

What I Believe We Need To Do

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- We need to reform and reinvest in education at all levels to compete in the global job market.
- We need to reform the “No Child Left Behind Act” to use the standardized test scores to help individual children rather than just punish failing schools.
- We need to do more to encourage and support small businesses because they create the most jobs and employ the most people. We bailed out the big corporations and Wall Street, why not the Mom & Pop businesses and Main Street?
- We need to repeal the Bush Tax Cuts.
- We need to reform or repeal the Patriot Act.
- We need to fight harder to get Medicare for All.
- We need to reform the Medicare Part D, the prescription drug program to allow Medicare to negotiate prices.
- We need to increase funding for scientific research; including funding for NASA as well as medical research to find cures for ever-more-common diseases.
- We need to reinvest in our crumbling infrastructure. We have wasted too many years of not doing the proper maintenance and we are just beginning to pay the price. We need to fix our roads, bridges, railroads, and electrical grid. We need to repair or replace our schools, to modernize them and make them safer.
- We need to build a more extensive mass transit system extending from Houston into Brazoria, Fort Bend, and Galveston counties to reach where the commuters live.