

# Rafael Edward ‘Ted’ Cruz

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**Objective:** Become 2016 Republican nominee for president of United States of America

- Repeal “every word” of Barack Obama’s signature healthcare law
- Abolish the Internal Revenue Service / cut corporate taxes
- Expel all undocumented migrants, strengthen border security
- Protect gun rights, privacy rights, carbon emissions
- End abortion, same-sex marriage, access to contraception
- Defeat radical Islamic terrorism, support Israel, stop Iran

## Work experience

### US senator from Texas, 2012–present:

- Shut down government for 16 days in quixotic effort to block Obamacare.
- Delivered fake filibuster on Senate floor for 21 hours.
- Drove senate colleagues to fits but won reverence among the Tea Party faction in the House.

### Solicitor general of Texas, 2003–2008

- Brilliant record in bringing cases before the supreme court.
- Argued nine cases and won five, including seeming longshots and all the major ones.
- Wore cowboy boots to court.

### Official in administration of President George W Bush, 2001–2003

- Director of policy planning, Federal Trade Commission; associate deputy attorney general. These posts were kind of weak recompense, frankly, given that I ...

### Adviser to George W Bush presidential campaign, 1999–2000

- ... helped craft victorious argument in Bush v Gore, allowing US supreme court to decide last president of the United States of America

### Clerk for US supreme court chief justice William Rehnquist, 1996

## Education

- BA, Princeton University, 1992
- JD, Harvard Law School, 1995. Graduated magna cum laude; accused faculty of harboring Commies

## Background and family life

- Born 22 December 1970 (age 44), in Canada to Cuban immigrant father and US citizen mother (a “natural born citizen,” as the Constitution requires of presidents, thanks to mom). Married to Heidi Cruz (née Nelson), who has taken leave of absence as managing director for Goldman Sachs Group Inc in Houston to help with campaign. Two daughters. Southern Baptist

## Skills and awards

- Speech and debate — top speaker at 1992 US national debating championship; declared candidacy for president without use of Teleprompter
- Spanish fluency
- Microsoft Word
- Twitter expert. Announced presidential campaign on Twitter (only second person to do that in history)