

## AAF: Calling Balls and Strikes on the RNC Platform

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**GOOD: Calls for making the Trump-Pence Tax Cuts permanent, unleashing American energy, securing the border, and ending overregulation.**

- Calls for a Reaganesque peace through strength foreign policy approach to “end global chaos” (7)
- Pledges to stop men from participating in women’s sports. (15)
- Opposes packing the Supreme Court. (15)
- Supports “Universal School Choice in every State in America.” (13)
- Endorses revitalizing marriage and the beauty of families by ending anti-family policies. (14)
- Prevents taxpayer funded schools from promoting “gender transitions.” (15)

**BAD: Supports tariffs, fails to address China’s quest for global domination, removes previous language supporting Ukraine and Taiwan.**

- Supports broad-based tariffs against “foreign producers,” including allies, and rejects a fundamental tenet of free trade. (11)
  - **AAF MEMO:** A universal 10% tariff is [estimated](#) to cost 505k American jobs and more than \$300BB a year.
- Mentions China just 4x without a clear plan to confront our greatest geopolitical foe.
- The only mention of Ukraine is, “Prevent World War Three [and] Restore Peace in Europe...” while failing to mention Taiwan or measures promulgating [peace](#). (4)

**UGLY: Silent on TikTok, waters down federal protections on life, removes previous stance that marriage is between a one man and one woman, and fails to address much-needed “entitlement” reform.**

- Fails to address TikTok and the Chinese Communist Party spying on Americans.
  - **V.P. Pence op-ed “[TikTok is Digital Fentanyl](#)”.**
- **Weakens the platform’s previously strong pro-life stance: (15)**
  - Celebrates a state-by-state approach to abortion, rewarding abortion extremists for pushing radical ballot initiatives.
  - Only condemns “Late Term Abortion,” meaning that Republicans apparently are as soft as most Democrats on the life issue.
    - [99%](#) of abortions occur before 21 weeks.
  - The word “abortion” appears only once, as opposed to 35 times in the 2016 platform.
    - **AAF MEMO: “[Remain vigilant](#)” on life.**
- Rejects common sense reforms for Social Security and Medicare to ensure long-term solvency.
- Essentially ignores the definition of marriage and the protection of traditional [views](#) that the Conservative movement has held for all of human history.

**BOTTOMLINE:** The new RNC platform maintains and supports many of the accomplishments of the Trump-Pence Administration. However, the document retreats on life and global leadership, while neglecting to flesh out the Republican Party’s positions on a number of issues, as opposed to previous iterations.

### Additional Resources:

- [TikTok is digital fentanyl and Congress. Biden must act before it's too late](#)
- [The New Republican Platform Must Not Abandon Conservatism](#)
- [Don't Abandon the Conservative Case for American Global Leadership](#)
- [AAF: Biden's 20% Inflation Is Crushing American Families](#)
- [A Family-focused Fusionism | National Affairs](#)
- [New report from Pence details threats from regulatory state](#)