



VOTE SMART

FACTS MATTER

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A great resource at your fingertips to find factual information to make informed voting decisions

1-888-VOTE-SMART or 1-888-868-3762

The Vote Smart office is located near the Drake Campus at 1153 24th St., Des Moines
Vote Smart is nonpartisan and nonprofit since 1988.

Vote Smart collects facts about candidates and politicians at the state and national level.

The six categories of interest:



Bio: Education, work experience, etc - who are these people really?

Votes: How have they voted on issues important to you?

Positions: What do they say they'll do for you? or to you?

Ratings: What are their references?

Speeches: What do they say?

Funding: Who's paying them?

Other **easy-to-use tools** that allow any voter to easily find what they want to know on the politician they want to know about. They are called the **Voter's Self Defense system:**

On Point: All the facts you want on the issues you care about currently in the news - instantly on your phone.

Bull: Our new warning about the most egregious misstatements made by prominent candidates.

Political Galaxy: Just select any candidate and any issue to instantly arrive at every fact related to that person on that issue.

My Vote Smart: Register any politician of interest. Any time that politician makes a public statement, votes or receives a new rating on that issue, you'll be instantly updated.

VoteEasy: Enter your position on a dozen of the most pressing issues facing the nation, then watch as your politicians' yard signs advance toward you in agreement or recede, based on their public records.

Voter's Self-Defense Manual: A 100 page sampling of data on the presidential candidates and your state's delegation to congress. Sent free to members.

The Political Courage Test has been conducted in every election since 1992. It examines each candidate's willingness to give their intentions on the issues voters are most concerned about. The number of candidates passing the test has declined over the years as exploding levels of financial resources have enabled them to control their own messages and avoid straight answers on all the pressing issues on the voters' minds. Each candidate was contacted a minimum of 6 times and asked to provide this crucial information to citizens. Who's passed?