



2012 Republican Presidential Candidate Positions Matrix

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In 2012, voters across the country will have an opportunity to cast a vote for the next Democratic or Republican candidate for President of the United States. President Obama is running uncontested, but if you are considering to vote for a Republican candidate, the upcoming primary elections provide an opportunity for every American to cast an extremely important vote.

If you are still unsure about which Republic candidate(s) represent your values -- or if you would like to learn more about any specific candidate... more than 15 members from several liberty minded groups in New Hampshire -- the Southern NH 9.12 Project, the Greater Nashua Tea Party and the NH 9.12 Liberty Action Team -- spent hundreds of hours compiling a comparison matrix that can be easily used to cross reference each of the seven leading candidates on many of the important issues... ranging from Constitutional values, the economy, energy policies, immigration and social issues. Since first releasing this document, we have incorporated feedback from others who have read it.

The goal of this project was to assemble this PDF document in a factual, non-biased manner to provide detailed facts on each candidate that you may not learn anywhere else. You will find positives and negatives on each candidate... and armed with that knowledge you will be in a position to cast an informed vote for the candidate that is truly worthy of your support. Each candidate was sent a link to download this document on November 17, 2011 and was asked to provide input and corrections.

We make the same request to you: This document is a work in progress. If you find any factual errors, please send an email to Ken@SouthernNH912.com and we will make the proper changes as quickly as possible. Please include the issue, candidate's name and the position you think should be represented ("Yes" or "No" -- in addition to at least one link to a reputable web site to support the position.

As you review the document, you will see that a footnote reference number follows each position. You can either click directly on the footnote to display the web page where the information was obtained, or (in the full unabridged version) you can scroll down to the bottom of the document to view the link.


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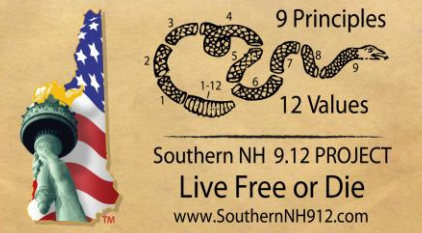
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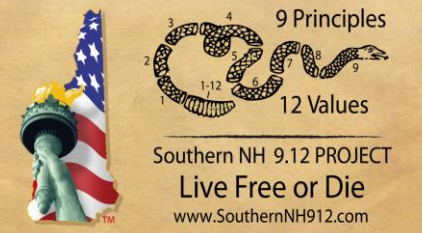
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2012 REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE POSITIONS

	Gingrich	Paul	Romney	Santorum
Constitution				
Will support strict interpretation of Constitution	Yes [3004] Yes [3019] Yes [3524]	Yes [5501] Yes [5502] Yes [5503]	[No] [7003] Supports Agenda 21 - MA Climate Protection Plan No [9035] While Gov., his admin negotiated the Cap and Trade agreement implemented by 10 N.E. states No [7754] Supports No Child left behind and Race to the Top	Yes [8009] Yes [8754]
Supports 2nd Amendment (the right to bear arms)	Yes [3005] Yes [3504]	Yes [5001] Yes [5504] Yes [5505] Yes [5506]	No [7001] 2004 signed a law to permanently ban many semi-automatic firearms No [8944] Supported Assault weapons ban and Brady Bill [9052] [9051]	Yes [8001] Yes [8754] A+ NRA Rating 2006 Mixed Yes/No [8943]
Wants to Repeal the Patriot Act	No [3754]	Yes [5751]	No [7900] No [7901] Strong support for Patriot Act	No [8900]
Supports SOPA (The Stop Online Piracy Act)	No [9090] "...the bill in its current form is written really badly and leads to a range of censorship that is totally unacceptable. Well, I favor freedom."	No [9088] @ 4:10 "What they are going to do is control your freedom and privacy. We have the government turned upside down." No [9090] "We have made a concerted effort, and this bill is not going to pass, but watch out for the next one." "The Republican have been on the wrong side of this issue."	?? [9087] non-answer @ :56 "Every regulation that has come out during the Obama years, I will put a hold on when I become president, and then I will review those regulations and get rid of the one I don't like." No [9090] @ :42 "The law as written, is far too intrusive, far too expansive, far too threatening to freedom of speech & movement of information across the internet. It would have the potentially depressing impact on one of the fastest growing industries in America."	?? [9089] 1:30 Doesn't know enough about the bill. Expresses "there are limits to freedom on the internet" No [9090] "I agree with eveybody up here that this bill goes to far, but I will not agree with eveybody that there isn't something that they can and should be done to protect the intellectual property rights of people. The internet is not a free zone where anybody can do anything they want to do and trample the rights of other people."
Supports NDAA 2012 (Allows military to arrest and indefintely detain citizens without a trial)		No [9088] @ 6:10 "That has to be reversed or we cannot have a Republic anymore"	Yes [9091] Would have signed the NDAA as written	?? [9092] It's not clear if he supports the NDAA 2012, but he is very clear that he supports the rights of Americans to receive due process of law.
Supports 9th and 10 Amendments (State's rights and separation of powers between federal and state government)	Yes [3009] In his book "Lessons Learned the Hard Way" , he praised Gov. Leavitt's support of the 10th Amendment. Yes [3526] Yes [3010]	Yes [5002] :40 sec in. Responsibility of the president is to veto every bill that violates the 10th Amendment. Yes [5507]	No [9039] Stated as Governor he was required by Fed. Law to provide "health care and education" to "undocumented immigrants" Yes [7752] Uses Romneycare as an example of a State's right, and Obamacare as an infringement of State's rights	No [9083] believes the federal government should be the arbiter of morality and social standards No [9082] The 10th Amendment should not trump moral law
Will only nominate strong	Yes [3015] Yes [3016] Yes [3524] Yes [3002]	Yes [5006] Yes [5512]	No [7004] Gov Romney nominate 14 Dems vs. 9 No [9054] No [9043] When running for Gov. he said he would "preserve and protect" legal abortion. The judges he picked would probably do the same.	Yes [8002, 8761] As Senator, voted to confirm. Yes [8761]

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Reduce Government Size				
Wants to close the Dept of Education	No [3050] No [3006] No [3051] No [3508] Voted for DOE in 1970s, supported Race	Yes [5007] Yes [5502]	No [7002] No [7753] No [7754] Supports No Child left behind and Race to the Top	No [8928] Wants to make smaller
Supports Non-Federal Control of Education (in favor of transferring control of our education system to the states or local governments)	No [3051] Yes [3508]	Yes [5007] Yes [5515] Yes [5516] Yes [5538]	No [7753] No [7754] Supports keeping the DEO but changed his position	yes (8750) Yes [8929] Supports School vouchers Yes [8930] Responsibility is with parents and states
Promises to Reduce	Yes [3067] Yes [3510]	Yes [5015]	No [9035] While Gov., his admin negotiated/shaped No [9036] In 2004 announced MA Climate No [9037] He would consider mandates automotive	Yes [8990]
Finance/Taxation				
Supported TARP (2008)	Yes and No [3064]	No [5016] No [5543] No [5544]	[Yes] [7006] Yes [9061]	No [8006] No [8760]
Supported Stimulus (2009)	No [3065] No [3066] No [3520]	No [5017] No [5545]	Yes [7007] "a stimulus plan is needed without further No [7008] never supported the President's recovery act all right Yes [9061]	No [8910] No [8015] See the section on Spending
Supports shutting down the Fed	No [3013]	Yes [5018] Yes [5517] Yes [5519]	No [7763]	No [8914]
Oppose federal bailouts of ALL banks and corporations	Yes/No [3059] Yes/No [3504] Maybe 3061]	Yes [8921]	No [8922] Yes [8923]	Yes [8916] Yes [8015] See the section on Spending. He opposed TARP , the stimulus , the auto bailout, and the Fannie-Freddie bailout.
Supports a Cap and Trade	Yes [3032] Yes [3008] Yes [3508] Would provide tax breaks for reducing emissions limits	No [5025] No [5529] No [5530] Spoke against a Cap & Trade tax on the House floor.	Yes [9035] While Gov. his admin negotiated the No [6043] Now says "we don't know what's causing climate change" Yes (2:35) [9066]	No [8901] No [8909] No [8910]
Immigration				
Supports amnesty for Illegal	Yes [3025] No [3021] No [3023] No 3522] Sort Of [3022] Sort Of [3024] Anchor babies and military service	No[5020] No [5546] Also wants to repeal 14th amendment. No [1508]	No [7013] in 2008 opposed amnesty for illegals Yes [7014] In 2005 Supported Amnesty For Illegal Immigrants	No [8001] No [8993] Strongly opposes amnesty for illegal aliens.
Supports In-State Tuition for Illegal Immigrants	Yes [3519] Only if already attending school	No [5020] No [5547]	No [7016] vetoed an in-state tuition bill for illegal immigrants	No [8987] No [8016]

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Social Issues				
Supports defunding/repeal of Obamacare	No [3034] NO [9050] Praised Romneycare in 2006, Yes [3033] Yes [3501] Yes [3504] Yes 3524] Yes [3525]	Yes [5026] Yes [5527] Yes [5528]	No [7761] No [7762] Wants to repeal the worst parts, not all. He once said Romneycare should be implemented nationwide	Yes [8001]
Believes in Man Made Climate Change/Global Warming	Yes [3020] Yes [3032] Yes 3503] Yes [3509]	No [5027] No [5529] No [5539] The climate has changed throughout history. Man can't control it.	Yes/No [6005] Yes/No [6042] Yes/No [6043]	No [8978] No [8017]
Is anti-abortion (all cases)	No [3003] In 1995 he supported funding for cases of Is Anti-abortion [3504] not sure if there are any Is Anti-abortion [3001] not sure if there are any	Yes [5028] Yes [5539] Believes life begins at conception Is anti-abortion, says this is a State issue, and feels the morning after pill is OK in cases of rape [5029]	No [8993] Supported abortion rights before 2005. Not Sure [8993] was pro-abortion before 2005. Now No [9043] When running for Gov, he said he would "preserve and protect" legal abortion.	Yes [8008] Wrote and championed the law that Yes [8021] regarding rape: "that child is an innocent
Energy				
Supports ethanol subsidies	Yes [9022] Yes [9023]	No [9025]	Yes [9027]	No [9025]
United Nations				
Supports UN Agenda 21/Agenda 21 programs	No [3044] Acknowledges Agenda 21 is a UN program for extra Constitutional Control over the US No [3515] @ 1:15 "Probably going to be one of the first Executive Orders" to cease all funding for Agenda 21 programs Yes? [3020] Believes in man-made global warming as defined by UN IPCC	No[5531] UN agreements attempt to regulate away our sovereignty	Yes [7003] Supported MA Climate Protection Plan Yes [9036] In 2004 announced MA Climate Protection Plan, which promoted new regulations related to global warming Yes [9035] While Gov., his admin negotiated the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (Cap and Trade) which was implemented by 10 N.E. states	Campaign Contacted 11/17/11 Waiting for response
Foreign Relations				
Member of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR)	Yes [9046]	No [9046]	No [9046]	No [9046]



Special items of interest

While performing our research, we discovered that there were some relationships and issues that were specific to particular candidates that were not reflected in the list of issues above – but we felt this information was important to present a clearer picture of the candidate and their history – so we have included that information below.

Speaker New Gingrich

- Newt Gingrich served in the House of Representatives from 1979 – 1999.
- He served as the Speaker of the House from 1995-1998.
- His policy on Illegal Immigrants is to deport criminals, but give residency to anchor babies, guest workers and military members [\[3022\]](#), [\[3025\]](#), [\[3750\]](#).
- Speaker Gingrich was instrumental in getting NAFTA and the WTO (which replaced GATT) passed during the Clinton Presidency. Both of these are considered foundations to merging world currencies, then governments [\[3048\]](#).
- He wants to repeal Obamacare but backs a requirement that all Americans purchase Health Insurance [\[8998\]](#)
- Speaker Gingrich is not a strong proponent of breaking down Federal agencies; rather, it appears that he would like to shrink and/or reform them [\[3006\]](#), [\[3007\]](#), [\[3031\]](#), [\[3050\]](#), [\[3056\]](#).
- On Illegal Immigrants, Speaker Gingrich commented “we have to find policies that extend to every American, and that includes people who are not yet legal, every American, the opportunity to pursue happiness, the opportunity to have a work ethic, the opportunity to grow more prosperous, and we have to design a system where it is more advantageous to be legal than illegal.” [\[3519\]](#)
- Newt Gingrich made between \$1.6 million and \$1.8 million in consulting fees from two contracts with mortgage company Freddie Mac, according to two people familiar with the arrangement [\[9000\]](#).
- Newt Gingrich agrees with Dr. Paul that an argument could be made to close some overseas military bases; “are there a lot of places that we’re still there out of habit, not because they strategically make sense... and I think you could in fact go through the system and raise those kind of questions” [\[5568\]](#).
- Out of the box suggestion to restore judicial Constitutionally based decisions in the courts by implementing a similar law to Jefferson’s Judicial Reform Act of 1802 where Jefferson eliminated 18 of 35 federal judges. He would use this power to end the 9th Circuit of Appeals. See the clip in the section: Palmetto Freedom Forum @ 6:30 [\[9021\]](#).

Governor Jon Huntsman

- Governor Huntsman’s 2007 health care plan was very similar to Obamacare [\[4766\]](#).
- Governor Huntsman commented "I will systemically begin to eliminate every subsidy for energy companies, whether it be oil, natural gas, wind or solar. Under my presidency, the United States will get out of the subsidy business," [\[4771\]](#)

Congressman Ron Paul

- Congressman Ron Paul has never voted for a tax increase [\[5571\]](#).
- Dr. Paul has solid Constitutional positions on the following issues:
 - The 2nd Amendment [\[5001\]](#)
 - Will veto any bill that violates the 10th Amendment [\[5002\]](#)
 - Executive Orders are unconstitutional [\[5003\]](#)
 - On Supreme Court Justices: “Our Founders would find it inconceivable that a handful of unelected, unaccountable federal judges can decide social policy for the entire nation” [\[5006\]](#).
 - Would close unconstitutional departments, e.g. Dept. of Education and Dept. of Agriculture [\[5007\]](#), the EPA [\[5025\]](#), U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Internal Revenue Service [\[5538\]](#).
- Has been pushing for transparency and full audit of the Federal Reserve. See 2:00 into video [\[5013\]](#), [\[5018\]](#).
- He is for ending birthright citizenship [\[5020\]](#).
- His Plan to Restore America has One Trillion dollars is cost cutting in the first year he would be in office [\[5750\]](#).

- Dr. Paul's foreign policy is different than most. He favors offering friendship to Iran instead of sanctions. Here are some videos of Dr. Paul's foreign policy in his own words [\[9006\]](#), [\[9007\]](#), [\[9002\]](#).
- Dr. Paul wants to close America's military bases around the world. See video @ 3:02 [\[5569\]](#). Newt Gingrich agrees with Dr. Paul that an argument could be made to close some overseas military bases; "are there a lot of places that we're still there out of habit, not because they strategically make sense... and I think you could in fact go through the system and raise those kind of questions" [\[5568\]](#).

Governor Rick Perry

- 1984 – 1989 Rick Perry was a Democrat [\[6057\]](#)
- In 1988, Rick Perry was Chairman of Al Gore's Texas presidential campaign. During that campaign Al Gore was pushing concerns for global warming [\[6033\]](#), [\[6034\]](#).
- In 1993, Perry supported Hillarycare: "Your efforts are worthy", Perry told Hillary [\[6055\]](#), [\[6056\]](#).
- In 2001 Perry supported Bi-National Health Insurance for the US and Mexico [\[6001\]](#).
- In 2010 Governor Perry said he was open to the idea of sending the US Military into Mexico to fight the drug war [\[6058\]](#).
- Mike Toomey, (the Governor's former Chief of Staff), became a lobbyist for Merck (the manufacturer of the Gardasil vaccine). As Governor, Perry mandated the Gardasil vaccine for all 12 yr old girls in Texas [\[6045\]](#).
- Mike Toomey, the Governor's former Chief of Staff and lobbyist for Merck, is a co-founder of the "Make Us Great Again" Super PAC, with plans to spend up to \$55M in the spring of 2012 [\[6006\]](#).
- Governor Perry was a strong supporter of the Trans-Texas Corridor, a project that would allow the state of Texas to take by eminent domain, a strip of land 1,200 yards wide from the border of Mexico to the top of Texas [\[8994\]](#). Begin watching video 5:00 in.
- The company that was awarded the Trans-Texas Corridor contract was Cintra-Zachry. Their team fact sheet is [here](#). It contains language used to support UN Agenda 21.
- The Trans-Texas Corridor was a Public-Private Partnership (P3), which are part and parcel of the United Nations' Agenda 21. Two of the purposes of Agenda 21 are to abolish private property and restrict mobility and P3s act as the vehicle to do it. Perry made P3s a centerpiece of his transportation policy since he stepped in as governor [\[8995\]](#). When the project was killed by the Texas legislature, Perry chose to implement it as smaller projects [\[8996\]](#) [Governor Mitt Romney](#)
- Gov. Romney's top 20 donors are made up almost exclusively of the biggest private banks on the planet, including the following that received bailouts; Goldman Sachs, Credit Suisse Group, Morgan Stanley, Barclays, Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase, UBS, Wells Fargo Citigroup [\[9060\]](#), [\[9075\]](#).
- This link [\[7762\]](#) will play video clips that provide the following facts for Gov. Romney in his own words:
 - Governor Romney once said that Romneycare should be implemented nationally, then flip flopped and said he would never impose a State's plan on the entire nation – then said he will repeal Obamacare.
 - He flip flopped on his support for the government takeover of the auto industry.
 - In 1994, he said he would not try to return to the years of Reagan-Bush. In 2007, he said the correct strategy was to pursue the same strategy as Reagan.
 - On Sept. 15th 2011. Gov. Romney defended President Obama by saying "Obama is not a socialist".
- The Republican Main Street Partnership (RMSP), which is comprised of only elected members... is one of America's leading liberal Republican group. One Gov. Romney was apparently an RMSP member until the end of his gubernatorial term in Jan. 2007 – although he is still listed as a member [\[9033\]](#).
- In Nov. 2005, RMSP took credit for "killing an effort to open up land in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for oil" [\[9034\]](#). Gov. Romney never voiced opposition.
- In 2004, Gov. Romney announced the "Massachusetts Climate Protection Plan", which promoted new regulations to address global warming [\[9036\]](#).
- In 2005, the Romney administration helped write and initiate the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) – a Cap & Trade agreement for 10 States. [\[9035\]](#)
- More than \$740 worth of taxes and fees when Gov Romney was in office [\[9076\]](#)
- Gov. Romney received a "C" from the Cato institute as a grade for his performance on tax and spending issues [\[9077\]](#).
- Michael Chertoff is a Romney Advisor. He is former US Homeland Security Chief (2005-2009), also has a private security consulting firm. He is responsible for the addition of the body scanners to airports and is purported to be paid by the companies that make them [\[9078\]](#), [\[9079\]](#), [\[9080\]](#).

Senator Rick Santorum

- Elected to the US House of Representatives in 1992
- Elected to the US Senate from 1995 – 2007
- Senator Santorum was a member of the Gang of Seven exposing Congressional Banking & Post Office Scandals [\[8997\]](#).
- Senator Santorum does NOT believe "that people should be left alone, be able to do whatever they want to do, government should keep our taxes down and keep our regulations low, that we shouldn't get involved in the bedroom, we shouldn't get involved in cultural issues. You know, people should do whatever they want." [\[9084\]](#)
- Senator Santorum expressed concern that the Tea Party movement is trying to "refashion conservatism. And I will vocally, and publically oppose it" [\[9085\]](#)