



## Mike Huckabee **2-minute** Caucus Speech

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**Important Note:** This entire speech is about 10 minutes long. There is an opening, a closing, and 14 optional points in between. Read only 2-3 of the points of your choice in between the opening and closing in order to be able to keep within the allotted 2-minutes. We suggest you check mark in advance the points you are going to read. And remember, writing your own speech or speaking from the heart is always better if you feel comfortable doing it! Good luck and enjoy the caucus experience!

### **OPENING:**

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I support Governor Mike Huckabee because I have found him to be the most Authentic, Consistent, Compassionate and Experienced conservative candidate running. I believe that he has the right balance of respect for the rule of law and compassion for the people he serves.

While there's not enough time in two minutes to go into every issue and where Governor Huckabee stands on them, I've chosen a few that are important to me personally to tell you about. These are a few of the many issues on which Governor Huckabee has taken a fearless, pro-American stance. For instance...

**CHOOSE 2** that are important to you (*if you choose 3 you have to read VERY fast or only read the first sentences of the three you choose*)

- ◇ ***Illegal Immigration and Border Control*** - Governor Huckabee has prepared a "Secure America Plan" which is a 9-Point Plan for Immigration Enforcement starting with securing the border and he is the first presidential candidate to sign a "no amnesty" pledge. He says, "I will take our country back for those who belong here. No open borders, no amnesty, no sanctuary cities, no false Social Security numbers, no driver's licenses for illegals."
- ◇ ***Balancing the Budget*** - When Mike Huckabee took office as Governor of Arkansas he was faced with a state that had a \$200,000 debt, roads rated the worst in America, and test scores placing his schools at 49<sup>th</sup> in the US. Eight years later, when he left office, the government had an \$800,000 surplus, ***a \$1 Billion improvement***, the roads were rated most improved, and now his schools are rated 7<sup>th</sup> in the nation. And all this against a Democrat Legislature while winning elections 4 times against the established Clinton party machine.
- ◇ ***Second Amendment and Gun Rights*** - No candidate has a stronger, more consistent record on Second Amendment rights than he does. Governor Huckabee is the only candidate from ANY party running who has a CCW and the first governor in the US to have a CCW. Both the NRA and the GOA give Mike Huckabee top honors for his tireless efforts to support our right to bear arms.

- ◇ ***Sanctity of Life*** - Mike Huckabee's convictions regarding the sanctity of life have always been clear and consistent, he has never changed his mind, or flip-flopped. He supports passage of a constitutional amendment to protect the right to life.
- ◇ ***Veterans and the Military*** - Governor Huckabee is a strong supporter of our Military and its Veterans, — he was the first candidate to come out with a Veterans' Bill Of Rights.
- ◇ ***Taxes*** - He supports the FairTax which would eliminate all federal income and payroll taxes, and replace them with a consumption tax paid only on new items purchased at the retail level. Finally everyone will be paying taxes, not just the middle class. The positive impact on our economy and the rebirth of our American spirit that the Fair-Tax would bring would last for generations to come.
- ◇ ***Marriage and Family*** - Governor Huckabee sees the American Family as the center and source of the American dream, not the federal government, and at the center of the family is a married man and woman. He has always supported a constitutional amendment that defines marriage as a union between one man and one woman. And as President, he will fight for passage of this amendment.
- ◇ ***Education*** - Governor Huckabee supports Arts and Sciences in education as long as students are being prepared for the realities of the job market.
- ◇ ***Healthcare*** - Mike Huckabee has a unique view of Healthcare because he personally lost over 100 pounds after being diagnosed as obese and this experience has shown him that we don't need universal health care mandated through higher taxes. We need to get serious about preventive health education and care.
- ◇ ***National Security/War on Terror*** - Governor Huckabee believes that we are currently engaged in a world war. Iraq is one battle in that war. Radical Islamic fascists have declared war on our country and our way of life. He will fight the war on terror with the intensity and single-mindedness that it deserves.
- ◇ ***Foreign Policy/Israel*** - Governor Huckabee has visited the Middle East extensively over the past thirty-five years, including nine trips to Israel. Israel is the only fully-functioning democracy in the Middle East, and is an important partner in the spread of freedom and democracy throughout the Middle East and the world.
- ◇ ***Emergency Management*** - During the massive emergency of Hurricane Katrina, when local, state, and federal governments were in melt-down, Governor Huckabee stepped forward and directed the rescue and relief of 75,000 victims. His island of success in a sea of failure was one of the reasons Time magazine named him one of America's five best governors.
- ◇ ***Judges*** - Mike Huckabee says "The role of a judge is to interpret the law, not to legislate from the bench; and as president, I will only appoint men and women who share this view."

## **CLOSING:**

I think it's important, in a year when so much is at stake, to know that Mike Huckabee is not a Washington insider, he is not a media appointed candidate, he does not come from money and he has conducted a positive campaign on a very small budget. Mike Huckabee is a guy with more experience actually running a Government than any other candidate and Mike Huckabee is out to show people the American dream is still alive. Thank you.  
Any additional personal Statement if time permits...