

350 Action 2019 Candidate Questionnaire

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About You

Your Name: Eva Putzova

What office are you running for, and as which party?: Democratic candidate for congress in AZ-01

Policy Positions

Do you support a Green New Deal that ends fossil fuels and provides an immediate and just transition to 100% renewable energy? Explain what that means to you.

Yes. Scientists give us 10 years to drastically reduce our carbon emissions to avoid a world-wide climate disaster. A Green New Deal will completely overhaul and retool our entire transportation and energy infrastructure by making massive investments in renewable energy to replace oil, gas, and nuclear energy. It is even more meaningful to me in that it would create millions of jobs in those communities that need it most.

How will you center racial, economic and social justice in your climate policies?

If we implement a Green New Deal by prioritizing investments in communities of color we can promote more racial, economic and social equity in those historically neglected communities.

Do you support a moratorium on all new fossil fuel infrastructure, including pipelines, fracked gas and oil, compressor stations and coal power plants? Please tell us with specifics what you'd do if elected to stop the expansion of the fossil fuel industry and keep fossil fuels in the ground?

Yes. I would support legislation declaring a moratorium on all new fossil fuel infrastructure while at the same time supporting legislation to implement a Green New Deal. I also would support executive action by the President, if legally permissible, to declare such a moratorium. If we could convert the entire U.S. auto industry to producing bombers and battleships instead of cars within one year in order to win World War II, we can do something similar with our current fossil fuel industry by ceasing current production and converting it to renewable energy.

Do you support the investigation of the fossil fuel industry's role in causing climate change, blocking climate action, and misleading the public? If so, do you have plans for a process to hold the industry financially accountable for that role and related harms?

Yes. Fossil fuel industry representatives should be called before congress to testify about "what they knew and when they knew it" regarding the threat of climate change caused by fossil fuels and carbon emissions. In addition to getting the facts before the American public, these industries should be held

liable if it was proven that they knew about the dangers their industries caused to the climate, yet covered it up.

Do you pledge to reject any contributions from the fossil fuel industry, as defined by the "No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge"?

Yes

Do you support plans to create an immigration policy that allows a path to citizenship for undocumented people?

Yes, I have an 18 point plan for an immigration overhaul that involves normalizing the status of all undocumented people in the U.S., allowing them to choose a path to citizenship.

What are your specific plans for addressing the refugees and other migrants at the US borders?

We need to abolish ICE, close all the detention centers, and expand the number of refugees allowed into the country who are seeing asylum. We need to reunite families who have been separated at the border. We also need to expand those eligible for TPS and allow for normalization of their status as well.

How do you see climate change impacting mass migrations and what are your plans to address the increase in refugees as a result of the climate crisis?

Significant climate change has already adversely impacted agriculture and the availability of water in different parts of the world causing people to migrate to cities or leave their own countries to survive. This was one of the initial causes of the Syrian civil war. We should expand the eligibility for asylum to those fleeing climate change in addition to those with a "well-founded fear of persecution."

What are your plans for criminal justice reform?

We need to decriminalize drugs, expand drug and alcohol treatment centers, release non-violent offenders from prison, institute humane rehabilitation and education programs for those still in prison, enact community policing with strong de-escalation training, root out and prosecute, if necessary, brutal and racist police officers and invest resources in poor communities of color in particular so that people can live healthy productive lives. We also need to prosecute white collar and corporate crime which costs our society far more in dollars and lives wasted than crimes committed by the poor.

Do you support a worker's right to unionize?

Yes, I support the Protect the Right to Organize Act which until recently was not supported by my opponent.

Do you support a \$15/hour minimum wage?

Yes, I led two campaigns in Flagstaff, AZ, to raise the minimum wage and the sub-minimum tipped wage to \$15 per hour and to defend it against efforts by the Koch brothers and others to repeal it.

How do you plan to address the resurgence of white supremacy in the public discourse? Please tell us your plan to respond to white nationalist terrorist acts in this country?

I would call it out for what it is. It is terrorism against people of color but it also keeps us divided which prevents us from uniting all working people in the pursuit of racial, economic, and social justice. I would urge that more resources be devoted to prosecuting this hate crimes.

What is your plan to reduce gun violence and mass shootings?

First, we need to impose a ban on the sale of all military weapons of war prospectively. Then I would invest a lot of money into a buy-back program to obtain voluntary compliance with turning in as many of these weapons as possible. I support universal background checks, red flag laws, and ammunition restrictions. There is also a need for massive investments in mental health programs at all levels as part of a universal Medicare for All program to treat people who need help. We need to re-orient our violent, war-like culture to one that resolves problems non-violently and respects diversity and the uniqueness of all human beings.

Do you support the payment of reparations and/or related structural adjustment to remunerate the descendants of enslaved African Americans to addressing America's history of codified and systemic racism?

Yes, there is no question that the crime of slavery and racial segregation has cast a dark legacy of poverty and inequality on the African-American population of the U.S. There needs to be some form of reparations to address these historical crimes which continue today

Do you support the return of unceded lands and territory or related royalties to Indigenous Populations as a form of redress for America's history of codified and systemic racism?

Yes. The legacy of European settler-colonialism is near genocide of the indigenous population. Return of stolen land is only one part of what should be a concerted effort to address the crimes committed by European and American settlers against native peoples. Education, employment, healthcare, housing, infrastructure and climate justice should all be on the agenda to redress historic wrongs. We should listen to what indigenous people say should be done to address these wrongs.

Do you support Medicare for All?

Yes. It is the only way to insure and provide quality care to the 70 million people who are currently uninsured or under-insured as well as all those who go without quality, affordable, healthcare, dental care, mental healthcare and long term care.

Do you support a woman's right to choose?

Yes

Race:

White

Gender:

Female

If you'd like, tell us more about your identity in your own words:

