

State of the Union: Obama's second-term agenda



Jobs and growth:

Shift focus from deficits and debt to strengthening economy. New investments in infrastructure, clean energy, manufacturing and education



Energy:

Search for alternatives to fossil fuels creates jobs and builds industry. Climate change and extreme weather will not go away if ignored



Budget:

Likely to charge Republicans with holding back economic recovery by engineering repeated crises over budget



Immigration:

Putting 11 million illegal immigrants on path to citizenship will help boost middle-class wages, not undercut them



Gun control:

Impassioned plea to end stranglehold of gun lobby over common sense measures to limit gun violence. Most Americans favour some restraints



Gay rights:

Gay community deserves equal rights under law. Remind nation that U.S. has history of acceptance of rights of women and minorities



World affairs:

Middle East peace vital to U.S. interests; maintain pressure on Iran; make case for U.S. to step back from Afghanistan; retain strong military