

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:



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

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: Biodiesel from algae is becoming increasingly viable as a fuel source. I'd really like to see a move to that, but until such time, a move to natural gas is a good idea.

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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: We absolutely should NOT have a separate set of legal standards for those in the US. If they want sharia law, move to a nation that is governed by it.

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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:

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:

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:

I would like more information as to specifics before deciding a yes or no on this question.

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

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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:

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: While I am firmly against terrorism, the stain of torture is upon this facility. Add in that those who have been imprisoned there have not had access to attorneys and some have not even been informed as to why they are being detained and you'll hopefully recognize the need to close this facility and move those prisoners to US shores. We cannot be the light of the world if we are sneaking around committing atrocities; however justified we may believe they are, in the name of the United States.

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

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: Our federal judges are perfectly capable of handling the disposition of these cases. Military tribunals are entirely too secretive and I'd prefer something more open.

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:

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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: It is my understanding that this is not a mosque being built, but a full center that will have a small place of worship contained within it. Also, it is two blocks away from the site of Ground Zero. We must remember that over 100 Muslims also died on September 11th and not every Muslim is a terrorist. IF we fight this, the terrorists have won more than they already have with the undermining of our constitutional rights that has already taken place.

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: Actually, we must secure ALL borders, both north and south. We have many illegal Canadian and Asian citizens who have come from the north. We need to actively pursue those who overstay visas and crack down on employers hiring illegal immigrants. I do NOT support the fence. It is not very beneficial, but IS extremely destructive to fragile and important ecological areas. It also has essentially stolen land and water access from US citizens and property owners with little or no compensation for same. Any fence can be gotten over or under. There are better ways, including revisiting some trade policies that harm our neighbors to the south, than building a new "Berlin Wall".

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: Commenting solely on the question of "birthright tourism", I think we need to possibly address this. I think it takes the idea of "under the jurisdiction of" the United States a little far if the mother is here as a tourist or, in some cases, here for specific

medical care relating to the birth that cannot be acquired easily elsewhere. I would think that, in those cases, the citizenship should be that of the mother's native country.

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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: I must admit that I've not given this particular issue much thought. I'll definitely look into it, though.