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## ALAN KEYES Republican



Ambassador Alan Keyes, born in New York City on August 7, 1950, realized he was a Republican while in college, around the age of 19.

He attended Harvard University and was awarded a Ph.D. in Government Affairs in 1979.

Keyes served during the Reagan presidency as the United States ambassador to the United Nations Economic and Social Council and has served as a Maryland United States Senator for two terms.

Keyes calls himself a genuine conservative who respects God's authority and eternal laws and is out to meet America's moral challenge. He believes Americans are up against a moral crisis and said the breakdown of families is an important issue to tackle. "The first problem we face is the disintegration of moral values of people," he said.

Keyes said he believes that students should not be borrowing money from the government to pay for college, but rather believes they should be independent from the government.

"The government is not a big charity institution" he said.

—by Aaron Barstow

## ARLEN SPECTER Republican



Senator Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania is the only candidate running for president with hands-on experience in law enforcement as well as politics.

Specter served as both assistant district attorney and district attorney of Philadelphia. He served on the Warren Commission of the investigation of assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

He has been a Pennsylvania Senator since 1980 and is currently chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee for Health, Human Services, Labor and Education.

Specter is promoting a Flat Tax Plan for America. This plan taxes business income fully at its source. Ideally, this plan would lower interest rates two points and raise per capita income by \$1,900 and add \$2 trillion to the American economy over the next seven years.

"As President, I would concentrate on balancing the budget, stimulating the economy and see to it that the government does not interfere with the free enterprise health care system, that it targets the specific problems," Specter said.

—by Ahnalee Luchtel

The following four pages contain profiles of national politicians who are each polishing their shoes and hitting the campaign trail in hopes of gaining delegates to their party's national convention. Ultimately, each man wants to be the president of the United States.

*ethos* feels that it is important to represent each candidate fairly. Interviews were conducted either face to face, via telephone or through a written question and answer form. The candidates represented are the ones that *ethos* was able to contact. We regret not being able to speak with all of the candidates.

Most of these candidates will be visiting Iowa in the upcoming months as they prepare for the '96 Presidential Caucus on Feb. 12.

At press time, the only Democratic candidate was President Clinton, who declined our request for an interview.

## MORRY TAYLOR

Republican



The \$40 million man, Morry Taylor, CEO of Titan Wheel International is using his money to take charge in the White House.

At age 50, Taylor said he knows what it takes to be president—good management. “It’s all about the executive and management role. Every business touched by Morry has been turned around,” Taylor said.

Taylor and his partner bought Titan Wheel International from Firestone in 1983. It has grown rapidly since becoming publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange and now has more than 3,000 employees nationwide.

“I want to work to cut the bear race,” Taylor said about the ’96 election. “I want to make a fair opportunity for everyone and a system of management that doesn’t go astray,” he said.

Taylor has never run for a public office, but he says it takes business organization to turn this country around.

“Get smart, get business experience. The president is the business side of the government,” Taylor said.

—by Jennifer Holland

## PAT BUCHANAN

Republican



Patrick J. Buchanan has a lengthy background in politics. He was a confidant and advisor to Richard Nixon, an advisor to Gerald Ford and the White House Communications Director during the Ronald Reagan years.

He graduated from Georgetown University and earned a master’s degree from the Columbia School of Journalism in 1962.

Buchanan has also been a nationally syndicated newspaper columnist and a co-host of CNN’s *Crossfire*.

He believes America needs tax cuts across the board. Buchanan wants to shut down the Department of Education in an attempt to return authority to the states and to the people.

Reversing *Roe vs. Wade* to help in the fight for life and halting illegal immigration along with illegal alien welfare are among his top priorities.

He supports taxing Japanese and Chinese goods at 10 and 20 percent respectively across the board to increase revenue.

“We’ve got to start thinking about our own country and our own people for a change,” he said.

—by Aaron Barstow

## RICHARD LUGAR

Republican



Senator Richard Green Lugar of Indiana has been involved in politics at the local and national level for almost 30 years. He served two terms as mayor of Indianapolis until 1976, when he was elected to the U.S. Senate.

Before getting involved with politics, Lugar spent time working on the family farm as well as being Vice President of Thomas L. Green & Co., a food machinery manufacturer. Lugar is the only member of the Senate Agriculture Committee who is actually a farmer.

Lugar’s platform includes replacing the current tax system with a national sales tax on goods and services. This system would eliminate the IRS and lead to an investment boom.

On the issue of welfare, Lugar believes the states should serve as laboratories for developing plans that can be used elsewhere in the country.

Lugar is in favor of changing the health care system. He opposes affirmative action. He is against abortion and the funding of abortion except in cases of rape, incest, or when the life of the mother is threatened.

—by Ahnalee Luchtel

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**LAMAR ALEXANDER**  
Republican



As the father of four, two-term governor of Tennessee, president of the University of Tennessee, and secretary of education, Lamar Alexander understands that individuals matter.

"I believe in moving the responsibility out of Washington, and giving more power to families, communities, parents and individuals to make decisions for themselves," Alexander said.

Alexander decided to run for president to bring back the American spirit. "I am running for president to help recapture our confidence in this country, still the greatest country on Earth," Alexander said.

As secretary of education he fought to end federal funding for race-based scholarships and choice.

"The best way for college students to obtain funding for their education is through the Federal loan program. I increased funding for student loans when I was secretary of education," he said.

Alexander recognizes the problems of today and is ready for a better tomorrow.

"I believe the next president must be someone from the real world, who looks ahead at the next American century with optimism," he said.

—by Jennifer Holland

**ROBERT DOLE**  
Republican



Kansas Senator Bob Dole may be the oldest candidate running in the '96 election, but he has a lot of innovative ideas for the future. He believes that the people, not the government, are the true source of economic growth in America.

Dole, who is the Senate Majority Leader has solutions that are straight forward. He believes that the government should throw out the current tax code and start from scratch. Dole wants to build a system with a tax rate that is more simple and fair.

"We need a system that works for all Americans, not just those who can afford expensive tax accountants and lobbyists to protect their interests," he said.

Dole believes college students should vote for him because he will focus on making future job markets.

"It is important to focus on job growth and job training and move out most welfare and medicaid programs," Dole said.

He said that the Federal Grant and Loan Program is the best way for college students to obtain funding for their education. "Because they are available to everyone."

—by Jennifer Holland

**PHIL GRAMM**  
Republican



Phil Gramm taught at the Texas A&M University for 12 years and was elected as a conservative Democrat to the U.S. Congress in 1978. After co-authoring President Reagan's economic recovery program in 1983, the Democratic party threw him off the House Budget Committee.

Gramm resigned from Congress and ran for his old seat as a Republican. He became the first Republican elected in his congressional district in Texas. Two years later the Texas people elected him into the U.S. Senate.

Today as Senator of Congress he believes in less government and more freedom.

"I want the government in Washington to make fewer decisions about how our money is spent, your business is run, and your children educated," Gramm said.

Gramm said college students should vote for him because he makes tough decisions that affect college students.

"I believe there are many ways for students to obtain college funding. I supported the G.I. Bill and the Student Loan program to better student loans," he said.

—by Jennifer Holland