

# Issues & Answers

Tax Cut and Job Creation Bill

December 31, 2017



# Schedule

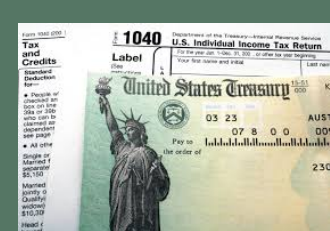
- Today and Next Week – Trump’s First Year and The Tax Cut Bill
- Jan 14 – Stan Ott
- Jan 21 – PA Family Institute Reps, Sanctity of Life Sunday
- Jan 28-Feb 4 – John DiLenge
- Feb 11 – Stan Ott
- Feb 18-25 – Steve Radcliff
- March – Missions Month





# Evaluating Trump's First Year

What do YOU Think?



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- Tax Cut bill totaling \$5.5 billion in cuts and repeal of the Obamacare individual mandate
- GDP above 3% for three successive quarters
- 1.7 million new jobs
- 71 record highs for the Dow Jones Industrials
- 17 year high for economic confidence indicator
- \$500 million in SBA loans to women-owned businesses
- 16 rules and regulations cut for every new one added saving \$8.1 billion
- Signed 15 Congressional Regulatory cuts
- Withdrew from the Paris Climate Summit
- Signed EO cutting the time for infrastructure permit approvals.



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- Reinstated and expanded the Mexico City Policy that blocks \$9 billion in foreign aid being used for abortions
- Reforms at the VA protecting whistleblowers and allowing senior officials to fire incompetent employees.
- \$2.1 billion of additional funds to the Veterans Choice program
- Withdrew from the Trans-Pacific Partnership
- 77 million acres opened up for new oil and gas leases in the Gulf of Mexico
- Keystone Pipeline
- EPA stopped the Obama “Clean Power Plan”
- Announced plan to end “chain migration”
- Ended Obama-era “catch and release” of illegal immigrants
- Started the end of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival Program



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- Neil Gorsuch and dozens of other conservative judges appointed to the Federal courts.
- Recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel
- Imposed a travel ban on nations that lack border and anti-terrorism security
- Saw ISIS lose nearly all its territory
- Directed the rebuilding of the military empowering leaders to “seize the initiative and win” reducing the need for a White House approval of every mission.



# Federal Court Appointments

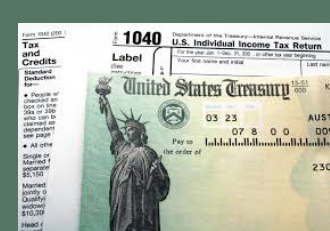
- Wash Post on Trump Appointments
- Mother Jones uses biblical language to castigate Trump appointments
- Huff Post on Trump's anti-abortion, white, anti-LGBTQ appointments
- Chicago Tribune cites Trump choosing white men





# Trump approval ratings

- Across almost every reputable poll, Trump's approval ratings have lagged behind those of nearly all of his predecessors, including President Obama, since day one of his presidency.
- Gallup daily tracking poll uses 3 day and weekly averages
- 12/28/09 rating for Obama: 51% approval, 43% disapproval
- 12/28/17 rating for Trump: 38% approval, 56% disapproval
- Why? Should President Trump care? Should we care?



# What does it take to be a leader?

- Larry Arnn in early 2016 – “There are two things we need in a President. First, we need a President who is extremely good at getting America’s way in the world in the circumstances we face”
- Churchill’s wife writing to Stanley Baldwin, “Only Winston has the deadliness to fight the Germans”
- “We all get called at some time to ‘stand in the gap’ otherwise damage will be done.”
- Larry Arnn – “The second thing is we need somebody who understands that none of this is personal. We need to do the right thing – our interests need to conform to what is right.”



# Is this a statement from a leader?

*Our mission is to change what it means to be a human being –  
Commencement Address, University of Texas, 1993*

- Hillary Clinton

