



DARCY ON THE ISSUES

WALL STREET

Those who broke the laws in creating, selling, or grading the toxic assets that damaged our economy should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

CAMPAIGNS & CONGRESS

I will work to ensure that every American can exercise their right to vote without discrimination, that elections are decided by the will of the people not the pocketbooks of the biggest corporations, and that the Congress can and must fulfill its Constitutional role to serve the people of the United States, not just millionaires and billionaires.

ETHICS

Members of Congress are elected to serve the public interest, not their own interest, and that they must adhere to the highest standards of ethical behavior. I support tough ethics reform that will stop the revolving door between lobbyists and Congress and put an end to secret meetings with lobbyists that give corporations like Enron and Halliburton huge subsidies and no-bid contracts. My plan is simple: no more secret meetings, no gifts, no lobbyist-funded travel, no exceptions.

WAGES, LABOR & JOBS

Every person who works hard and plays by the rules deserves a shot at the American Dream. I grew up in a blue collar family, I am a proud former member of the Communication Workers of America, and I support a strong labor movement as a healthy counter-balance to the power of corporations. I believe we must continually invest in education, job training, and new industries to help those affected by trade and outsourcing get back on their feet quickly. Finally, I will work to create an environment in which small businesses can thrive as members of our communities so as to encourage entrepreneurship and new job creation.

TAX JUSTICE

I would require that profitable corporations and the very wealthy pay their fair share of the tax burden.



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TRADE

It's time our major export was something other than good American jobs and our major import was something other than oil from petrodictators. I support fair trade that creates a level playing field for American workers and businesses. As technology and globalization transform our economy, the United States must use its market power to raise the bar on labor, environmental, and intellectual property standards worldwide, rather than accept the lowest common denominator. We have fought for decades for fair standards that advance the well-being of all people, and we are at a moment of opportunity to see those standards adopted worldwide. I will fight to advance the middle class all over the world.

RETIREMENT SECURITY

Social Security and private pensions are promises made to working people for their retirement security. I will vigorously oppose any attempts to cut the Social Security or Medicare benefits that people have paid for, and I will fight against risky schemes that would destroy it, including privatization. I will also fight to ensure that employees get the pensions they have earned.

VETERANS

I will never stop working to make sure we keep our promises to our nation's veterans. I come from a military family - my father, husband, and brother all served in the armed forces - so I understand the sacrifices made by our troops and their families. I will work to ensure that our veterans always receive the support they deserve for their service to our country, and I will oppose attempts to cheat them out of the medical services, educational opportunities, and retirements they have earned through their service.

EDUCATION

Education is the road to opportunity and prosperity. As both a mother and the daughter of a public school teacher, I know first-hand how critical it is that our schools have high standards and help every child achieve their full potential. I support expanding access to high quality early childhood education, smaller class sizes, better pay for good teachers, and more support for college or vocational training. To keep the federal government from further straining state and local budgets, I'll fight for full federal funding of all federal educational mandates such as special education.

In addition, with student loan debt crippling so many young adults who are seeking but can't find good work, I support a jobs program to ensure that everyone willing to work hard can get a good job, and that those jobs build the skills of our nation's current and future workforce while providing a way to earn their way free of educational debt.



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TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is one of the most critical local issues facing the Puget Sound region. Our area's continued economic vitality and high quality of life depend on our ability to provide fast, safe, and efficient transportation options. Local, state, and federal leaders must all work together to ensure that our region has the resources it needs to develop innovative transportation solutions for the 21st century. I will work hard to bring federal funding back to the region to invest in our future mobility.

HEALTH CARE

Every American should be able to go see a doctor when they need to. I support making Americans healthier and more economically secure, and strengthening Medicare, by allowing all Americans to buy into Medicare.

REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE

Women's reproductive decisions are best left to women and their doctors — without interference from politicians. I also believe we can and should do everything possible to reduce the number of unwanted pregnancies, in the U.S. and poor countries, by ensuring that every woman who wants them has access to family planning services.

MARRIAGE EQUALITY

I support full national recognition of marriages legally performed in any state - as the Interstate Commerce Clause clearly Constitutionally requires. This means I support complete repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act.

The civil rights movement succeeded in making illegal discrimination on the basis of race in housing, jobs, commerce, and other key facets of life; I support fully extending those protections to outlaw discrimination based on sex or gender.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

We must address immigration in a way that is fair, practical, safe and grounded in the rule of law. It is essential for the United States to secure its borders, particularly for national security reasons, and that this can be done through a combination of technology and increased manpower. We must also enforce existing immigration law, including cracking down on employers who hire undocumented workers. Finally, we should encourage undocumented workers to come out of the shadows by creating a path to legal residency. Eventual citizenship for those currently living and working inside the US must depend on their willingness to work hard, pay taxes, and obey the law.



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IMMIGRATION REFORM (CONT.)

Because I do not believe in creating a two-tiered society, I oppose guest-worker programs. Everyone we invite to work in the United States should have the full protection of employment laws and a clear path to citizenship.

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

A healthy environment is essential for a high quality of life and I am committed to protecting it for current and future generations. The environment is much more than just beautiful scenery: it is the air we breathe, the water we drink, the ocean and soil that provide our food, and the stable climate we depend on. I will fight for the environment we all cherish, including aggressively addressing global climate change.

OPEN INTERNET

The Internet has been the greatest tool for human communication ever invented. With it, someone can communicate with their family, comment on ideas put forward by a philosopher, and help organize the Arab Spring all in the space of a few minutes. The Internet has the potential to be the medium on which the democratic future of the world is written.

Unfortunately, there are regular attempts by some members of Congress to solve problems like music piracy in ways that would cripple the key legitimate uses of the Internet. People who create intellectual property (music, movies, software, etc.) should be able to make a living pursuing their craft, but the ways in which we protect their intellectual property cannot infringe on the rights of legitimate users to communicate with each other on the Internet.

Consequently, I support net neutrality and oppose both SOPA and PIPA, because we must protect the civil liberties role the Internet plays in the 21st Century.

THE MIDDLE EAST

I support the goals of peace, prosperity, stability, and security for all inhabitants of the Middle East. U.S. policy in the region should be governed by our nation's core values of fairness, justice, and a firm commitment to the rule of law and the fundamental human rights of all people. The United States must work to encourage moderate voices in the region, on all sides, and regain its role as an honest broker in mediating a just and lasting peace.



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AFGHANISTAN

We are spending more than \$120 billion per year on our military presence in a country whose economy is only about \$14 billion per year. It is long past time we had a realistic plan for returning control of Afghanistan to the Afghan people and bringing our troops home. I support aggressively working towards political reconciliation and a regional diplomatic approach to responsibly end the war and bring our troops safely home.

ISRAEL

I condemn the use of terrorism by any party for any reason and support Israel's right to defend itself against all hostile entities. I favor a strong U.S.-Israeli relationship, as well as strong U.S. relationships with Arab governments and leadership organizations that have renounced terrorist tactics and publicly acknowledged the right of Israel to exist in peace and security. In the case of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, I support a two-state solution in which an independent, democratic, and economically-viable Palestine lives side-by-side with a secure, democratic, and Jewish Israel, with both countries receiving the international support necessary to maintain peace and stability.

ENERGY

We need to free the United States from its reliance on the dirty fuels of the nineteenth century and achieve American energy independence by investing in the clean energy technologies of the twenty-first century. I will fight to end subsidies to oil companies, investing instead in new clean energy technologies that will protect the air we breathe and the water we drink while creating jobs right here in Washington State.