

**2004 Democratic Presidential Candidates: On the Issues**

	<b>JOHN KERRY</b>	<b>JOHN EDWARDS</b>	<b>DENNIS KUCINICH</b>	<b>AL SHARPTON</b>
<b>HEALTH CARE</b>	Provide affordable coverage to 96% Americans; enforce a patient's bill of rights	Provide coverage to 21 million Americans; universal coverage for children	Provide universal, single-payer health care for all, regardless of age or employment	Add constitutional amendment to make health care a human right
<b>JOBS</b>	Index minimum wage to inflation; restore lost jobs through a new manufacturing jobs credit, investing in new energy industries, restoring technology, and stopping layoffs in education.	Raise minimum wage to \$6.65; create jobs with 10% tax credit for companies keeping jobs in America, a venture capital fund to bring jobs to areas hardest hit in the Bush economy, new tax credits for working Americans.	Raise minimum wage to at least \$8; create millions of jobs through rebuilding infrastructure, protecting domestic manufacturing and high-tech jobs, and investing in renewable energies.	Raise minimum wage to \$7.15; create jobs through 5-year infrastructure redevelopment plan.
<b>TRADE</b>	Keep NAFTA & WTO; expand free trade but make it "fair"; supports 'fast track' authority	Oppose NAFTA but don't repeal; oppose fast track authority	Repeal NAFTA and WTO; return to bilateral fair trade; oppose fast track authority	Repeal NAFTA and WTO; return to bilateral fair trade
<b>WAR IN IRAQ</b>	Voted YES; keep US troops but turn over legitimate authority to UN.	Voted YES; keep US troops but bring in other countries and give more authority to Iraqi's.	Voted NO; has a plan to remove US troops and replace them with UN peacekeepers in 90 days.	Remove US troops; support UN-based multilateral approach to Iraqi redevelopment
<b>EDUCATION</b>	Raise teacher salary; lower class size; improve school facilities; oppose vouchers	Invest in teachers and No Child Left Behind Act to give quality education to all; oppose vouchers	Universal pre-k through college; raise teacher salary, improve schools, lower class size; oppose vouchers	Government should provide equal access and quality education to all; oppose vouchers
<b>TAXES</b>	Repeal Bush's tax cuts for the wealthy; cut taxes on the middle class.	Repeal Bush tax cuts for the wealthy; create new tax on top 1%; cut taxes to 95% Americans	Reverse Bush's tax cuts for the wealthy; provide tax relief to workers & families	Repeal all Bush tax cuts; stimulate economy from bottom up.

<b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b>	Oppose privatization; Oppose raising retirement age	Oppose privatization; Oppose raising retirement age	Oppose privatization; restore retirement age to 65	Oppose privatization
<b>PATRIOT ACT</b>	Voted YES- supports new anti-terrorism laws that preserve basic rights	Voted YES- supports dramatic revisions.	Voted NO- would repeal	Oppose
<b>DEATH PENALTY</b>	Oppose- except terrorists	Support	Oppose-would abolish	Oppose
<b>GAY MARRIAGE</b>	Oppose	State-by-state approach	Support	Support
<b>REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS</b>	Support	Support	Support	Support
<b>DRUG WAR</b>	Keep drugs out of the country; target traffickers & dealers; fund drug prevention	Expand drug treatment for at-risk youth; target traffickers & dealers; fight meth. producers	End racially biased drug war; decriminalize marijuana; legalize medical marijuana	Reform federal mandatory drug sentencing laws
<b>ENERGY</b>	Raise CAFE standard to 26 mpg by 2015 ; 20% renewable by 2020;	Raise CAFÉ standard; spur research in renewables	Raise CAFÉ standard to 45 mpg; double renewable energy use by 2010	Raise CAFÉ standard to 33 mpg; spur research in renewables
<b>IMMIGRATION</b>	Support earned legalization for immigrants who have been working in US	Support clear road map to legalization for working immigrants.	Supports amnesty & clear road map to legalization for working immigrants.	Relax immigration policies; negotiate respectful deals with Mexico
<b>VETERANS</b>	Reverse Bush's cuts in veterans health; increase funding for VA system; mandatory funding for veteran's health care.	Reverse Bush's cuts in veterans health; increase funding for VA system	Reverse Bush's cuts in veterans health; increase funding for VA system; mandatory funding for veteran's health care.	Reverse Bush's cuts in veterans health; increase funding for VA system