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Mitt Romney
Former Governor
Republican
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Barack Obama
President
Democrat
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1.) Repealing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
2.) Prohibiting abortion except where it is necessary to prevent death of the mother.	OPPOSE	OPPOSE
3.) Amending the U.S. Constitution to define marriage as only the union of one man and one woman.	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
4.) Permitting healthcare professionals to opt out of performing procedures that violate their moral or religious beliefs.	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
5.) Amending the U.S. Constitution to require Congress to balance the federal budget every year.	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
6.) Passing state laws that authorize local law enforcement officials to enforce federal immigration laws.	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
7.) Providing federal funding to Planned Parenthood and other organizations that provide abortions.	OPPOSE	SUPPORT
8.) Adding "sexual orientation," "gender identity," or "gender expression" to the protected classes of race, religion, age, sex, and ancestry in anti-discrimination laws.	SUPPORT	SUPPORT
9.) Allowing parents to use tax credits, vouchers, or educational savings accounts to enable children to attend any public, private, or home school.	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
10.) Setting a government cap on carbon emissions, requiring companies to buy emissions credits, and allowing them to trade any leftover credits (called "Cap and Trade").	OPPOSE	SUPPORT
11.) Using a prospective federal judge's ability to empathize with particular societal groups as a criterion for their nomination.	UNKNOWN	SUPPORT
12.) Using human embryonic stem cells for research purposes.	SUPPORT	SUPPORT
13.) Repealing the federal Defense of Marriage Act, which states that marriage is the union of one man and one woman and declares states do not have to recognize same-sex marriage from other states.	OPPOSE	SUPPORT
14.) Enforcing federal laws vigorously against obscene hardcore pornography.	SUPPORT	UNKNOWN
15.) Amending the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to place further restrictions on the establishment and expansion of gambling by Indian tribes in the U.S.	UNKNOWN	OPPOSE

A questionnaire was sent to each campaign to obtain the candidate's positions on these issues.
Follow up calls and requests were made in person to representatives from all campaigns.
Voting records and public statements were used to identify the positions for those candidates who did not return their survey.