

MEET BOB BARR

Throughout his distinguished career, Bob Barr has proven that he is the leader Americans need to restore confidence of the American people



in the future of their nation. Both working for the American people as a Congressman from Georgia and afterwards partnering with groups dedicated to protecting civil liberties, Bob has shown a commitment to shrinking government and giving power back to the people.

Americans know that the answer to today's problems is not more government, and Bob will work tirelessly to cut taxes, reduce government spending and restore our civil liberties lost during the Bush administration. Having seen the true nature of government from inside and out, only Bob Barr has the qualifications, the passion and the commitment to work for the American people in their interest--not the government's.

In fact, for his work on protecting the privacy and civil liberties of all Americans, legendary *New York Times* columnist William Safire dubbed Bob "Mr. Privacy."

If there is one candidate who consistently comes down on the side of the American people's rights, it is Bob Barr. Bob knows the answer is less government, and has proven that he will deliver the real change necessary to lead America into a new era of prosperity and freedom.

“Men, women, and children from all around this great world will once again look to America, not with fear in their eyes, but with love in their heart and respect for what we will be fighting for!”

- Bob Barr

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IRAQ & FOREIGN POLICY

The invasion and occupation of Iraq were mistakes that need to be corrected. We must bring our troops home from Iraq without undue delay. America needs a strong national defense, but the emphasis must be on true defense - protecting our own nation and citizens from real, direct threats.

We must not waste American blood and treasure in policing the globe. Our foreign policy also should welcome trade, cultural ties, and other contacts with all nations.



HEALTH CARE

Health care costs are soaring, which puts doctors out of business and patients out of care. The main cause of this surge in prices is government interference with medicine - massive spending programs, counterproductive tax preferences, and burdensome regulations.

We need to encourage market forces and patient choice in health care. This is the best way to ensure quality health care at an affordable price for all. More government regulations and interventions mean higher prices for lower quality medicine. America cannot afford to adopt socialized medicine.



SECOND AMENDMENT

The Second Amendment guarantees an individual right to keep and bear arms in the United States. This right, which is crucial to the security of the nation against all enemies both domestic and foreign, is a fundamental part of American liberty and of our country's history.

In addition to protecting the pastimes of millions of sportsman across America, the Second Amendment ensures that all individuals have a right to equal protection and self-defense.



CIVIL LIBERTIES

Since 9/11, the Bush administration has repeatedly asked or forced the American people to sacrifice their liberty for the promise of more security. As a result, Americans are now subject to pervasive surveillance, a national ID card for the first time in our history, and an executive branch that believes itself unaccountable to the courts or the Congress. We must stop such moves to unnecessarily increase the power and unaccountability of the federal government.

Those who give up their liberties and privacy for the government's promise of safety will find neither in the end.



ENERGY

Any American who has filled up his or her car in the past few months knows that we need new energy policies. Opening up our U.S. lands for energy exploration and development will help deliver more energy to the market and reduce prices.

We also should remove other regulations that limit energy production and refining and thereby increase prices. The free market, based on competition and consumer choice - not government regulation - should direct long-term energy policy.



EDUCATION

The government monopoly on education must end. Parents need more and true choice in educating their children, and should not be forced to pay into a failing system they do not want to use.

Tax credits should be given to parents who opt out of sending their children to government-run schools.

The right to home school children should be protected from government abridgement.



SPENDING & THE ECONOMY

Our taxes are too high because government spending is out of control. Republicans and Democrats have contributed to this fiscal recklessness that is pushing the U.S. towards financial disaster. While the value of the dollar plummets, government spending is going through the roof. Private businesses are being forced to lay workers off, but not the government.

The government must stop spending money it does not have, and begin to drastically reduce expenditures. Congress and the president should eliminate agencies and programs that have no constitutional basis or legitimate function. Pork and corporate welfare alike should be eliminated.

The U.S. should no longer subsidize the defense of prosperous allies. Major entitlement programs such as Social Security and Medicare must be reformed to emphasize individual savings and insurance. Cutting spending and burdensome regulations will allow the economy to flourish.



IMMIGRATION

While Republicans and Democrats play political games with immigration reform, the problem only gets worse. We must have a secure border to prevent those who would harm the nation's security or public health from entering. We should reform the current immigration process to encourage legal immigration, especially of the most productive workers -- those with entrepreneurial, professional, and scientific skills.

We must eliminate government benefits for those who enter the nation illegally and should stop providing citizenship to anyone just because they are born in America, including those here illegally or temporarily visiting. Overall, we must balance the need for security and economic growth.