

IVI-IPO 2010 CONGRESSIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

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A) Elective or appointive public or party offices previously held including dates.

None

B) Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate.

None

C) What is your primary occupation?

Currently working as a software developer

D) Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years.

Matt Reichel campaign for Congress (special election), 2009

Matt Reichel campaign for Congress, 2010

Rich Whitney campaign for governor as an economic advisor

Illinois Green Party Delegate to the National Committee of the US Green Party and also serving on the platform committee

E) What subjects have you studied and what experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek?

I have studied economics at the PhD level and I have a BA in Economics and Sociology. I have also informally studied US Constitutional history. Before graduate school I was involved extensively in many civic endeavors including the founding of the Grant Park Advisory Council, participation in Chicago federation of regional park advisory councils, Friends of Downtown, President of South Loop Neighbors Association and the Burnham Park Planning Board.

F) What candidates have you supported in past elections? Please be specific in describing your role in each campaign.

I have volunteered for :

Matt Reichel for Congress in 2009 and 2010 (canvassing, IT support, platform advising)

Rich Whitney for Governor (economic advising)

Carol Moseley Braun for US Senate in 1992 (some computer support and canvassing)

Tom Sharpe for Chicago first ward Alderman in 1991 (computer support, poll watcher)

G) Please list all endorsements you have received so far.

Illinois Green Party candidate recognition

IPI-IPO would constitute my first independent endorsement

H) As concisely as possible, please state why you feel you should be endorsed over the other candidate(s). What goals for the office you seek are most important to you personally?

Washington and our politicians have slowly lost touch with the will of the American people. While I myself voted for my opponent in 1992, I feel great disappointment in his representation of the district, especially in recent years. As he has climbed up the seniority ladder in many key committees, he has more and more gotten economic training and advice from the narrow interests of Wall Street elites. In 2008 he voted for the bailout of Wall Street. This was by no means the only way to confront the financial crisis and basically constituted a raiding of the American treasury to fulfill the wildest dreams of a few of the wealthiest Americans who have ever lived.

We desperately need someone in Congress with a broad background in economics and I may be one of the few, if not the only candidate in the entire country who brings such a background. It is important for someone to counteract the twisted think-tank-originated public-relations spin on economics which has come to dominate our government in Washington.

My top priority is to end the swindling of the American people perpetuated through the privatization of our natural monopoly resources and industries (including the military-industrial cartel). I also feel we must empower workers through workers cooperatives and guaranteed collective bargaining for all other workers which together I believe will address the wildly perverse distribution of income in the United States. What few in Washington understand is that it is this perverse distribution of income that necessitates the enormous debt situation we currently face. Therefore, any politician who insists on 'fiscal responsibility' and balancing the Federal budget without addressing our income distribution problems is basically promising to further collapse the economy or dump even more debt burden on American households.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to address the accusation of 'spoiler' that often faces Green Party candidates. While I appreciate that many voters legitimate worry about the spoiler issue, it is also the propaganda tool used by the neoliberal / neoconservative forces which dominate both the Republican and Democratic (increasingly so) parties. These forces use the concerns about spoilers and relatively minor issues to drag the US electorate more and more into the neoconservative distopia they crave. In any event, the 4th Congressional district invariably grants only 10% of the vote to the Republican party candidate and other neoconservative leaning independent candidates who run in the district. That means there is no number of votes I can take from the incumbent that would jeopardize a progressive victory in the district.

I) What is your campaign budget? How much have you raised to date?

J) How many people are on your campaign staff? How many volunteers are on your list?

IVI-IPO 2010 CONGRESSIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 2

Foreign and Military		
1.	ESSAY	<p>What should be the US role in multi-national alliances such as the UN, NATO and the International Criminal Court?</p> <p>The US is a Constitutional republic with permeated by institutions of representative democracy. As this is an essential guarantee of our Constitution, this principle must guide our participation in International organizations as well. We should therefore put more emphasis on the UN and treat it as the proper and necessary institution for international mediation. Properly treated, the UN should remove the need for NATO, the ICC, World Bank, IMF, WTO and other corporatist and oligarchy inspired institutions. That is not to say that other treaties might not be appropriate among North American countries for example, but we should resort to bilateral and multilateral agreements only when the UN is inappropriate for the process at hand. I would work to end US funding and involvement in these other increasingly obsolete organizations (NATO, IMF, World Bank, etc.).</p>
2.	ESSAY	<p>What should be the policy of the IMF and World Bank toward countries that are essentially bankrupt?</p> <p>These private parochial interest organizations should not exist and, if they do continue to exist, should get no support from the United States government: neither pecuniary, military, nor covert aid. Instead, the UN should be activated to handle debt relief, debt-renegotiation, and debt forgiveness, as well as self-reliant, resilient, and sustainable development within insolvent nations.</p> <p>Elsewhere, as part of my climate and energy policy, I propose an international carbon tax on fuel for nautical and aeronautical transport as an independent UN revenue source directed specifically toward self-sufficient, resilient and sustainable development.</p> <p>For countries uninterested in participating in a UN debt relief programs, they would simply find borrowing funds in the international market incredibly difficult, though they may still be eligible for UN development aid.</p>
3.	ESSAY	<p>What should be Congress' role in formulating foreign policy?</p> <p>Congress should play a significant role in formulating foreign policy. First Congress must reclaim its role as sole branch to declare war. As commander in chief, the President is always empowered to repel foreign invasions; however, we must end the unconstitutional legislative acts which attempt to give the President</p>

			<p>the power to declare and make war offensively.</p> <p>Since war should not be the foundation of our foreign policy, Congress can also take preemptive steps to normalize diplomatic relations with all UN recognized nations. There may be reasons we could imagine to discipline other countries by temporarily suspending normal diplomatic relations or a pressing need to remove diplomatic personnel for their own safety, however we should treat the maintenance of normal diplomatic relations between all other nations as an essential ingredient for peaceful coexistence. While the President has significant leeway in pursuing foreign relations, Congress can do its part by removing obstacles to the President such as the Helms-Burton Act.</p> <p>Congress should also fund programs for humanitarian relief and the development of self-sufficient and resilient economies in disadvantaged nations.</p>
	YES	NO	
4.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Should the US adopt a timetable for withdrawal of our troops from Afghanistan?
	ESSAY		<p>If so, within what Timeframe?</p> <p>The US should immediately withdraw all troops from Iraq and Afghanistan, strive to broker an independent UN peacekeeping mission, and offer direct humanitarian aid to rebuild Afghanistan's infrastructure.</p>
5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Should the US wage war without a declaration from Congress?
6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you agree with the current proposed level of funding for the military?
	ESSAY		<p>If you agree, explain. If you disagree, how would you distribute the funds?</p> <p>I believe we currently spend ridiculously too much money on military defense and get virtually nothing for the expenditure. The attacks on September 11th demonstrated that the military-industrial cartel is uninterested in focussing on mission number one: defense of the United States where the only unsuccessful attack was foiled by a civilian response. Instead the US military-industrial cartel has become obsessed with imperialist adventures around the globe which undermine the safety and security of everyone whether living within our borders or beyond our borders.</p> <p>I would push to enact legislation that would replace the current military-industrial cartel approach to national defense with a new reformed military comprised of: 1) a significantly scaled back and still volunteer based standing military 2) combined with a new civilian-based militia with compulsory service for all able-bodied citizens. However the part-time, militia members could not be deployed outside their own communities and arrangements would be made to accommodate contentious objectors. I would support Constitutional amendments to guarantee the defensive focus of the militia and rein in the standing military as well.</p> <p>With the peace dividend derived by streamlining our military defense we could: 1) fund the socialization of our natural monopoly industries eliminating the enormous hidden tax incurred by privatizing such monopolies; 2) establish a</p>

			Marhsall Plan for North America where we modernize and rebuild our infrastructure based on proven advances in sustainable and renewable technology; 3) restructure our tax system to move states and local communities to progressive income taxes providing enormous property tax relief.
			Do you support
7.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	closing WHISC (the re-named Army School of the Americas)?
8.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	mandating release of the names of all those who have attended the WHISC?
9.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the way the drug war is being carried on, both abroad and at home?
	ESSAY		<p>What would you change?</p> <p>I would work to completely end the war on drugs, legalize all drugs, and provide drug-abuse treatment programs to actually address the real issues of substance abuse. Our Constitution does not empower Congress to criminalize intoxicants. It was amended at one time to empower the prohibition of intoxicating liquors specifically, but most of the power for intoxicating liquor interdiction empowerment were later repealed. No amendments (nor any original Constitutional provisions) have ever granted Congress the power to prohibit intoxicants generally.</p> <p>Moreover, the tenets of limited government on which our country was founded require that we should never criminalize something without a sweeping consensus on criminalizing it (for which intoxicant prohibition has no such consensus). Congress can regulate commerce (buying and selling) in intoxicants and Congress can provide civil remedies related to intoxicant related damages in contracts and tortious claims even without a broad consensus, but criminal laws should only be based on broad consensus. We have seen the horrible consequences of the drug war which seeks to criminalize something where enforcement requires intrusive and invasive police tactics. This has been a disaster.</p> <p>The only humane way to confront substance abuse problems is through substance abuse treatment. Other issues should be dealt with through commercial regulation and civil remedies and not through criminal enforcement.</p>
			Do you support
10.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	normalization of relations with Cuba?
11.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	the Helms-Burton Act?
	ESSAY		<p>What should be US policy toward a post-Castro Cuba?</p> <p>We should normalize diplomatic relations immediately. We should also stop any and all covert operations directed against Cuba. Finally, we should reestablish trade relations with Cuba and relate to one another as any two sovereign nations should. To compensate for the US neoconservative's mistreatment of Cuba over the last century we should provide aid to rebuild Cuba's infrastructure in a sustainable and renewable manner.</p>
Energy & Environment			
			Do you Support

12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Oil drilling in Alaska and other protected wilderness?
13.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cap and trade?
14.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lower National Carbon emissions goals?
15.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clean Diesel Program?
16.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Energy Efficiency goals?
17.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Coal Liquification?
18.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Increasing use of Nuclear power for electric generation?
19.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mountaintop coal strip mining?
20.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Increase user fees for grazing, mining and lumbering on Federal lands?
21.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Opening more federal land for lumber exploitation?
22.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pollution tax?
23.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kyoto Protocols?
24.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support allowing states to adopt more stringent environmental standards than provided for in Federal law?
Transportation			
			Should the federal government have primary funding responsibility for
25.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	infrastructure improvements?
26.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	highways?
27.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	mass transit?
28.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	high-speed rail?
29.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amtrak?
30.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Air transportation?

31.	ESSAY	<p>Please comment on specific proposals</p> <p>A central component of my platform is to socialize and re-socialize all natural monopoly industries. However, only interstate industries should be federally controlled and operated and so the Federal government should only have primary responsibility for interstate infrastructure. I also propose policies to bring progressive income taxation to state and local levels so as to bring revenues and appropriations to the most local level appropriate. Therefore I support the nationalization of interstate railroads, interstate roadways, interstate energy grids (electrical and otherwise), and interstate communication networks (including wireless networks along our interstate highways system).</p> <p>I also propose measures to aid state and local governments in gaining democratic control over the more local segments of these natural monopoly resources (water and irrigation systems, communication networks, broadcast airwaves, mass transit infrastructure, and so forth).</p> <p>Therefore I support both a more expansive and a more limited federal role, as well as a more expansive role for state and local government in these infrastructure systems crucial for economic prosperity. The role for federal government in non-interstate infrastructure should instead be focussed on assisting state and local governments. Major airports should remain (or become) publicly owned and democratically directed since they are monopoly resources within their local communities. Only the air-traffic control infrastructure is suitable for primary federal funding.</p>
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Taxes and Economic Policy

			Do you favor
32.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a more progressive income tax?
33.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a flat tax?
34.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a national sales tax?
35.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	taxing capital gains at the same rate as earned income?
36.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	taxing dividends at the same rate as earned income?
37.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	reduction/elimination of the estate tax?
38.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	elimination of the AMT for individuals?
39.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	elimination of the AMT for corporations?
40.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	inflation indexing for the AMT?
41.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	any other changes in our tax structure?

	ESSAY	<p>Please explain.</p> <p>I propose tax deductions for Federal taxpayers who also make progressive income tax payments to state and local taxing bodies as a way to decentralize our tax system and move democratic decision-making over revenues to the most local level possible. I would still support Federal aid grants to less-developed communities, but the normal procedure should be for local communities to control their own local taxing power. I also propose tax incentives to foster a proliferation of worker cooperatives.</p>
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42.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support raising the earnings cap for Social Security?
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	ESSAY	<p>If so, to what level? If not, how would you ensure the program is fully funded?</p> <p>Social security is fully funded and solvent already. Claims to the contrary are an underhanded propaganda campaign to smear a highly successful program. Social security is a cyclical program and is solvent to 2042. After 2042 the social security surplus will begin growing again as baby boomers exit the system. Then my generation of retirees will be significantly smaller and therefore the system will enjoy a surplus once again until we exit the system (and so on).</p> <p>Having said that, I still support a lifting of the cap and an indexing of the cap for inflation as a way of keeping social security benefits regardless of inflation. A major benefit of social security's approach to old-age retirement is that it is insulated from market uncertainties but to fully realize that advantage we must not have caps that do not automatically adjust with inflation. I would support at least a doubling or tripling of the current cap, but the actual amount should be set based on a thorough actuarial analysis.</p>	
43.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support repeal of the Commodity Futures Modernization Act?
44.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will you support "fast track" legislation for trade treaties?

Consumer Rights			
45.	ESSAY		<p>What legislation or regulation would you support to safeguard consumers harmed in the recent sub-prime lending credit crisis?</p> <p>We need a program of mortgage relief and a foreclosure moratorium to stabilize Real Estate markets and our financial system.</p> <p>However, this crisis was entirely preventable and we must take steps immediately to restructure and reform our financial system so that this type of crisis never happens again. I have a comprehensive proposal to reform our financial system, by nationalizing our monetary system (which was unconstitutionally privatized in the Federal Reserve Act of 1916) as well as providing an FDIC insured public option for savings and lending in a National Credit Union and nationalizing much of insurance in a National Insurance Union. A nationalized credit rating agency would provide the glue to tie all of these financial reforms together.</p>
			Do you support
46.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal legislation to cap interest rates on credit cards and other consumer loans?
47.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal legislation to regulate ATM fees and service charges on credit cards and other consumer loans?
48.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	allowing states to enact consumer laws which go beyond the protection of federal legislation?
Government and Ethics			
49.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support term limits?
			Do you support
50.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	public financing of Congressional campaigns?
51.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	spending limits?
52.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	abolition of PACs?
53.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Elimination of earmarks?
54.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	All earmarks being made available in a searchable format on the internet?
55.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support increased Congressional oversight of federal contracting?
	ESSAY		<p>Why or why not?</p> <p>Oversight is a central role for Congress. Especially when appropriating funds for private contractors, Congress must set clear measurable objectives and demand reporting to ensure funding is effectively and efficiently spent.</p>
56.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation forbidding all Senate, House, and White House staff from engaging in any political activity on government time?
Health & Human Services			
57.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support HR676, HR1200 and SB703?

	ESSAY	Why or why not? Insurance is a natural monopoly sector of our economy and therefore one best operated at the federal level (economies of scale continue accruing all the way to the federal level). I support nationalization of all such natural monopoly industries including all essential casualty insurance. Moreover, medical insurance is a special case because our health is essential to living and the adverse incentives that plague other insurance are largely absent in health insurance. For example, we need no deductible to discourage us from breaking our limbs or contracting an illness. The very risk insured in this cases is its own disincentive from drawing benefits. Universal coverage, single-payer, a single risk pool for the entire nation, low overhead: all of these attributes make these senate and house bills the perfect solution for our medical insurance needs. Supporting the continued private operation of health insurance places the interests of a few above the needs of all other Americans and undermines our democracy.	
58.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support authorizing Medicare and other government insurance programs to negotiate lower prices for prescription drugs?
59.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Should the FDA approve importation of drugs from countries whose manufacturing and safety standards are equal or superior to those in the US?
60.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support funding of medically accurate, age appropriate, sex education programs? (but only funding within my proposed federally hosted intellectual product repository since otherwise I believe this should not be a federal issue)
61.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support increased funding for HIV/AIDS research, education, prevention, and services?

			Do you support
62.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal funding for fetal stem cell research?
63.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation prohibiting stem cell research?
			Do you support
64.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	the Human Life Amendment?
65.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	the Freedom of Choice Act?
66.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	parental notification to obtain an abortion?
67.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	restoration of Medicaid coverage of abortion?
68.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a ban on so-called partial birth abortions?
69.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	insurance coverage for abortions for federal and military employees and their dependents?
			Do you favor increased funding for:
70.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	supplemental food programs for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)?
71.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	food stamp allowances?
72.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Head Start?
73.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	school lunch programs?
			Do you support
74.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	reauthorization of TANF in 2010?
75.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	raising TANF benefits to at least equal the poverty level?
76.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	eliminating the 60-month lifetime limit to receive TANF benefits?
77.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	transfer funding currently used for marriage promotion programs to increase the amount of direct benefits to needy families?
78.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reestablishing federal regulation of statewide programs?
79.	ESSAY		What are your proposals to help people who do not qualify for TANF or for unemployment benefits? I have no proposals, but I am open to suggestions.
			Do you support
80.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	increased funding to develop affordable housing?
81.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	restrictions to ensure development of low-income rather than market rate housing?
82.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	adequate funding for the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund out of the premiums paid for Fannie Mae and Ginnie Mae loans?
83.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	protection against housing discrimination for holders of Section 8 housing vouchers?
			Do you favor
84.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	increased federal aid to public education?
85.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	vouchers, tuition tax-credits or other any direct public support for parochial or private schools?
86.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are the provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act the most effective way to advance student achievement?
	ESSAY		If not, what plan would you propose?

		<p>My view is that the federal role in education should be limited to: 1) minimum curricula guidelines for civics, US Constitutional history and the like; 2) mandating and funding programs to ensure equal educational opportunity (such as head start, special education, school lunch programs); and 3) A new federally hosted repository for educational materials. While the federal government should maintain performance standards and oversight over only these aspects of federal education policy, I would work to give local communities control over their own educational policy beyond these limited federal programs. Therefore I will work to end No Child Left Behind and federal mandated testing.</p>
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Law, Justice, and Correctional System		
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87.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> admissibility of illegally obtained evidence?
88.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> electronic eavesdropping?
89.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> roving wiretaps?
90.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> capital punishment?
91.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults?
92.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mandatory sentencing?
93.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> criminalization of hate crimes?
94.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Congressional oversight of the NSA?
95.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Real ID program?

		Do you favor
96.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> detention of suspects and material witnesses without charges and/or probable cause?
97.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> giving such detainees access to counsel?

98.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Would you support legislation authorizing secret military tribunals?
98.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Would you support legislation prohibiting secret military tribunals?

	ESSAY	<p>Please explain your position.</p> <p>Military tribunals, unwarranted suspension of habeus corpus, denying counsel and other measures are being used by opportunists within government to skirt the US Constitution. The Bill of Rigths and the Constitution are clear that government has not been empowered to engage in these practices.</p>
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99.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> repeal of the Military Commissions Act?
100.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> a statutory ban on the use of extraordinary rendition and secret prisons?
101.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> creation of a special committee to learn the truth about unlawful and inappropriate activities by government officials in the post-9/11 era?
102.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> repeal of the FISA Amendments Act of 2008?

		<p>In particular regarding the attacks of September 11th, I support pushing for a criminal investigation into the attacks to learn whether someone might have provided support for the suicide attackers and seek indictments, extradition, and prosecution of those culprits.</p>
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103.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Do you support legislation prohibiting racial profiling in law enforcement?
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104.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	legislation to ban the manufacture, sale and possession of handguns?
105.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	assault weapons?
			Do you support legislation
106.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	mandating background checks of purchasers of weapons at gun shows, through the internet and through print advertisements?
107.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	increasing penalties for illegal resale of weapons?
108.	ESSAY		<p>What restrictions, if any, should Congress enact or repeal regarding the scope of federally funded legal services for the poor?</p> <p>I have no current proposals to address this issue, but I am open to suggestions.</p>
Civil Liberties and Civil Rights			
			Do you favor
109.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	repeal of the Patriot Act?
110.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	amending the NSL provisions to expand court oversight, require a mandatory showing of a connection to terrorist activity and rescind unconstitutional gag restrictions?
111.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	any other changes to the Patriot Act?
112.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support repeal/revision of the Posse Comitatus Act?
		ESSAY	<p>Please explain.</p> <p>I do not support repeal or revision of the Posse Comitatus Act. I see no reason to involve our standing military in local law enforcement whatsoever. I would support revisions that remove any exceptions to Posse Comitatus.</p>
			Do you support
113.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	prioritizing family reunification as criteria in granting visas and processing citizenship and permanent resident applications?
114.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	halting deportations of immigrants until final determination of residency status has been made and appeals have been exhausted?
115.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	amnesty for undocumented immigrants currently in the country?
116.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The DREAM Act?
117.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Continued funding of the US-Mexican border fence?
118.	ESSAY		<p>What other immigration reforms do you support?</p> <p>We need to put the enforcement focus back on employers. When employers understand that they cannot skirt civil immigrant worker laws, the demand for hiring undocumented workers will evaporate.</p> <p>I also feel strongly that our trade and immigration laws should take into account the long and close relation the US shares with both Canada and Mexico. A major portion of the present United States was once a part of Mexico and we must understand that drawing a line on a map does not erase the tight family and other relationships which persist cross-border. Moreover, NAFTA was a disaster because it liberalized trade relations for both finance and commodities, while cracking down on the freedom of workers to travel across the border. This makes NAFTA</p>

			not a free trade agreement, but an agreement to hyper-exploit labor on both sides of the border. We should instead strive to transform economies throughout North America into worker cooperative heavy economies with collective bargaining required for all other medium and large enterprises. When we achieve that we can strive toward a real free and fair trade agreement which brings prosperity to workers throughout North America and allows workers to enjoy freedom of movement throughout North America.
119.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support DC statehood?
			Do you support
120.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal legislation to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, employment and education?
121.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act?
122.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	passage of the Respect for Marriage Act?
123.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a Constitutional amendment prohibiting states from recognizing gay marriage or civil unions?
124.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military?
125.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support prior government restraint of the press?
126.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support separation of church and state?
			Do you support
127.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	prayer in public schools?
128.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	moment of silence?
			Do you support mandatory drug testing
129.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	in private employment?
130.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	in public employment?
			Though regarding drug testing by employers, I support testing for present substance intoxication (as opposed to recent drug use) whenever public safety is a valid concern
131.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support mandatory AIDS testing for insurance or employment?
132.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation to redress inequities in pension benefits for women?
133.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the Equal Rights Amendment to the US Constitution?
Labor			
134.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support Affirmative Action with specific goals, targets and timetables for federal employment, grants and contracts?
135.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation to restructure the wage scale of federal employees to correct disparities based on gender by instituting equal pay for jobs of comparable worth?

			Do you support
136.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act?
137.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a prohibition on permanent replacement of strikers?
138.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	giving federal employees the right to strike?
139.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	the Employee Freedom of Choice Act?
140.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support a federal living wage law to guarantee that a person working forty hours a week would be able to afford housing, food, utilities, transportation and health care?