



Nebraska Student Vote

Candidate Profiles

DENNIS CRAWFORD – U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES/District 1

Age: 54

Hometown: Lincoln, NE

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Years in Current Office: N/A

Congressional Committees on which you serve:
N/A

Education: BA from Creighton in 1982, J.D. from Catholic U. in 1985

Prior Public Offices Held: None

Political Heroes: George Norris, Abraham Lincoln

1. There's been a great deal of debate concerning the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Why is it, or is it not, a good program for Americans?

The ACA needs some fixes but it has still helped millions of Americans. It has eliminated pre-existing health condition clauses and banned insurance companies from cancelling policies after somebody gets sick.

2. What would you say is a fair and reasonable policy toward illegal immigration in this country?

I agree with Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush on immigration. We need to combine enhanced border security with an earned pathway to citizenship for aspiring Americans.

3. Since September 11, 2001, our nation has made public safety from terrorism a high priority. Have we achieved a sustainable level of public safety or are more steps necessary to protect public safety?

We are safer now than we were on 9/11/01. Nevertheless, we must remain vigilant by maintaining a strong national defense.



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4. As we witness the current unrest in places like Syria, Iraq and the Ukraine, America must decide the nature and depth of our involvement in foreign affairs. What parameters should guide us in making those decisions?

We must be cautious in the use of military force in light of the Iraq & Afghan wars. I support air strikes on ISIS but not the use of ground troops. I oppose the use of military force in Ukraine but I support economic aide to that country.

5. Many young people only have a general understanding of the dynamics of politics and elective government. What steps could and should be taken to help people appreciate their freedoms and encourage them to become civic-minded adults?

I believe that the study of other countries will help young people appreciate their freedoms. Moreover, a study of U.S. history will have a similar effect.