

## Platform Highlights

My grass roots efforts to mount a presidential campaign never got off the ground. And if I had been elected I don't even know enough people to select a cabinet. So I've decided to run for Congress. If elected as your representative I will work for no salary and I will operate with a small staff. I will need an expense account of course, I'm not stupid. My staff, whether it's in my Washington office or Hallandale will be fully aware of my position on all issues; not like Wasserman's staff that seems to be there only to arrange tours of the White House. If you want entertainment visit the Smithsonian.

If I have the honor to be your representative in Washington I will do what's best for the country and my district. However, the greater good will always prevail and even though I will be your representative you won't be consulted on every decision. The harsh truth is that Democracy ends for you after I'm elected.

I support legislation such as that passed in Arizona. If the Federal Government was doing their job it wouldn't have been necessary. Illegal immigrants will have one inalienable right: the right to leave. I will propose legislation for a moratorium on all visas, other than travel visas, for an indefinite period until Congress develops a comprehensive plan to allow for reasonable quotas for legal immigration taking into consideration all ethnic groups and the employment needs of industry. The *wet foot dry foot policy* in Florida should be discontinued. Cubans are no more special than Mexicans or Haitians.

I have no problem with racial profiling. If 12 million Mexicans have entered the USA illegally; should we stop and question Chinese people?

I don't believe that children born here should become citizens automatically. To become a citizen, their parents must be citizens or legal residents. I don't believe in amnesty for those now living here illegally, and all payments and benefits to illegals should be discontinued.

The language of this country is English. I will propose that no Federal monies be spent on translating or printing anything in another language. Federal programs will be available to teach legal immigrants to speak and read the English language. Recognizing that speaking several languages is a sign of higher intelligence; "relevant" foreign languages should be taught in public schools, beginning in pre-school.

Social Security will be strengthened by focusing on the reason it was created i.e. to provide for retirement. It should not be a form of welfare. All working Americans will be required to participate. This includes all Federal and State employees. Benefits should be for retirement, and should be based on the amount paid in. Why should someone who paid in 40 quarters get the same as I do after paying in for 120 quarters? Benefits should be for only those citizens who paid into Social Security and definitely not for illegal aliens.

I am Pro Choice. However, abortion should be the last choice and be a rare occurrence. There are millions of Americans that are waiting to adopt children. Many travel to foreign countries to adopt. I will propose a National Network to match prospective parents with children and babies available for adoption. Except in cases of rape, abortion will be considered elective surgery in all public health insurance plans.

I do agree that torture should not be used. However, taking pictures of naked prisoners is not torture. And there are exceptions to every rule. When Jack Bauer has someone in his custody that, he is certain, knows where the nuclear device is located, he's justified in using whatever means necessary to get the information. This will ultimately save millions of lives.

I support Israel. However, it is not the most important issue facing the USA. Some of my opponents seem to focus on little else. I won't speak to Pro Israel organizations, unions or other groups telling them what they want to hear to get the votes.

Taxes: Generally raising taxes in a bad economy is not a good idea. However, we do have a \$10 trillion debt. We can't reduce the debt by lowering taxes. If you increase taxes for some and give it back in the form of welfare; you haven't accomplished anything. We may be a consumer economy. However, spending beyond our means got us into this mess. I will propose a withholding tax of 30% on all monies wired out of the USA from the 7- Eleven or Check Cashing Store.

Taxing social security benefits is not fair unless the income threshold is so high that the recipients would not even miss their check, were it stopped. I am now receiving Social Security benefits. However, because of the unacknowledged inflation and the decline in the stock market I work part time to supplement my income. So in addition to being taxed on my benefits I must continue to pay FICA taxes, which are no benefit to me.

Free trade is a two way street. Expecting China to import our products, especially Harley Davidsons, is not protectionism.

Water: on any given day there is a flood somewhere and a drought somewhere else. We need a system to redistribute water to where it is needed. 71% of the earth's surface is covered by oceans, and if Al Gore is correct it's going higher. Not having clean drinking water anywhere in the world is unacceptable. One solution for the rising water levels is to drink it. We have the technology to turn sea water into fresh water. If we put our minds to it we can make it economically feasible to produce fresh water on a large scale. We could even sell it. There may be alternative to oil as a fuel, but there is no alternative to water. Providing clean water is more important than exploring Mars.

Energy: Until our cars run on something other than gasoline we need to drill for oil. Even though we can't drill our way out of the energy problem; it's no reason not to drill. Start in Alaska. Their former governor was all for it. We also have plenty of oil shale. Let's develop it. It might cost a little more, but eliminating our dependence on Middle

East oil is priceless. Developing a car that is powered by the energizer Bunny is a long way off. However, there is no reason to use any oil to generate electricity. We have natural gas, wind, coal, hydro power, and nuclear power.

Ethanol and bio diesel make no sense when there are people starving in the world. Insufficient research was done when ethanol was introduced and many marine engines were damaged. Ethanol and bio diesel cost just as much and reduce the mileage. So where is the savings? We need more fuel efficient cars. The Hummer should be discontinued immediately. Regarding the marine industry, most boats are lucky to get one mpg. If we increase it to two, the cost of boating falls, and our carbon footprint is reduced by 50%.

Bailing out the auto industry: The US auto manufacturers have no one to blame but themselves. Giving them any money was a bad idea on a long term basis. I don't care whether I get the Union vote in 2012. The unions are part of the problem. Without concessions there won't be an UAW.

Farm Subsidies: I'll stop them. Just because Congress gets paid for doing nothing doesn't mean everyone else should.

South Florida has a large boating industry. I will introduce legislation that will encourage businesses, especially the marine industry, to move to Florida. Manatees and sea turtles are cute. But, we can't shut Florida down and turn it into a nature reserve or a wildlife sanctuary.

In the interest of full disclosure I wish to point out that I will not attend church or buy a dog after I take office. Visit my official website: [www.bobesherman.com](http://www.bobesherman.com)

God bless America and nowhere else.