Presidential Campaign -2016-
Platform & Record:
• Civil Rights & Criminal Justice
• Earth & The Environment
• Economy, Inequality & Jobs
• Education
• Foreign Policy, Military & Veterans
• Healthcare
• Immigration
• Personal Freedoms
• Political Reform & Corruption
• Spying, Cyber Security & Science
• Women’s Rights & Gender Equality
• Working People & Infrastructure

Comparing Bernie & Hillary:
• Record on Key Progressive Issues
• Popularity in the 2016 Race

Bernie’s Momentum:
• On Track to Win
Civil Rights & Criminal Justice

Bernie’s Record:
• 1960’s Civil Rights Activist - Arrested at Segregation Protest
• Marched in Washington for MLK’s “I Have a Dream” Speech
• “Civil Rights Champion” - 100% Voter Rating from NAACP

Platform:
End Physical Violence
• Demilitarize the Police
• Retrain Police with Community Input & De-Escalation Tactics
• Body Cameras & Prosecute Officers Who Break the Law

End Political Violence
• Stronger Voting Rights
• Increase Voter Access (Make Election Day a Federal Holiday)
• Automatic Voter Registration

Prison Reform & Sentencing
• End War on Drugs
• End Mass Incarceration
  - Ban For-Profit Prisons
  - End School to Prison Pipeline
  - Focus on Rehabilitation
  - Reduce Sentences
• End Capital Punishment

Bernie’s Record:
• 1970s: LGBT Rights Advocate
• 1983: VT Anti-Discrimination Laws
• 1993: Voted Against DADT
• 1996: Voted Against DOMA
• Helped Vermont Become 1st State to Legislate Same Sex Marriage

Platform:
End LGBTQ Discrimination - Schools, Workplace & Military
• Federal Protections for Adoption Rights
• Uniting Families Act: LGBTQ Partners Can Obtain Citizenship
Earth & The Environment

**Bernie’s Record:**

**Legislation to Reverse Climate Change:**
- Voted Against Keystone Pipeline
- Sponsored Legislation to Reduce Green House Gas 80% by 2050
- Sponsored GHG Emission Industry Tax
- Endorsed Statewide Fossil Fuel Divestment
- “End Polluter Welfare” Act: Stops Taxpayer-Aid to Oil, Gas & Coal Companies
- 2013 Green Jobs Act
- Low Income Solar Act

**Top Climate Leadership:** (‘Climate Hawks’ Ranks)
- 2011-16: Top Senator & Top 10%
- Mother Jones:
  “Best Candidate on Climate Change.”

**Platform:**

**Reduce Emissions NOW:**
- Tax & Cap GHG Emissions
- End Subsidies to Fossil Fuels & Nuclear

**Invest in Renewables:**
- Finance Solar, Wind, Hydro, Geothermal Energy Production
- Finance Residential Solar So There’s No Up-Front Costs
- Subsidize Residential Energy Upgrades
- Increase Investment in Green Jobs Sector

**Make Healthy Food Affordable:**
- Increase SNAP Funding
- Increase School Lunch Funding
- Support Local & Family Farming
- Label GMOs & Improve Research
Economy, Inequality & Jobs

“Top 1/10th of 1% owns as much as wealth as the bottom 90%... Does anybody think that that is the kind of economy this country should have? Do we think it’s moral?” - Bernie

Bernie’s Record:

Leader in Living Wages and Keeping Jobs in the US:
• Introduced “Living Wage Act” in 1993
• Opposed Tax Cuts for the wealthiest 1%
• Led 90s Fight Against NAFTA (Trade Deal That Offshore’d US Jobs)
• Voted NO TPP Fast Track (Trans-Pacific Partnership) to Keep US Jobs
• Voted to Keep Glass-Steagall Act: Bans Wall Street Asset Gambling

Platform: (see Working People & Infrastructure for more)

Fixing Taxes & Regulating Wall St:
• Tax Corporations Fairly: No More Tax Fraud / Tax Havens
• Progressive Income Tax on the Richest Americans
• Fix the Estate Tax: Mega-rich Families Pay Their Fair Share
• Financial Transaction Tax (FTT) to Discourage Risky Trading
• Regulate Risky Trading & Financial Speculation

A Living Wage & Safety Net for Americans:
• 15$ / Hour Minimum Wage
• Increase Social Security, Affordable Housing & Childcare
Bernie’s Record:
• Voted for Every Child Achieves Act (Less Standardized Testing)
• Voted Against “Common Core” (Less Standardized Testing)
• Amended ‘Elementary and Secondary Education Act’ to Fund: ‘21st Century Community Learning Center Afterschool Programs’
• Author of the College for All Act (below)

Platform:

The College for All Act: Free College at All Public Universities
• Cut Student Loans Interest Rates IN HALF- applies to current Grads
• Increase Work Study Programs & Open Them to All Students
• Fed Finances 67% of all Public Universities (33% from the state)
• Funded by ½% or Less Tax on Financial Sector Speculation / Trading
• Incentivizes Colleges Increase Tenure Track Faculty Positions
• Better Education: 75% of Classes Have to be Tought by Faculty

Early Child Care & K-12 Education
• Invest in High Quality, Affordable Early Care & Education (0 - 4 yrs)
• Expand Programs for K-12 Education
• Broader Curriculum / Less Standardized Testing— Focus on: Critical Thinking, Teamwork, & Skills Needed in 21st Century
Foreign Policy, Military & Vets

Bernie’s Record:
Has Never Voted for the “Never Ending” Wars in the Middle East:
• 1991: Voted NO on Use of Force Against Iraq (Gulf War)
• 2002: Voted NO on Use of Force Against Iraq (Iraq War)
• 2006-7: Voted NO on Declaring Iraq & Iran as Part of War on Terror
• 2007: Voted YES on Bringing US troops out of Iraq by 2008
• 2007: Voted YES on Bringing non-essential U.S. troops out of Iraq

Has ALWAYS Voted for Veterans’ Care:

Platform:
• Force is a Last Resort
• Reduce the Military Budget

ISIS:
- Global Threat, Must Be Stopped
- Must Avoid Iraq War Mistakes
- Global Coalition is Required:
US cannot & should not lead the effort to defeat ISIS on its own.

Israel & Palestine:
2 State Solution. End the Blockade.

Iran: - Nuclear-Free: The U.S. & Global Observers Must Hold Iran Accountable for Nuclear Programs & Prevent Future Growth
- Diplomacy: Key to Long Term Security

China: Use Sanctions to Deter Militarization, Demand Human Rights

Russia: Use Sanctions & Back Off NATO to Deter Aggression
“Healthcare must be recognized as a right, not a privilege. Every man, woman, and child in our country should be able to access healthcare they need regardless of their income. The only long-term solution for America’s healthcare crisis is a single-payer national healthcare program”

-Sen. Bernie Sanders

Bernie’s Record:

- Sponsored Medicaid Generic Drug Price Fairness Act: Penalizes Drug Companies for Raising Generic Medication Prices
- Introduced Medical Innovation Prize Fund Act: Funds Innovation in Restructuring Financing of Medical Research
- Fought for Community Health Clinic Funding in A.C.A.
- Introduced American Health Security Act: Created National American Health Security Program for Affordable & Comprehensive Healthcare Services
- Fought for Vermont’s Mental Health Parity Act: Requires Insurers Give Equal Benefits for Mental & Physical Illnesses

Platform:

- Healthcare is a Human Right
- Affordable Care Act (Obamacare): Has Not Gone Far Enough
- Universal Healthcare: Create a Single-Payer System
- Prescription Drugs & Drug Manufacturers: Promote Innovation by Controlling Drug Costs & Tackling Fraud.
- Until Universal Healthcare is Passed- Expand & Improve Medicaid
- Ensure Mental Health Services are Available to All
- Everyone Has the Right to Healthy Food & Nutrition Education
- Expand SNAP and WIC Food Programs
Immigration

Bernie’s Record:
• Received an A on the Alliance for Citizenship’s Scorecard
• Consistently Supported DREAMers
• 2001: Supported Posthumous Citizenship Restoration Act- Helps those fallen in active-duty military service receive citizenship.
• Supported Amending the Immigration and Nationality Act- Can “Confer automatic citizenship on aliens” living in the United States
• 2013: Supported Immigration Reform Bill: Helps “provide a path to citizenship for 11 million immigrants in the US & help their children become citizens.”
• 2013: Co-Sponsored of Uniting Families Act- Allows partners of any legal U.S. citizen or resident to obtain lawful permanent residency.
• Voted against ending the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). Believes it is a “good first step, but should be expanded.”

Platform:
• Border Security: We must secure borders without building a fence
• Path to Citizenship: We must provide a path to citizenship for people from many different countries.
• DREAM Act: Supports the path toward permanent residency for young, undocumented immigrants.
• Visa Reform: Reject the exploitation of workers and the use of visas for cheap, foreign labor. Instead: increase opportunities for immigrants to take steps towards permanent residency.
• Use Executive Powers to provide “Deportation relief to the parents of U.S. citizens, legal permanent residents and so-called DREAMers.”
Personal Freedoms

Bernie’s Record:
• Co-Sponsored medical Marijuana bill
• Co-Sponsored Bill to Reduce Recidivism by Allowing Jailed Offenders Access to Rehab & Drug Treatment.
• Voted “No” on Militarizing Border Patrols for Drugs

Platform:
End the War on Drugs
- Drug Offenders: Affordable Treatment, NOT Jail
- Legalize Medical Marijuana
- Recreational Marijuana: Evaluate States Like Colorado, Consider Federal Legalization
- More Drug Treatment Centers

Bernie’s Record:
• Vermont: Very Gun-Friendly State & Absolute Lowest Rate of Gun-Related Crime.
• Voted ‘Yes’ to Ban Assault Weapons
• Voted ‘Yes’ to Ban High-Capacity Magazines of Over 10 Rounds
• Voted ‘Yes’ Expanded Background Checks & End Gun Show Loophole
• Hunters Advocate of Safe Use

Platform:
• Ban Assault Weapons & Others (High Capacity Magazines)
• Instant Background Checks: Criminals & the Mentally Ill
• States Rights: Everything Else
• Manufacturer Liability: Gun Manufacturers should not be held liable for the misuse of otherwise safe products.
• Prevent Gun Violence- Address The Roots of the Problem:
  - Structural Violence & Poverty
  - Inadequate Mental Health
  - Bullying
Political Reform & Corruption

Bernie’s Record:
• Campaign Taking NO MONEY FROM SUPER PACS
• Signed Pledge to “Support restoring democracy by publicly financing elections and taking big money out of politics.”
• Introduced Democracy is for People Amendment
• Voted for Disclose Act:
  - Prohibit Foreign Influence in Federal Elections
  - Prevent Gov. Contractors from Making Expenditures for Elections
  - Establish Disclosure Requirements for Contributions
• Co-Sponsored the Voting Rights Advancement Act
• Co-sponsored the Democracy Restoration Act, Reinstate Voting Rights to Those Who Served Their Time & Been Freed from Prison
• Co-Sponsored Bill to Make Election Day a Federal Holiday
• Supported Instant Runoff Voting Law: Give 3rd Parties a Fair Shot

Platform:
• Overturn Citizens United: Through Legislation or Supreme Court.
• Pass the DISCLOSE Act: Campaigns Must Disclose Funding Source
• Publicly Fund Elections: Promote a Even Playing Field
• Democracy Day: A Election Holiday to Encourage Voter Turnout.
• End Gerrymandering: Curb Redistricting of Election Areas
• End Voter Suppression: Reinforce the Voting Rights Acts
• Reform the Two-Party System & Instant Runoff Voting- Help Many Americans Who Have Rejected the Two Party System
• End Wall St Influence on Politics
• End Revolving Door Between Industry & Government
• Prosecute Corruption & Insider Trading
Spying, Cyber Security & Science

Bernie’s Record:
• Voted Against Patriot Act Both Times To Block Spying & Wire Tapping
• Added Amendment to Stop Gathering of Library & Book Records.
• Introduced Restore Our Privacy Act
• Voted NO on National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) Because it Violated Personal Privacy
• Voted Yes Cybersecurity bill in 2012
• Introduced Internet Freedom Preservation Act
• Introduced the Network Neutrality Act of 2006

Platform:
Unless you have a Warrant:
• End Mass Surveillance
• End Collection of Bulk Data
• End Spying on Americans
• Protect Net Neutrality
• Cyberattacks Must be Addressed, & Must Respect the Constitution.

Bernie’s Record:
• Considered ‘Top Senator’ to address Climate Change
  - Mother Jones, 350.org & Climate Hawks
• Consistently Voted To Approve Stem Cell Research

Platform:
• Increase Space Exploration & Nasa Funding
• Address Global Warming: (See Environment Page)
• Continue Stem Cell Research
• Promote Vaccinations
• GMOs: Label Them & Continue Research.
Women’s Rights & Gender Equality

Bernie’s Record:

• **Lifetime Pro-Choice Record Over 24 Years in Congress:**
  • 100% Rating from NARAL Pro-Choice America
  • Voted to Allow Women to Travel Interstate for Abortions
  • Voted to Federally Funding Organizations that Conduct Abortions
  • Voted to Increase Access & Fund Women’s Family Planning
  • Co-Sponsored Women’s Health Protection Act:
    Prohibited Many Limitations on Abortions
  • Voted Against Defining Life as Beginning at Conception

• **Co-sponsored a Constitutional Amendment Guaranteeing Fair Treatment, Wages, & Employment of Women**

• **Supported Paycheck Fairness Act & Lilly Ledbetter Act**

• **Supported the Prevention First Act:**
  - Family Planning & Access to Contraceptives for Teens & Adults
  - Education for Teens to Prevent Unwanted Pregnancies & STDs

• **Voted for Violence Against Women Act (VAWA):**
  - Created & Gave $1.6 billion to Office on Violence Against Women
  - Reauthorization Act: Added LGBT, Native American, & Immigrants

Platform:

• **Women’s Right to Reproductive & Sexual Healthcare:**
  Contraceptives & Right to Choose a Safe Abortion

• **Pay Equity:** Women Deserve Equal Pay for Equal Work

• **Work Equality:** End Discrimination in Hiring & Advancement

• **Address Sexual and Domestic Violence:**
  - Strengthening Laws on Stalking
  - Increasing Funding for Domestic Violence Programs
  - Allow Battered Illegal Immigrants Temporary Visas

(See More in Healthcare, Education & Working People)
Working People & Infrastructure

Bernie’s Record:

• 100% Pro-Union rating by the AFL-CIO
• 1992: Bernie Introduced the Workplace Democracy Act- Bill that Empower Unions to Organize and Negotiate with Employers.
• Voted for Allowing Collective Bargaining for Public Safety Officers bill- Required Fed to Let of Public Safety Officers Collectively Bargain
• Fought Trade Deals that Offshore Jobs- NAFTA & TPP (see Economy)
• Introduced Rebuild America Act: Create Over 13 Million Good-Paying Jobs by Investing $1 trillion in Our Crumbling Infrastructure

Platform:

• Support Unions & Worker Co-ops
• Keep Jobs in the U.S.: No Trade Deals that Offshore Jobs.
• Affordable Childcare & Early Childhood Education for All: Helping Children Helps Working Parents & Invests in the Future.
• Mandate Paid Family Leave: New Parents Must be Allowed to Stay Home with Newborn Children.
• Sick Leave: Sick workers should have the ability to stay home when they are unwell.
• Vacation: Employers Must Provide Employees a Reasonable Vacation Time.
• No Exploitation of Workers: Reverse Trends of Workers Working More Hours & Earning Lower Wages Than Ever Before.
• Invest in US Infrastructure (Roads, Bridges, etc) To Create Jobs
### Comparing Bernie & Hillary

**Key Progressive Issues**

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Comparing Bernie & Hillary

# of Contribution from Individuals for 2016 Race

**Bernie Sanders**  Over 284,000 Donors  

**Hillary Clinton**  Over 250,000 Donors

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**Popularity in National Polls**
(Likely Dem Primary Voters – All Major Polls)

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**Early Primary State Polls Results**

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*Phone Polls* 31% 50%
Bernie’s Momentum:

- Drawing Larger Crowds &
- Polling Better Than Obama at this time in ’08 Race