

REPUBLICANS STAND ON THE ISSUES

REPUBLICAN

Public schools and nonpublic schools should share in education funds on a constitutionally acceptable basis. We favor consideration of tax credits for parents making elementary and secondary school tuition payments.

COMMUNICATIONS

USCC

We strongly oppose government control over television programming but deplore unilateral decision making by the networks. We're alarmed by violence and obscenity. Portion of Cable TV must be dedicated to noncommercial use.

DEMOCRATIC

No position.

REPUBLICAN

Citizen action should let the television industry know that we want it to curb violence in programming because of its effect on our youth.

HANDGUN CONTROL

USCC

We support strong and effective action to control handguns leading to their eventual elimination from our society.

DEMOCRATIC

Ways must be found to curtail the availability of handguns. We advocate strong controls over the manufacture, assembly, distribution and possession of handguns and a ban on Saturday Night Specials. We also support mandatory sentencing for committing a felony with a gun and affirm the rights of sportsmen to possess guns for hunting.

REPUBLICAN

We support the right of citizens to keep and bear arms. We oppose federal registration of firearms. Mandatory sentences for crimes committed with a lethal weapon are the only effective solution to this problem.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

USCC

Urge reform of criminal justice system as it affects juveniles by greater utilization of community-based correctional facilities. We need program of education and job training for the offender and compensation of crime victims.

DEMOCRATIC

Supports major reform of criminal justice system with swift and sure detection, conviction punishment. Urge providing jobs, housing and opportunity as an alternative to crime. Correctional system should emphasize job training, rehabilitation and post-release programs as well as prosecution of corporate crime and consumer fraud.

REPUBLICAN

There should be adequate separation of young from the adult offenders, more relevant prison industries, better counseling, community-based alternatives and more help in getting a job for the offender who has served his or her time. A high priority of prison reform should be to help the young first-time offender.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

USCC

We oppose the use of capital punishment.

DEMOCRATIC

No position.

REPUBLICAN

Each state should have the power to decide whether it wishes to impose the death penalty for certain crimes.

CIVIL RIGHTS

USCC

Renewed and effective action is required by government, private organizations and individuals to eradicate discrimination on the basis of race, sex, ethnicity and age.

DEMOCRATIC

Vigorous federal programs and policies of compensatory opportunity to combat discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, age, language or national origin. Ratify Equal Rights Amendment. Obey and implement treaty obligations to the American Indian.

REPUBLICAN

There must be vigorous enforcement of laws to assure equal treatment in job recruitment, hiring, promotion, pay, credit mortgage access and housing. We reaffirm our pledge to work to eliminate discrimination in all areas for reasons of race, color, national origin, age, creed or sex and to enforce vigorously laws guaranteeing women equal rights. We reaffirm our support for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. When language is a cause of discrimination, there must be an intensive educational effort to enable Spanish-speaking students to become fully proficient in English while maintaining their own language and cultural heritage.

THE UNITED NATIONS

USCC

Take positive steps to strengthen the United Nations and its agencies. This calls for acceleration of the process in which the U.S. and others experience a limitation of the power to act unilaterally and an expansion of the obligation to share the responsibility of global peace and development.

DEMOCRATIC

Continue to play a strong role in the affairs of the United Nations and its agencies. Intelligent pursuit of our (foreign policy) objectives demands a realization that even where our interests are great and our involvements essential, we do not act alone but in a world setting where others have interest and objectives as well.

REPUBLICAN

Seeks to accommodate to changes in the political character of the United Nations, in a spirit of friendly concern. Pledges to build new international structures of cooperation which benefit the average American — elimination of terrorism, peacekeeping, non-proliferation of nuclear weapons. Gives vigorous support to the non-political work of the specialized agencies of the United Nations which deal with such areas as nutrition and disaster relief for the world's poor and disadvantaged.

USCC

Urges ratification of Convention on Genocide and those conventions which have already been submitted to Congress.

DEMOCRATIC

No position.

REPUBLICAN

No position.

UNDERDEVELOPED NATIONS

USCC

Urges U.S. overseas food aid policy should make clear separation of food aid from strategic consideration, give priority for food to the poorest nations; establish guaranteed annual amount of food; establish an international system of grain reserve; provide agricultural development at the level of small farmers and rural poor. Transfer precise percentage of our nation's income to underdeveloped and less powerful nations.

DEMOCRATIC

Provide significant support to the International Fund for Agricultural Development; more effective food aid through revision of the Food for Peace Program; significant contributions to a multinational world food reserve.

REPUBLICAN

Fight the problem of world hunger, especially with the humanitarian Food for Peace Program. Farm exports are not give-away programs; most are earning dollars from the marketplaces of the world, establishing a favorable balance of trade and a higher standard of living for all.

MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS

USCC

Regulate overseas operations of U.S.-owned MNCs.

DEMOCRATIC

Give priority to establishing an international code of conduct for MNCs and host countries. Before MNCs relocate across international boundaries, they should make arrangements for affected U.S. workers.

REPUBLICAN

Supports legislation to eliminate illegal payments to foreign officials by American corporations.

HUMAN RIGHTS

USCC

Give greater priority in U.S. foreign policy to protection of human rights.

DEMOCRATIC

Be open and unashamed in its exercise of diplomatic efforts to encourage observance of human rights in countries which receive American aid.

REPUBLICAN

No position.

USCC

Condition all U.S. military and financial aid (except humanitarian aid) to Chile upon demonstration that human rights have been restored.

DEMOCRATIC

Prohibit aid to any country which uses secret police, detention without charges and torture to enforce its power. Make clear our revulsion at the systematic violations of basic human rights that have occurred under some Latin American regimes.

REPUBLICAN

No position.

USCC

Reduce U.S. military assistance to Republic of Korea and gradually reduce U.S. ground troops because present regimes are oppressive.

DEMOCRATIC

Redeploy and phase out U.S. ground forces and withdraw nuclear weapons from Republic of Korea. We deplore denial of human rights in both South Korea and North Korea.

REPUBLICAN

Maintain U.S. troops in South Korea as long as there exists possibility of renewed aggression from North Korea. Encourage governments of South Korea and North Korea to

institute domestic policies leading to extension of basic human rights.

OTHER MILITARY ISSUES

USCC

Supports a policy of arms limitation as necessary step to general disarmament. The arms race must be stopped.

DEMOCRATIC

Limit significantly conventional arms sales and reduce military aid to developing countries. Such sales must be justified in terms of foreign policy benefits to the U.S. and not simply because of their economic value to American weapons producers.

REPUBLICAN

No position.

USCC

Give some legal protection to selective conscientious objectors as to general conscientious objectors.

DEMOCRATIC

No position.

REPUBLICAN

No position.

INDOCHINA

USCC

Provide resource for rehabilitation and reconstruction of war-torn countries of Indochina.

DEMOCRATIC

No position.

REPUBLICAN

No position.

MIDDLE EAST

USCC

Continue reliance on U.N. diplomatic and peacekeeping machinery. . . accept as a basic for negotiations U.N. Security Council Resolution 242.

DEMOCRATIC

Firm commitment to the independence and security of the State of Israel, including sufficient military and economic aid.

REPUBLICAN

Continue decisive support for security and integrity of Israel. . . and efforts to secure a just and desirable peace for all nations in the region.

USCC

Recognize the right of Israel to exist as a sovereign state with secure boundaries.

DEMOCRATIC

Problems cannot be solved by recognition of terrorist groups which refuse to acknowledge their adversary's right to exist.

REPUBLICAN

Continue efforts to maintain balance of power in the region.

PANAMA CANAL

USCC

Negotiate a new and more just treaty regarding the Panama Canal.

DEMOCRATIC

Supports a new Panama Canal treaty which insures the interest of the U.S. and recognizes the principles already agreed upon.

REPUBLICAN

In no way cede, dilute, forfeit, negotiate or transfer any rights, power, authority, jurisdiction, territory or property in Panama necessary for protection and security of the United States and the entire Western hemisphere. (Underscoring as in original text.)

SOUTHERN AFRICA

USCC

Give unequivocal assurance to Rhodesia and South Africa that they can expect no U.S. assistance until the black majorities have been brought into full participation in their governments.

DEMOCRATIC

Give unequivocal and concrete support of majority rule in Southern Africa.

REPUBLICAN

Supports process of self-determination in Africa. . . support forces which promote negotiated settlements and racial peace. . . deplore all violence and terrorism. . . strengthen the forces of moderation.

USCC

Repeal the law which allows importation of chrome ore from Rhodesia (the Byrd Amendment).

DEMOCRATIC

Enforce U.N.-ordered Rhodesia sanctions and repeal the Byrd Amendment.

REPUBLICAN

No position.