

DEFEND AMERICA

An Armed Services Republican Plan to Keep America Safe

From the very beginning, the strength of our nation was found not in the complex, but rather in simple truths that served as the foundation of our freedom.

The simple truth found in the Declaration of Independence that we have certain inalienable rights. The simple truth that government is designed to defend and protect those rights. The simple truth outlined in the Constitution that one of the primary roles of Congress is to “To raise and support Armies” and “To provide and maintain a Navy.”

Unfortunately, not everyone agrees.

That is why we, as Republicans, believe it is necessary to stand for the simple truths needed to
Defend America.

SIMPLE TRUTH 1.

We need to stop apologizing for America and for our success.

SIMPLE TRUTH 2.

We need to keep terrorists off of our soil, not fight to get them here.

SIMPLE TRUTH 3.

**We can defend America better from a position of strength, rather than a position of weakness.
Do not disarm America.**

SIMPLE TRUTH 4.

**To defend America we need the best-trained, best-equipped Army, Navy,
Air Force and Marine Corps in the world.**

SIMPLE TRUTH 5.

Our military personnel and their families will receive the support they have earned.

SIMPLE TRUTH 6.

Our defense strategy should be driven by defense needs, not solely by the budget.

Not everyone agrees. But if you do, we invite you to join with us as we defend America.



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- **Detainee Policy.** HASC Republicans will make it clear that we do not support importing terrorists detained at Guantanamo Bay into the United States—neither for confinement nor trial. Too many former Guantanamo detainees have returned to the battlefield and are actively trying to harm Americans.

Solution. HASC Republicans will offer an amendment to prevent the transfer of Guantanamo Bay (GTMO) detainees to the United States and to countries where detainees have previously returned to fight against the United States. In addition, HASC Republicans will offer an amendment to require the Department of Defense's Inspector General to investigate the ACLU's John Adams Project—a group reportedly behind the photographing and outing of dozens of CIA agents to Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and other 9-11 co-conspirators.

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- **Iran.** HASC Republicans believe the time has passed for engagement and accommodation. The nuclear ambitions of the rogue leaders of Iran are one of the gravest national security threats to America and her allies. Already a chief state sponsor of terrorism, a nuclear Iran would trigger an unchecked nuclear arms race in the Middle East. Yet even as Iran flaunts its international obligation not to pursue nuclear weapons, the White House continues to rely on a piecemeal sanctions and engagement strategy that has not yielded results.

Solution. HASC Republicans will offer an amendment to require the Department of Defense to develop a national military strategic plan to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon.

- **Nuclear Policy.** HASC Republicans believe we have a responsibility to craft nuclear policies that strengthen our security, not disarm it. Time and time again our nuclear stockpile has protected our shores by acting as a clear deterrent to our adversaries. The administration's recent Nuclear Posture Review changes our nation's long-standing policy of calculated ambiguity to a policy that takes options off the table in protecting the United States and our allies from potential aggressors. In addition, the NPR signals a clear intent to make deeper cuts to our nuclear forces but does not provide the strategic rationale or change in threat to justify those reductions.

Solution. HASC Republicans will offer amendments to establish conditions for further reductions and to keep all options on the table for the United States' response to chemical and biological attacks on our forces or country.

- **Missile Defense.** HASC Republicans believe we must design and deploy a comprehensive missile defense system capable of protecting the U.S. homeland, our deployed military forces, and our allies. Last year, President Obama rejected the previous Administration's plans to deploy interceptors in Europe and designed a new plan.

Solution. HASC Republicans will offer an amendment to press the Administration to provide the Congress with a detailed plan for the new European missile defense phased adaptive approach (PAA). Additionally, HASC Republicans will offer an amendment to press the administration to continue investing in long range missile defenses to ensure our deployment timetable matches the threats posed by Iranian capabilities. In the absence of a proven, deployed capability to protect the U.S. homeland in the Administration's phased adaptive approach, HASC Republicans will require the

Administration to continue to develop interceptors (originally planned for Poland) and maintain all missile fields in Alaska and California as a hedge.

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- **Afghanistan Surge.** HASC Republicans support General McChrystal’s robust counterinsurgency strategy in Afghanistan. We believe our men and women in uniform will achieve victory and accomplish their mission to deny al-Qaeda and its allies safe haven in Afghanistan. However, HASC Republicans are concerned that not all of the critical combat enablers are being deployed in time to fully support the 30,000 additional troops scheduled to arrive by this summer. Our warfighters deserve a force level that not only allows them to accomplish their mission – but at the least possible risk to their safety.

Solution. HASC Republicans will offer an amendment to ensure life-saving enablers, such as force protection, Medical Evacuation and ISR capabilities and assets, are not affected by the President’s authorized surge force limit of 30,000 and will be deployed to Afghanistan.

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- **Fort Hood:** HASC Republicans believe the American people have a right to know the full extent of how and why a U.S. citizen and military officer, Major Nidal Hassan, became a homegrown enemy of the United States.

Solution. HASC Republicans will offer an amendment to provide combat-related benefits to the victims of the Fort Hood shootings. HASC Republicans will also offer an amendment to require the Department of Defense to publicly disclose the restricted annex of the West-Clark Independent Panel’s review of the Fort Hood shootings. This will foster the much-needed debate on how to prevent the potential radicalization of troops within our military’s ranks. Additionally, it will provide military families, and the Fort Hood community, with a better understanding of why this tragedy occurred—and some lessons learned on how to prevent similar tragedies in the future.

- **TRICARE:** HASC Republicans are committed to ensuring our active duty military, their families and our military retirees continue to have access to top-rate health care coverage provided by the TRICARE program at the Department of Defense. HASC Republicans are concerned the President’ new health care law may cause unintended consequences for both that coverage and the network of health care providers that serve TRICARE beneficiaries.

Solution. HASC Republicans will offer an amendment to prevent any negative impact of President Obama’s new health care law on the authority of DOD over TRICARE or the TRICARE benefit itself.

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- **Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR):** HASC Republicans believe America needs to be prepared to win our current conflicts and be prepared to face and deter tomorrow’s threats. This year, the Administration sent to Congress a QDR that provided the force structure of 2009 instead of a projected force structure to defeat the threats of 2029, as required by the statute. While winning the current conflicts must remain our top priority, HASC Republicans feel that winning those should not preclude us from making the appropriate long-term investments our military needs to effectively deter future adversaries.
- Solution. HASC Republicans will offer an amendment to reshape the Department of Defense’s Quadrennial Defense Review, which was designed to forecast future threats and shape the Pentagon’s investment decisions to meet those challenges.

