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Immigration - Fence	Secure the border – physical and technological fence.	Secure the border. Also have effective screening at our ports and other points of entry.	Secure the border – physical and technological fence.	Supports the \$3 billion the Senate has voted for border security. This money will train and deploy 23,000 more agents, add four drone planes, build 700 miles of fence and 300 miles of vehicle barriers, and put up 105 radar and camera towers.	Finish building the 854-mile wall along the border by 2010 as required by USC 1103. Extend the wall beyond that as appropriate and deploy new technologies and additional resources to enhance detection and rapid apprehension along our borders by 2012.
Immigration - card	Enforceable Employer Verification system – biometrics-enabled tamperproof card supported by a national database.		Tamper-proof Biometric ID Card and a national database. Check out system to know how did not leave after their visa has expired.		
Immigration - Amnesty	Reject Amnesty - No special pathways for illegal immigrants.	Recognize the importance of assimilation of our immigrant population, which includes learning English, American history and civics, and respecting the values of a democratic society.	Deport all illegal Aliens who commit a felony.	Opposes amnesty or any other special path to citizenship for the millions of foreign nationals unlawfully present in the United States.	Do not provide legal status to illegal aliens.
Immigration - Sanctuary Cities	Punish Sanctuary Cities – reduce federal funding.			Will not tolerate sanctuaries for illegals.	“Sanctuary cities” must end.

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Immigration - Employers	Interior Enforcement – Crackdown on employers who hire illegals with stiffer fines and penalties.			Will not tolerate employers who hire illegals. They must be punished with fines and penalties so large that they will see it is not worth the risk.	Reduce the number of illegal aliens through increased enforcement against unauthorized alien workers and their employers. Deny a tax deduction to employers for the wages they pay to illegal aliens, thereby dramatically increasing the real cost of employing illegal aliens. Businesses that do not play by the rules should not be rewarded under our tax system.
Immigration - Employers				Institute a universal, mandatory citizenship verification system as part of the normal hiring process.	
Immigration - visas		Recognize the importance of a flexible labor market to keep employers in business and our economy on top. It should provide skilled Americans and immigrants with opportunity.	Expand the number of H1B Visas for skilled foreign workers to meet market demand.	Increase visas for highly-skilled and highly-educated applicants.	
Immigration - visas				Eliminate the visa lottery system and the admission category for adult brothers and sisters of U.S. citizens.	

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Immigration - Service in the Armed Forces				Expedite processing for those who serve honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces.	Place those foreign persons who are lawfully present in the country and who serve honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States on a faster, surer track to U.S. citizenship.
Immigration - English			we need to reconnect immigration with Americanization, requiring immigrants to read, write, and speak English. Rudy Giuliani believes we need to end illegal immigration to protect and expand legal immigration.		Require English proficiency in order for any foreign person to be granted lawful permanent resident status.
Immigration - Other				Improve our immigration process so that those patiently and responsibly seeking to come here legally will not have to wait decades to share in the American dream.	Enabling the Social Security Administration to share relevant information with immigration and law enforcement personnel in a manner that will support effective interior enforcement efforts.

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Immigration - Other			BorderStat - measure progress in controlling the borders and create accountability	Propose to provide all illegal immigrants a 120-day window to register with the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services and leave the country. Those who register and return to their home country will face no penalty if they later apply to immigrate or visit; those who do not return home will be, when caught, barred from future reentry for a period of 10 years.	
Immigration - Other				Opposes giving driver's licenses to illegals and supports legislation to prevent states from doing so.	
Terrorism - Military	Stronger Military + 100,000 troops.	Increasing the size of the American Military.	Add at least 10 new combat brigades to the Army and will expand our Navy to more than 300 ships. He will ensure that the Air Force has the new refueling tankers it needs, and will build a new long range bomber to replace the B-52.	Expand the army and increase the defense budget.	A larger, more capable, and more modern military.
Terrorism - Military			Kill or capture the al-Qaeda leadership, destroy the capabilities of the group, and discredit its radical ideology. The main fronts against Al Qaeda are in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. Defeat Hezbollah and Hamas.	The terrorists train in small, scattered groups. We can accomplish a great deal with swift, surgical air strikes and commando raids by our elite units.	A robust approach to homeland security that will protect our nation from terrorists and WMD.

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Terrorism		Will pursue our opportunity for victory in Iraq, strengthen our hand in the larger war against Islamic extremists, and make our nation more secure.	Bring the Surge to Afganistan.	Powell Doctrine of using overwhelming force to accomplish a mission.	
Terrorism - Alliances	Create a Special Partnership Force (SPF) – Drawn from Army Special Forces to work with civilian governments – local focus to eliminate terrorist elements.		Create a Stability and Reconstruction Expeditionary Corps: build a new hybrid military-civilian corps that will help stabilize failing states and prevent the emergence of new terrorist safe-havens.	Renewed diplomacy and inclusion, we can accomplish the goals of our nation without having to go it alone.	A strengthened system of global alliances to better combat terrorists, proliferators, and traditional threats to our interests.
Terrorism - Support Moderates	New type of Marshal Plan Unifying Nonmilitary Sources of Power to Support Moderate Muslims – public schools, micro-credit, rule of law, human rights and basic health care.		Tie annual aid packages for Arab and Muslim states to performance-based benchmarks that encourage recipients to help us win the Terrorists' War on Us and fighting radical Islam.	The long-term solution is to empower moderates in the region by attacking the underlying conditions that breed terror.	
Terrorism - Intelligence		Have the quality intelligence necessary to uncover plots before they take root, the resources to protect critical infrastructure and our borders against attack, and the capability to respond and recover from a terrorist incident swiftly.	Refocus Intelligence community - solid human intelligence on terrorist groups and activities.	Fight it smart, using all our political, economic, diplomatic, and intelligence weapons as well as our military might.	An enhanced intelligence community, with robust human-intelligence capabilities, focused on terrorism and proliferation.
Terrorism - Nuclear	Tighten Economic Sanctions Against Iran.	Effective Missile Defense.	America needs expanded security capabilities and credible deterrent threats to stop an attack on U.S. soil.		A missile defense system .
Terrorism - Other	Isolate Iran Dipomatically.				

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Terrorism	Have Arab States Join this Effort To Prevent a Nuclear Iran.		Expand NATO.		
Terrorism	Make it clear the Iranian People that Nuclear capabilities are a source of peril – lost of control of nuclear material.				
Iraq War	Not Addressed.	For many years John McCain urged a larger ground force to implement a new counterinsurgency campaign like the one now underway in Iraq.	Setting an artificial timetable for withdrawal from Iraq now would be a terrible mistake, because it would only embolden our enemies. Iraq is only one front in the larger war on terror, and failure there would lead to a broader and bloodier regional conflict in the near future. Building an accountable Iraq will assist in reducing the threat of terrorism.	Iraq is a battle in our generational, ideological war on terror.	We must defeat the terrorists abroad, and that begins in Iraq and Afghanistan—the central fronts in this global war.
Iraq War		To concede defeat now would strengthen al Qaeda, empower Iran and other hostile powers in the Middle East, unleash a full scale civil war in Iraq that could lead to genocide, and destabilize the entire region as neighboring powers come to the aid of their favored factions.		The surge is a military means to achieve the political end of sectarian reconciliation among the Iraqis.	
Iraq War				Setting a timetable for withdrawal is a mistake.	

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Iraq War				Withdrawal would have serious strategic consequences for us and horrific humanitarian consequences for the Iraqis.	
Iraq War				A regional summit so that Iraq's neighbors become militarily and financially committed to stabilizing Iraq.	
Energy Policy - Domestic Oil	Increase domestic production – Open ANWR.	Not Addressed.	America must expand environmentally-responsible access to the proven oil and natural gas reserves throughout North America, including in Canada and Mexico.		Energy security that increases domestic supplies.
Energy Policy - Alternative energy	Invest in Research – federal spending.		Diversify our energy portfolio: Ethanol and bio diesel fuels, Renewable energy (hydroelectric, solar and wind), Commercialize clean coal technologies, use natural gas in large truck and bus fleets.	Pursue all avenues of alternative energy: nuclear, wind, solar, hydrogen, clean coal, biodiesel, and biomass.	Promotes alternative fuels and other diverse energy sources.
Energy Policy - Nuclear	Increase Focus on Energy Security.		Expand its use of clean, affordable, and safe nuclear power.		
Energy Policy - R&D/Technology	Promote Nuclear Technology – Nuclear power plants.		America must encourage entrepreneurs in future technologies such as advanced hybrid cars and hydrogen fuel cells.		An energy policy that invests in the advanced technologies of tomorrow and places more emphasis on conservation and energy efficiency.

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Energy Policy - Other			America's government, corporations, and individuals must engage in efficiency and conservation efforts that reduce demand for oil, without damaging America's competitiveness worldwide or our standard of living. We need to use more energy-efficient technologies and take personal responsibility for conserving energy.		Investing in renewable and alternative fuels to promote greater energy independence and a cleaner environment.
Energy Policy - Other			We need new oil refineries, nuclear reactors, transmission lines, and renewable energy facilities.		
Fiscal Responsibility - Reduce Spending	Establish Strict Spending limits – Veto domestic nondefense discretionary appropriations by more than one percent below inflation.	End Pork Barrel Spending. Will oppose spending money on projects that siphon away tax dollars collected to fund important commitments. Setting priorities, and keeping them, is a crucial step toward fiscal restraint and an important priority for a McCain presidency.	Require mandatory sunset clauses for all Federal programs.	Our massive deficit is not due to Americans' being under-taxed, but to the government's over-spending.	
Fiscal Responsibility - Reduce Spending	Conduct a Stem-to-Stern Review - waste, duplication, inefficiencies.		Reduce the Federal Civilian Workforce by 20% through Attrition and Retirement.		
Fiscal Responsibility - Reduce Spending	Authorize the President to spend up to 25% less the appropriated.		Require Congressional Budget Office cost estimates for all legislation before it is voted upon.		

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Fiscal Responsibility - Reduce Spending	Reform Entitlements work with Congress.		Require Agencies to Identify at Least 5% to 20% in Spending Reductions.		
Fiscal Responsibility - line item veto	Institute the Line-Item Veto.	Seek the line-item veto.	Propose a Constitutional Amendment Establishing a Presidential Line-Item Veto.	The President should have the line-item veto.	
Fiscal Responsibility - Accountability		Increased Transparency - Members of Congress who request earmarks in legislation should be identified and their request should be fully described.	Stop irresponsible and anonymous earmarks.		Improving government performance by making agencies accountable for accomplishing their missions on time and within budget.
Fiscal Responsibility - Accountability		Transparency in the budget process will identify elected officials with their fiscal decisions and will ensure Americans know exactly how each of their hard-earned tax dollars is spent.			Fixing government accounting so tax dollars are properly spent and the American people know exactly what they are being spent on.
Fiscal Responsibility - Other	Restore Supermajority Requirement - 60% supermajority to pass tax increases.	Reform Social security and supplement with personal accounts.	Bring generally accepted accounting principles to the Federal government.		

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Fiscal Responsibility - Other		Promises made to previous and current generations have placed the United States on an unsustainable budget pathway. Unchecked, Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare obligations will grow as large as the entire federal budget is now in just a few decades. Without comprehensive bipartisan reform to America's entitlement programs, the nation will be unable to meet the challenges of providing vital medical and social security assistance to future generations.			

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Economy and Taxes - Alternative Tax System			Fair and Simple Tax (FAST) form – will give all American taxpayers the option of filling out their taxes on a single page again. It has three rates – 10-15-30 – cutting the current 6 tax brackets in half. It will offer all Americans the opportunity for a tax cut while preserving the major deductions that people have come to depend upon: mortgage interest, charity, state & local taxes, the child tax credit, the personal exemption and the new Healthcare exclusion.	The FairTax will replace the Internal Revenue Code with a consumption tax.	Dissolution of the IRS as we know it.
Economy and Taxes - Corporate Taxes	Lower the Corporate rate.		Corporate tax rates are among the highest in the world and should be lowered from 35% to 25%.		A new tax code that gets the government out of our citizens' pocketbooks, while enhancing U.S. competitiveness abroad.
Economy and Taxes - Interest, Dividends and Capital Gains	Zero Rate on Middle Class Savings – No taxes on interest, dividends and capital gains when adjusted gross income is under \$200,000.	Keep the current rates on dividends and capital gains.	Cut the Capital Gains Tax from 15% to 10% and index capital gains for inflation.		
Economy and Taxes - Lower Tax rates	Lower Taxes for All.		Permanently lower marginal rates to the current level and possibly further.		Market-based approaches to reform that guarantee benefits for those who need them and embrace personal responsibility and cost-effectiveness without raising taxes.

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Economy and Taxes - Bush Tax Cuts	Make the Bush tax cuts permanent.		Alternative Minimum Tax will be indexed for inflation to prevent it from unintentionally raising taxes on 30 million Americans.		
Economy and Taxes - R&D Tax Credit		Permanent R&D Tax Credit.	Reinstate the R&D Tax Credit.		
Economy and Taxes - Education	Strengthen Education – math and science.		Promote science and mathematics through technical certification or an associate degree.		
Economy and Taxes - Other		Enforcing Fiscal Discipline.	Making the current tax provisions – like the marriage penalty relief and child tax credit – permanent.		Opening the government's fiscal books on this looming crisis for all to see and understand.
Economy and Taxes - Other	Implement National Tort Reform.	Ban Internet taxes.	End the Death Tax so wealth passed on to future generations is not subject to this punitive tax while preventing double taxation.		Working with individuals of all political persuasions to develop a comprehensive solution to the pending fiscal crisis.
Economy and Taxes - Other	Build and Repair Transportation Infrastructure.	Ban new cell phone taxes.	Expand Tax-Free Savings Accounts.		
Economy and Taxes - Other	Improve worker Retraining.		Reform the excesses of Sarbanes-Oxley that are driving our corporations overseas to list on foreign exchanges.		
Economy and Taxes - Other	Provide Regulatory Relief.		Protect America's innovations and intellectual property by enforcing our trade agreements aggressively.		
Healthcare- Taxes	Fix The Tax Code – All health care expenses tax deductible.	Reform the tax code - provide all individuals with a \$2,500 (\$5,000 for families) tax credit increase incentives for insurance coverage.	An income exclusion of up to \$15,000 for those without employer coverage to make insurance more affordable.	Making health insurance tax deductible for individuals and families.	

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Healthcare- Taxes			Health Insurance Credit to low-income Americans that can be coupled with other revenue sources such as Medicaid and employer contributions to make coverage more affordable to millions of the uninsured.		
Healthcare - Access for all	Stop the Free Riders – Have the needy buy [affordable] private insurance (Massachusetts model).	Provide access to health care for our citizens.	Encourage states to improve health care quality and make health insurance more affordable by offering block grants to encourage innovation, reduce health costs, enroll eligible uninsured, and solve adverse selection issues.		Every American should be able to get health insurance coverage that is affordable, fully accessible, and portable.
Healthcare - Tort Reform	Reform The Medical Liability System – Federal caps on non-economic and punitive damages.	Pass tort reform to eliminate excessive damages.	End frivolous lawsuits without limiting compensation for real economic loss.	Reforming medical liability.	
Healthcare - Medicaid/Medicare	Provide innovation in Medicaid – Give states the flexibility to apply their Medicaid dollars.	Reform the payment systems in Medicare to compensate providers for diagnosis, prevention and care.			
Healthcare - States	Deregulate State Markets – Reduce insurance regulations.	Give states flexibility with alternative forms of access, reisk-adjusted payments payments per episode covered under Medicare.			

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Healthcare - Competition	Bring Health Care Into The 21st Century – Use of competitive forces.	Promote competition between providers and among alternative treatments.	Creating visibility of price, provider qualifications, and risk-adjusted procedure outcomes will expand competition.	Encourage the private sector to seek innovative ways to bring down costs and improve the free market for health care services.	Increases competition and consumer choice while streamlining regulations through free-market solutions that benefit individuals and reduce costs for employers.
Healthcare - Savings Accounts		Protect seniors against rising Medicare premium payments.	Improve and Expand Health Savings Accounts.	Expanding health savings accounts to everyone.	
Healthcare - Redefined			Health insurance must be redefined to cover wellness as well as sickness.	Costs have skyrocketed because the party paying for the health care - the employer - and the party using the health care - the employee - are not the same. It is human nature to consume more of something that is essentially free.	Realigns programs and creates a system around individual consumers and patients by providing more information and more opportunities to choose affordable health care options that best meet their needs and those of their families.