



**RIGHT
ON CRIME**

THE CONSERVATIVE CASE FOR REFORM

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“The reforms driven by Right on Crime have been associated with lower crime rates, with lower recidivism rates, and with substantial savings on criminal justice expenses.” ~NATIONAL REVIEW

RIGHT ON CRIME is a national initiative led by the Texas Public Policy Foundation, one of the nation’s leading state-focused conservative think tanks. The initiative aims to raise awareness of the truly conservative position on criminal justice policy by demonstrating the growing support for effective criminal justice reforms within the conservative movement. Right on Crime shares research and policy ideas, mobilizes conservative leaders, and works to raise public awareness. The project is transforming criminal justice in America by championing policy reforms that provide better outcomes and save taxpayer money.

RIGHT ON CRIME STATES (IN RED)



RIGHT ON CRIME IS ACTIVELY LEADING REFORM IN THE FOLLOWING STATES:

Alabama	Connecticut	Louisiana	New York	South Carolina
Alaska	Florida	Michigan	North Carolina	South Dakota
Arizona	Georgia	Mississippi	Ohio	Texas
Arkansas	Indiana	Missouri	Oklahoma	Vermont
California	Kansas	Nebraska	Oregon	Virginia
Colorado	Kentucky	New Mexico	Pennsylvania	West Virginia

Right on Crime couldn’t be timelier. As our nation looks for solutions to limit out-of-control spending and deliver better results, Right on Crime provides conservative, principled solutions that are proven to reduce crime, lower costs, and restore victims.

PRAISE FOR RIGHT ON CRIME

The Crime Report, a national publication, recognized Right on Crime as the single most significant development in criminal justice in 2011.

In September of 2013, Right on Crime was selected as one of six finalists for the international Templeton Freedom Award given by the Atlas Economic Research Foundation. The Templeton Freedom Award is an eminent recognition for work in the service of freedom that does nothing less than change the world. This Foundation, along with groups from India, Italy, Mexico, and the United Kingdom, was selected as a finalist from projects submitted from around the globe.

INTERNATIONAL IMPACT

Right on Crime has received inquiries from policymakers and journalists in Australia, Austria, Canada, and the United Kingdom.

- Right On Crime's engagement with the U.K. has been particularly extensive, including meetings with think tank fellows, journalists from top newspapers, diplomats, and multiple members of Parliament (including Crispin Blunt, the Under-Secretary of State for Prisons and Youth Justice).
- One signatory to the Right On Crime Statement of Principles, Asa Hutchinson (currently a candidate for the governorship of Arkansas) was invited to testify before Canadian Parliament.



Director Marc Levin testifies during a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

Even Washington, D.C. follows the lead of Right on Crime...

In August of 2013, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder declared that federal criminal justice policy needed to embrace the principles of efficiency and cost-effectiveness championed by Right on Crime.

"... 'Conservatives are known for being tough on crime, but we must also be tough on criminal justice spending,' say the [Right on Crime Statement of Principles], drafted by the Texas Public Policy Foundation. ... Holder, in his speech, pointed to [Right on Crime] efforts as a model, after each played a role in driving the state prison population across the country down by more than 29,000, or 2.1 percent, in 2012 from the year prior." -BLOOMBERG NEWS



STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

Applying the following conservative principles to criminal justice policy is vital to achieving a cost-effective system that protects citizens, restores victims, and reforms wrongdoers.

1. As with any government program, the criminal justice system must be transparent and include performance measures that hold it accountable for its results in protecting the public, lowering crime rates, reducing re-offending, collecting victim restitution and conserving taxpayers' money.
2. Crime victims, along with the public and taxpayers, are among the key "consumers" of the criminal justice system; the victim's conception of justice, public safety, and the offender's risk for future criminal conduct should be prioritized when determining an appropriate punishment.
3. The corrections system should emphasize public safety, personal responsibility, work, restitution, community service, and treatment—both in probation and parole, which supervise most offenders, and in prisons.

MEDIA RECOGNITION

Right on Crime has been featured in media outlets in every corner of the United States, as well as internationally, including Fox News Channel, MSNBC, *The Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *National Review*, *Newsmax*, *Huffington Post*, the *Daily Caller*, the *Weekly Standard*, *Reason Magazine*, *Washington Times*, *Washington Post*, *American Conservative*, *The Guardian*, *The Telegraph*, *The Economist*, and many more.

“ This Right on Crime campaign supports constitutionally limited government, individual liberty, personal responsibility and free enterprise. Conservatives known for being tough on crime should now be equally tough on failed, too-expensive criminal programs. ...”

—RICHARD VIGUERIE in *THE NEW YORK TIMES*

“ [Right on Crime] supports transparent and innovative approaches to reforming the system for nonviolent offenders while reducing incarceration, promoting victim restoration, and reintegrating criminals into their communities.” —*THE WASHINGTON FREE BEACON*

“ The possibility of significant legislative changes in sentencing and incarceration policies got a boost in 2010 when a group of prominent conservatives with tough-on-crime bona fides signed on to a statement of principles supporting such reforms. That document is the backbone of the Right on Crime coalition launched that year ...” — *AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION JOURNAL*



PHOTOS FROM TOP: Director Marc Levin speaks with former U.S. Speaker of the House and ROC signatory The Honorable Newt Gingrich.

Right on Crime's Vikrant Reddy discusses the program's successes with ROC signatory and former Secretary of Education Dr. Bill Bennett.

4. An ideal criminal justice system works to reform amenable offenders who will return to society through harnessing the power of families, charities, faith-based groups, and communities.
5. Because incentives affect human behavior, policies for both offenders and the corrections system must align incentives with our goals of public safety, victim restitution and satisfaction, and cost-effectiveness, thereby moving from a system that grows when it fails to one that rewards results.
6. Criminal law should be reserved for conduct that is either blameworthy or threatens public safety, not wielded to grow government and undermine economic freedom.

These principles are grounded in time-tested conservative truths—constitutionally limited government, transparency, individual liberty, personal responsibility, free enterprise, and the centrality of the family and community. All of these are critical to addressing today's criminal justice challenges. It is time to apply these principles to the task of delivering a better return on taxpayers' investments in public safety. Our security, prosperity, and freedom depend on it.

RIGHT ON CRIME signatories listed on back >>>



RIGHT ON CRIME SIGNATORIES

Jeb Bush

Former Governor of Florida

Newt Gingrich

American Solutions for Winning the Future

Grover Norquist

Americans for Tax Reform

Edwin Meese III

Former U.S. Attorney General

William J. Bennett

Former Secretary of Education and Federal "Drug Czar"

Asa Hutchinson

Former U.S. Attorney and Administrator of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration

J.C. Watts

Former Member of the U.S. House of Representatives for Oklahoma's 4th Congressional District

Pat Nolan

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David Keene

Former Chairman of the American Conservative Union

Richard Viguerie

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Former Ohio Secretary of State

Brooke Rollins

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Fox News political analyst

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