

C-FARAR - Club For A Reformed American Republic  
Working For Greater Liberty And Justice For All Citizens Of Our Democratic Capitalist System

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Concerning Risks To National Security Arising From Presidential Conflicts of Interest

We are working to achieve reform of our national elections laws to provide the American electorate with crucial and necessary information about possible conflicts of interest by candidates for President and Vice President.

Our Constitution provides succinct and clear qualifications for President though addressing only citizenship and age. History has shown this to have been sufficient until fairly recent, modern Presidential elections. But as the modern post WWII US economy has become increasingly interdependent with that of foreign countries, the personal and financial interests of many American citizens have also, in many cases, become more entangled with foreign countries and interests. This presents the very real possibility of potential conflicts of interest by candidates for President.

We, the American electorate, over the past several decades and elections, have relied on voluntary public disclosure by Presidential candidates of their financial interests and on voters' judgment regarding the risks of any conflicts of interest. This system has been based on 'norms of behavior', rather than law, which we have come to rely on to inform the voters. However, this system failed us in the election of 2016 when one candidate declined to follow the norm and disclose any foreign entanglements. Thus voters were deprived of potentially crucial information regarding possible conflicts of interest. The result is the election of a President whose daily governing decisions may be influenced or even guided by personal financial or other relationships with foreign entities or persons. This situation puts our nation's national security interests and its citizens' liberties in a position of possible dangerous compromise.

We have a straightforward solution available to us. The solution is a Constitutional Amendment stating simply that 'Candidates for President and Vice President of the United States shall fully disclose publicly all international relationships, both personal and financial, at the time of announcing their candidacy'.

We, the members of Club For A Reformed American Republic (C-FARAR) propose that we, the American electorate, take the following action:

Elect a Congress which will committ to passing and submitting such a Constitutional Amendment to the states for ratification.