

Iowa Democratic Party – 2nd Congressional District
Platform Committee – 2008

Platform

As Adopted at 2008 Convention

Agriculture & Environment

Planning and Zoning

We Support:

- Green building practices:
Requirements for publicly-financed projects;
Incentives for all projects;
- Restricting urban sprawl:
Encouraging redevelopment within existing cities/towns;
Limit TIFs to original intended use;
Eliminating property tax credits/subsidies for developers.

Watershed Management

We Support:

- Funding and strict enforcement of the CWA;
- Increased federal support to conserve our waters and aquifers;
- Universal access to affordable clean water;
- Environmentally-safe disposal of agricultural and municipal wastes.

Livestock Management

We Support:

- Environmental quality standards;
- Local augmentation of state regulations for CAFO siting, maintenance, and operations;
- Humane treatment of animals;
- Allowing aggrieved parties to file lawsuit.

We Oppose:

- Tax abatements for CAFO waste systems.
- Restrictions on filing complaints with the IDNR/EPA;
- New or expanded CAFOs pending adequate air and water regulations, inspection programs, and enforcement.

Environment Enhancement and Regulation

We Support:

- Adequate funding for REAP plus enforcement authority for IDNR and IDALS;

- Environmentally responsible agriculture;
- Preservation of the commons;
- Hard caps on mercury emissions from burning coal;
- Strict enforcement of the ESA, CAA, and CWA;
- Dark night sky;
- Natural eco-systems;
- Soil Conservation;
- Radon Testing;
- Mandatory inspection of septic tanks for property sale;
- Natural resource stewardship education;
- Improving/maintaining municipal water facilities;
- Increasing penalties for polluters;
- Favoring environmental protection/public health over corporate profits;
- Increased tree planting efforts.

We Oppose:

- Grandfather clauses for power plants, agricultural operations;
- Subsidizing clear-cutting, mining, grazing, oil drilling in sensitive areas.

Environmentally Safe Energy

We Support:

- Energy independence;
- Combating climate change;
- Renewable energy:
 - Bio-fuels, wind, solar, geothermal, and low head hydroelectric power;
 - Encouragement through realigned tax incentives;
 - Fair net-metering rules for small producers;
 - 20% renewable energy portfolio by 2020;
 - Funding research through a carbon tax;
- Decreasing fossil fuel use:
 - Incentivizing efficiency;
 - Hybrids, EV's and electric charging stations;
 - Improved CAFÉ standards (including SUVs, pickups);
 - Mass transit;
 - Cap and trade;

- Full-life cost-cycle analyses for all power-plants.

We Oppose:

- Government subsidy of nuclear power, offsite or tribal-land storage of waste;
- New coal pulverized power plants;
- Importing strip-mined coal into Iowa;
- Gas tax subsidy of ethanol production.

Bottle Bill and Recycling

We Support:

- An expanded bottle bill.

Sustainable Rural Development

We Support:

- Organic farming,;
- Crop and livestock diversification;
- Funding of local soil conservation districts;
- Promoting locally produced products;
- Efficient use of chemicals;
- More beginning farmer programs.

Structure of Agriculture

We Support:

- Family farms;
- Banning meat-packer ownership of livestock;
- Increased subsidies for small farms;
- Capping subsidies for large corporate farms;
- Reversing farm consolidations;
- Functional local food systems.

Consumer Choice and Food Safety

We Support:

- Clear product labeling including:
 - Origin;
 - GMOs;
 - Irradiation;
 - Hormone/antibiotic use;
 - Animal products;
- Independent research on agricultural antibiotic and hormone use;
- Actions to control multi-drug-resistant bacteria;

- Independent, credible, pre-approval testing of GMOs;
- Stable and safe regional food supplies;
- Testing for diseases, including mad-cow;
- A right to save seeds.

US Agricultural Policy

We Support:

- Senator Harkin's Farm Bill;
- Conservation Security Program;
- Inflation indexing USDA loan rates;
- Fair market prices.

We Oppose:

- LDP;
- Section 1031 tax-free exchanges.

Acronyms

- CAA - Clean Air Act
- CAFÉ - Corporate Average Fuel Efficiency
- CAFO - Confined Animal Feeding Operation
- CWA - Clean Water Act
- EPA - Environmental Protection Agency
- ESA - Endangered Species Act
- EV - Electric Vehicle
- GMO - Genetically Modified Organism
- IDNR - Iowa Department of Natural Resources
- IDALS - Iowa Department of Agricultural and Land Stewardship
- LDP - Loan Deficiency Payments
- SUV - Sport/Utility Vehicle
- USDA - United States Department of Agriculture
- TIF - Tax Increment Financing

Economy, Commerce, & Labor

Worker's Rights & Safety

We Support:

- "Free-choice“;
- “Fair-Share”;
- Strengthening OSHA and NIOSH;
- Enforcement/funding of NLRA;
- FLSA;
- Binding arbitration in labor disputes;
- Safety record review on all government contractors;
- Workers’ right to refuse unsafe work;
- Covering agricultural workers with health and safety statutes;
- Increasing staffing and workplace safety;
- Eliminating employee/independent contractor misclassification;
- Employee protection during plant closure/bankruptcy;
- Employees as first-in-line creditors;
- Benefits/protections for workers on strike/“Lockouts”;
- Whistleblower protection for all employees;
- Equal rights & opportunities for GLBT people;
- Equal pay for equal work;
- Sanctions on employers who knowingly hire or contract with undocumented workers;
- Workers choosing own medical providers when injured on the job.

We Oppose:

- "Temps” replacing permanent employees;
- Privatization of public services;
- Limiting overtime pay;
- Mandatory overtime;
- Mandatory employment screening except where public safety is at risk.

Pension & Insurance

We Support:

- Actuarially sound funding of IPERS overseen by independent board of trustees;
- Secure portable retirement/healthcare plans;

- Incentives for long-term, retirement savings;
- Employers contributing to health care coverage or Medicaid fund.

We Oppose:

- Insurance credit scoring.

Economic Development

We Support:

- Regulating mortgage companies/investors;
- Regulating private equity firms as publicly traded companies;
- Student loan forgiveness programs;
- Encouraging local enterprise;
- Eliminating barriers to scientific research;
- Government-run job training program like WPA;
- “Truly” US made products;
- Infrastructure improvements.

We Oppose:

- Non-banking entities establishing banks;
- Deregulating utility industries;
- Double charges on ATM's;
- Incentives to companies moving jobs outside the US;
- Predatory lending practices;
- Price gouging.

Living Wages

We Support:

- A “Living Wage” indexed to inflation;
- Removing minimum wage exemptions.

Transportation Services

We Support:

- Funding for support/expansion of Amtrak/rail systems and alternate public transportation.

Job Security

We Support:

- Non-discriminatory parental leave benefits;
- Proportionate wages and benefits for part-time and contingent employees;
- Unemployment benefits for strikers;

- Expanded job security/flexibility for single parents.

We Oppose:

- Temporary immigration status;
- Right-To-Work laws;
- Employment-at-Will Doctrine;
- Replacement workers for strikers;
- Prison labor displacing non-incarcerated workers;
- Out-sourcing of jobs.

Trade Regulations

We Support:

- Anti-trust legislation;
- Quality inspections and tariffs on all imports;
- Environmental/labor standards in trade agreements;
- "Fair Trade";
- Foods and products labeled by country of origin;
- Repeal of DMCA;
- Restoring public domain.

We Oppose:

- NAFTA, WTO and CAFTA.

Project Labor Agreements

We Support:

- Prevailing wage laws on government projects;
- Establishing tools for employers to verify employee legal status.

We Oppose:

- No-bid government contracts.

Budget & Taxation

We Support:

- Vigorous enforcement of the tax code for corporations and high income earners;
- A balanced federal budget;
- Paying down the National Debt;
- Increasing dependency exemptions/credits;
- Reestablishing estate taxes;
- Property tax credits for veterans, low income, elderly & disabled people;

- Windfall profit taxes on fossil fuel companies for R&D of alternative energy.

We Oppose:

- Corporate bailouts/tax breaks;
- Subsidies for corporations earning excessive profits;
- Tax benefits/loopholes for companies moving offshore.

Acronyms

ATM - Automatic Teller Machine
CAFTA- Central America Free Trade Agreement
DMCA- - Digital Millennium Copyright Act
FLSA - Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938
GLBT - Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender/Transsexual people
IPERS - Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System
NAFTA- North American Free Trade Agreement
NIOSH- National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health
NLRA - National Labor Relations Act
OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration
R&D- - Research and Development
SS - Social Security
WPA - Works Progress Administration
WTO - World Trade Organization

Education

Educators

We Support:

- Student loan forgiveness for teachers in shortage areas;
- Increasing permanent funding for K-14 teacher salaries to at least 20th in the nation;
- State-funded reimbursement for special education teachers for attaining certification required by 2004 IDEA;
- Establishing a tax credit for K-14 instructors for out-of-pocket classroom materials;
- Increasing salaries for substitutes, para-educators and adjuncts.

We Oppose:

- Signing bonuses and merit pay;
- Fast-track teacher certification.

Higher Education

We Support:

- Expanding eligibility and increasing state and federal funding of student financial aid for post-secondary education such as a fully refundable College Opportunity Tax Credit including increasing grants and low-cost student loans;
- Expanded forgiveness opportunities for public/community service for student loan repayment;
- Timely disbursements of student loans and grants;
- Fully funding community colleges and Regents Universities;
- Federal incentives to keep tuitions affordable and encourage young people to stay in Iowa;
- Low student loan interest rates.

We Oppose:

- Mid-year funding pullbacks to Iowa Board of Regents institutions.

Pre-K-12

We Support:

- Increasing allowable growth rate for 2007-08 to 6 percent;
- Early childhood education, public preschool, Head Start for ages 0-5 that meets Head Start or NAEYC performance standards;

- Mandatory kindergarten;
- Challenging curricula for all Iowa students;
- Multi-cultural, non-sexist curricula to promote understanding of diverse ethnic, cultural, and religious groups;
- Foreign language in early elementary;
- State and federal funding for Citizen Diplomacy programs;
- Each special education student be weighted by degree of need when determining classroom size and for funding in all educational settings;
- Funding before, after and summer school programs;
- Funding for public school districts to improve energy efficiency;
- Enforcement of state-wide “anti-bully law” to protect ALL children;
- Repeal of NCLB Act.

We Oppose:

- NCLB penalties until fully funded;
- Databases of personal information under NCLB;
- Teaching “intelligent design” as science in public schools;
- Cutting art, music, physical education, media specialists, counseling programs and nurses to balance school budgets;
- Using standardized assessments as the primary measure of learning, focus of instruction, and/or district evaluations.

Pre-K-12 and Higher

We Support:

- Timely delivery of school aid payments;
- Full funding for technology;
- Development of a state-wide career academy system;
- Public-private partnerships for Pre-K-14;
- Reinstating all classroom size reduction funding for reading initiative programs.

We Oppose:

- Diverting monies from public schools to fund vouchers, tuition tax credits, or private for-profit educational businesses.

Special Needs

We Support:

- Federal funding of IDEA at the 40% level as legislated;
- Enforcement of Equal Access to all educational services, including physically-impaired accessibility for schools without adequate facilities;
- Restoring all funds cut from the area agencies;
- Increased funding for campaigns against illiteracy;
- Increased special needs students funding, including at-risk, TAG, ESL;
- Restoring full funding to all Vocational Rehabilitation programs.

Library /Media

We Support:

- Increased funding for The State Library of Iowa, Iowa Library Service Areas, Enrich Iowa, Open Access and Access Plus;
- Free and open access to knowledge;
- Patron privacy;
- Funding for NEA, NEH, NSF and CPB.

Acronyms

- CAA - Clean Air Act
- CPB - Corporation for Public Broadcasting
- ESL - English Second Language
- ICN - Iowa Communications Network
- IDEA - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- K-14 - Kindergarten through junior/community college
- NAEYC - National Association for the Education of Young Children
- NCLB - No Child Left Behind
- NEA - National Endowment for the Arts
- NEH - National Endowment for the Humanities
- NSF - National Science Foundation
- TAG - Talented And Gifted

Government & Law

Campaigns & Elections

We Support:

- VVPAT, statistically significant mandatory random audits and open source software on voting equipment;
- National Election Day holiday;
- Same-Day and Universal Voter Registration;
- HR 5036;
- Optical scanners;
- Public campaign financing;
- VOICE;
- Full disclosure of all lobby financial activities and contents of any discussions with government officials;
- Private citizen suits against lobbies for violation of campaign and lobbying law;
- Disclosure of candidate gifts to superdelegates;
- Votes by Congress by public roll call using electronic voting;
- Constitutional amendments only during regular, general elections;
- Third-party independent ethics oversight of elected officials.

We Oppose:

- Superdelegates;
- Unrelated riders.

Civil Rights

We Support:

- Repealing Patriot Act;
- Universal habeas corpus;
- Revoking of tax breaks for companies that outsource;
- Affirmative action
- Title IX;
- Civil Rights Act full enforcement;
- ADA;
- ERAs;
- ENDA;
- Death with Dignity act;
- Political affiliation, sexual orientation, and gender identity as protected classes;

- Constitutional Right to Privacy;
- Civil rights protections in housing, employment, insurance, credit, education, government and public accommodations;
- Permission from account holders for sharing non-public information;
- Detainee protection during interrogation, requiring video recording;
- Separation of church and state;
- Miranda Rights.

We Oppose:

- Constitutional amendments limiting civil rights;
- Warrantless wiretapping and searches;
- “Enemy detainee” status;
- National ID cards;
- Funding for discriminatory organizations.

Taxes & Social Security

We Support:

- Fully funding legislative mandates;
- Progressive tax system;
- Earned Income Tax Credit;
- Per-dependent personal exemptions;
- Rescinding 2001/2003 tax cuts for the upper 10%;
- Estate Tax
- Property tax credits to qualified seniors, disabled and veterans, with state reimbursement;
- Equitable tax credits for low income renters;
- Balanced budgets;
- Decoupling SS from general fund;
- Lifting income cap on SS taxes;
- “Green” incentives;
- Senior Living Trust Fund;
- Gas tax for road construction and maintenance only.

We Oppose:

- Privatizing SS;
- SS benefit reductions;
- Taxation of unemployment, workers compensation, and SS benefits.

Government Services

We Support:

- Increased social services, dependent care, and food stamps;
- Indian Cultural Center;
- Renegotiating NAFTA;
- Assistance for hurricanes Katrina and Rita & other natural disasters
- Second Language Accessibility.

Criminal Justice

We Support:

- Impeaching Bush and Cheney;
- Fully funded non-discriminatory DVA and services to crime victims;
- Rights of victims to no-contact orders;
- Due process for forfeiture of private property;
- Alternatives to incarceration for non-violent offenders;
- Substance abuse assessment and treatment for inmates;
- Automatic restoration of ex-felon voting rights;
- Hate Crime Prevention Acts;
- Prisoners' human rights;
- Binding plea bargains;
- White collar crime enforcement;
- Improved educational, vocational, and technical training for prisoners;
- Felony status for identity theft;
- Public defenders and legal aid increased funding;
- Pardoning Leonard Peltier.

We Oppose:

- Capital punishment;
- Mandatory minimum sentencing;
- Unenforceable sex offender residential restrictions and laws lacking classification of who is likely to reoffend;
- Racial and religious profiling;
- Forced inmate labor.

Internet

We Support:

- First Amendment protection for all electronic media;

- Publicly owned broadband networks;
- Affordable access to broadband and broadcast media;
- Network Neutrality;
- Local government cable franchise fees to fund PEG channels;
- Depoliticizing / increasing transparency in public broadcasting and CPB;
- Antitrust legislation to rollback media consolidation;
- Local government oversight of media carriage.

We Oppose:

- Internet censorship.

Consumer Protection

We Support:

- Consumer fraud act;
- A low income utility rate;
- Reinstatement of FCC Fairness Doctrine for all mass media.

We Oppose:

- Corporate personhood;
- Exempting corporations from lawsuits;
- Unattributed VNRs;
- “Pet mills”.

Reasonable Gun Regulation

We Support:

- Responsible gun ownership;
- Hunter safety certification.
 - Criminalizing selling weapons to barred individuals.
 - Licensing, pre-ownership safety training, background investigation, registration for all firearms.
- Assault weapons ban

We oppose:

- Selling weapons to barred individuals.

Marriage

We Support:

- Civil marriage for same-sex couples;
- UAFA;
- Allowing back child support owed to be amended if the original order was in error;

- Gender-neutral custodial rights;
- Historical building protection.

We Oppose:

- DOMA;
- Discrimination against GLBT on parenting and adoption rights;
- Constitutional amendments banning same-sex marriage.

Veterans

We Support:

- Pay adequate to support service members and their families;
- Family health benefits;
- Adequate funding and support;
- National Guard readiness for any state of emergency;
- Full privileges of adulthood for all military personnel;
- Support for homeless veterans;
- Fully staff and fund VA;
- Dole-Shalala Committee recommendations;
- Raising veterans' benefits.
- Equal or equivalent benefits for time served by reserve military members;
- Access to fully funded quality mental health care.

We Oppose:

- Mercenaries;
- Torture;
- GLBT discrimination;
- Stop-loss;
- Offsets of disability compensation;
- Funding obsolete weapons.

Participation in Government

We Support:

- Fair juror compensation;
- Government transparency and Sunshine laws;
- Redistricting immediately following census;
- Full representation in Congress for DC and PR;
- Competitive bidding in contracts;
- Recess appointment reform.

We Oppose:

- Congressional exemptions from laws;
- Signing statements.

Transportation

We Support:

- Improved public transit;
- Bike/hike trails;
- High speed rail;
- Fully funded port inspections;
- “Complete Streets”;
- Fuel economy-related vehicle registration fees.

We Oppose:

- “No-fly” list;
- Infrastructure privatization;
- Denying cyclists access to roadways or courts.

Drug Control

We Support:

- Addressing substance abuse as a public health issue;
- Marijuana legalization.

ACRONYMS

- ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act
 CPB - Corporation for Public Broadcasting
 DC - District of Columbia
 DOMA - Defense of Marriage Act
 DVA - Domestic Violence Act
 EC - Emergency Contraception
 ENDA - Employment Non-Discrimination Act
 ERA - Equal Rights Amendment
 FDA - Food and Drug Administration
 GLBT - Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and/or Transgendered
 HR 5036 - Emergency Assistance for Secure Elections Act of 2008
 NAFTA - North American Free Trade Act
 PEG - Public Access, Education, and Government
 PR - Puerto Rico
 SS - Social Security
 STD - Sexually Transmitted Disease
 UAFA - Uniting American Families Act
 VNR - Video News Release

VOICE - Voter-Owned Iowa Clean Elections
VVPAT - Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail

Health & Human Services

Universal Healthcare

We Support:

- Universal healthcare - Including but not limited to these services:
 - Encouraging wellness and prevention efforts;
 - Choices of long-term care;
 - Universal hearing, vision, dental care;
 - Affordable prescription drugs;
 - Eliminating pre-existing conditions clauses.

Child Protection

We Support:

- Government subsidized childcare;
- Prosecution of unpaid child support;
- Requiring background checks for child care workers;
- Increased funding to eliminate abuse and neglect of children;
- Providing support for children from foster homes until the age of 21;
- Kinship care subsidy to ensure parity with foster parents and minimum 6 hour annual training to remain licensed.

Homeless Services

We Support:

- Safe, decent affordable housing for all;
- The Housing Trust Fund;
- Homeless Shelters Operation Grants;
- Transitional housing programs.

Patients' Bill of Rights

We Support:

- The patient has the right to their medical decisions;
- Enforcing and raising safe staffing standards at health care facilities;

Abuse (protection of victims)

We Support:

- Fully funding for victims services.

Elderly Services

We Support:

- Independent living services.

Affordable Housing

We Support:

- The Section 8 housing voucher program.

Health Care Costs

We Support:

- Affordable prescription drugs;
- Importation of prescriptions drugs;
- Protecting retirees pension benefits.

Consumer Protection

We Support:

- Limiting the hours that health care providers are required to work in one period.

Medicare / Medicaid

We Support:

- Parity in national reimbursement rates;
- Negotiated prescription drug prices and a competitive bid system for supplies;
- Division of spousal resources before making spend down determination;
- Full funding of Hawk-I or equivalent health insurance programs for kids;
- Full funding of Iowa Care;
- Eliminating the Medicare Part-D Donut hole.

Mental Health

We Support:

- Mental health and brain disorders parity.

Medical Research

We Support:

- Patient Rights take precedence over researcher interests;
- Increased funding for NIH;
- Research into the efficacy of medical marijuana;
- Alternative medicine and wellness programs;
- Unrestricted stem cell research;

- Research of illnesses due to workplace toxic exposures, including federally controlled ammunition plants and community impact;
- Independent review of doctors/researchers charged with research safety standards;
- National standards of review for all medical research.

Health and Human Services

We Support:

- Increased funding for HHS programs;
- Maximizing federal matching funds for human service programs;
- Nondiscriminatory human services providers.

We Oppose:

- Privatization of HHS programs.

Reproductive Rights

We Support:

- Legal right of women to make their own reproductive decisions;
- Preservation of *Rowe v Wade* with extension to military servicewomen;
- Developmentally appropriate, medically accurate, reproductive education;
- Paid FMLA;
- Affordable, confidential HIV/AIDS/STI testing;
- Access to affordable contraception and family planning.

Disability

We Support:

- Strengthening and expanding the ADA;
- Family and community support services;
- Increased program flexibility and funding to permit home living.

Substance Abuse

We Support:

- Prevention and treatment

Tobacco Use, Prevention, and Education

We Support:

- Tobacco use prevention and cessation programs.

Acronyms

- ADA - American with Disabilities Act
- FMLA - Family and Medical Leave Act
- NIH - National Institutes of Health
- HHS - Health and Human Services
- STI - Sexually Transmitted Infections

International Affairs

Peace and Security

We Support:

- Combating terrorism as an international criminal problem;
- Reducing military aid to foreign countries;
- Banning cluster bombs;
- Increased funding for improved border and port security;
- Diplomacy and negotiations, including bilateral talks, regarding Iran's nuclear program;
- Normalization of diplomatic relations with Iran, Syria, Cuba and North Korea;
- Efforts to stabilize Pakistan;
- Protecting victims and prosecuting those who traffic in humans for sexual exploitation and forced labor;
- Humane treatment and habeas corpus protection for all.

We Oppose:

- Preemptive warfare;
- Torture, secret prisons and detention facilities, and rendition to countries known to use torture;
- US installation of ballistic missiles in Eastern Europe;
- Use of human shields, collective punishments, suicide bombings, interference with aid workers, and any blockade affecting basic human needs to civilians;
- Militarization of American foreign policy.

Regional Conflicts – Iraq

We Support:

- The complete withdrawal of US troops from Iraq by spring 2010, giving US military bases to the Iraqi government after an orderly transfer of authority.
- Reconstruction of Iraq through financial and diplomatic cooperation with the UN and the Iraqi government.

Regional Conflicts – Israel/Palestine

We Support:

- A two-state solution based on the 2003 Geneva Accord;
- A direct, active, and even-handed US role to facilitate a peaceful final resolution;

- Keeping US Embassy in Tel-Aviv until reaching final resolution.

We Oppose:

- Israeli settlement activity on territory captured in the Six-day War of 1967;
- The Separation Wall.

Regional Conflicts – Afghanistan

We Support:

- US and international infrastructure development;
- Improved education and skill-building to achieve self-reliance.

Regional Conflicts – Central and South America

We Oppose:

- Training, military, and financial support of repressive regimes;
- Indiscriminate aerial use of herbicides for coca eradication.

Regional Conflicts – Africa

We Support:

- Robust world efforts to prevent and end genocide;
- Rapid international peacekeeping intervention in armed conflicts.

We Oppose:

- Illegal transfer of weapons to armed groups;
- Amnesty for war criminals;
- Rape as a weapon of war.

Development Assistance

We Support:

- Meeting UN Millennium Development Goals through diplomatic, economic and cultural means;
- Linking foreign aid to the promotion of human rights;
- Funding our share of the GFATM;
- Comprehensive reproductive health care and family planning programs;
- Administering reconstruction and disaster relief contracts under open bid processes favoring local contractors/laborers.

Immigration

We Support:

- Non-discriminatory immigration policies;
- Judicial reviews of visa denials and removal orders;
- A “point system” favoring family reunification;
- Refugee policy based on humanitarian goals;
- Economic development of countries with high US immigration rates;
- Protecting immigrants and their families' civil rights;
- Congressional oversight of ICE to ensure fair political asylum policies;
- Enforcing current laws prohibiting employers from hiring illegal immigrants.

United Nations**We Support:**

- Full US payment of UN dues;
- US membership in the International Criminal Court;
- Participation in multilateral peacekeeping missions;
- Full participation in the Human Rights Council and adherence to the UDHR and the ICESCR.

Treaties and Conventions**We Support:**

- Adherence to the Geneva and Vienna Conventions;
- Ratification and/or full participation in:
 - CEDAW;
 - CRC;
 - CTBT;
 - BWC;
 - Ottawa Landmine Treaty;
 - Kyoto Protocol;
 - RSICCJ;
 - CWC

Acronyms

- BWC - Biological Weapons Convention Protocol
- CEDAW - Convention on Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women
- CRC - Convention on the Rights of Children
- CTBT - Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

- CWC - Chemical Weapons Convention Protocol on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction
- GFATM - Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
- ICE - Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- ICESCR - International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights
- RSICCJ - Rome Statute on the International Court of Criminal Justice
- UDHR - Universal Declaration of Human Rights