




# Compare and Contrast the 2016 Presidential Candidates

<p><b>The issues</b></p>	<p>Libertarian Gov. Gary Johnson</p> 	<p>Democrat Sec. Hillary Clinton</p> 	<p>Republican Donald Trump</p> 
<b>Honesty</b>	Seen as a straight shooter	Distrusted by most Americans	Distrusted by most Americans
<b>Balance Budget</b>	NOW	Continue deficit spending	Continue deficit spending
<b>Federal Spending</b>	Reduce 20%	Raise spending	Raise spending
<b>Government Debt</b>	Stop growth & start to pay down	Increase by trillions	Increase by trillions
<b>Marijuana</b>	Legalize as wine & beer	Raid, prosecute, imprison	Raid, prosecute, imprison
<b>Patriot Act &amp; NDAA</b>	Repeal	Continue mass surveillance	Continue mass surveillance
<b>Trade Policy</b>	Enable free trade	Crony-capitalist trade deals	Higher tariffs More trade barriers
<b>Immigration</b>	Grant visas for work or legitimate family ties No deportation	Waffles	Deport 11,000,000 immigrants
<b>Same-Sex Marriage</b>	Long-time supporter	Recent supporter	Waffles
<b>Medical Insurance Mandates</b>	Repeal Obamacare Enable free-market, competitive health care As governor, cut Medicaid spending	Enshrine Obamacare	Waffles on repeal Wants taxpayers to fund medical insurance for all
<b>Self-defense</b>	Pro-gun rights	Anti-gun	Previously supported longer waiting period, and ban on so-called assault weapons
<b>ISIS</b>	Acknowledges that ISIS is a result of U.S. military involvement in the Middle East	Continue to provoke ISIS with bombs, drone strikes, and sanctions	Continue to provoke ISIS with bombs, drone strikes, and sanctions
<b>Middle East</b>	Bring troops and all U.S. personnel home NOW	Endless intervention	More boots on ground. Kill families of suspected terrorists
<b>Torture</b>	Opposes	Now opposes. Previously made exceptions.	Favors water-boarding and other forms of torture
<b>War in Afghanistan</b>	Bring troops and all U.S. personnel home NOW	Stay the drift	Has a "secret plan for victory"
<b>500,000 U.S. Troops Stationed Abroad</b>	Bring home 250,000 troops	No clear plans to bring them home	No clear plans to bring them home
<b>Military Spending</b>	Reduce 20%	Increase spending	Increase spending & "get tough"
<b>Campaign Donors</b>	Individuals	Need NASCAR jacket to list her crony pals	\$500 million/month in free media