

Issue A: Healthcare

Rank: 1

[A note on the ranking: Each of these issues is important to America. As a Congressperson, I would make all of these issues a priority.]

Y A1. Basic human right

Y A2. Non-profit universal

Y A3. Community Health Ctr.

Y A4. Preventative health

Y A5. Universal single payer

Y A6. Repeal Medicare Reform

Y A7. Keep Medicaid

Y A8. Legal intl drug buying *[If this statement means importation of drugs from Canada, Yes. If this statement means drugs from China and countries without safety standards, No.]*

Y A9. Cover mental health

Y A10. No-fault car ins.

Y A11. Fully fund SCHIP

Issue B: Foreign Policy

Rank: 1

Y B1. Invest \$ to world issues

Y B2. Honor Intl. Treaties

Y B3. b. Reject the policy of preemptive military aggression

Y B4. No torture

Y B5. Halt global warming

Y B6. Renewable energy policy

Y B7. Elim. Nuclear weapons

Y B8. Non-militarize space

Y B9. Global human rights

Y B10. Support our troops

Y B11. Intl. Crim. Ct.

Y B12. a. Support the immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Iraq and the closing of all U.S. bases in Iraq.

N B13. Dept. of Peace [*The Department of State is responsible for keeping peaceful relations with countries around the world. Under the Bush/Cheney administration it has been subjugated to a subservient position under the Department of Defense. This can be put to rights by the election of a Democratic President who will utilize the Department of State.*]

Y B14. [*Fund repair of infrastructure and buildings in Iraq with first utilization of their resources to pay for the rebuilding process.*]

Y B15. b. Set the goal of a world free of nuclear weapons

Y B16. Two state solution [*While the U.S. has indicated support for a two state solution, it is solely dependent on the stakeholders in the pathway to peace process to adopt such a solution. The U.S. cannot pre-impose it upon the peace process.*]

Y B17. Fair Trade [*We need to REPEAL NAFTA and CAFTA, not “re-examine” them.*]

Y B18. Reduce military spend

Y B19. Law of the sea

N B20. [*It is important that the U.S. not finance foreign conflicts through debt financing with mostly foreign banks holding our I.O.U.s but I do not agree with either of these two approaches.*]

Issue : Conservation and Energy

Rank: 1

Y C1. Value statement

Y C2. Increase conservation

Y C3. Reduce greenhouse gas

Y C4. Clean energy

Y C5. Carbon tax [I agree in concept.]

Y C6. A. CAFÉ TO 40 mpg.

Y C7. Incentive for hybrids

Y C8. Fund public transit

Y C9. Low consumption 100% of fleet [*I agree in concept, but it doesn't take into account the vast differences in fleets across the state. Some mountain counties have small fleets who service difficult terrain with no resources to convert their vehicles.*]

N C10. No foreign oil by 2025 [*This would at a cost of opening places like the Artic National Wildlife Refuge and more of the Roan plateau. Would oil from Canada also be prohibited?*]

Y C11. Enviro education in schools

Y C12. Ratify Kyoto

Y C13. Stronger recycle laws

Y C14. Phase out coal

C15 Eliminate fossil subsidy [*We should be working on parody with renewables to encourage alternative fuels. We need to invest in the renewable energy technologies.*]

Y C16. Eliminate nuke subsidy

Y C17. Fees for extraction

Y C18. No-tolerance for polluters

Y C19. LEED for government

Y C20. Green building codes

Y C21. Clean Air/Water Act

A C22. Balance local growth [*This is a local question, not federal.*]

A C23. Evaluate cost of new development

Issue D: Civil Liberties

Rank 1

Y D1. Right to privacy

Y D2. President protect privacy

Y D3. Balance of Power

Y D4. Repeal Patriot Act

Y D5. Habeas Corpus

Y D6. Close Gitmo [*We must either charge terrorists for crimes and give them due process or release them.*]

Y D7. Geneva Conventions

Y D8. No waterboarding

Y D9. No extra rendition

Y D10. Investigate FISA laws

Y D 11. Separate Church and State

Y D12. Domestic partnerships

Y D13. Right to choose [*I support the right of a woman to make those decisions with her doctor at any state during her pregnancy.*]

Issue E: Education

Rank: 1

- Y E1. Strong public ed
- Y E2. Equitable funding
- Y E3. Smaller class size
- Y E4. Raise teacher pay
- Y E5. Fully fund Higher Ed
- Y E6. Better financial aid
- Y E7. Balanced emphasis
- Y E8. Fund voc. training, too
- Y E9. Oppose vouchers
- Y E10. Raise professor pay
- Y E11. Early Child Ed
- Y E12. College for lower income
- Y E13. Reexamine CSAP
- Y E14. Elim NCLB
- Y E15. Emphasize civics
- Y E16. Support Dream Act
- Y E17. Fund Hope Scholarships
- Y E18. Support ESL
- Y E19. Repeal TABOR
- Y E20. University hiring practices

Issue F: Economic Prosperity

Rank: 1

Y F1. Reduce Natl Debt

Y F2. Save Social Security

Y F3. Better Fund Education

N F4. Fairer free trade agreements [*We need to **repeal** NAFTA and CAFTA. The free trade agreements the U.S. has entered into recently have created economic instability—lost manufacturing, lost jobs, lost local tax bases, lost GDP.*]

Y F5. Family Planning globally

Y F6. Funding for public safety

Y F7. Effective crim justice

Y F8. Fair crim justice

Y F9. Alternatives to jail

Y F10. Elim private prisons, etc

Y F11. No corporate welfare

Y F12. No perm tax cuts

Y F13. Raise min wage

Y F14. Affordable student loans

Y F15. Re-write free trade agrmts

Y F16. Corps have no human rts

N F17. Revoke corp charters [*This is too broad given that each of the 50 states charter corporations according to their own state standards.*]

Y F18. Rt to unionize

Y F19. Affirmative Action

Y F20. Universal Healthcare

Y F21. Public support mental health

Y F22. Support Rky Flts Workers

Y F23. Support affordable childcare

Y F24. Adequate welfare reform

Y F25. Better social svc staffing

Y F26. Oppose lcl enforce of imm law [*I am on record voting against state Sen. Ken Arnold's bill to federalize local law enforcement.*]

Y F27. Protect transgen in ENDA [*While Democratic leader of the state senate I helped pass Colorado's ENDA law which includes coverage of trans-gendered individuals.*]

Y F28. Support micro-loans

Y F29. Pro Net Neutrality

Issue G: Campaign/Media Reform

Rank: 1

Y G1. Equality in campaign law

Y G2. Freedom of press

Y G3. Limit media consolidation

Y G4. Checks and balances

Y G5. Verifiable voting [*While at the legislature, we already passed into law a bill requiring a verifiable paper trail and/or paper ballots in Colorado.*]

A G6. Public funding of elections [*Public funding of elections is meaningless for purposes of leveling the playing field as long as the Buckley decision of the U.S. Supreme Court stands and allows individual candidates to spend as much of their own money as they wish on their election without any limits.*]

Y G7. Upgrade campaign reform

Y G8. Bring back equal time

A G9. Support Clean \$/Clean Electns [*Presumably this approach is meant to allow more people a chance to seek and get elected to public office but there are two problems with it: 1) Wealthy candidates can spend as much of their own money on their election without limit per the U.S. Supreme Court's Buckley decision. So, unless there is matching money for an opponent's personal spending, it doesn't level the playing field. 2) Independent expenditure committees like 527's are not addressed and cannot be regulated as they have the same "free speech" rights as individuals under current law.*]

Y G10. Fairer media ownership

Y G11. More funds for public broadcast

Y G12. Public access to info

N G13. Instant run-off voting

A G14. Reform redistricting [*The League of Women Voters and Common Cause proposed a successful state-wide initiative to "reform" reapportionment of legislative districts that did not*

stop gerrymandering. So, without specifics on what the “reform” of redistricting would be, I find this statement too broad to support or oppose.]

Y G15. Same-day voter reg [*It is VERY important to note that while same-day voter registration can be done if the jurisdiction is using direct-record machines, it is a nightmare to accomplish if the jurisdiction is using paper ballots. If the choice to to use direct-record machines or same day, I would rather use same day.*]

N G16. Govt. sponsored voter reg. [*Colorado already has MOTER-VOTER (a state-wide initiative adopted by the voters years ago) which allows people to register when they renew or apply for a drivers license. Frankly, I fear that having government agents go door-to-door asking people to register to vote would have the opposite effect.*]

Issue H: Immigration

Rank 1

Y H1. Earned citizenship

Y H2. Basic healthcare and nutrition [*For children, those with communicable diseases and for emergency purposes.*]

Y H3. Encourage civic participation [*Voting must be a right reserved for those who are legal.*]

Y H4. Pro earned legalization [*Yes, but should be behind those who have gone through the standard process.*]

Y H5. Pro Dream Act [*To make it work, the dollars for all of higher education must be increased.*]

Y H6. Guest worker program

H7. Rights of family of workers [*I don't understand the question.*]

Y H8. Public citizenship funding

N H9. Repeal HB 1023, 1343, 1017

Y H10. Better U.S. Trade agreement

N H11. Easy registration for undocs

Y H12. Oppose mass deporting

Y H 13. Oppose localized immigration enforcement [Bills passed below:

1. Targeted individuals who assist for payment another persons entering, remaining or traveling through Colorado in violation of immigration laws. (SB 206)
2. Strengthening laws against individuals who sell exchange or barter another person in return for compensation. (SB 207)
3. Created an elite enforcement unit of the Colorado State Patrol to combat illegal immigration on state highways. (SB 225)
4. Prohibited local governments from limiting law enforcement agents from cooperating from federal immigration officials. (SB 90)
5. Enacted a new law setting a minimum \$50,000 fine for forging employment documents falsely showing illegibility to work in the U.S. (SB 110)

6. Required state contractors to prove that they do not employ illegal immigrants and authorized the hiring of investigators in the Department of Labor to enforce the new law. (HB 1343)]

Y H 14. Oppose discrimination

Y H. 15. Oppose exploitation [*No voting*]

Issue I: Impeachment

Rank 1

Y I11. Draft articles of impeachment

Y I12. Impeachment of VP

Amendment J: Repeal Defense of Marriage Act

Rank 1

Y J1. Equal right for same-sex partners

Y J2. Repeal DOMA

Amendment K: Additional Single Payer

Rank 1

Y K1. Support of HR 676

Y K2. Pilot of CO single payer