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2004 Vice Presidential Candidates



Sen. John Edwards

Duties of the Vice President

The United States Constitution assigns the vice president only two official duties: presiding officer of the Senate and to be prepared to take office in the event of the president's death, inability to execute his duties, resignation or removal from office.



Vice Presidential Candidates stances on the issues



Vice President Dick Cheney

Social Security

Cheney: Wants to revamp the social security system, allowing younger workers to invest a portion of their social security taxes in stocks.

Edwards: Feels that the current system is working well and only a prosperous economy is needed to properly fund social security.

Taxes

Cheney: Supports the Bush tax cuts, believing that they pulled the economy out of the recession. He feels that a strong economy will compensate for the lost revenue.

Edwards: Voted against the Bush tax cuts along with Kerry. He aims to repeal the Bush tax cuts and plans to give tax credits to help families pay for education and health care.

Health Care

Cheney: Plans to give tax credits of \$1,000 to individuals and \$3,000 to families without health insurance. Also wants to let small businesses to negotiate with the health care companies to lower costs.

Edwards: The Kerry-Edwards plan would make the federal government pay 75 percent of catastrophic health costs. It would also give tax credits to citizens and tax breaks to employers to allow access to quality health care.

Iraq

Cheney: Agrees with the president on the war, that it was both necessary and justified. He believes that US troops should remain there until a stable democracy has been established.

Edwards: Voted for the war in Iraq but wants international help with reconstruction. He was against the \$87 billion to aid in rebuilding the nation, because he felt that if the Bush tax cuts had not passed, there would be money to fund the war.

Jobs

Cheney: Backs the president's six point plan to create jobs. The plan provides permanent tax cuts, a producer friendly energy policy, limiting lawsuits against doctors and businesses, reducing regulations and lowering health costs

Edwards: Supports Kerry's plan to repeal tax cuts to help citizens pay for health care and education. It gives businesses manufacturing incentives to create jobs. The plan would also allow the creation of alternative forms of energy, creating more jobs.

Pennsylvania Candidates for U.S. Senate



Arlen Specter (R)

Arlen Specter supports affirmative action, civil unions, more federal funding for health care coverage, immigration, United Nations approval for US military actions, reduction of coal, oil and nuclear energy usage, enforcement of laws prohibiting drug use, expansion of free trade, privatization of social security, the death penalty and the right to firearm ownership.



Joe Hoeffel (D)

Joe Hoeffel is in favor of affirmative action, civil unions, more federal funding for health care coverage, immigration, United Nations approval for U.S. military actions, the reduction of coal, oil and nuclear energy usage, abortion, enforcement of laws prohibiting drug use, expansion of free trade and linking human rights issues to trade with China.



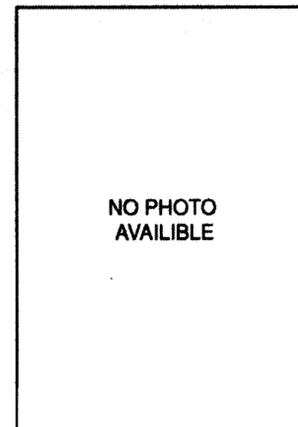
Jim Clymer (Constitution Party)

Jim Clymer is an advocate of overturning *Roe v. Wade*, legal immigration, tax cuts for the middle and lower class citizens, small government, enforcement of laws prohibiting drug use, congressional and tax reform and the death penalty.



Betsy Summers (Libertarian)

Betsy Summers supports abortion, civil unions, privatization of social security, school vouchers, the right to firearm ownership, decreasing taxation of the wealthy, immigration, reduction of coal, oil and nuclear energy usage and the abolishment of welfare.



Brian Taylor (Socialist Workers)

Brian Taylor is the write-in candidate for the Socialist Workers Party. He supports repealing the Patriot Act, ending the war in Iraq, strengthening of unions, lessening law enforcement and large scale government reform through potentially drastic measures.

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