

THE HOUSE GOP SECURITY AGENDA: PROTECTING AMERICAN FAMILIES AT HOME AND ABROAD

American families today face an array of growing threats to their security. Because of flawed Washington policies that prohibit the production of American-made energy, gas prices are skyrocketing, and America's energy supply is vulnerable to manipulation and blackmail by foreign dictators. Illegal immigration continues and our borders are still open. In many communities, crime is on the rise. And our intelligence agencies still do not have all the tools they need to stay one step ahead of the terrorists who seek to kill innocent Americans here at home.

This has to change. Washington is broken. It will take a Republican Congress to fix it.

A Republican majority will work to lower gas prices and make America more energy independent, secure our borders once and for all, take on the rising criminal threats in our communities, and give terrorists plotting new attacks no place to hide. Here is how we will do it:

- We will lower gas prices and move America away from its dangerous dependence on foreign oil through an "all of the above" energy reform strategy.
- We will continue to fight for a more democratic, stable, and secure world by preemptively combating terrorism, preventing the proliferation of nuclear weapons, and isolating rogue nation states.
- We will support our troops in harm's way, take care of our veterans and make sure our reservists and National Guard receive the benefits they have earned through their service.
- We will crack down on the gangs in our communities by establishing anti-gang task forces across the country and impose tougher penalties on gang-related crimes.
- We will protect our children through new laws to stop sex predators before they harm kids, and ensure that a child cannot be transported across a state border for an abortion without the consent of a parent or legal guardian.
- We will combat cybercrime and help Americans protect their personal information from identity theft.
- We will continue to combat the drug epidemic in our country and impose tougher penalties for trafficking the drugs that are destroying our communities.
- We will bring state-of-the-art technologies and old-fashioned American might to bear in securing our borders and our ports.

For more details on the House GOP security agenda, read on. . .

ENERGY SECURITY

For years, flawed Washington policies have prevented new production of American-made energy, driving up gas prices and making America dangerously dependent on foreign oil. These flawed Washington policies have enriched foreign regimes hostile to U.S. interests, including the regime of Venezuelan socialist dictator Hugo Chavez, whose country is currently America's fourth-largest supplier of imported oil. Chavez is a close ally of Iranian leader Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, whose nation is a leading state sponsor of terrorism. Chavez has worked in tandem with the Iranian leader to encourage OPEC to drive up international oil prices at the expense of American families and consumers. At the same time, Chavez has provided free oil shipments to Cuba, helping to prop up the island nation's entrenched communist regime.

A Republican majority will:

- Lower gas prices and move America away from its dangerous dependence on foreign oil through an "all of the above" energy reform strategy that includes increasing supply, expanding environmentally sound production of American energy, promoting new technologies to deliver new, cleaner energy, and providing incentives to increase our energy efficiency.
- End misguided federal rules that prevent the use of 21st century environmentally-responsible technology to produce oil and natural gas in the Alaskan coastal plain and deep ocean energy zones; increase American refinery capacity; accelerate development of clean, alternative energy sources; encourage free-market energy innovation; and provide incentives to boost conservation and efficiency.
- Cut red tape that prevents the construction of new American oil refineries, and allow land from decommissioned military bases closed under the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission to be used as locations for new American oil refineries.

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NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY

As part of our effort to lead a national crackdown on violent gangs, a Republican majority will:

- Establish anti-gang task forces, which would include federal, state and local law enforcement authorities in order to combat gang activity.
- Impose tougher penalties for interstate gang-related crimes, including racketeering, firearms and drug trafficking Offenses, and murder-for-hire.
- Increase enforcement against the criminal use of guns.
- Impose tough penalties for violent crimes and drug crimes committed by illegal aliens, alien gangs, or those that smuggle illegal aliens across the border.

As part of our effort to lead a national crackdown on child predators, a Republican majority will:

- Impose mandatory minimum penalties for possession of child pornography.
- Impose tougher penalties for sexual exploitation of children.
- Impose tough penalties for the financial facilitation of Internet child pornography through virtual money.
- Provide law enforcement agencies the tools to identify child pornographers and operators of child pornography websites.
- Require background checks of applicants for K-12 teaching positions and ensure states and school districts can share information on employees who have a record of criminal misconduct against children.

As part of our effort to promote stronger communities, a Republican majority will:

- Increase punishments for criminals who commit crimes against the most vulnerable amongst us.
- Ensure that a child cannot be transported across a state border for an abortion without the consent of a parent or legal guardian.
- Protect communities and voluntary organizations from governmental discrimination.
- Institute “loser pays” in non-governmental constitutional rights suits filed against voluntary civic or religious organizations.

BORDER SECURITY & HOMELAND SECURITY

Americans – and millions of immigrants who are desperately and legally seeking asylum on America’s shores – are outraged by illegal immigration. To end the threat of illegal immigration and help current and aspiring Americans who respect our laws, a Republican majority will:

- Secure our borders to prevent illegal entry.
- Pass reforms to support the deportation of violent criminals who are illegal immigrants.

To strengthen homeland security, a Republican majority will:

- Improve emergency planning and first responder training grants.
- Ensure cyber-security against terrorists and criminals.

NATIONAL SECURITY & VETERANS’ SECURITY

To champion freedom and help our troops and intelligence personnel defeat radical Islamic jihadists throughout the world, a Republican majority will:

- Supply our troops with everything they need to win the Global War on Terror.

- Support our military in incorporating the lessons of counter-insurgency learned in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- Defend the Jewish state of Israel.
- Support policies that preemptively combat terrorism, prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons, and reject state-sponsorship of terrorism by the Iranian regime and others.
- Install a missile defense shield with our NATO and Pacific allies.
- Strengthen our intelligence and security agencies by expanding our human intelligence gathering; increasing the accuracy of analysis; intensifying our counter-intelligence to catch foreign spies; and strengthening our military and industrial cyber-defenses.
- Give our national security personnel the tools and support needed to comprehensively identify and prepare for future national security threats and challenges.
- Support creation of a Liberty Alliance of free nations dedicated to expanding human liberty to oppressed peoples. U.S. contributions will be redirected from current U.N. dues.
- Support free nations threatened by the interventionism of Hugo Chavez; maintain our embargo on the Cuban dictatorship; and press for reform of regimes throughout the world that restrict freedom and oppress their people.

To ensure all veterans and especially our citizen soldiers in the National Guard and reserves, who have sacrificed so much alongside America's active duty military forces, receive the benefits they have earned and deserve, a Republican majority will:

- Ensure Congress keeps its promises to our veterans who have served our country with honor, including medical benefits, new and increased college tuition GI Bill benefits to match rising costs of higher education and the long-overdue ability to transfer GI Bill benefits to spouses and children – an accomplishment by House Republicans in the recent troop funding bill.
- Eliminate the backlog in veterans' benefits claims by improving the effectiveness of VA training programs, by using information technology and by simplifying claims processing.
- Improve veterans' health care through expanded choice and other reforms to be detailed in the forthcoming House Republican health care reform agenda.
- Require full implementation and continued oversight of the Wounded Warrior Assistance Act by federal agencies and facilities to ensure top quality care for wounded service members.
- Simplify and streamline the disability retirement system for veterans with disabilities attributable to military service.
- Strengthen the federal commitment to hiring veterans, especially service-disabled veterans, and improve private sector employment opportunities for veterans, including those who require retraining to acquire new skills for reentering the workforce.
- Ensure the federal contracting goals for service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses are met.