

Securing America's Freedom, Homeland and Borders



Republicans worked hard at forging a compromise on the Patriot Act that strikes the right balance of protecting our country and securing our civil liberties.

- Republicans passed the Patriot Act to protect the safety of our neighborhoods, our schools, and our communities.
- The Patriot Act has played a crucial role in the dismantling of several terrorist cells within the United States, and has aided in the capture of 401 suspected terrorists.
- The Patriot Act provides law enforcement officers the authority and tools they need to investigate and track suspected terrorists already here in the United States.

Republicans will protect our nation from the threat of terrorism through effective global intelligence and a flexible and strong military.

- We are engaged in a long war and we have a series of military goals. One of them is to intercept the terrorists before they can kill Americans.
- We have an absolute national security obligation to intercept the enemy before they can execute their plans.
- The safety and security of the American people depends on our ability to find out who the terrorists are talking to and what they are planning.

Republicans will continue to support the Global War on Terror to protect Americans against further attack.

- Since our nation was attacked on September 11, 2001, the President and Congress have taken decisive action to protect our citizens against new dangers.
- We recognize that there is good news in Iraq but that we still have a long way to go.
- As we approach the Third Anniversary of the war in Iraq, we will continue to support an aggressive effort to fight the terrorists and to help friendly nations increase their capabilities to fight terrorism in their own countries.

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Republicans support comprehensive immigration reform that begins with securing our borders.

- Our national security depends on border security. We need to know who is coming into the country, where they are from, and what they are doing here.
- Without properly securing our borders, we remain vulnerable to those who may enter our country undetected – criminals, terrorists, and other individuals who may mean harm to Americans.
- We must ensure our border patrol agents have the resources, the manpower, and the technology to do their jobs.

Republicans recognize that America is a nation of immigrants. We are also a nation of laws.

- America has been built on the hard work and innovation of immigrants. Our country thrives on the new ideas and fresh energy that our many legal immigrant groups continue to bring. It is part of what makes our country great.
- But America has also been founded on respect for rule of law, and those who enter our country illegally disrespect our laws, and take advantage of our generous immigration system.
- We must find a comprehensive solution that acknowledges the important contributions legal immigrants make to our country without rewarding illegal behavior.

Comprehensive immigration reform must reflect America's best values – fairness, opportunity, and respect for rule of law.

- Comprehensive immigration reform must provide a temporary worker program that unites willing employers with willing temporary workers when no U.S. citizen is available to do the job.
- We must find a way to address those individuals already here illegally in a way that is humane and realistic, but does not provide amnesty.
- Securing our borders and eliminating illegal employment will control illegal immigration. But no solution is complete unless we deal with the illegal immigrants already living here. True reform must bring those workers out of the shadows, but amnesty is not an option.

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