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## ACT! for America Candidate Questionnaire

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**Candidate Political Party:** Republican, Conservative

**Candidate Signature:** 

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House, New York District 25

Please print or type all information.

1. It is becoming increasingly evident that American dependence on foreign oil, especially oil from countries that support and/or export radical Islamic ideology and terrorism, 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. The Open Fuel Standard Act, legislation with bi-partisan sponsorship which would require that starting in 2012, 50% of new automobiles, and starting in 2015, 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:

The problem is not the number of flex-fuel vehicles on the road, the problem is access to alternative fuels. General Motors, for example, has sold over 2 million flex-fuel vehicles, but the fueling stations for E85 are few and far between.

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

Support                       Oppose                       Undecided

Comments:

Such an executive order should not be limited to natural gas.

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c. Expansion of offshore oil and natural gas exploration and drilling.

Support                       Oppose                       Undecided

Comments:

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d. Opening up a small section of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to oil exploration and drilling.

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. Materials distributed in some American mosques advocate the overthrow of America's constitutional form of government and replacing it with Islamic law, known as sharia law. Many such materials also call on Muslims to take up the cause of holy war against all unbelievers. Would you support or oppose congressional hearings to review such materials that are now in the public domain, to determine if they violate federal laws applying to terrorism or sedition?

Support                       Oppose                       Undecided

Comments:

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4. Many Muslims in England and Western Europe are pressing the countries where they live to create a separate court system for them, where they would be governed by Islamic sharia law, instead of the law of the countries in which they live. Would you support or oppose allowing Muslims in America to live under their own Islamic court and legal system in such areas as family court, instead of the court and legal systems of the United States and the state in which they live?

Support                       Oppose                       Undecided

Comments:

All people who come to America are, and should expect to be, subject to American laws. Further, it is an established fact that separate facilities are not equal.

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5. 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 give a percentage of its profits to Muslim charities, some of which have been shown to have direct or indirect ties to terrorist organizations. Would you support or oppose a government investigation of Sharia Compliant Financing to determine if it violates federal treasury, banking and anti-terrorism laws?

Support                       Oppose                       Undecided

Comments:

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6. The FBI has a shortage of Arabic translators capable of translating intelligence that might provide leads to terrorist activity. In spite of this shortage, for the past few years the FBI has rejected most Christian and Jewish applicants who are fluent in Arabic, preferring to limit its hiring almost exclusively to Muslim applicants. Would you support or oppose a government investigation of the FBI Arabic translator program?

Support                       Oppose                       Undecided

Comments:

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7. America's humanitarian refugee law allows foreign refugees to apply for expedited entry to the U.S. Would you support or oppose amending U.S. 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 current government, and (2) require the deportation of any refugee who violated this oath?

Support                       Oppose                       Undecided

Comments:

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8. Abdurahman Alamoudi, who is serving a 23 year prison term on terrorism-related charges, was instrumental in the approval and placement of many of the Muslim chaplains in the U.S. prison system. Would you support or oppose a government investigation of all U.S. prison chaplains who were approved by Alamoudi to determine if they have links to terrorist organizations or suspected terrorists?

Support                       Oppose                       Undecided

Comments:

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9. Iran continues its march toward the development of nuclear weaponry, and it is becoming increasingly likely that Iran will acquire nuclear weapons some time within the next three to five years. 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 destroy Iran's nuclear weapons program before it is capable of using or exporting such weapons of mass destruction?

Support       Oppose       Undecided

Comments:

The President should have all available options at his or her disposal.

10. It has become increasingly common for foreign nationals to sue American authors in foreign jurisdictions. These suits claiming defamation are filed in foreign jurisdictions because such jurisdictions do not provide the constitutional protections of free speech that exist in America. Earlier this year New York passed legislation protecting authors from such lawsuits. Similar legislation, known as the Free Speech Protection Act, has been introduced with bi-partisan sponsorship in Congress. Would you support or oppose the Free Speech Protection Act?

Support       Oppose       Undecided

Comments:

11. Recently 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 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:

I would need to see how such legislation interacts with a citizen's rights under Section 1983 of the Civil Rights Act