

Global Economy:

Hillary Clinton (Democrat)	Mike Huckabee (Republican)	Mitt Romney (Republican)
John Edwards (Democrat)	John McCain (Republican)	Green Party Candidate
Barack Obama (Democrat)	Ron Paul (Republican)	Libertarian Party Candidate

Hillary Clinton

Clinton supported NAFTA, but now is against CAFTA. How she has voted in regards to free trade between countries has varied depending on the country, but overall seems to promote trade between nations. She has defended outsourcing of U.S. jobs to India, but then had the opposite stance when it came to China. With outsourcing, it seems like how she votes is situational instead of decidedly one way or another. Her focus is on educating Americans better so that they can effectively compete for the jobs, and also creating new jobs so it is less of a problem. Would end the tax breaks that exist in the tax code for outsourcing jobs and have trade agreements with enforceable labor and environmental standards.

Voting History:

http://votesmart.org/voting_category.php?can_id=55463&type=category&category=63&go.x=12&go.y=10

John Edwards

Free Trade: He agrees on more free trade with the rest of the world but says only if it has no affect on American jobs and that they require labor and environmental standards in the trade agreements. He would like human rights to be a priority in the policy. When engaging in trade he would like to see the U.S. trade smarter. He also thinks that a greater emphasis on education will aid in the success of free trade.

NAFTA: To renegotiate NAFTA rather than to cancel it. The problem with NAFTA Edwards argues is that the side agreements that make are not work. Both labor and environmental protections need to be in the text of the agreement.

Outsourcing: John Edwards says to get rid of tax cuts for companies sending jobs overseas. He then says that we should provide tax breaks to companies that keep jobs in America.

Barack Obama

Would try to amend NAFTA with Mexico and Canada. Obama will fight for a trade policy that opens up foreign markets to support good American jobs. He will use trade agreements to spread good labor and environmental standards around the world and stand firm against agreements like the Central American Free Trade Agreement that fail to live up to those important

benchmarks.

Voting Record: Voted NO on implementing CAFTA (Central American Free Trade Agreement).

Improve Transition Assistance: To help all workers adapt to a rapidly changing economy, Obama would update the existing system of Trade Adjustment Assistance by extending it to service industries, creating flexible education accounts to help workers retrain, and providing retraining assistance for workers in areas of the economy vulnerable to dislocation before they lose their jobs.

Would eliminate tax breaks for companies that are moving overseas.

Introduced the Patriot Employer Act of 2007. This act will provide a tax credit to companies that maintain or increase the number of full-time workers in America relative to those outside the US.

Mike Huckabee

Huckabee does not support the North American Trade Union. He believes that not only do we need closed secure borders, but more importantly a re-understanding that we are a sovereign nation and must not yield ourselves over. Huckabee is in support of free trade, but feels we must address the issue of “fair trade” for American companies have to pay high taxes on everything they produce, however, countries that exports goods to us don’t have the same border adjustability that we do. He states that Americans are losing jobs due to this and must form a plan to protect American workers. Huckabee also signed a pledge not to raise taxes.

Believes in free trade and believes if globalization is done right, it can greatly benefit our society

John McCain

John McCain supports NAFTA and free trade; his voting record shows extensive support of free trade with several countries (http://www.ontheissues.org/2008/John_McCain_Free_Trade.htm). He also supports granting the president “fast-track” rights. McCain opposes imposing tariffs on products imported from nations that maintain restrictive trade barriers on American products. According to <http://www.2008electionprocon.org/economyoutsourcing.htm#mccain> he is pro outsourcing jobs.

McCain voted yes on NAFTA, he also refers to himself as “the biggest free marketer and free trader that you will ever see.”

He plans to combat the outsourcing of jobs by focusing on the education system.

Ron Paul

Ron Paul believes that free trade is very, very important, but he doesn’t believe that creating a world government will do the trick. He hasn’t supported any of the free trade acts with any other countries and does not support NAFTA. When it comes to making a North American union he is very against this issue. He also thinks that America should not be a part of the UN and should also not be involved in anything related to a world government. He believes in the issues that are being addressed with a world

government, but he does not believe in the way we are going about doing these things. He does not suggest any ways to solve the free trade issue, but he does support the idea. As for outsourcing American jobs, Ron Paul is against this issue, which makes sense with his opinions about world government and the North American union.

Ron Paul supports Free Trade. If we stopped policing the world, we could actively trade with the rest of the world. I couldn't find anything on NAFTA.

Outsourcing: He says that if we fix the economic environment here, companies won't have a reason to out source. Right now American's are taxed to cover losses that companies incur for having their companies in foreign countries.

Quote: "Outsourcing is a reflection of a bad economic environment domestically. If you fix that, you fix outsourcing. Our primary export is paper money, and that should change if you change the monetary policy. We should drop the Overseas Investment Protection Corporation -- which makes taxpayers cover losses for U.S. companies doing business in foreign countries -- have a sound currency and lower taxes. With that we could become competitive again, but that is going to be very very difficult."

Mitt Romney

Romney would like to lower the corporate taxes to make the market more competitive and to attract new business. He would also like to strengthen education and training in math and science to make sure people have adequate skills to exceed.

He is against protectionism or economic isolation.

Supports open trade with China with a renegotiated liberalized trade to stop currency manipulation that gives Chinese products unfair advantage.

Green Party Candidates--Jesse Johnson and Cynthia McKinney

Greens support re-vamping the entire global economic system as it exists today. This includes re-formulating all international trade relations and commerce as currently upheld by the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank (WB), and the nascent Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) to protect the labor, human rights, economy, environment and domestic industry of partner and recipient nations so that the growth of local industry and agriculture has the advantage over foreign corporate domination. They also support the right for people all over the world to form labor unions to negotiate with their employers; this also includes developing an oversight committee that makes sure international labor laws are being upheld. Greens also believe that corporations should be prevented from banking abroad to evade payment of their taxes, and that they should not be allowed to locate their charters offshore. They support a .05% levy tax on off-border transactions that will help pay for sustainability of the environment in low-income countries. Greens support global family planning practices and education; they believe more funds and organizations should develop to help perpetuate this. Greens also support lifting the economic blockade on Cuba; that the US should restore diplomacy with Cuba and respect their sovereignty.

Libertarian Candidates -- Robert Garrison Jackson and Wayne Allyn Root

Free Trade: Believes the US should support free trade among all nations.

American Jobs: Believes employment is a state issue, not federal.