

Mitt Romney's Platform

The information below includes many of Mitt Romney's ideas. This information is from his official website <http://www.mittromney.com/issues>



The Economy:

- **China:** Mitt will designate China as a currency manipulator, support the United States Trade Representative (USTR) in pursuing litigation against China's unfair practices and stop government procurement with China until they sign the procurement agreement.
- **Energy:** Mitt will conduct a comprehensive survey of America's energy reserves, open these reserves for development, support construction of oil pipelines from Canada to the US and prevent overregulation of shale gas extraction and development. He will also explore alternative energies and encourage nuclear energy.
- **Regulations:** Mitt will impose a regulatory cap of zero dollars on all federal agencies, and will require congressional approval of all major regulations before they are passed.
- **Spending:** Mitt wants to cap spending at 20% of the GDP, reduce foreign aid, privatize Amtrak, repeal Dodd-Frank, and cut non-security discretionary spending by 5%, among many other cuts. He wants to undo President Obama's military and defense cuts.
- **Taxes:** Mitt wants to eliminate the death tax and cut corporate taxes to 25%, while making permanent, across-the-board 20 percent cuts in marginal rates and maintaining current rates on interest, dividends and capital gains. He wants to repeal the Alternative Minimum Tax for both individuals and corporations.
- **Trade:** Mitt will complete negotiations for the Trans-Pacific Partnership, pursue new trade agreements with nations committed to free enterprise, increase Customs and Border Patrol resources to prevent the illegal entry of goods into the US market and reinstate the President's Trade Promotion Authority.

Foreign Policy:

- **Afghanistan:** Upon taking office, Mitt will review the US transition to the Afghan military by holding discussions with our commanders in the field and will only remove troops when the generals say it is time. Mitt believes that Afghan President Hamid Karzai must understand that he needs to crack down on corruption in his government, respect fair elections and coordinate with the US on fighting the narcotics trade within his nation.

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- **Iran:** Mitt believes a nuclear Iran would present a grave threat to the United States, Israel and our other allies. As such, he will keep a military option on the table to deal with Iran's nuclear program, restore the US aircraft carrier task forces in the Eastern Mediterranean and Persian Gulf, repair relations with Israel and enhance intelligence sharing. He will apply a fifth round of sanctions against the Iranian financial district and petroleum resources, support the Iranian opposition, and commit to an Eastern European missile defense system as a buffer for nuclear weapons.
- **Israel:** Mitt will work closely with Israel to maintain its strategic military edge in the region and will forcefully resist the emergence of anti-Israel policies in Egypt and Turkey. Mitt will reject any measure that would frustrate negotiations between the Israelis and Palestinians and will reduce assistance to the Palestinians if they continue to pursue United Nations recognition or form a government that includes Hamas.
- **Latin America:** Mitt will focus on supporting democratic allies and market-based economic relationships, containing destabilizing internal forces such as criminal gangs and terrorists, and opposing destabilizing outside influences such as Iran. To handle the Mexican drug cartels, Mitt suggests military-to-military training cooperation and intelligence sharing between Mexico and the US, as well as building a high tech border fence.
- **National Defense:** Mitt will increase shipbuilding within the Navy and modernize and replace US weaponry and inventories within the Army, Marines and Air Force. He will also install a national ballistic missile defense system to defend against nuclear attacks on US soil or against US allies.

Healthcare:

- **Obama Care:** Mitt will repeal Obama Care on his first day in office.
- **Promote Free Markets and Fair Competition:** Mitt wants to empower individuals and small businesses to form purchasing pools and wants to prevent discrimination against people with pre-existing conditions who maintain continuous coverage. Also he wants to cap non-economic damages in medical malpractice lawsuits.
- **Empower Consumer Choice:** Mitt wants to end tax discrimination against the individual purchase of insurance, allow consumers to purchase insurance across state lines, promote "co-insurance" products and alternatives to "fee for service" and unshackle Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) by allowing funds to be used for premiums.

Immigration:

- **Attract the Best and Brightest:** Mitt wants to raise visa caps for highly skilled workers and grant permanent residency to eligible graduates with advanced degrees in math, science and engineering.
- **Secure the Border:** Mitt wants to protect legal immigration through fighting illegal immigration. He wants to install a high tech fence and provide the proper number of border patrol agents to secure the border.
- **Magnets:** Mitt is against all magnets which attract illegal immigrants. He will establish a tamper-proof employment verification system like E-Verify that will enable employers to hire only those legally permitted to work and deny jobs to those in the US illegally. He further opposes amnesty, instate tuition and driver's licenses for illegal immigrants.