



Nebraska Student Vote

Candidate Profiles

TODD WATSON – U.S. SENATE

Age: 38

Hometown: Lincoln, NE

Party Affiliation: Independent

Years in Current Office: N/A

Committees on which you serve:

Finance committee member of my children's school

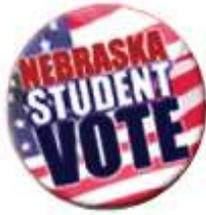
Education: Lincoln Southeast High School. BBA (Accounting) & Master's Degree in Professional Accounting

Prior Public Offices Held: None. I've been a business owner that started four businesses and employed hundreds of people. Growing businesses and jobs is what I bring to the table. I interned in Washington, D.C. for former Nebraska Congressman Jon Christensen.

Political Heroes: Teddy Roosevelt, Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson

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?

Government run health care systems have been unsuccessful in America. We have over \$50 trillion in debt in social safety nets like Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. Veterans are dying under the watch of the VA. The government is proven to be a poor option in health care.



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

Ronald Reagan's bill of 1986. Execute the blue print of the bill. First, secure the border. Second, reform immigration to make it a strong legal process. Third, find a form of legal status for immigrants who have committed no crimes and worked hard in America for more than 10 years.

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?

No. We must secure our borders. Second, we must establish specific policy on how we are going to protect ourselves from groups like ISIS, ISIL, Taliban, Hezbollah, and Hamas (terrorist organizations) that seek harm.

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?

The Constitution calls for us to "insure the DOMESTIC tranquility and provide for the common DEFENSE." We must ask if engaging in FUTURE conflicts endangers our significant American interests, our land or our people. Domestic tranquility (peace) and defense should be our focus.

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?

Give up your freedom for one week. Do not speak your mind – just do what you are told. Next, study how many people died for your freedom. Finally, give 40 percent of your money to your parents. Once you appreciate the cost of freedom and government, you will become more active.