

ACT! for America

2010 Federal Candidate Questionnaire

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1. It is becoming increasingly evident that American dependence on foreign oil, especially oil from countries that support and export terrorism and radical Islamic ideology, poses a growing threat to our national security. There has been considerable discussion of alternative energy such as wind and solar, but neither provide any significant solution for the liquid energy needs of our transportation sector, at least for the foreseeable future. Would you support or oppose each of the following proposals to help move America's transportation sector away from foreign oil dependence and thus better protect our national security?

- a. Open Fuel Standard legislation, which would require, within five years, 50% of new automobiles, and within seven years, 80% of new automobiles, sold in the United States, be flex-fuel vehicles warranted to operate on gasoline, ethanol, and methanol, or be warranted to operate on biodiesel.

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments:

To mandate requirements 5years in advance of market conditions is foolish. It may be that in 5years we will want dedicated natural gas cars. To force them to be flex-fuel would take the chance of squandering manufacturing resources & cost compared with making a dedicated fuel machine. Worse, it infringes on the right of the buyer to get the product she wants that is current with the economic climate, & forces her to sacrifice more of her personal resources.

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- b. A presidential Executive Order mandating conversion of the federal automotive fleet from gasoline to domestically-produced natural gas.

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments:

The president has the responsibility to maintain the government. A wise executive will opt for an inexpensive & reliable fuel source. With our, apparently bountiful supply of natural gas, I would assume this decision to be obvious.

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2. American companies are prohibited from doing business in or with nations that have been determined to be sponsors of terrorism. However, some federal and state public pension funds, partially funded with tax dollars, invest in foreign companies that do business in and with terrorist-sponsoring countries. Would you support or oppose legislation that would prohibit federal pension funds from investing in foreign companies that do business in and with terrorist-sponsoring countries?

_____ Support _____X_____ Oppose _____ Undecided

Comments:

Who has made the determination that these hypothetical nations are sponsors of terrorism. What is the evidence. Are all citizens of these country terrorists, or are some of them ordinary business people with who we could mutually benefit from having, at least, a commercial relationship? Or are they all bad guys?

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3. Islamic sharia law, as applied in various Islamic countries, includes provisions that a woman's testimony in court is only equal to half a man's testimony; that criticism of Islam or the prophet Mohammed is a criminal offense; that adulterers can be stoned to death; that men can have multiple wives; and that men can marry girls as young as age nine. Great Britain currently has an estimated 85 sharia courts, and there are now some Muslims in America calling for sharia law to be implemented here. Would you support or oppose the application of sharia law in civil and criminal actions in the United States?

_____ Support _____X_____ Oppose _____ Undecided

Comments:

The United States has always been proclaimed to be the land of freedom & equality. We cannot lose sight of these objectives. We already have many laws based on religious beliefs that discriminate against non adherents. To add more would be counter to the freedom we have been promised.

4. Some American banks and investment firms are participating in an Islamic form of financing known as “Sharia-Compliant Financing.” Under the rules of Sharia-Compliant Financing, a bank or investment firm is required to have a Sharia advisory board that dictates where and how funds are invested. The bank or investment firm is also required to give a percentage of its profits to Muslim charities as directed by the sharia advisory board, which raises concerns because numerous Muslim charities

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have been identified by the federal government as having ties to terrorist organizations. Would you support or oppose a government investigation of Sharia-Compliant Financing to determine if it violates federal treasury, banking, securities and/or anti-terrorism laws?

_____ Support ___X___ Oppose _____ Undecided

Comments:

Private institutions have the right to choose their own business plans. Giving to charitable organizations is a laudable activity. Once again, on what basis would these judgements be made? Would it be only sharia oriented businesses, or would all business charitable contributions be investigated? The only way we are going to win against terrorism is to change the hearts & minds of terrorists. And we already know, not all terrorists are Middle Eastern.

5. Would you support or oppose amending U.S. humanitarian refugee law to (1) require all humanitarian refugees to swear under oath that they will not support or advocate a theological totalitarian form of government to replace our constitutional government, and (2) require the deportation of any refugee who violated this oath?

_____ Support ___X___ Oppose _____ Undecided

Comments:

Anyone climbing off a raft after days at sea, seeking asylum, would answer this, or almost any other question you ask them, in the affirmative. An oath under any type of desperate condition would mean nothing. It is we, the great majority who are already here, who control the nature of our nation. If we truly appreciate the freedom this nation can provide, newcomers will too.

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6. Iran continues its march toward the development of nuclear weaponry, and it is becoming increasingly likely that Iran will acquire nuclear weapons in the very near future. If diplomacy and sanctions fail to “persuade” Iran to end its drive to develop nuclear weapons, would you support the use of targeted military force to cripple Iran’s nuclear weapons program before it is capable of using or exporting such weapons of mass destruction?

_____ Support ___X___ Oppose _____ Undecided

Comments:

Iran is surrounded by countries that possess nuclear weapons. Their immediate neighbor to the east, Muslim Pakistan, has nuclear weapons. Its immediate neighbors to the north, the old Soviet states of Kazakhstan & Uzbekistan, no doubt maintain small arsenals in conjunction with Russia. Nearby India & China both have sizable nuclear arsenals. Nearby Israel has been suspected to be a partner in nuclear tests in South Africa. Why should Iran be singled out as the nation that cannot defend itself against such a threat? An unprovoked attack by the U.S. would help to cement the belief of Iranians that they need such weapons to defend themselves.

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7. In 2008 a police officer who ticketed a Muslim was threatened with a lawsuit from an Islamic organization claiming discrimination. Would you support or oppose **ACT! for America federal candidate questionnaire, page four...**

legislation protecting first responders from such lawsuits filed by organizations known to be consorting with or providing support to terrorist organizations, or who have been indicted as a conspirator or co-conspirator with terrorist organizations?

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments:

Anyone may initiate a lawsuit. Laws that already protect first responders ought to be sufficient to protect them from lawsuit from any organization.

8. The United States currently uses the prison at the U.S. Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba to house enemy combatants and other terrorists who threaten our nation. President Obama made the closure of this modern and secure facility one of his top priorities, though it has not yet been closed. Do you support or oppose the closure of the Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility and the transfer of its detainees to prisons in the U.S.?

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments:

9. Do you support or oppose trying enemy combatants in civilian, federal courts, instead of in military tribunals?

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments:

Nineteen people hijacking airliners & a few others trying to commit urban homicide does not constitute a war. These people are international criminals and should be publicly tried as such. We should accord them with the same protection of rights we would want for ourselves, lest any of them be wrongly accused.

10. The Obama administration has deleted terms such as “jihadist” and “radical Islam” from its strategic assessments of the ongoing Islamist terrorist threat facing the United States. Do you support or oppose this revised definition of this threat?

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments:

A thing is what it is, no matter what you call it. The more accurate the description, the better, for those trying to understand the situation. A jihadist is a holy warrior. What does that mean? What does a “radical Islamist” stand for? General labels only obscure the truth.

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11. There is little dispute that those who want to build a mosque at “Ground Zero” have the legal right to do so, should they successfully comply with all applicable statutes and codes. Do you support or oppose the wisdom of this decision by the developers to build this mosque within the perimeter of “Ground Zero?”

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments:

One sixth of the world’s population identify themselves as Islamic & go to mosques to worship. Are they all responsible for what 19 guys did on September 11th?

12. Do you support or oppose efforts to secure our southern border and to more effectively track all non-U.S. citizens who enter our country through the range of visa programs this nation offers?

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments:

There is no reason to believe foreign terrorists are any more dangerous than home grown terrorists. Don’t forget Oklahoma City. Maintaining the peace is a local problem. It is also an international problem. Communities all over the world are increasingly being violated by a few individuals who feel that their dissatisfactions are so egregious that they can’t settle them civilly & must resort to violence. We must coordinate with all nations to stop these few people from causing mayhem & publicly prosecute them if they succeed.

13. According to the Pew Hispanic Center, 1 in every 12 babies born in the United States have at least one parent whose presence here is illegal. This year a number of media sources have reported on the increasing practice of what is called “birthright tourism,” where pregnant non-U.S. citizens come to the U.S. to give birth so their children automatically receive U.S. citizenship. One news report revealed how an American hotel actually advertises its “birthright tourism” services. As a result, there are growing calls for congressional hearings to address this issue and

examine a possible reinterpretation of the 14th amendment to the Constitution, under which “birthright tourism” is now allowed. Would you support or oppose such congressional hearings?

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments:

The presumption here is that some people have more right to be American than others. We Americans are that because we were born here or naturalized. Some of us have family here that stretches back for generations. Others were born here right after their folks stepped off the boat. Yet we are equally Americans. Never forget that America is more than a place, it's a mindset. In fact America is mythic. For over 200 years people have left their countries to come to America, where a poor person could achieve a comfortable life & maybe even grow rich. If they couldn't come here, they tried to change their countries to be more like America. Who could blame anyone for wanting to be an American?

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14. The evidence is growing of active radical Islamist recruitment in our federal prison system. For example, four suspected terrorists brought to trial in Manhattan recently were former prison inmates. Would you support or oppose congressional hearings to determine to what extent this is happening in our federal prison system and the potential impact it has for our national security?

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments:

When inmates are housed together they are going to learn from one another. Anyone who offers them an excuse for feeling downtrodden will get an audience.