

THE CANDIDATES

JIM SMITH

Senator from South Carolina

JOE JONES

Governor of Michigan

Pro-Choice: no ban on late-term abortions

Education: supports more federal money to schools. He believes there should be a national test to improve standards in all schools. "It is the best way to make the education our students receive equal."

Defense: No record of military service but believes that the current US. military is inadequate to meet the needs of the nation's defense. Supports a "modest" increase in funds to the Pentagon.

College: Supports making college tuition tax-deductible. That way, it is more affordable to families.

Health Care: believes that we should have a national health care system so everyone is covered.

Welfare: believes in giving money to the states and ending the federal welfare program. He feels current levels of money are sufficient.

Tax Cuts: supports tax cuts for middle class families.

Social Security: thinks we should more carefully invest social-security funds on the stock market.

Pro-Choice: Ban on late-term abortions

Education: supports voucher programs. Feels that giving the parents the right to choose where their children go to school is the only way to ensure that everyone has a chance at the best education.

Defense: Served in Vietnam. Was a POW for three years. Also believes that the army is in terrible shape and supports "giving as much as necessary" to get our military in shape.

College: feels that making tuition tax-deductible would mean that colleges would make tuition higher because families could afford to spend more. Favors a community service program where students can earn money from the government by working in a non-profit setting for one year, much like those who volunteer to join the army.

Health Care: believes a national health care system would leave the country broke. Favors covering all children under the ages of 18 and setting up a trust fund, where people can donate a portion of their income to use later if they need it.

Welfare: also believes in giving money to the states, but feels that we need to increase the amount of money to create job training programs, so people can get jobs and be able to support their families.

Tax Cuts: supports tax cuts for middle class families.

Social Security: feels we should use the budget surplus to keep social security solvent

Electoral Votes for President (2004-2008)

