



The Campaign for a New American Foreign Policy

Our country deserves a break from the failed policies of the past. Our arms sales and military aid programs have created widespread anti-American sentiment. Our nuclear weapons policies are encouraging nuclear proliferation. Our approach to the international community isolates us, and frustrates our ability to take meaningful leadership.

Huge increases in military spending won't make us safer, but they will take funds from education, health care and other programs, and harm the quality of life for all Americans. Eliminating civil liberties will threaten our constitution and undermine the very values that make our nation great. We'll make our country safer by affirming our values, not abandoning them.

Three Point Platform:

1. Support Human Rights & Democracy

Democracy and human rights are ideals that the American people hold dear. Our elected officials have not held true to these values. Sadly, our country leads the world in providing arms sales and military training to human rights abusing governments and dictatorships. When US weapons are used to prop up governments hated by their own people, bitterness is the result. When we sell weapons worldwide, those arms end up being used against our own troops. We armed Osama bin Laden, Saddam Hussein, and Manuel Noriega – *enough*.

We can exhibit international leadership by opposing the policies of human rights abusers, not rewarding them with weapons. We call on our elected officials to:

- Oppose arms transfers and military training or assistance to human rights abusing governments as determined by the State Department.
- Actively support efforts to regulate and control the international arms trade.

2. Reduce and Control the Nuclear Threat

We face no greater threat than nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction. Such weapons are only effective as a means of terror – that can be aimed at us as well as others. The only way to be safe from this threat is to destroy the stockpiles and secure those facilities that make nuclear materials. Instead of leading efforts to secure and dismantle nuclear weapons, the Bush Administration wants to build new ones. Spending billions on a missile defense that won't work while building new nuclear weapons will only speed the pace of nuclear proliferation.

Our nation should lead a worldwide campaign to reduce and control the threat of weapons of mass destruction – a policy of which we could be proud. We call on our elected officials to:

- Oppose funding for the development or testing of new nuclear weapons.
- Support programs and agreements designed to reduce and secure the world's existing nuclear stockpiles.
- Oppose missile defense and space weapons that increase the pace of nuclear proliferation.

3. Cooperate with the World Community

The Declaration of Independence urged “a decent respect for the opinions of mankind.” Our foreign policy isn't reflecting that core value. Our elected officials have abandoned or blocked a host of international agreements. The US needs to promote policies that address the larger needs of the world community and that minimize the potential for hate and anger. The US has the strength and ability to better the working and living conditions of humankind, and increase our own security in the process – but only if we lead through cooperation.

We can play a positive leadership role in the world community, planning strategies for a future we can all live with. We call on our elected officials to:

- Strengthen international law and stability by opposing the doctrine of “preemptive attacks.”
- Promote and support international systems which foster global cooperation such as the UN and the International Criminal Court.

We, the undersigned organizations and individuals, call upon Members of Congress to support the platform above.

Endorsing Organization

Date

Signature

Title