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Nominees

GOVERNOR KRISTI NOEM

Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security



Kristi Noem, a rancher, farmer, small business owner, and New York Times bestselling author, has built a career defined by leadership and a commitment to protecting freedom. As South Dakota's first female governor, she was re-elected in 2022 with the largest vote total in state history, championing limited government, fiscal responsibility, and state sovereignty. Noem set a national precedent by deploying National Guard troops to the southern border five times and leading South Dakota to become the first state legislature to support border defense through a formal resolution. She has been a leader in countering foreign threats, restricting business with adversarial nations, and prohibiting agricultural land ownership by hostile countries. Under her leadership, South Dakota became a national hub for cybersecurity, with the industry now the state's fastest-growing sector. As the next Secretary of Homeland Security, Noem will bring her proven record of innovation, resilience, and security-focused governance to the national stage.

AMERICA FIRST CREDENTIALS

What Does Kristi Noem Stand For?

SUPPORTS

- ✓ **Removing Criminal Illegal Aliens from Our Communities**
Upholding our Nation's immigration laws by [conducting a mass deportation](#) operation that prioritizes criminal illegal aliens and national security threats.
- ✓ **Securing Our Southern Border**
Prioritizing the safety of the American people by [ending mass illegal immigration](#) that has overwhelmed our Nation with violence, crime, and disorder.
- ✓ **Stopping the Flow of Deadly Drugs**
Working to [stop the flow of deadly drugs](#), such as fentanyl, that have poured into our Nation, devastating American families and skyrocketing accidental overdoses and death rates.

OPPOSES

- ✗ **Sanctuary Cities**
Rejecting the so-called "[sanctuary](#)" policies of some American cities to harbor violent criminals, drug dealers, and gang members.
- ✗ **Open Borders**
Fighting against the open borders agenda that facilitated the [worst illegal immigration crisis](#) in our Nation's history.
- ✗ **Encouraging more screening of refugees** and asylum seekers, especially from areas with high levels of terrorist activity.
- ✗ **Mass Amnesty**
Opposing the movement to grant [mass amnesty to lawbreakers](#) further incentivizing criminal behavior and fundamentally reshaping the fabric of our nation.

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Ending Human Trafficking and Defeating the Cartels

[Targeting gangs and cartels](#) that are waging war against our country, perpetrating violence, and facilitating human and sex trafficking.



Preventing the Spread of Chinese Communist Influence

Protecting American citizens from the [Chinese Communist Party's efforts](#) to increase their economic power and cultural influence in our Nation.

OPPOSES



Voted "no" on a [2018 proposal](#) that would have granted amnesty to as many as 1.8 million illegal aliens.



Rejecting the Biden-Harris Administration's efforts to [resettle illegal aliens](#) within her state.

AMERICA FIRST ACHIEVEMENTS

While serving as a Member of Congress and as the Governor of South Dakota, Kristi Noem oversaw significant America First accomplishments in national security, disaster recovery, and border security, including:

Strengthening Border Security:

[Deployed National Guard troops](#) to the southern border five times in four years to protect American citizens from an unprecedented surge in illegal migration. Received a [nearly perfect score](#) from the Federation for American Immigration Reform for her votes on immigration-related bills while in Congress.

Protecting Americans from Adversarial Foreign Nations:

[Banned TikTok](#) for state government employees and blocked state government employees from doing business with adversarial foreign governments.

Promoting Effective Disaster Response:

Worked with FEMA to [protect farmers](#) and other Americans from the devastating effects of natural disasters in her home state.

Streamlining Government and Cutting Red Tape:

Signed a series of bills to [streamline state government](#) by reducing red tape, reducing government overreach, and simplifying regulations.