



Candidate Questionnaire

NATIONAL

PART I

Please review the following principles and indicate whether you support them. Your support for a principle is your pledge to advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation consistent with that principle and to oppose legislation that violates it.

Personal Responsibility

America is a social compact that acknowledges Natural Law; that the basic rights of all mankind are derived from God. Government is to be limited to the bare minimum of intrusions into the lives of the governed consistent with community safety and liberty. Upon our nation's founding, these principles of self-government were unique and revolutionary. Today, they have withstood the test of time.

America's foundational premise is that each person must be left free to exercise his rights to the fullest extent possible without infringing upon the rights of others. In America, the framework exists for each person to succeed based upon his or her merits and efforts. Equality of opportunity is inherent to our system. Equality of outcome is not.

I support this principle ____

I do not support this principle ____

Comment: _____

Constitutional Constructionism

Rightly fearing any government's tendency toward power, tyranny and oppression, the founders constructed a central government severely limited in its scope. It was to have specific and limited powers, be subordinate to the States and the People, and was to be subject to specific internal checks and balances. Time has proven the Founder's worst fears prescient. Our present Federal Government recognizes no boundaries to its scope, embraces no limits on its authority, demonstrates no restraint in its spending nor in its confiscation of citizen wealth through taxation.

Elected officials in State and National offices must recognize and acknowledge the historic and shameful shredding of our Constitution, and understand their duty and obligation to reverse this damage to our social compact. The primacy of States' Rights, individual liberty, property rights, and the rule of law must be recognized and enforced. The Federal Government must be reduced in size, scope, reach, and hubris; and must be returned to its original and limited place in the lives of Americans.

The Federal Government is OUR mutual compact as a people and a civilization to protect us in time of war, secure our borders, ensure an orderly society, and conduct relations with other nations. All other functions of Government are to be conducted at the local and state level.

I support this principle ____

I do not support this principle _____

Comment: _____

Limited Government

The powers of the Federal Government as given by the Constitution are few and defined, among them the power to tax:

"The Congress shall have power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States."—United States Constitution, Article I, Section 8

The Founders clearly stated their intentions for a limited government, yet some amendments have been abused by Congress to allow for the unrestrained growth of federal control and spending. No Congress has been successful at reducing the size of

government. Now is the time we must hold Congress accountable to the Constitution by delegitimizing any spending that strays from original intent.

The Federal Government spent 84% more in 2009 than it did in 1988, while the population has only risen by 30%. In order to achieve a reduction in the size and scope of the Federal Government, any future bill, existing law, policy or amendment that does not adhere to the principle and ideology of individual and states' rights must be terminated. Each state must be viewed as sovereign by the Federal Government and must not be compelled to sacrifice for the needs of another state— so that taxation is “uniform throughout the United States”.

By eliminating the Federal Government's role in the re-distribution of citizen income through taxation we can start to achieve uniformity while decreasing the scope of the Federal Government. Government interference in personal endeavors must end.

I support this principle ____

I do not support this principle _____

Comment: _____

A Virtuous America

We the People should endeavor to be a virtuous people. Virtue implies the possession or manifestation of moral excellence. This moral excellence governs our values concerning the sanctity of life from conception to end. Honesty, trustworthiness, integrity, charity, sacrifice, industriousness, courage and reverence for God and country are all founding and God given qualities that comprise our virtue. As a People we endeavor to elect and appoint those officials that exemplify these virtues.

I support this principle ____

I do not support this principle _____

Comment: _____

Strong National Defense

Defending the nation, providing for the common defense, is one of the few powers enumerated to the Federal Government by the Constitution. America must act proactively to defend itself, its citizens and its interest. We must seek peace through strength, serving as a deterrent to those who would seek to harm our way of life. Our military forces should only be used wisely and once deployed, their might unleashed to perform their task properly.

The safety of America's people and her interests abroad are paramount to maintaining all other freedoms. A strong National defense, a prosperous economy and individual liberty are inextricably intertwined. One cannot exist without the others.

Our borders must be secured sufficiently to prohibit terrorists and criminal gangs from entering our nation. The onslaught of illegal immigrants who overwhelm our infrastructure must be halted. Energy, the engine of our economy, must not be subjugated to political whim, nor control by our enemies.

I support this principle ____

I do not support this principle _____

Comment: _____

Free Markets

When citizens decide when, where, how and with whom they will conduct their business that is called free enterprise. Competition in the free enterprise system improves the quality of services and products while reducing costs; motivates individuals to innovate and give friendly, attentive service to their customers. Whoever excels at providing the best becomes the most successful.

In short, Capitalism is the key to prosperity; it is the engine that provides opportunity for all.

There is no freedom without private property – which includes the fruits of man's labor, his income. Liberty can be measured by the amount of disposable income that can be used after all physical necessities are covered.

Government's job is to provide protection so that the individual's life, family and property are safe from aggression or encroachments. But when government becomes too big and its regulations too intrusive - producing nothing and operating solely at taxpayers'

expense - such interference becomes a form of legalized theft and the citizen taxpayers reduced to little more than serfs.

I support this principle ____

I do not support this principle _____

Comment: _____

PART II

Border Security and Immigration

The porosity of the U.S. Border is worse than an embarrassment; it is a threat to national security. Not only have we no idea of the number of dangerous foreign nationals who cross there illegally and clandestinely, our lax enforcement has turned the entire southern border into a war zone as Mexican gangs battle for turf in the human- and drug-smuggling businesses. Additionally, by making it too hard to obtain a work permit, and too easy to simply walk across the border, we have created an underground of undocumented workers in the U.S. numbering in the millions.

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation to immediately close the border by any means possible: physical wall, technological wall, over flights, U.S. military protection, etc. to staunch the flow of drugs, crime, and potential attackers?

YES ____

NO _____

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation to reform U.S. Immigration policy to allow illegal workers already in the country, and any who aspire to come to this country to work, to more easily receive a valid work permit and therefore become known to the government, and contributors to the tax base?

YES ____

NO ____

Comment: _____

Will you then advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation to find and deport all undocumented persons in the U.S. who are a potential danger to society?

YES ____

NO ____

Comment: _____

An argument can be made that no state has suffered as much as Texas from the Federal Government's lax control of the border. This was clearly supposed to be part of the bargain of becoming a state. Would you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation for Texas' rejection of federal control of the southern border, and assumption of the responsibility to close and protect that area?

YES ____

NO ____

Comment: _____

Will you vote against any amnesty legislation that grants citizenship to illegal immigrants?

YES ____

NO ____

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation for a market-based temporary work program based on the unemployment rate that puts American citizens first?

YES ____

NO ____

Comment: _____

Education

In the last 30 years education costs have doubled while student's scores have remained flat. The Department of Education is wasting tax dollars on inefficient programs while hampering the ability of states to reform education at the local level. Do you support greater local authority over education in conjunction with a ban on the expansion of programs under of the Department of Education? Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation to reduce the Department of Education while increasing control at the local level?

YES ____

NO ____

Comment: _____

Parents need choice when it comes to the education of their children, will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation for families having control over the education of their children via school choice, vouchers, tax credits and scholarships and will you sponsor legislation to allow for these methods of school choice?

YES ____

NO ____

Comment: _____

Election Reform

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation that requires all voters in federal elections to present photographic identification, issued by the federal, state, or local government, verifying that they are U.S. citizens when they vote at their polling place, or send copies of such identification when submitting an absentee ballot?

YES ____

NO ____

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation to make all federal databases at the Social Security Administration and the immigration and customs divisions at the Department of Homeland Security available to state election officials to verify the citizenship status of registered voters?

YES ____

NO ____

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to allow states to purge individuals who have not voted in two federal elections as long as they have been sent written notice warning them that they will be removed unless they contact election officials within a certain period of time?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation that requires each state to enter into agreements with other neighboring states to compare voter registration lists to find voters who are registered in more than one state?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation that all third-party organizations (like ACORN) that conduct voter registration drives put the name of their organization and the volunteer / employee handling each registration on the voter registration form and require all forms to be returned to election officials within ten days of the date the forms were executed by the voter?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Will advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation to repeal of the 17th amendment?

YES ___

NO ____

Comment:_____

Nuclear Energy

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation changing regulations for constructing nuclear power plants to be predictable and effective?

YES ___

NO ____

Comment:_____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation allowing the private sector to manage spent nuclear waste?

YES ___

NO ____

Comment:_____

Oil Industry

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation that repeals excessive regulation, unleashes free enterprise and makes all sources of energy within U.S. borders accessible?

YES ___

NO ____

Comment:_____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation in favor of nullifying federal restrictions on energy exploration along with nullification of any other unconstitutional mandates Congress passes?

YES ___

NO ____

Comment:_____

Entitlements

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation taking Social Security and Medicare off auto-pilot and put on 30-yr budgets to be reviewed by Congress every five years?

YES ___

NO ____

Comment:_____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation reporting the shortfall in entitlement programs in Congress' annual budget?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation to reform Social Security and Medicare, adjusting payouts based on means testing?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation that allows for a portion of Social Security taxes to be invested privately, beginning with 10% and graduating to 50% by 2020?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Family and Religion

Religious institutions play a vital role in charity within their local community; will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation for a robust understanding of religion and our reason for religious freedom for us and our institutions?

YES ____

NO ____

Comment: _____

Religion teaches virtue and builds good character; two essential factors in every great society. To maintain the common good for our local communities will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation in support of religious liberty?

YES ____

NO ____

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation that advances morality and family through legislation to define marriage as a union between one man and one woman?

YES ____

NO ____

Comment: _____

In 1996 legislation was passed reducing the negative social effects of welfare by 60% and this successful legislation is now in jeopardy, will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation to promote marriage and family by solidifying the legislative reform measures laid out in 1996?

YES ___

NO ____

Comment: _____

Federal Budget and Spending

The Federal Government has accrued a National Debt of \$12.135 trillion, with annual budget deficits projected to be over \$1 trillion per year through 2019. With the debt at over \$545,000 per household in America (at its present total), it is manifestly obvious that the Federal Government is out of control, and is spending future generations wealth at an unprecedented rate.

Would you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation to balance the federal budget through spending cuts?

YES ___

NO ____

Comment: _____

Do you believe that confiscating citizen's wealth through taxation for programs not constitutionally allocated to the Federal Government is contrary to the compact between the states and the Federal Government?

YES ___

NO ____

Comment:_____

Would you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation for significant tax reductions on individuals and small companies in an effort to spur economic growth and total tax revenue?

YES ___

NO ____

Comment:_____

Would you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation to eliminate entire federal departments such as commerce, education, labor, energy, etc?

YES ___

NO ____

Comment:_____

Would you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation to eliminate certain foreign aid, including contributions to the World Bank and IMF?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Financial Services

The near-collapse of the financial services industry had many causes. Primarily the Federal Government's over-regulation and pernicious enforcement of misguided housing lending policies created a bubble and bust in housing values and the debt instruments underpinning the lending industry.

Should the Federal Government get completely out of the financial industry, returning control of lending and payroll decisions to private institutions?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Would you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation for repeal of the regulations and laws that have forced lending institutions to make questionable lending decisions due to federal pressure?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation to audit the Federal Reserve?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Healthcare

Given that one in four federal dollars is spent on healthcare; government pays directly or indirectly for half of all healthcare costs, and the entire industry is heavily regulated:

Do you agree that the fundamental problem with the cost and availability of Healthcare in America is the Federal Government's involvement in the regulation of the insurance industry, the provisioning of insurance through Medicare and Medicaid, and the severe underpayment for services in the Medicare program?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Medicare (parts A-D) has a \$89 Trillion unfunded liability for future services, and current surpluses for this and other entitlements are annually 'stolen' out of the 'lockboxes' they belong in and are transferred into the general budget, thus masking the fact that our horrifying budget deficits are even worse than they appear. Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation removing all entitlement tax receipts from the general budget calculation?

YES ___

NO ____

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation to create a mechanism TODAY to address the current cost and unfunded future liability for programs that utilize common sense, market-based reforms?

YES ___

NO ____

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation for medical malpractice lawsuit reform, resulting in lower costs for doctors and patients?

YES ___

NO ____

Comment: _____

Jobs and Labor

The Employee Free Choice Act would replace secret ballot elections with publicly signed union cards. Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation for this act and do you believe it promotes free choice in the workplace?

YES ____

NO ____

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation for Congress to return to the 2001 quota cap of 195,000 visas, create a more flexible program, make interoperable databases to minimize fraudulent cases and increase oversight to make sure employers conform to program rules?

YES ____

NO ____

Comment: _____

Lawsuit Abuse

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation that opposes federal policies that encourage and facilitate lawsuit abuse?

YES ____

NO ____

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation that discourages regulation through litigation?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation that encourages and promotes arbitration as an alternative to litigation when voluntarily agreed to in advance and not imposed by law?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation for medical liability reform while respecting the role of the states?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation that opposes efforts to eliminate the protections provided against abusive litigation to health and pension plans under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act?

YES ___

NO ____

Comment: _____

Role of the Courts

Should elected officials oppose judicial activism and pledge to appoint Constitutionalist judges to the bench?

YES ___

NO ____

Comment: _____

Do you believe Senators have a duty to question judicial nominees, gauge their faithfulness to the original meaning of the Constitution, and oppose nominees who could be activist and promoters of the concept of a “living Constitution”?

YES ___

NO ____

Comment: _____

In casting their votes, do you believe Senators must adhere to their own oath to protect and defend the Constitution?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Should members of Congress work to ensure fairness in any legislation that is passed to expand the number of federal judgeships?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Federal Taxes

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation to replace the current progressive tax system with "The Fair Tax" or a flat tax system with a top marginal rate of no more than 20%?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation to abolish the inheritance (death) tax?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation in support of maintaining a capital gains tax rate of 15% or less?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation to lower the corporate income tax rate to 30% or less?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation for a Constitutional amendment to repeal the 16th Amendment?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Threat to Property Rights

Do you support Executive Order 12630 (Reagan Executive Order regarding "Government Actions and Interference with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights") and will you call upon the current president to enforce the order?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Do you support the rights of property holders and will you protect these rights by advocating and authoring or co-sponsoring legislation and judicial rulings that ensure the sanctity of property owners?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation granting property owners a reasonable means of seeking redress from government interference with ones private property rights?

YES ___

NO ____

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislative amendments to cancel existing environmental laws that erode a citizens property rights?

YES ___

NO ____

Comment: _____

Second Amendment

Do you agree that the second amendment is “the Palladium of rights”, that all others codified in the Bill of Rights are made possible by the second?

YES ___

NO ____

Comment: _____

Do you agree with the phrase "I love my country, but I distrust my government"?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Do you agree that the primary protection of the U.S. citizenry from tyranny is exercise of 2nd amendment rights?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation to ensure that second amendment rights are not further infringed, and to roll back existing federal infringements on same?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Defense Spending

Our U.S. military serves many purposes for the well being of our country and citizens including fostering our foreign alliance, safeguarding our freedom and acting as our “Plan B” when diplomatic ventures fail. To promote the Constitutional guarantee of protecting American citizens on a routine basis will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation to increase military funding to 4% of the GDP?

YES ____

NO ____

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation for fixed-price contracts, acquisition reform implementation and other-cost controlling measures to eliminate the fraud in defense spending?

YES ____

NO ____

Comment: _____

Terrorism

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation in support of the vital and legal role of detention and interrogation of enemy combatants?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation to repeal mandates for impractical security measures that undermine U.S. economic competitiveness (100 % cargo screening) and enact expansion of those that do (Proliferation Security Initiative and Customs Trade Partnership against Terrorism)?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation that creates sustainable homeland security programs only if they respect state and citizen rights?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Do you support amnesty in any of its forms for illegal immigrants?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Do you support stronger interior enforcement of immigration law, including deportation of illegal felons?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation to utilize military detention and trial for enemy combatants rather than extend them Constitutional rights reserved for citizens?

YES ___

NO ____

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation to support effective spending on security measures by replacing Homeland Security grants with cooperative agreements among federal, state and local authorities?

YES ___

NO ____

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation to enhance scrutiny by federal law enforcement of all potential security threats and preferential treatment of whistleblowers by individuals in the military and sensitive intelligence positions?

YES ___

NO ____

Comment: _____

Trade

As its name implies, the current Doha Development Round was founded on the principle of promoting economic development along with freer trade. Should the U.S. spur global economic growth and prosperity by leading the Doha Round of trade negotiations to a successful and ambitious conclusion?

YES ___

NO ____

Comment: _____

Free trade agreements have an important role in maintaining American competitiveness and prosperity, spreading freedom around the world, and fostering economic development in poor countries. Should the U.S. strive to enhance, through improved implementation and effectiveness, existing relationships with important trade and investment partners?

YES ___

NO ____

Comment: _____

Timely passage of the pending trade agreements with Colombia, Panama, and South Korea would demonstrate a solid economic and strategic commitment to America's allies and, more importantly, to America's families. Should free trade agreements with Colombia, Panama, and South Korea be ratified without delay?

YES ___

NO ____

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation to resist climate change agreements and / or legislation that would inhibit free trade with other nations?

YES ___

NO ____

Comment: _____

UN

Are you in favor of withdrawing unconditional support to the U.N. without reflexively dismissing it?

YES ___

NO ____

Comment: _____

Do you support financial withholding from the U.N. in the case of its voting against U.S. interests (i.e. "Defamation of Religions" resolution)?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Do you support financial withholding from the U.N. to leverage key reforms (addressing human rights abuse, fraud, corruption and sexual abuse)?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Are you in favor of expanding the U.N. Security Council?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

IMF

In light of the CATO Institute's recommendation to do so, are you in favor of withdrawing the United States from the IMF?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Are you in favor of closing down the Exchange Stabilization Fund at the U.S. Department of the Treasury?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation to reject additional funding requests for the International Monetary Fund?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Missile Defense

With the growing number of foreign state bad actors seeking or acquiring ballistic missile capabilities, our country faces an unprecedented threat from either ballistic impact or a nuclear-generated EMP (Electro-Magnetic Pulse) from an above-ground nuclear detonation. A single EMP could cripple all communications, transportation, energy grid and computing infrastructure for up to half the nation.

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation requiring a fixed percentage of our defense budget of 2% - 3% to go annually toward improving our missile defense shield?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation to develop and deploy a space-based defensive component?

YES ___

NO ___

Comment: _____

Foreign Aid

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation to shift foreign aid funding from the U.S. Agency for International Development to the Millennium Challenge Corporation by requiring a minimum of 25% of all foreign aid to be distributed through MCC?

YES ____

NO ____

Comment: _____

Will you advocate and author or co-sponsor legislation to limit foreign aid only to nations who are allied with the U.S., voting no less than 50% of the time with U.S. in the United Nations?

YES ____

NO ____

Comment: _____

