

BILL CLINTON ON CRIME AND DRUGS

Despite all the tough talk on crime we hear from Washington, crime and drug use are expanding dramatically in America. We have a national problem on our hands that requires a tough national response. Bill Clinton has a crime strategy that will use the powers of the Presidency to prevent and punish crime.

THE CLINTON PLAN

Make neighborhoods safe again

- Put 100,000 new police officers on the streets by creating a National Police Corps.
- Create community "boot-camps" for non-violent first-time offenders to instill discipline, boost self-esteem, and teach respect for the law.

Expand federal crime assistance

- Set standards for urban, suburban, and rural crime emergency areas.
- Make the communities hardest hit by crime eligible for matching funds when they create a comprehensive crime control plan that adopts measures like community policing drug education in schools, and drug treatment on demand.

Keep guns out of the hands of criminals

- Provide the leadership we need to pass the Brady Bill.
- Ban assault weapons that have no legitimate hunting purpose.
- Limit access to multiple-round clips.

Empower public housing residents

- Help public housing residents take back their housing from gangs and dealers by supporting efforts like Operation Clean Sweep in Chicago.

Take back our schools

- Create a Safe Schools Initiative so that children can focus on learning again.
- Provide funding for metal detectors and security personnel.
- Help grant school officials greater authority to conduct locker and automobile searches.
- Expand funding for mentoring, counseling, and outreach programs for kids in trouble.

Get tough on white collar crime

- Pass tougher criminal penalties for white collar crimes, including environmental crimes, so that serious white collar criminals serve jail time.
- Limit plea bargaining to questions of prison time.
- Require jail sentences to be served in real prisons, not high-tech summer camps.

THE CLINTON RECORD IN ARKANSAS

- Strengthened drug laws and increased the number of narcotics officers.
- Established innovative "boot camps" which achieve low recidivism rates.
- Fought for victims rights; Arkansas' program has been ranked among the best in the country.
- Adopted new "good time" policies encouraging inmate education.