



THE FACTS BEHIND NEW AMERICA'S VOICE RADIO ADS IN ARIZONA

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America's Voice is running advertisements on Spanish language radio stations to educate Latino voters about two Arizona races: the Maricopa County Sheriff's race between Joe Arpaio and Paul Penzone, and the U.S. Senate race between Richard Carmona and Rep. Jeff Flake. Here's the evidence behind the claims made in the ads.

Office: Maricopa County Sheriff (Arpaio-R)

Candidates: Paul Penzone (D) and Mike Stauffer (I)v. Joe Arpaio (R), incumbent

FACT ONE: Sheriff Joe Arpaio's tactics are discriminatory, anti-immigrant and anti-Latino.

The U.S. Department of Justice released a report in 2011 after an investigation into the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office under Sheriff Joe Arpaio. The report found that Arpaio and his deputies had "intentionally and systematically discriminated against Latinos," amounting to "a pattern or practice of violating the Constitution." The DOJ then sued Sheriff Arpaio for civil-rights violations; the trial began in June 2012.

FACT TWO: Paul Penzone rejects the extreme policies of Joe Arpaio and promises to hold MCSO employees accountable for respecting community members' civil rights.

Asked about civil rights and other abuses during Arpaio's tenure in an August 2012 interview, Penzone said, "It is in such excess that it's numbing. And it all goes to the fact that his organization forgot what it means to be dedicated and committed to the community it serves. The failures are abuse; the failures are poor practices; the failures are defiance. And the leader has an obligation to correct them."

Penzone [has promised](#) that his priority in immigration enforcement will be targeting criminal traffickers, not hardworking immigrant residents—a complete reversal from Arpaio, who [famously called his efforts](#) a "pure program to go after the illegals and not the crime first."

Asked [in a candidate questionnaire](#) whether the sheriff's office needed to do anything to ensure that racial profiling did not occur in immigration enforcement, Penzone said, "First, comprehensive, mandatory training needs to occur. Second, deputies and detention officers need understand that their actions and activities will be proactively audited. Finally, we must hold our employees accountable – rewarding the good and correcting the bad." And in that same questionnaire, Penzone said that his first

priority was to “build an organization that is focused on restoring trust and confidence with the community at large.”

FACT THREE: Paul Penzone is the only candidate with a realistic chance of beating Joe Arpaio on November 6th.

Supports for Paul Penzone is within only a few percentage points of Arpaio—and Penzone is gaining. In a September poll conducted by Switchboard Communications, Arpaio led Penzone by 5.5 percentage points; in an [October poll conducted by the same firm](#), he won 46.8% of respondents to Penzone’s 42.1%—a lead of under 5 percentage points. [While polls conducted for Arpaio’s campaign](#) have shown him with a larger lead, no recent poll has given Arpaio more than 50% of the vote—and all of them have shown Penzone as Arpaio’s only serious challenger. The third candidate in the race, Mike Stauffer, was chosen by only 3.4% of respondents in the October Switchboard poll. No poll has shown Stauffer receiving more than 10% of the vote.

Office: United States Senate (OPEN)

Candidates: Richard Carmona (D) v. Rep. Jeff Flake (R)

FACT ONE: Richard Carmona strongly supports immigration reform and the DREAM Act.

Richard Carmona told Univision News in August that he wanted both comprehensive immigration reform and the DREAM Act to be included [the national Democratic Party platform](#): “What I really want is comprehensive immigration reform, which includes the DREAM Act. We need the whole thing done...If I can’t get all of that, I think the DREAM Act is an important part of that.”

FACT TWO: Jeff Flake voted against the DREAM Act, and turned his back on immigration reform.

In December 2010, the DREAM Act passed the U.S. House of Representatives by a 216-198 vote. Jeff Flake voted [against](#) the bill. While he claimed at the time that [he continued to support comprehensive immigration reform](#), in March 2011 he [announced that he had changed his position](#) and declared comprehensive reform a “dead end.”