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GOVERNOR MIKE HUCKABEE: THE MOST EXPERIENCED CHOICE

With ten-and-a-half years of experience running state government, Governor Mike Huckabee of Arkansas has more relevant executive experience than any candidate in the race – either Republican or Democrat.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Recognized and tapped by his peers for leadership, the National Governor's Association selected Governor Huckabee as its Chairman
- TIME Magazine honored him as one of the five best Governors in America.
- Governor Huckabee is a fiscal conservative who cut taxes almost 100 times in the state of Arkansas, including the state's first broad-based tax cuts, and turned a \$200 million deficit into an \$850 million surplus.
- Led the effort to pass a state constitutional amendment defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman
- Signed into law several measures preserving the sanctity of life: banned partial birth abortion, required parental notification, required that a woman give informed consent before having an abortion, required that a woman be told her baby will experience pain and be given the option of anesthesia for her baby, allowed a woman to have her baby and leave the child safely at a hospital, and made it a crime for an unborn child to be injured or murdered during an attack on his mother.

STANCE ON THE ISSUES

Taxes/Economy

Governor Huckabee supports [The FairTax](#) because it will restore the "Made in America" label, making American goods 12-25% more competitive, boosting economic growth, increasing our exports, and securing American jobs. It also prevents criminals or illegal aliens from avoiding taxes, and makes the taxes we all pay 100% transparent.

Government Spending

Governor Huckabee is committed to reducing government spending. One way he'll do this is by reducing the cost of welfare. Governor Huckabee will work with states to reduce welfare roles through programs like the one he implemented in Arkansas, which reduced welfare roles by 50%.

Health Care

Governor Huckabee will implement a consumer-based healthcare system that emphasizes preventative medicine and

wellness.

Because 70% of our \$2 trillion dollar healthcare costs is spent treating chronic, preventable diseases, this approach will make healthcare more affordable for everybody while keeping us healthier.



Family Values

Governor Huckabee supports a federal constitutional amendment to protect the right to life. He Successfully fought for Arkansas' marriage amendment and strongly supports a similar, federal constitutional amendment defining marriage as a union between one man and one woman.

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HUCKISMS

by Mike Huckabee

“Every single one of us as Americans need to remember that freedom did not come free. As we get on our knees tonight thank God we live in a country where people are trying to break into, and not a country people are trying to break out of.”

“American can compete anywhere in the world.”

“America needs a president who is more interested in Main Street than Wall Street.”

“We need to now value every human being irregardless of their net worth, of their IQ, of their ability or their disability.”

“I’d like you to join me at the best ‘Going out of Business’ sale I can imagine -- one held by the Internal Revenue Service. We have to scrap a 20th century tax system that is holding us back and keeping us down in the 21st century. The Fair Tax is the path to greater prosperity and job security for us and for our children.”

“I can’t part the Red Sea, but I do believe I can part the red tape.”

Immigration

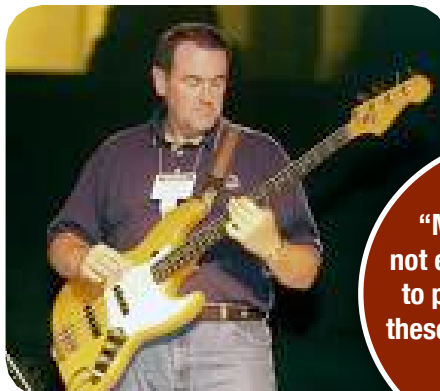
Governor Huckabee will secure the border (with physical barriers, electronic surveillance, and more border-patrol personnel and detention facilities). He will also end sanctuary cities and increase penalties on, and enforcement against, employers who hire illegal immigrants. Governor Huckabee will make sure the border patrol has adequate funding to end our “catch and release” system so that everyone caught trying to enter illegally, overstaying their visa, or committing a crime will be held until they’re tried, convicted, and deported. Gov. Huckabee has also signed the Numbers USA “No Amnesty” Pledge.

War on Terror and Iraq

Governor Huckabee knows it takes a large, well-equipped military to ensure our national defense and to deter conventional military confrontations. He also knows we need large, well-equipped intelligence and Special Forces operations for our national offense – so we can effectively find and eliminate terrorist threats at home or abroad. Governor Huckabee will be a Commander in Chief who knows that IF WE HAVE TO FIGHT A WAR, our President has to fight it the way our GENERALS tell him it can be won, not the way we wants it to be won.

Energy Independence

Governor Huckabee will implement a program to end the import of foreign oil in the next ten years by increasing domestic oil production in the short term, and then replacing oil-based energy infrastructure with alternative and renewable energies.



Clemencies

Arkansas Governors grant clemency, but the parole board grants parole. Wayne DuMond’s parole was granted by the board and NOT Governor Huckabee.

Taxes

When Governor Huckabee left office, the tax rates remained exactly the same as when he first came into office. Governor Huckabee returned almost \$400 million to Arkansas taxpayers, and he also DOUBLED the standard deduction for individuals and married couples, DOUBLED the childcare tax credit, and eliminated the marriage penalty. He also repealed capital gains taxes for home sales, lowered the capital gains rate by 25%, expanded the homestead exemption, and set up tax-free savings accounts for medical care and college tuition. Gov. Huckabee has also signed the Americans for Tax Reform’s pledge not to raise taxes.

Second Amendment

- Lifetime member of the NRA, member for over 15 years
- First Governor to have concealed-carry permit
- Removed restrictions on carry permit holders
- Protected gun manufacturers from frivolous lawsuits
- Opposes reauthorization of the Assault Weapon Ban
- Opposes expansion of the unconstitutional “Brady Bill”
- Opposes waiting period for purchase of firearms
- Opposes background checks on private firearms transactions at gun shows
- Will nominate judges who interpret the constitution as the Founders intended, rather than as a “living document reflecting current political trends or opinions”
- An avid hunter and conservationist, and a member of the Ducks Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Federation and BASS.

“Music and art are not extraneous....I want to provide every child these ‘Weapons of Mass Instruction.’”

THE OPPONENTS

As we move towards the primary elections this “Super Tuesday,” take a look at little-known facts about Huckabee’s two key opponents...in their own words.

Mitt Romney

Pro-Abortion Stance

“I will preserve and protect a woman’s right to choose and am devoted and dedicated to honoring my word in that regard.”

Boston Herald Debate, 10/29/02

Pro-Life Stance

“Roe v. Wade continues to work its destructive logic throughout our society This can’t continue.”
Speech to the Massachusetts Citizens For Life Mother’s Day Pioneer Valley Dinner, 5/10/07

Pro-Amnesty Stance

“With these 11 million people [here illegally], let’s have them registered, know who they are....those that are here paying taxes and not taking government benefits should begin a process towards application for citizenship.”

Lowell Sun, 3/30/06

Anti-Amnesty Stance

“One simple rule: no amnesty. If that [Kennedy-McCain bill] is not a form of amnesty, I don’t know what is.”

Pro-Gun Law Stance

“We do have tough gun laws in Massachusetts; I support them. I won’t chip away at them; I believe they protect us and provide for our safety.”

Romney in 2002 gov. debate,
Boston Globe, 1/14/07

Pro-Gun Stance

“I have a gun of my own. I go hunting myself. I’m a member of the NRA and believe firmly in the right to bear arms.”

Boston Globe, 1/14/07

Did Not Want to Serve

“I was not planning on signing up for the military. It was not my desire to go off and serve in Vietnam...” Boston Herald, 5/2/94

Did Want to Serve

“I longed in many respects to actually be in Vietnam and be representing our country there and in some ways it was frustrating not to feel like I was there as part of the troops that were fighting in Vietnam.”

Boston Globe, 6/24/07

John McCain

Pro-Abortion Stance

“But certainly in the short term, or even the long term, I would not support repeal of Roe v. Wade, which would then force X number of women in America to [undergo] illegal and dangerous operations.” 8/20/1999, San Francisco Chronicle

Pro-Life Stance

“McCain’s campaign released a clarification: ‘I have always believed in the importance of the repeal of Roe vs. Wade, and as president, I would work toward its repeal.’ ” 8/25/1999, San Francisco Chronicle

Pro-Amnesty Stance

“If the Senate passed your bill, S.1433, the McCain-Kennedy immigration bill, would you, as president, sign it?” McCain responded, “Yeah, but we -- look, the lesson is, it isn’t won. It isn’t going to come.” 1/27/2008, NBC’s Meet the Press

Anti-Amnesty Stance

HOOK: At this point, if your original proposal came to a vote on the Senate floor, would you vote for it?”

McCain: “It won’t. It won’t. That’s why we went through the debate --

HOOK: I know, but what if it did?

McCain: No, I would not, because we know what the situation is today. The people want the borders secured first. 1/30/2008, CNN/Politico Debate

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