

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:

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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:

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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       Oppose       Undecided

Comments:

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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       Oppose       Undecided

Comments:

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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       Oppose       Undecided

Comments:

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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       Oppose       Undecided

Comments:

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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       Oppose       Undecided

Comments:

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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

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:

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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:

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

Support       Oppose       Undecided

Comments: The constitution allows trial by jury.

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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:I don't believe the administration has deleted such terms. You are looking only for candidates who agree with your isolationist views.

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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:This is an example of a poorly-worded question. I support their right to build. But I do think it is wise. If I could advise the developers, I would ask them to find another site that would not irritate Americans so much. Why bring problems on yourself and your cause?

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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:

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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 14<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Constitution, under which "birthright tourism" is now allowed. Would you support or oppose such congressional hearings?

Support                       Oppose                       Undecided

Comments:

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                         X    Oppose                      \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided

Comments: Hearings would be a waste of time and grandstanding opportunities for members of Congress. Let the prisons deal with the problem. Inmates can be separated.