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Compare 2016 Presidential Candidate Positions
A Side-by-Side Comparison Between Candidates on Key Issues
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Positions are categorized as **Pro** (Yes), **Con** (No), **Not Clearly Pro or Con** (NC), or **None Found** (?). Candidates who have changed positions are listed as **Now** their most recent position. Click on the position to read the candidate's sourced statement. We will continue to update this chart until the Nov. 8, 2016 election.

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<i>ProCon.org's Questions</i>	<i>Responses</i>						
1. Crime & Justice Should the Death Penalty Be Allowed?	Pro	Con	NC	Pro	Pro	?	Pro
2. Crime & Justice Should Supreme Court Justice Scalia's Replacement Be Chosen By President Obama?	Pro	Pro	Con	Con	Con	Con	Con
3. Economy & Taxes Does Lowering the Corporate Income Tax Rate Create Jobs?	NC	Con	Pro	Pro	Pro	Pro	NC
4. Economy & Taxes Should the Federal Minimum Wage Be Increased?	Pro	Pro	Now Con	Con	NC	Con	Con
5. Economy & Taxes Should Any Federal Taxes Be Increased?	Pro	Pro	NC	Con	Con	Con	Now NC
6. Economy & Taxes Should There Be a Flat Tax on Income?	Con	Con	Pro	Pro	Con	Con	NC
7. Economy & Taxes Should Glass-Steagall Be Reinstated?	Con	Pro	NC	?	NC	?	?
8. Economy & Taxes Should Social Security Be Privatized?	Con	Con	NC	Pro	Pro	Con	NC
9. Economy & Taxes Is the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Trade Agreement Good for America?	Now Con	Con	Pro	NC	NC	Pro	Con
10. Elections Was the Citizens United Supreme Court Decision Good for America?	Con	Con	?	Pro	NC	Pro	Con
11. Elections Should Felons Who Have Completed Their Sentences (Incarceration, Probation, and Parole) Be Allowed to Vote?	Pro	Pro	?	NC	?	?	?
12. Elections Should Voters Be Required to Show Photo Identification in Order to Vote?	Con	Con	NC	Pro	?	Pro	?

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13. Foreign Policy Is China an Economic or Military Threat to the United States?	Pro	<u>NC</u>	Pro	Pro	<u>NC</u>	Pro	Pro
14. Foreign Policy Should the United States Maintain Its Embargo against Cuba?	Now Con	Con	<u>NC</u>	Pro	?	Pro	Con
15. Foreign Policy Is the Nuclear Arms Deal with Iran Good for America?	Pro	Pro	Con	Con	Con	Con	Con
16. Foreign Policy Should There Be an Independent Palestinian State?	Pro	Pro	Pro	<u>NC</u>	?	<u>NC</u>	<u>NC</u>
17. Gay Marriage Was the US Supreme Court Decision Legalizing Same-Sex Marriage a Good Decision?	Pro	Pro	Con	Con	<u>NC</u>	Con	<u>NC</u>
18. Guns / Second Amendment Should More Gun Control Laws Be Enacted?	Pro	Pro	Con	Con	<u>NC</u>	Con	Con
19. Guns / Second Amendment Should the Federal Government Study Gun Violence?	?	Pro	<u>NC</u>	?	?	?	?
20. Guns / Second Amendment Should People on the No-Fly List or the Terror Watch List Be Allowed to Purchase Guns?	Con	Con	Pro	Pro	Con	Pro	Con
21. Health Care, Abortion, & End of Life Issues Should Abortion Be Legal?	Pro	Pro	Con	Con	<u>NC</u>	Con	<u>Now NC</u>
22. Health Care, Abortion, & End of Life Issues Is Obamacare Good for America?	Pro	Pro	Con	Con	Con	Con	Con
23. Health Care, Abortion, & End of Life Issues Should Parental Consent Be Required for Pregnant Minors to Have Abortions?	Con	Con	?	Pro	Pro	Pro	?
24. Health Care, Abortion, & End of Life Issues Should Euthanasia or Physician-Assisted Suicide Be Legal?	Pro	<u>NC</u>	<u>NC</u>	<u>NC</u>	<u>NC</u>	<u>NC</u>	?
25. Health Care, Abortion, & End of Life Issues Should Planned Parenthood Receive Federal Funding?	Pro	Pro	Con	Con	Con	Con	Now Con
26. Health Care, Abortion, & End of Life Issues Should All Americans Have the Right (Be Entitled) to Health Care?	Pro	Pro	<u>NC</u>	<u>NC</u>	?	<u>NC</u>	<u>Now NC</u>
27. Immigration Should the Federal Government Use Raids to Enforce Immigration Laws?	Con	Con	?	<u>NC</u>	<u>NC</u>	?	Pro
28. Immigration Should Checking Employee Immigration Status (as in the E-Verify Program) Be Mandatory for All Employers?	?	<u>NC</u>	<u>NC</u>	Pro	?	Pro	Pro
29. Immigration Should the United States Continue to Build the Fence/Wall along the US-Mexico Border?	<u>NC</u>	Con	Pro	Pro	Pro	Pro	Pro

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30. Immigration Should Undocumented Immigrants in the United States Be Allowed to Become Legal Residents?	Pro	Pro	Con	<u>NC</u>	Pro	Pro	Con
31. Immigration Should the United States Allow Syrian Refugees into the Country?	Pro	Pro	Con	Con	Now Con	Now Con	Now Con
32. Marijuana Should Marijuana Be a Medical Option?	Now Pro	Pro	<u>NC</u>	<u>NC</u>	<u>Now NC</u>	Pro	Pro
33. Marijuana Should Recreational Marijuana Be Legal?	<u>NC</u>	Pro	Con	<u>NC</u>	Con	Con	<u>Now NC</u>
34. Military & War on Terror Should the United States Continue Its Use of Drone Strikes Abroad?	Pro	Pro	<u>NC</u>	<u>NC</u>	Pro	Pro	?
35. Military & War on Terror Should the United States Send Ground Troops to Fight ISIS?	Now Pro	Con	<u>NC</u>	<u>NC</u>	Pro	Pro	Pro
36. Military & War on Terror Should the United States Close the Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp?	Pro	Pro	Con	Con	Con	Con	Con
37. Military & War on Terror Should the US Military Budget Be Increased?	<u>NC</u>	Con	<u>NC</u>	Pro	Pro	Pro	Con
38. Military & War on Terror Should the National Security Agency (NSA) Continue to Collect Phone and Email Metadata on US Citizens?	Con	Con	Con	Con	Pro	Pro	Pro
39. Military & War on Terror Should Interrogation Techniques That Some Consider Torture, Such as Waterboarding, Be a Legal Option?	Con	Con	<u>NC</u>	Pro	?	<u>NC</u>	Pro
40. Race Should Colleges and Universities Use Affirmative Action for Admissions?	Pro	Pro	Con	Con	Pro	?	Pro
41. Race Is the Black Lives Matter Movement Good for America?	Pro	Pro	Con	Con	<u>NC</u>	<u>NC</u>	<u>NC</u>
42. Science & Environment Is Human Activity Primarily Responsible for Global Climate Change?	Pro	Pro	<u>NC</u>	Con	<u>NC</u>	<u>NC</u>	Con
43. Science & Environment Should Genetically Modified (GMO) Foods Have Mandatory Labeling?	Pro	Pro	<u>NC</u>	Con	?	Con	Con
44. Science & Environment Should the United States Authorize the Keystone XL Pipeline to Import Tar Sand Oil from Canada?	Now Con	Con	Pro	Pro	Pro	Pro	Pro

Possible response questions:

- Does anything in this chart surprise you? Explain.
- Pick an issue you need to know more about. Research it and share what you discovered.
- Pick a “hot spot” in this chart and respond.