






Where they stand

HOW LEADING DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES LINE UP ON A SELECTION OF ISSUES.

DEMOCRATS

REPUBLICANS

ISSUES	HILLARY CLINTON	JOHN EDWARDS	BARACK OBAMA	RUDY GIULIANI	MIKE HUCKABEE	JOHN McCain	MITT ROMNEY	FRED THOMPSON
 <p>EDUCATION</p>	\$10 billion for universal preschool. Replace No Child Left Behind law. \$10,000 higher-education scholarships per year of national service.	Universal preschool for 4-year-olds. Change or replace No Child Left Behind.	\$18 billion plan for preschool, teacher pay; \$4,000 college tax credit for community service.	Vouchers for school choice.	Give states more authority to run education.	Vouchers for school choice; more community-college aid.	Supports school choice and No Child Left Behind law.	Favors incentives for school choice.
 <p>GLOBAL WARMING</p>	\$150 billion, 10-year energy package for new fuel sources; backed caps on greenhouse gas emissions.	\$13 billion annual fund to double budget for efficiency and renewable energy; favors greenhouse gas emission caps.	\$150 billion, 10-year program for "climate friendly" energy supplies; favors emission caps.	Unsure how much global warming is caused by humans. Consider expanding nuclear power and alternative energy.	Supports increase to 35 mpg fuel-efficiency standard by 2020 and emission caps.	Led Senate effort to cap greenhouse gas emissions; favors tougher fuel efficiency.	As governor, backed out of regional pact to curb carbon dioxide emissions from power plants.	Questioned whether global warming caused by humans is real.
 <p>GUN CONTROL</p>	Voted for ban on assault-type weapons and to require background checks at gun shows.	Voted as senator for ban on assault-type weapons.	Voted to leave gunmakers and dealers open to lawsuit.	Backed federal gun control as mayor; now says states should decide.	Opposes gun controls; backs federal "right to carry" law requiring states to recognize other states' concealed-weapons permits.	Opposed ban on assault-type weapons; favored background-check law for gun shows.	As governor, favored strict state gun control.	Opposes most gun controls.
 <p>HEALTH INSURANCE</p>	\$110 billion a year for mandatory universal coverage in first term. Tax credits to make insurance more affordable. Raise taxes on wealthy.	Up to \$120 billion a year for mandatory universal coverage in first term. Tax credits for affordability. Raise taxes on wealthy.	No universal coverage mandate for adults but one for children. More than \$65 billion a year to make universal coverage affordable. Raise taxes on wealthy.	Income tax deduction of \$7,500 per taxpayer to defray insurance costs.	Spend more on prevention; let market and states expand insurance.	\$2,500 tax credit per taxpayer to help pay for insurance.	Incentives for states to expand affordable coverage. As governor, signed law aimed at ensuring universal coverage.	Leave expanded coverage to market, not Washington.
 <p>IRAQ</p>	Opposed troop increase. No timetable for completing withdrawal. Voted for war.	Take out 50,000 troops now; all combat troops out in 10 months. Said his vote for war was wrong.	Combat troops out in 16 months. Spoke against war at start.	Supported troop increase and prosecution of the war.	Now faults Bush for not sending enough troops at the start.	Early critic of how the war was fought; backed troop increase, opposes scheduled pullout.	Supported troop increase and prosecution of the war.	Supports President Bush's course in Iraq.
<p>FAVORS ABORTION RIGHTS</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓				
<p>OPPOSES SAME-SEX MARRIAGE</p>					✓		✓	
<p>FAVORS RELAXED RESTRICTIONS ON FINANCING OF STEM-CELL RESEARCH</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		