as elected officials in Georgia. He is Chairman of the Board of the Newt Gingrich Companies. Evans is a frequent lecturer and author on subjects of professional liability and ethics, government ethics, and politics.



Democrats (and the mainstream media) have taken some glee from the ongoing contentious contest for the 2012 Republican Presidential nomination. Indeed, they sound like Republicans last time celebrating the extended 2008 Democratic Presidential nomination battle between then Senator Hillary Clinton (the presumptive nominee who wasn't) and Senator Barack Obama (the eventual nominee and now President). Democratic insiders and institutional party operatives remained convinced that Senator Clinton would win all the way until the day she didn't.

governor). The last time this was done was 1976 by President Gerald Ford. He lost in the general election.

Meanwhile, conservatives continue to battle amongst themselves for the Romney alternative with three candidates dividing up 60%+ in the GOP field. Most agree that at some point, Governor Romney has to either find a way to break in among conservatives, or conservatives will eventually coalesce around someone else as the eventual nominee.

Governor Huntsman does create some interesting dynamics for the GOP race. Every vote he gets is more likely than not a vote taken from Governor Romney. It is dilution from the middle as three conservatives dilute the right.

In the end, South Carolina could be the last stand for one (or maybe two) candidates. Florida is just too expensive for tag-alongs to compete. Should Governor Huntsman play on in Florida while a conservative or two fall away in South Carolina, then the dynamics get even more interesting.

Congressman Ron Paul and former

Just like 2008, there will be lots of last

## 2012 — Still Wide Open

### A Week Later

By Dandy Evans

This "vetting" process is part of winning the nomination, and it should be. If candidates can't take the heat, the best time to find out is before they are the chef in the kitchen. Every weakness has to be exposed and every test thrown at them.

No one doubts that this year's General Election will be every bit as tough, and undoubtedly, tougher than anything in the primaries. And, it does not end there. Presidents get hammered every day from the moment they take office until the day they leave office (and with some - like President George W. Bush -- even long after they have left office).

With all of that said, it can be tough for the faint of heart to watch as the candidates get bruised and battered along the way. Yet, it is a long time until Labor Day, and an even longer time until November 4, 2012.

Oddly, the current scorecard in the GOP race could not be more confusing. On the one hand, Governor Mitt Romney has scored one unexpected victory in Iowa and a foregone victory in New Hampshire (the adjacent neighbor to his home in Massachusetts where he was

Utah Governor John Huntsman complicate the math for building momentum in very different ways. Congressman Paul's devoted following has enabled him to remain a factor in the GOP field. Here is how: Assume there are 15 devoted Ron Paul followers. They will vote no matter what. If the total votes cast are 100, then they are only 15% of the total. But, if the total votes cast are only 30 people, then he gets 50% (15 of 30).

So, the smaller the state and the turnout, the greater Congressman Paul's impact is. Presumably, as the nomination process moves to larger states like Florida or Georgia, his impact could become less of a factor.

Then there is Governor Huntsman. Like Senator Rick Santorum in Iowa, Governor Huntsman put all of his eggs in one state - New Hampshire. And like Senator Santorum, his impressive showing got him a ticket to ride a little longer. While most believe it was a ticket to South Carolina, it is more likely a ticket to Florida. South Carolina won't be the friendliest of territories for him; but, if he is prepared to spend real money, he could have a real impact in Florida.

minute twists and turns as GOP voters realign constantly, with the ever-changing political landscape of a topsy-turvy contest. Look next for a dizzying pace of endorsements in the days ahead. At some point, former candidates will start to jump in while they are still relevant and can have an impact.

It was crazy last time and it will be crazy this time. Unless one candidate can break through with a 45%+ win (very unlikely) in South Carolina, then the show will likely go on even as the field dwindles down from too many to the final two or three. Until then, the majority of GOP voters seem resigned to wait.

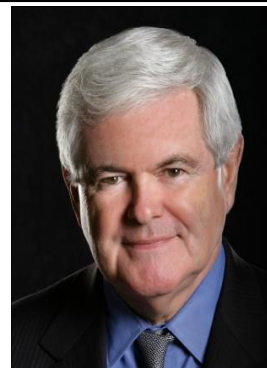
So, sing it again Sam — Florida may not be the end of the show. Everything could come back once again to Super Tuesday and Georgia. Somehow it would be fitting if Georgia could be among the states to actually pick the Republican nominee who will face President Obama in November.

# Meet the Candidates

## As of January 19, 2012

### Newt Gingrich

[Sources: 2012.Republican-Candidates.org; Newt.org]



- ◆ Mastermind of the Contract with America (along with Governor Haley Barber of Mississippi); resulted in the Republicans taking control of the House of Representatives for the first time in 40 years.
- ◆ Resigned as Speaker of the House under "threat of mutiny." Due to his "abrasive style," he lost control of the House.
- ◆ Raised \$32 million between 2009-2010 for his then undecided campaign--more than all the combined totals of the other Republican candidates
- ◆ One of the "most recognizable Republican figures in the country."
- ◆ Known for thinking outside the box; "His grasps of most of the issues affecting the country is second to none."
- ◆ A formidable debater
- ◆ Saddled with personal baggage: extra-marital affairs; two divorces
- ◆ Son of a career soldier
- ◆ Holds a Bachelor's degree from Emory University and a Master's and Doctorate in Modern European History from Tulane University
- ◆ Taught history and environmental studies at West Georgia College for 8 years prior to his election to congress in 1978
- ◆ Represented the State of Georgia for 20 years (four years as Speaker of the House)
- ◆ Longest-serving teacher of the Joint War Fighting course for Major Generals at Air University
- ◆ Taught officers from all five services as an honorary Distinguished Visiting Scholar and Professor at the National Defense University.
- ◆ Served on
  - \*U.S. Commission on National Security/ 21st Century
  - \*The Hart/Rudman Commission to examine our national security challenges as far out as 2025. "The Commission's report is the most profound rethinking of defense strategy since 1947."
  - \*The National Commission for Quality Long-term Care
  - \*The independent congressional Alzheimer's Disease Study Group
- ◆ Author of twenty-three books of which thirteen are *New York Times* bestsellers.
- ◆ Married to Callista; two daughters; two grandchildren
- ◆ Converted to Catholicism
- ◆ Age: 64

### Ron Paul

[Sources: 2012.Republican-Candidates.org; ronpaul2012.org]



- ◆ Graduated from Gettysburg College and the Duke University School of Medicine, before proudly serving as a flight surgeon in the U.S. Air Force during the 1960s
- ◆ As a specialist in obstetrics/gynecology, Dr. Paul has delivered more than 4,000 babies!
- ◆ Serving his twelfth term as Congressman from Texas
- ◆ Served on the House Banking committee
- ◆ Serves on the House Financial Services Committee and the Foreign Affairs Committee
- ◆ Serves on the Financial Services Committee as the chairman of the Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology
- ◆ Member of the Gold Commission, advocating a return to a gold standard for our currency
- ◆ Ran for president in 1988 as a Libertarian
- ◆ Author of several books, including *The Revolution: A Manifesto*, *End the Fed*, *Liberty Defined*, *Challenge to Liberty*, *The Case for Gold*, and *A Republic, If You Can Keep It*.
- ◆ Married to Carol; five children and eighteen grandchildren
- ◆ Protestant; raised as a Lutheran but had his children baptized in the Episcopal church; now attends a conservative Baptist church .
- ◆ Age: 76



## Meet the Candidates—Continued

### Mitt Romney

[Sources: 2012.Republican-Candidates.org; mittromney.com]

- ◆ Fluent in French
- ◆ Graduated from Brigham Young University in 1971; earned dual degrees from Harvard Law and Harvard Business School
- ◆ Financial Advisor
- ◆ Founded the investment firm Bain Capital in 1984
- ◆ Salvaged the 2002 Winter Olympic Games from certain disaster; he revamped the organization's leadership, trimmed the budget, and restored public confidence. He oversaw an unprecedented security mobilization to assure the safety of the athletes and millions of international visitors, staging one of the most successful games ever held on U.S. soil
- ◆ Elected Governor of Massachusetts in 2002; served from 2003-2007
- ◆ Served as Chairman, Republican Governors Association
- ◆ Married to Ann; five sons
- ◆ Mormon; member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- ◆ Age: 64



### Rick Santorum

[Sources: 2012.Republican-Candidates.org; ricksantorum.com]

- ◆ Bilingual in English and Italian
- ◆ Bachelor of Arts (majoring in Political Science), Pennsylvania State University (1980)
- ◆ Master of Business Administration, University of Pittsburgh (1981)
- ◆ Juris Doctor, Dickinson School of Law (1986)
- ◆ Interned for the Senate campaign of John Heinze during his college days
- ◆ Worked in the office of Pennsylvania Senator Jacob Coyle Dorman, Jr., as an administrative assistant for a year
- ◆ Served as Director of Pennsylvania's Senate Transportation Committee for five years
- ◆ Joined law firm of Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott LLC
- ◆ Former Senator of Pennsylvania; served from 1995-2007
- ◆ Served eight years on the Senate Armed Services Committee
- ◆ Regular contributor to Fox News
- ◆ Co-hosts a nationally-syndicated radio show, "Morning In America"
- ◆ Holds a fellowship with The Ethics and Public Policy Center
- ◆ Penned the 2005 *New York Times* Best Seller *It Takes a Family*
- ◆ Married to Karen: seven children (all home-schooled)
- ◆ Catholic
- ◆ Age: 53



According to reporters, Ronald Reagan related the following joke to Mikhail Gorbachev during the 1985 U. S./Soviet summit in Geneva.

An American and a Soviet citizen were debating who had more freedom. The American said, "I can march into the Oval Office in the White House and say, 'Mr. President, I don't like the way you're running our country.'" And the Soviet citizen said, "Well, I can do that too. I can walk into General-Secretary Gorbachev's office in the Kremlin and say, 'Mr. Secretary, I don't like the way President Reagan's running his country.'" [Source: Speaker's Sourcebook II by Glenn Van Ekeren]

# National Federation of Republican Women



## Spring Meeting

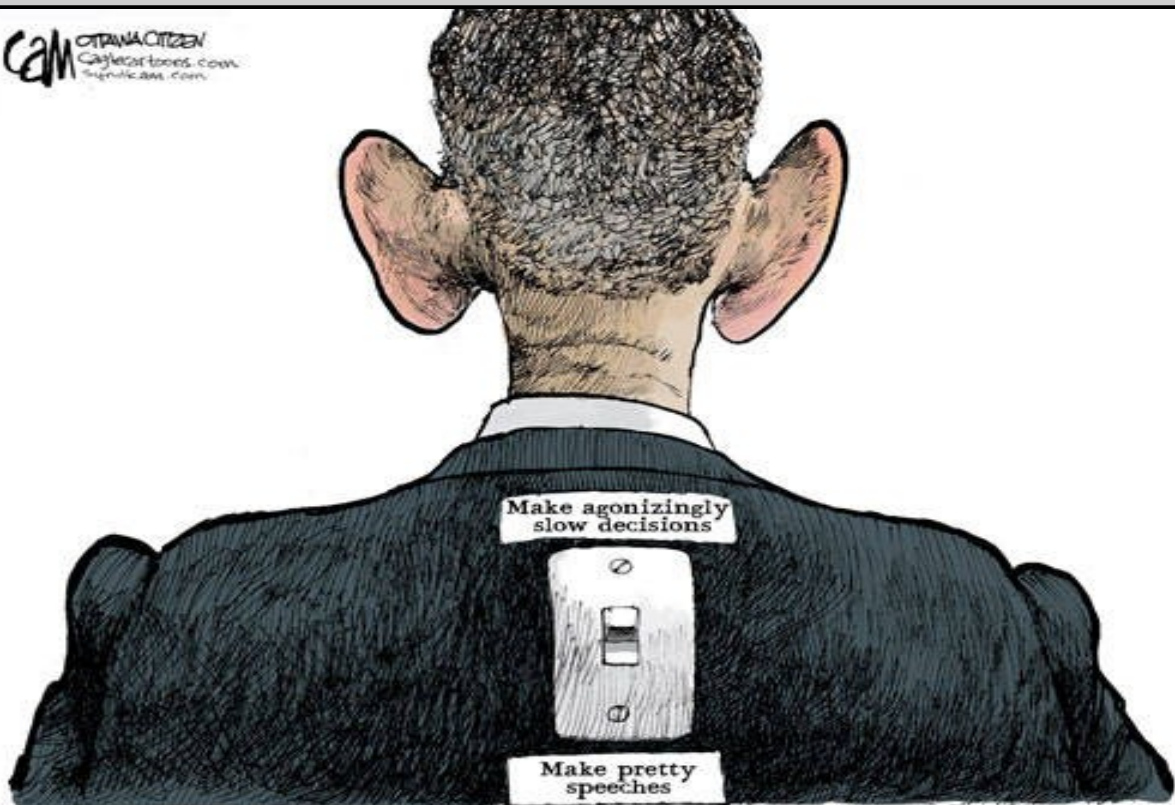
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THE TWO MODES OF PRESIDENT OBAMA

# ***Where do they stand ?***

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**Capital  
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**Illegal  
Immigration**

**Healthcare**



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**Energy**

**Taxes**



Chris Carlson/AP

**Right to Life**

Sources: Candidates' Official Websites; [www.2012-republican.com](http://www.2012-republican.com), unless otherwise noted. Information not edited by Voices staff



# Education

## Newt Gingrich:

[Mary Van Brink, Contributor]

**Charter Schools:** Failing schools must change and he supports charter schools.

**Competition:** High schools are now obsolete. Make schools and teachers compete to improve education. Education is the most important factor in our future prosperity and national security.

**Curriculum:** Focus on patriotic education instead of multiculturalism.

**Prayer:** Bring back school prayer with a Constitutional amendment.

**School Choice:** Provide students at hopeless schools with private school scholarships. Let parents choose public, private, parochial, or homeschool.

## Ron Paul:

[Mary Van Brink, Contributor]

**Department of Education:** Shutting down the Department of Education will improve the quality of education. He wouldn't dismantle public schools, but would encourage homeschooling and private schools with tax write-offs.

Black and Hispanic colleges should not get special funding.

**Vouchers:** Paul voted yes on vouchers for private and parochial schools.

**Prayer:** Supports a Constitutional amendment that allows voluntary school prayer.

## Mitt Romney:

[Mary Van Brink, Contributor]

**Charter Schools:** Supports setting up charter schools and conducting third-party audits in underperforming schools, giving authorization to principals to replace 10% of underperforming staff.

**Department of Education:** Supports eliminating the Department of Education

**No Child Left Behind:** Supports the concept of "No Child Left Behind."

**State's Rights:** Supports keeping educational reforms at the lowest level involving parents, teachers, and the community.



## Rick Santorum:

[Bobbie Frantz, contributor]

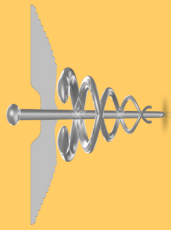
Despite the 2004 controversy surrounding his children and the Penn Hills School District, Santorum is perhaps better known in the education sector for his effort at including the "Santorum Amendment" into the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. It was an attempt at including the theory of intelligent design, alongside the theory of evolution, into the public school science syllabus. The attempt proved to be unsuccessful, but it has been largely credited as the catalyst for the decade long battle between the Creationist and the scientific community.

*"I have wondered at times what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the US Congress."*

*— Ronald Reagan*

[Source: About.com Political Humor]





# Healthcare

## **Newt Gingrich:**

[Mary Van Brink Contributor]

**Competition:** He thinks healthcare should be competitive and allowed to cross state lines. Competition would lower prices and provide more choices.

**Medicare:** Medicare should focus on preventative health instead of illness. We'd save \$14 billion on diabetes treatments alone.

**Obamacare:** He thinks the government does not belong in healthcare. Nationalizing healthcare hurts everyone.

**Tax Credits:** He would give tax credits for developing the technology to help and prevent disabilities.

## **Ron Paul:**

[Mary Van Brink, Contributor]

**Competition:** True competition in the delivery of medical care is what is needed; not more government meddling.

Only one solution leads to true health and true freedom: making health care more affordable. Only true free-market competition will put pressure on the providers and force them to lower their costs to remain in business.

**Obamacare:** The current system is most definitely broken, and it must eventually be abolished if we want to regain both our health and our freedom, but the worst possible answer is Obamacare.

## **Mitt Romney:**

[Mary Van Brink Contributor]

**Competition:** He plans on market reforms to expand and deregulate private insurance to decrease costs and give more Americans access to affordable care.

**Obamacare:** On day one, Romney would issue an Executive Order to pave

the way to end ObamaCare with the Secretary of Health and Human Services to return the maximum possible authority to the states.

**Tax Credits:** Romney would allow tax deductions for out-of-pocket medical expenses.

## **Rick Santorum:**

[Bobbie Frantz, Contributor]

As a Senator, Rick Santorum supported the Medicare Prescription Drug benefit known as Medicare Part D. He voted for the plan and ran television commercials noting that support. In the 2012 election, Senator Santorum was critical of that program. He stated that it was not funded properly, as it simply spends whatever seniors need. He stated that his vote for that program was a mistake, but that he voted in favor of the reform because of other portions of the program and that no other option was on the table. He claimed in a debate that the overall reform program had come in 40% under budget.

Senator Santorum has supported the plan proposed by Congressman Paul Ryan to transition Medicare to a voucher system to allow seniors to purchase health care on the open market.

Senator Santorum opposed the 2009-2010 healthcare reform plan known as Obamacare and supports its repeal. He stated that under the plan, Medicare would be cut starting in 2014 and the government would be rationing care from the top down.



# ENERGY

## **Newt Gingrich:**

[Mary Van Brink, Contributor]

**Alternate Energy:** Give incentives for renewable resources and conservation. Billion-dollar prize for first mass-produced hydrogen car. Focus on incentives for conservation and renewable resources.

**ANWR:** End the “scare tactics” and drill in Alaska.

The Kyoto treaty is bad for the nation and the environment.

**Nuclear:** Put nuclear waste in deep storage for 10,000 years. New nuclear plants would reduce 2 billion tons of CO<sub>2</sub> a year.

**Taxes:** Supports eliminating the gas tax. Every green tax credit is a tax loophole.

## **Ron Paul:**

[Mary Van Brink, Contributor]

**ANWR:** He supports drilling in ANWR and that we should use our own natural resources to be energy independent.

**Department of Energy:** The government contributes to our energy woes and government should stay out of the energy business.

**Taxes:** We need to build new oil refineries, cut government subsidies, and repeal the gas tax.



## **Mitt Romney:**

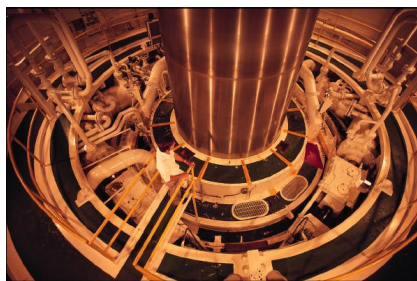
[Mary Van Brink, Contributor]

**Alternate Energy:** The nation needs to develop and harness alternate sources of energy such as nuclear energy, bio-diesel, and ethanol.

**ANWR:** Exploit more domestic sources of oil such as Outer Continental Shelf and Arctic National Wild-

life Refuge.

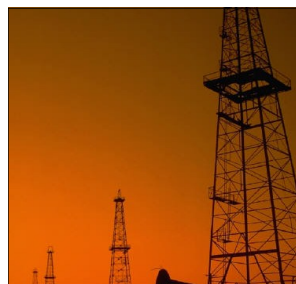
**Energy Production:** On day one, Romney would issue an Executive Order to Boost Domestic Energy Production and authorize the Department of the Interior to implement a process for rapid issuance of drilling permits.



**Energy Independence:** Romney gives importance to achieving the target of energy independence so that it can free itself from its enslavement to oil rich countries at the same time becoming an economic and military superpower.

## **Rick Santorum:**

[Bobbie Frantz, Contributor]



Santorum will cut all the subsidies out and let the market work, as opposed to creating incentives for different forms of energy that the government supports.

Santorum on the question of energy subsidies: When asked “Would you favor incentives, incentives to get workers and businesses to where the jobs are to support this boom?”

Here is how Santorum responded:

“No, because we have done it in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania has Marcellus Shale. It took a while for us to ramp up, but we're drilling 3,000 to 4,000 wells. The price of natural gas, because of Marcellus Shale, which is the second largest natural gas find in the world, has gone from \$12 to \$3.65. And we let the marketplace work. So, no, we didn't have the federal government come in and bail us out.”





# Gun Control

## **Newt Gingrich:**

[Mary Van Brink, Contributor]

Gingrich is a firm advocate of a citizen's right to bear arms. "The right to bear arms is a political right designed to safeguard freedom so that no government can take away from you the rights that God has given you, and it was written by people who had spent their lifetime fighting the greatest empire in the world and they knew that if they had not had the right to bear arms, they would have been enslaved. And that is why they guaranteed us the right to protect ourselves. It is a political right of the deepest importance to the survival of freedom in America."



## **Ron Paul:**

[Mary Van Brink, Contributor]

Paul opposes any attempts by the government to "disarm" the citizenry. "In our own country, we should be ever vigilant against any attempts to disarm the people, especially in this economic downturn. People have a natural right to defend themselves. Governments that take that away from their people should be highly suspect."

## **Mitt Romney:**

[Mary Van Brink, Contributor]

Enforce our current laws rather than creating new laws that burden lawful gun owners. "I believe in safe and

responsible gun ownership and that anyone who exercises the right to keep and bear arms must do so lawfully and properly. Law-abiding citizens have a right to protect their homes and their families and as President, I will vigorously defend that right."

## **Rick Santorum:**

[Bobbie Frantz, Contributor]

Santorum – an NRA life member – was an important ally of gun owners throughout his political career. During his 16 years in Congress, Santorum opposed gun and magazine bans and voted to end lawsuits against gun makers.

Santorum is a firm advocate of a citizen's right to bear arms. He is also a staunch defender of gun manufacturers, and voted in favor of the 2005 Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (Bill S 397), which among others, prevents civil suits from being brought against gun manufacturers for criminal acts perpetrated using their weapons.

*"What is conservatism?  
Is it not adherence to the old and tired,  
against the new and untried?"*  
*Abraham Lincoln*





# Illegal Immigration



## **Newt Gingrich:**

[Mary Van Brink, Contributor]

**Amnesty:** During a recent debate (22-NOV-2011), Gingrich championed those who arrived illegally, but became contributing members of the community (e.g., stayed out of trouble, paid taxes, and were members of their respective churches). He does not believe they should be deported. They are not citizens and this does not mean amnesty.

**Illegal Aliens:** Contrary to his gung-ho and partisan approach, Gingrich is clearly divided on the issue of immigration. We've rarely seen him struggling to convey his message, so it is a rare treat to see a contemplative, thoughtful and hesitant Gingrich. He may be alienating a large segment of the GOP grassroots with his stance, and in the process, open himself to accusations of pandering to the Hispanic community, but one can clearly sense that this is Gingrich being earnest.

**Secure Our Borders/Border Control:** "There's nothing complicated about what's going on. The richest society in the planet is within geographic reach now, in the age of modern transportation, of much poorer societies. So relatively smart people wake up in the morning and say, 'Gee, I could earn \$1 an hour here or \$14 an hour in Kansas City. I wonder where I'd like to be next week.' This isn't complicated. It's not indecent and it's not wrong. But a society which fails to control its own borders is asking for the level of trouble we now have."

## **Ron Paul:**

[Mary Van Brink, Contributor]

**Amnesty:** "There's a lot of incentive because they think they're going to get amnesty. We gave it to the illegals in the '80s." "No amnesty. No forced benefits. You have to deal with it as a whole, as an economic issue as well."

**Border Control:** "There was an immigration bill that had a fence in it, but it was to attack amnesty. I don't like amnesty. So, I voted for that bill to stop the amnesty, but I didn't like the fence. I don't think the fence can solve our problem. I find it rather offensive."

**Legal Immigration:** We're in worse shape now because we subsidize immigration. We give food stamps, Social Security, free medical care, free education and amnesty. It's an economic issue more than anything. "...birthright citizenship, originating in the 14th amendment, has become a serious cultural and economic dilemma for our nation...parents must be citizens of a nation for their newborn children to receive automatic citizenship.... It's time to rethink birthright citizenship by amending the 14th amendment."

**Secure our Borders:** "Sending twelve to fifteen million illegals home— isn't going to happen and shouldn't happen...if each case is looked at separately, we would find ourselves splitting up families and deporting some who have lived here for decades, if not their entire life, and who have never lived for any length of time in Mexico."

## **Mitt Romney:**

[Mary Van Brink, Contributor]

**Amnesty:** Romney is opposed to amnesty for illegal aliens.

**Border Control:** Romney would complete construction of a high-tech fence, and invest in adequate manpower and resources to patrol the border.

**Legal Immigration** - To make the U.S. a more competitive economy, Romney wants looser laws on immigration so that the economy can take advantage of highly-skilled workers. The policy is specific to the highly-skilled workers and is clear from its insistence to keep out the low-skilled workers who migrate illegally from the South.

**Secure our Borders:** Put into place an employment verification system using their name, number, and some biometric information that indicates their work status. If they don't have a valid social security number or a valid card that matches to the federal database, you can't hire them. And if you do, you get the same penalties and fines as if you didn't pay your taxes.

## **Rick Santorum:**

[Bobbie Frantz, Contributor]

Santorum views the influx of foreign workers as damaging to the nation, both on the economic and social front. He was a strong advocate in former President Bush's US-Mexico border fence initiative. He has voiced support for the contentious Guest Worker program, with strict limitations on any participation in Social Security as well as fast tracking of citizenship applications.

*"House Republicans want to pass a strong border security, illegal immigration bill. We want a bill. There is no ifs, ands, or buts about it."*

—John Boehner



# Taxes

## Newt Gingrich:

[Mary Van Brink, Contributor]

**Taxes:** He knows taxes are necessary but says they are too high because government looks upon the peoples' money as free money to spend as they please.

Supports getting rid of the marriage tax and cutting middle class taxes.

He would encourage investment by getting rid of the capital gains tax.

## Ron Paul:

[Mary Van Brink, Contributor]

**Taxes:** "We can't raise taxes to cut the deficit. We have to cut spending. I want to cut spending overseas. I don't think we can maintain our empire."

Paul wants to change the tax code to allow Americans to fully deduct all health care costs from their taxes.

## Mitt Romney:

[Mary Van Brink, Contributor]

**Taxes:** On day one, Romney plans to reduce the corporate income tax rate from 35 to 25%. He believes a cut in Corporate Taxes will have a significant impact over time. It can stimulate the economy, create jobs, and encourage foreign investment.

## Rick Santorum

[Bobbie Frantz, Contributor]

Rick also fought to ensure that all Americans kept more of their hard-earned tax dollars. He spearheaded the passage of President Bush's tax cuts in 2001 and 2003, because he believes that reducing the tax burden on businesses and individuals is the key to spurring economic growth.

Rick was rewarded for his hard work on behalf of the American taxpayer, consistently being named as a "Friend of the Taxpayer" by the National Taxpayers Union and endorsed by pro-business organizations like the National Federation of Independent Business and the United States Chamber of Commerce during his political campaigns.

*"Two people were discussing the high rate of taxes and government waste of money. Just then a school bus passed them. 'See what I mean,' exclaimed one. 'When I was a boy we walked three miles to school and three miles back home each day. Now we spend \$5,000 for a bus to pick up the children so they don't have to walk. Then we spend \$50,000 for a gymnasium so they can get exercise.'"*

[Source: Braude's Treasury of Wit & Humor for All Occasions, Revised Edition, Jacob M. Braude; Revisor Glenn Van Ekeren]

*"The biggest job Congress has is how to get the money from the taxpayer without disturbing the voter."*

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## **Newt Gingrich:**

[Mary Van Brink, Contributor]

**China:** Believes that protectionism is destructive to the country and helps India and China challenge our supremacy.

### **Iraq:**

- The goal was to liberate Iraq from Saddam, not to occupy.
- Date for withdrawal means terrorists exalt & follow us home.
- The war on terror is transformational, and will take many years.
- Critical of how Iraq war has been fought.

**Middle East:** Get out of Arab region rapidly; make new strategy.

**Pakistan:** "The situation in Pakistan is extremely troubling. After \$20 billion in aid since 9/11, we discovered that bin Laden was not hiding in a cave in Waziristan, but in a large compound in a military city within one mile of the Pakistani national defense university. Instead of looking for those who had been protecting bin Laden, Pakistan's response has been to arrest those who helped America discover bin Laden. This should be considered a crisis in our relationship with Pakistan with profound implications for our operations in Afghanistan."

## **Ron Paul:**

[Mary Van Brink, Contributor]

**Afghanistan:** Immediately withdraw our forces from Afghanistan.

**China:** Trade with China should not be tied to human rights. He would not

fund nuclear plants in China.

**GITMO:** Paul has made it clear on repeated occasions that he is in favor of shutting down GITMO.

**Cuba:** Travel to Cuba should not be curtailed. He thinks the U.S. should end the embargo on Cuba as it has done no good and stifles competition.

**Korea:** Advocates "the third option"; withdraw from South Korea, offer the North Koreans friendship and stop giving them any more money or aid.

## **Mitt Romney:**

[Mary Van Brink, Contributor]

**Afghanistan:** Believes our continued presence should be decided by the military's top brass, cautions that we should not be making similar commitments in the future. He also stressed that the bulk of the responsibility lies with the Afghans.

**Al Qaeda:** In nations where Al Qaeda is developing its roots (e.g., Bali and Pakistan), the U.S. should send its forces to work in synergy with the local population to contain the terrorists.

**China:** He stressed working with China should not be at the cost of security interests and human rights. He said China has a vested interest in a strong U.S. economy which will buy

more Chinese goods and have no intention to bury the USA.

**Cuba:** He said the U.S. should continue with its present policy towards Cuba until the country is free from the Castro regime, all political prisoners are freed, and the country becomes a democracy initiating free and fair elections.

**Jihadists:** Romney believes a three-pronged approach would take care of the Jihadists: (1) Employ military options and pressure; (2) Diplomacy that involves the regional and international players; (3) Exhort the Muslims to reject extremism.

## **Rick Santorum:**

[Bobbie Frantz, Contributor]

Santorum contends that President Obama's apology for decisions made under former President Bush weakens the country's position in the world. He also criticized the administrations "ill-defined" foreign policy, citing as an example, the three different approaches taken in responding to protestors in Iran, Egypt, and Libya.

Santorum also questions the administration's grasp on the minutiae of the fundamentalist sharia movement, likening it to ideological threats from our past such as Marxism. He argues further that American intervention in any foreign conflict should be solely limited to matters which have a direct impact to the country.



## Foreign Affairs — Continued

### On the United Nations:

[Source: Taken directly from Council on Foreign Affairs — [www.cfa.org](http://www.cfa.org) — without editing]

#### Newt Gingrich:

In the Republican foreign policy debate on Nov. 11, 2011, Gingrich voiced opposition to United Nations "absurdities," including Agenda 21, a UN action plan on sustainable development.

In August 2011, Gingrich called for possibly suspending UN funding. "We should be willing to say that if the U.N. is going to circumvent negotiations and declare the territory of one of its own members [Israel] an independent state, we aren't going to pay for it. We can keep our \$7.6 billion a year," he wrote in a piece for Human Events.

#### Ron Paul

Rep. Paul [R-TX] has been a longtime opponent of the United Nations, seeing it as a threat to U.S. sovereignty. He has repeatedly called for the United States to end its UN membership, and has repeatedly introduced legislation to facilitate this goal. Paul has suggested ending funding to UNESCO, which he says "has been openly hostile to American values, our Constitution, and Western culture."

#### Mitt Romney

Romney has long been critical of the United Nations, commenting in 2007 that it had been an "extraordinary failure" (*USAToday*) and suggesting that the United States withdraw from the UN's Human Rights Council. Romney believes the United States should "focus multilateral institutions like the United Nations on achieving the substantive goals of democracy and human rights enshrined in their charters," according to his web site.

#### Rick Santorum

As part of his program for "empowering families" and "building economic freedom," Santorum's web site lists cutting funding to United Nations organizations that "undermine American interests." In the September Republican debate in California, Santorum accused the Obama administration of going "along with the Libya mission because the United Nations told him to."



"This organization is created to prevent you from going to hell. It isn't created to take you to heaven."

Henry Cabot Lodge Jr.,

# Right to Life

## Newt Gingrich:

[Mary Van Brink, Contributor]

**Abortion:** Pro-Life—Yes

Supports Federal ban on abortions  
*"And in that sense that we want to move the society as rapidly as we can that people should select adoption rather than abortion and that choosing abortion is not acceptable."*

[The American View, 2005]

**Roe v Wade:** "I think that abortion should not be legal, and I think that how you would implement that I'm not sure." [The American View, 2005]

## Ron Paul:

[Mary Van Brink, Contributor]

**Abortion:** "Under the 9th and 10th amendments, all authority over matters not specifically addressed in the Constitution remains with state legislatures. Therefore the federal government has no authority whatsoever to involve itself in the abortion issue. So, while Roe v. Wade is invalid, a federal law banning abortion across all 50 states would be equally invalid."

"I believe beyond a doubt that a fetus is a human life deserving of legal protection, and that the right to life is the foundation of any moral society."

## Mitt Romney:

[Mary Van Brink, Contributor]

**Abortion:** "The states should determine their own abortion laws and not have them dictated by judicial mandate."

"I am pro-life. I believe that abortion is the wrong choice, except in cases of incest, rape, and to save the life of the mother."

**Roe v Wade:** Would like to see Roe v Wade overturned, allowing the states to have the ability to put into place pro-life legislation.

## Rick Santorum

[Bobbie Frantz, Contributor]

Rick Santorum has been a national leader on pro-life issues with a clear record of results. He has a broad and impressive record when it came to defending the dignity of every human life, especially the most vulnerable among us. In the U.S. Senate, he authored



two of the priority pro-life efforts that were signed into law by President George W. Bush – the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act and the Born Alive Infants Protection Act. He cosponsored and strongly supported numerous other bills that defended unborn victims of violence, ensured state laws on parental consent are observed by neighboring states, and championed legislation to protect the conscious rights of individuals and health care

providers so they need not choose between their work and their moral principles. He steadfastly opposed the federal funding of abortion and supported President Reagan's Mexico City Policy (abandoned by President Clinton and President Obama) that kept U.S. taxpayer dollars from going to organizations that perform or promote abortion overseas.

"I know this issue is very controversial. But unless and until it can be proven that an unborn child is not a human being, can we justify assuming without proof that it isn't? No one has yet offered such proof; indeed, all the evidence is to the contrary. We should rise above bitterness and reproach, and if Americans could come together in a spirit of understanding and helping, then we could find positive solutions to the tragedy of abortion."

~President Ronald Reagan, State of the Union Address - January 1984 ~



# Capital Punishment

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## **Newt Gingrich:**

[Mary Van Brink, Contributor]

More prisons, more enforcement, effective death penalty.

No on replacing death penalty with life imprisonment.

Gingrich supports capital punishment.

"You import commercial quantities of drugs in the United States for the purpose of destroying our children, we will kill you... I say put it on the ballot and say either legalize them or get rid of them... But quit playing the game that enriches the evil, strengthens the violence, addicts our children, and makes us look pathetic and helpless... Do it one by one, it'll add up... If the word gets back that we're serious and we're actually implementing it, then it will have a very chilling effect on people bringing drugs into the U.S." [Source: July 14, 1995, Speech to the Republican National Committee]

## **Ron Paul:**

[Mary Van Brink, Contributor]

Paul is opposed to the death penalty, chiefly out of fear that an innocent person may be sentenced to death.

Paul, by his own admission, has changed his position on capital punishment and is now opposed to the death penalty, chiefly out of fear that an innocent person may be sentenced to death.

This is one issue in which my views have shifted in recent years, especially since being elected to Congress. There was a time I simply stated that I supported the death penalty. Now my views are not so clearly defined. I do not support the federal death penalty, but constitutionally I cannot, as a federal official, interfere with the individual states that impose it.

After years spent in Washington, I have become more aware than ever of the government's ineptness and the likelihood of its making mistakes. I no longer trust the U.S. government to invoke and carry out a death sentence under any condi-

tions. Too many convictions, not necessarily federal, have been found to be in error, but only after years of incarcerating innocent people who later were released on DNA evidence. [1980, Capital Punishment, Liberty Defined: 50 Essential Issues That Affect Our Freedom by Ron Paul]

## **Mitt Romney:**

[Mary Van Brink, Contributor]

In favor of capital punishment.

"From my perspective, there are two main camps when it comes to the death penalty. On one side, there are some people who believe there are certain crimes that are so offensive... so reprehensible.... so far beyond the bounds of civilized society that they demand the ultimate punishment. In the other camp are well-meaning people who believe that it is immoral for government to ever take a life. In the middle, I believe, are others who could support the death penalty if it is narrowly applied and contains the appropriate safeguards. It is with that group in mind that we have brought forward the death penalty bill before you today...."

*July 14, 2005, Death Penalty Testimony of Governor Mitt Romney to the Massachusetts House of Representatives, in support of his April 28, 2005 filing of a death penalty bill that was ultimately rejected by the legislature.*

## **Rick Santorum**

[Bobbie Frantz, Contributor]

Santorum has not broached the subject publicly for six years and counting. However, the last time he spoke about capital punishment, we found Santorum uncharacteristically divided on the issue.

"I felt very troubled about cases where someone may have been convicted wrongly. DNA evidence definitely should be used when possible. I agree with the pope that in the civilized world ... the application of the death penalty should be limited. I would definitely agree with that. I would certainly suggest there probably should be some further limits on what we use it for."

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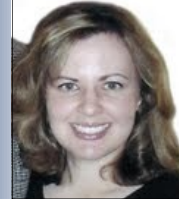
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