

Presidential Candidate Platforms:

Oil Policy

Newt Gingrich:

Newt Gingrich is the founder of the "Drill here, Drill now, Pay less" slogan. He is a firm supporter of American gas and American oil. Recently he started a twitter campaign called #250gas stating that if president he would be able to get gas down to \$2.50 a gallon.

[http://](http://www.issues2000.org/2012Newt_Gingrich_Energy_Oil.htm)

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_Oil.htm](http://www.issues2000.org/2012Newt_Gingrich_Energy_Oil.htm)

Ron Paul:

Ron Paul is firm supporter of removing restrictions on drilling, so companies can have access to the vast amount of oil in the United States. He also supports repealing the federal tax on gasoline. Paul also agrees with eliminating the EPA and that polluters should have to face the property owners whose land and environment they damaged in court.

<http://www.ronpaul2012.com/the-issues/energy/>

Barack Obama:

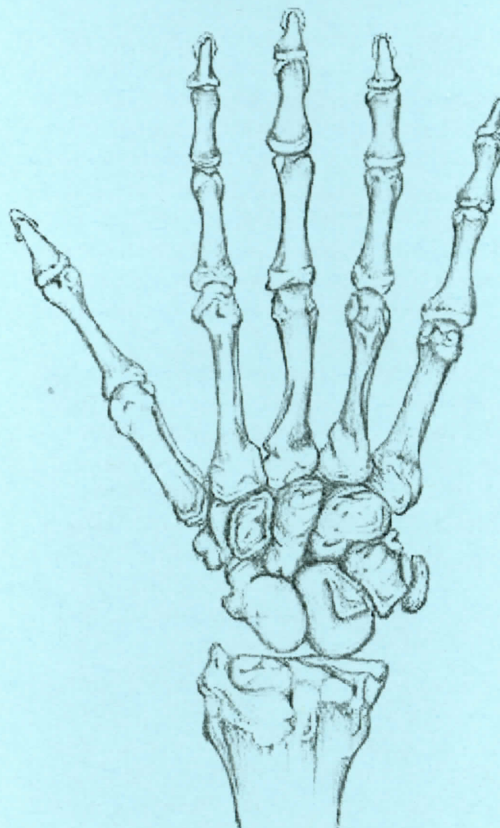
Barack Obama supports the increase of oil production in America by drilling in areas such as the Bakken formation located in the Midwest, and Barnett shale formation. He believes in green energy and finding new ways to support the American lifestyle, but realizes America needs to become less dependent on foreign oil first. He also wants to reduce the carbon in our fuels by 10 percent by 2020

[https://my.barackobama.com/page/content/newenergy
_more](https://my.barackobama.com/page/content/newenergy_more)

Mitt Romney:

Mitt Romney has said high gasoline prices "are probably here to stay," and he advocated policies to cut energy demand. He was also quoted saying "Let's aggressively develop our oil, our gas, our coal [and] our nuclear power. Look, [the] Marcellus Shale is a huge godsend for the nation. Let's develop it, aggressively." Much like Barack Obama he is a supporter of drilling on American land.

[http://www.npr.org/2012/04/02/149812295/on-
energy-policy-another-shift-for-romney](http://www.npr.org/2012/04/02/149812295/on-energy-policy-another-shift-for-romney)



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Current Events

Militants, troops die in al Qaeda attack in Yemen:

Al Qaeda militants seized control of a military base and two checkpoints during raids in southern Yemen on Monday in which at least 30 people died. Hours of firefights erupted after the militants hit an army barracks in the Loder district of Abyan province in an assault that included heavy artillery
http://edition.cnn.com/2012/04/09/world/meast/yemen-attack/index.html?hpt=hp_t3

Egyptians flood Obama's Facebook Page in Election Row:

US President Barack Obama's Facebook page has been swamped with comments from supporters of a candidate in Egypt's presidential election. It follows news that Hazem Abu Ismail may be barred from the poll because one of his parents held dual nationality
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-17656215>

Colombia FARC Rebel Leader Says Group is not Weakened:

One of the leaders of Colombia's biggest rebel movement, the FARC, says it remains ready for battle. In a video message, he defended the FARC's actions and rejected accusations that they were acts of terrorism.
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-17648596>

Reimposing Order:

Rumors of a coup in China led the government to suspend comments on micro-blogging sites. Six people were arrested and several websites shut down. Speculation about political uncertainty in China has been growing since last month's sacking of Bo Xilai, a senior Communist official.
<http://www.economist.com/node/21552245>

Tighten Up:

Spain's government unveiled a new budget plan, with cuts and tax rises totaling €27 billion (\$36 billion). Unfortunately given Spain's bleak economic outlook, even this may not be tough enough to cut the budget deficit as promised.
<http://www.economist.com/blogs/newsbook/2012/03/spains-budget>

Indian and Pakistani Leaders Encourage Ties in a Rare Visit:

In the first visit to India by a Pakistani head of state in seven years, the President of Pakistan and Prime Minister of India on Sunday expressed a mutual desire to improve relations between their rival South Asian nations. The Indian prime minister also announced that he would at some point visit Pakistan for the first time since taking office.
http://www.nytimes.com/2012/04/09/world/asia/india-and-pakistan-leaders-meet-and-look-to-improve-ties.html?_r=1&ref=world

CNU Housing:

Putting Students First?

As of the freshman class of 2010, first, second and third year students were required to live on-campus unless they live with a parent or legal guardian in one of a few exempted areas. Students may request an exemption from this rule if they: are over 23 prior to Sept 1, live at home, are married, are part-time students, have a financial problem, or have a medical problem. Upon looking into this rule, the SSH has discovered that CNU has space for approximately 3,091 students.* Factoring out the commuter students, there are approximately 3,437 students between the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes that are required to live on campus on any given year. This number does not include the PLP and Honors seniors that are also guaranteed housing. There is a clear inconsistency between the number of students required to live on campus and the actual space available for those students.

To make up for some of the space, CNU has decided to double up many of the rooms in the Village and the CNU Apartments. This seems like a viable solution until the actual room sizes are considered. Freshman living in York share a room that is 11'x17', giving them 187 sq. ft. of space for the two people. This is a sharp contrast to the 144 sq. ft. of space available in the bedrooms of the Village and the Apartments.

Making the already stressful housing lottery worse was the lack of preparedness within the system this year. Certain housing options were showing up during the lottery that did not make sense. When the IT team went to fix the mistake, they were forced to pull the entire system down for maintenance. While a solution was reached, the fact this crash happened in the first place indicates a certain failure to properly prepare for the demands of the system. Adding to the general confusion of the lottery, there is an overall lack of infor-

mation about CNU Landing, specifically, but also the updated rules compensating for the lack of space this year. This includes the failure to communicate whether or not students would be financially compensated for their overcrowded living spaces, if retaining students would be given more roommates, and the failure to give students sufficient warning in order to plan their suite with the new overcrowding procedures far enough in advanced.

The issue this information raises is whether or not CNU is truly putting their students first when enacting these kinds of Housing policies. Is it in the best interest of upperclassmen to be required to not only live on campus, but within necessarily overcrowded rooms with less space than freshman residence halls? Students are told repeatedly throughout their time here that the overriding philosophy of the CNU administration is to always put the students first, and to enact policies for their benefit. What benefit is exactly gained by forcing students to live in overcrowded rooms on campus as opposed to off campus? It seems likely that these policies were enacted not for the sake of the students, but for the sake of having those students pay the school for their on campus accommodations.

If CNU truly wishes to put the students first, the administration seriously needs to consider the intent and purpose of the policies they enact. When policies such as the recent Housing changes take place, CNU students have justified cause in questioning whether or not the motto of "putting students first" truly exists.

* This number does include the new Warwick Residence Hall, but does not include CNU Landing and Greek Village since information for Landing was unavailable. However it is very unlikely that these two compensate for the missing rooms.