

IVI-IPO 2009 CONGRESSIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

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

I was elected to the office of Precinct Committeeman in Iroquois county in 1988 and served in that function until 1991 until I moved.

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

none

C) What is your primary occupation?

I am a physician, an internist, in a family practice. I own and manage the largest independent medical clinic on the northwest side of Chicago.

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

For the last 25 years I have been a doctor in Illinois. For the last 10, I have run a large medical clinic with 10,000 patients serving the community on the Northwest Side of Chicago. My patients are diverse collection of people from all ethnic groups. Our practice is a community clinic that serves everyone in the community. Many of our patients are from immigrant or ethnic communities. Every patient has individual needs and we try to meet them as best we can, but so many have the same questions and concerns. People are worried about their jobs and if they lose their jobs, will lose their health coverage. They worry about the cost of health insurance and how they will fight the insurance companies to get needed tests or procedures. We help them as much as we can, but the system is set up in a way that the insurance company is in control. That is wrong.

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

My father was a union organizer when I was growing up. He fought for fair wages and better benefits for workers. I still believe this and will fight for it in Congress. Because of my father's efforts fighting for working families, I was able to go to college and earn a degree in criminal justice from UIC. I was a witness as well as a participant in history in Poland during the Solidarity Movement while in medical school. I took part in student strikes and demonstrations and fought for change that eventually changed the whole world.

I have practiced medicine in Illinois for 25 years. I was active in medical politics, serving as the Secretary Treasurer of the Iroquois County Medical Society as well as a delegate to the House of Delegates to the Illinois Medical Society. I have served as a president of a medical staff, chairman of medicine and member of the executive committee in hospitals where I have practices over the years.

Currently, I am chairman of the hospital-wide peer review committee at Our Lady of Resurrection Hospital. A hospital that is in the middle of 5th district. For the last 10, I have run a large medical clinic with 10,000 patients serving the community on the Northwest Side of Chicago.

As a physician, I meet hundreds of people every month who come from all strata of society: from bank presidents to the most vulnerable individuals. This gives me a unique perspective on the lives of the people living in the 5th Congressional District.

We have a health care crisis and if not solved it will bankrupt our country. In the last election, the number of physicians elected to the congress increased to 14. I believe that this reflects the trust that voters are placing in people other than career politicians.

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

In recent years, I have not been exceptionally active in past political campaigns. In my youth, my father was union organizer and I worked with him to canvas neighborhoods and help Democratic candidates. I have made some contributions to Democratic candidates. I was a precinct committeeman for the Iroquois County Democratic party when I lived for a short time in Iroquois county.

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

To date, we have not received any significant endorsements. We have been endorsed by a number of individuals, particularly in the Polish Community.

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?

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

Our campaign budget is over \$350,000. We have raised well over \$225,000 to date.

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

We have a volunteer list of over 500 people, with many committed volunteers who come into our office daily and weekly. Our campaign staff is over 10.

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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>We should be a good world citizen and participate in those structures that are conducive to peace, prosperity and harmony of mankind.</p>
2.	ESSAY	<p>What should be the policy of the IMF and World Bank toward countries that are essentially bankrupt?</p> <p>I would hope that the IMF and World Bank would be able to forgive those loans so that these countries can rebuild themselves without a mountain of debt. I would be against lending to countries where the government is so corrupt that the money or loan would never reach the people it is supposed to help.</p>
3.	ESSAY	<p>What should be Congress' role in formulating foreign policy?</p> <p>Congress' role in Foreign Policy should be to oversee and fund our national diplomatic outreach and help our allies. We must also never again allow a president to take us into a war that I unwinnable, likely to result in a prolonged occupation, unnecessary or immoral. I am generally in favor of increasing foreign aid if that aid is targeted to enhance the national interest of the U.S. we need to use our foreign aid as an element of 'Smart Power' so that we don't have to use our military where diplomacy and other elements of Smart Power will suffice.</p>

	YES	NO	
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	If a Timetable for withdrawal from Iraq is not established, will this affect your votes on funding for the Iraq War? Please explain your answer.
5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	Should the US wage war without a declaration from Congress?
6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	Would you support legislation giving Governors veto power over deployment of their National Guard units overseas?
7.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you agree with the current proposed level of funding for the military?
8.	ESSAY		If you agree, explain. If you disagree, how would you distribute the funds? I would like to see the military spend more money on veterans services like traumatic brain injury, mental illness and PTSD which are currently not getting fully funded. I'd also like to see pay for enlisted personnel increased.
9.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	Do you support continued funding for WHISC (the re-named Army School of the Americas)?
10.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support congressional investigations into government contractors that have participated in Human Rights violations such as the rendition/torture flights
11.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation banning such activities in the question above?
12.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support legislation guaranteeing the protections of the Geneva Conventions and the US Constitution to "enemy combatants" or others similarly detained by the US Government anywhere in the world?
13.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	Do you support the way the drug war is being carried on, both abroad and at home?
14.	ESSAY		What would you change? We need to focus on decreasing the demand for illegal drugs in the U.S. It is the only way to wage the drug war. We must focus more funds on drug treatment programs.
15.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	Do you support the way the drug war is being carried on, both abroad and at home?
			Do you support
16.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	normalization of relations with Cuba?
17.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	the Helms-Burton Act?
Energy & Environment			
			Do you support:
18.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	Oil drilling in Alaska and other protected wilderness?
19.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	Do you support any increased off-shore drilling? Explain We need to develop alternative and renewable fuels and mine available natural gas to power that part of our transportation system that currently runs on oil. I'd like to leave most of the oil that is left in the ground, in the ground.
20.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lower National Carbon emissions goals?
21.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Energy Efficiency goals?

22.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coal Liquefaction?
23.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	Increasing use of Nuclear power for electric generation?
24.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	Mountaintop coal strip mining?
25.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Increase user fees for grazing, mining and lumbering on Federal lands? I don't know enough about the fee structure currently to make a judgement on this matter. Should the issue ever come up, I will learn more and fight for fairness in fee assessment.
26.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kyoto Protocols?
27.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	Biodiesel mixture and agri-biodiesel production tax credits? I support renewable fuels as a stop gap measure until the transpiration system can be fueled by clean burning natural gas or other means that will not create the health problems, like particulate matter, that diesel or biodiesel create. Asthma, bronchitis, emphysema and lung cancer are real effects of diesel fuels. I'd like to leave most of the oil that is left in the ground, in the ground.
Transportation			
Should the federal government have primary funding responsibility for			
28.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	infrastructure improvements?
29.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	highways?
30.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	mass transit?
31.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	high-speed rail?
32.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amtrak?
33.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	Air transportation?
34.	ESSAY		Please comment on specific proposals
Taxes and Economic Policy			
Do you favor			
35.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	a more progressive income tax?
36.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	a flat tax?
37.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	a national sales tax?
38.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	reduction of the capital gains tax?
39.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	taxing capital gains at the same rate as earned income? Raising the capital gains tax would discourage the reinvestment of capital gains and may slow the economy down at a time we are trying to jump start it.
40.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	reduction or elimination of the estate tax?
41.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	elimination of the corporate alternative tax?
42.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	reduction of the tax on stock dividends?
43.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	taxing dividends at the same rate as earned income?
44.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	Increasing the Federal Minimum wage?
45.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	any other changes in our tax structure?
46.	ESSAY		Please explain. I would be for simplification of the tax code to a degree that a person with a high school degree would be able to understand the tax law and file her own tax return. We need to lower tax rates, especially on the middle class. At the same time keeping the changes revenue neutral by eliminating loopholes and exemptions for special interest groups. We must also remove tax breaks for companies that ship jobs overseas.

47.	ESSAY	<p>What changes, if any, do you support regarding Social Security?</p> <p>I oppose privatizing Social Security. I do not believe we need to make changes at this time. I support a bipartisan commission that will make long term recommendations to ensure the solvency of Social Security. Social Security is solvent for decades to come and we must continue to ensure its long term viability by getting our financial house in order, regulating financial institutions and keeping the economy strong.</p>
48.	<input type="checkbox"/> N	Will you support "fast track" legislation for trade treaties?
49.	ESSAY	<p>Please discuss your ideas for an economic recovery plan. Please be specific as to what criteria would be necessary for you to support such a plan.</p> <p>We spend too much money on health care. The U.S. spends 16 percent of its GDP on health care. By regulating the insurance companies, changing the way we develop and distribute drugs and medical devices we will lower health care costs to consumers, small businesses and the government. Small businesses are the motor of our economy. Making health care affordable to everyone will help give our consumers and small businesses more money to spend on other things like equipment and hiring more people. We need to subsidize our small and medium sized businesses by removing cost of health care totally. Please see my health care and economic plans at www.victorforus.com</p> <p>We need to put more money in the pockets of American workers by funding labor intense projects that rebuild our infrastructure. We must also investing in people through Pell Grants, lowering the cost of college education. Pay for teachers, nurses, nurse's aids and other workers in the service industry should be increased.</p> <p>The elements of my economic plan are below.</p> <p>A Stimulus Package That Focuses On Infrastructure Investment and Getting People Back to Work. The Congress and President Obama need to pass an economic stimulus package immediately. A large economic stimulus package, as President Obama has outlined, focused on public investment in infrastructure is a strong start to getting our economy back on track and getting people back to work. But we cannot stop with a stimulus package.</p> <p>Help Businesses Grow, Hire More Workers. Businesses and employees need help too. Businesses need access to credit to make payrolls, buy equipment and purchase raw goods. The "Bailout" this past fall did not open the credit markets as hoped. Banks that received funds are not lending and businesses are suffering. As a Physician and small businessman, Dr. Forys has created jobs knows how to make a payroll and what it takes to run a business.</p> <p>End Bailouts For Wall Street, Focus On Main Street. The United States government needs to spend more money helping middle class families that are struggling; facing foreclosure and have lost their health insurance rather than bailing out Wall Street. Right now, under George Bush, the U.S. is spending trillions on the war in Iraq, bailing out Wall Street banks and giving tax breaks to corporations that outsource jobs overseas. We need to stop this corporate welfare, eliminate these unfair tax breaks and focus on helping Main Street and middle class families.</p> <p>A Real Middle Class Tax Cut. The Middle Class needs a tax cut. We need to get more money into the hands of consumers who will purchase goods and services that will help get our economy moving again.</p>

		<p>We have to end tax breaks for companies that send their jobs overseas. American workers are losing their jobs because big corporations find it cheaper to find third-world labor which they can pay far less than American workers, and the big corporations get a tax break for it. That must end.</p> <p>Tax Credits For Businesses Who Provide Standardized Health Insurance Plan. Small businesses need help. Victor Forsy believes that we must help them create jobs. The U.S Government should help small and medium sized businesses by providing tax credits for funds expended to purchase basic health care for their employees. Standardization of health insurance policies would make that possible. Only the basic health insurance plan would be credited. If companies want to provide more health benefits than contained in the basic plan, they would be able to do so, but would not receive a tax credit for the extra expenditure. He firmly believes we can do more for less if we deregulate small businesses which, in the medical field, are overregulated. He believes that competition and free enterprise can reduce medical expenditures.</p> <p>Make U.S. Business More Competitive Around The World By Reducing Health Care Expenses. Reducing health care costs and giving tax credits for health insurance would make U.S businesses more competitive in international trade because all of our main trade competitors, the industrialized countries of the world, subsidize their industry by providing health care to workers free of charge to those companies.</p> <p>Increase Entrepreneurship Opportunities and Grow Small Businesses with Portable Health Insurance. A portable and consistent health insurance policy, regardless of work status, would allow individuals the freedom to start small businesses without the fear of being uninsured. Many workers stay in jobs they do not like simply because they have good health benefits. Unhappy workers are non-productive workers. If they had a way to keep their health insurance, they would be more likely to start new businesses that would hire employees, pay taxes and help grow our economy.</p>
50.	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support utilizing anti-trust laws against firms that are “too big to let fail?”

Consumer Rights			
51.	ESSAY		<p>What regulations would you support to safeguard consumers from being harmed in situations such as the recent sub-prime lending credit crisis?</p> <p>We need to simplify the language in contracts and enforce fair lending laws. Mortgage brokers and real estate agents must also advise people buying homes about their mortgage payments after the interest rate recalculates and to tell them that they may not be able to refinance their mortgage. People need to know what they are getting into. Mortgage companies must also verify the incomes of people getting loans. The practice of lending money on the basis of housing values is what caused the sub-prime financial crisis.</p>
52.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support a moratorium on mortgage foreclosures?
	YES	NO	Do you support
53.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	federal legislation to cap interest rates on mortgages?
54.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal legislation to cap interest rates on credit card interest?
55.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal legislation to regulate ATM fees and service charges on credit cards and other consumer loans?
56.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	allowing states to enact consumer laws which go beyond the protection of federal legislation?
Government and Ethics			
57.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	Do you support term limits?
			Do you support
58.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	public financing of Congressional campaigns?
59.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	spending limits?
60.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	abolition of PACs?
61.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	Elimination of earmarks?
62.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	All earmarks being made available in a searchable format on the internet?
63.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support increased Congressional oversight of federal contracting?
64.	ESSAY		<p>Why or why not?</p> <p>There is waste in the federal government and we must be responsible with the people's dollars.</p>
65.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Would you support Congressional investigations of wrong-doing under the Bush administration?</p> <p>We are a country of laws not of me. We will not know where we are, unless we know where we came from. The statute of limitations has not passed on the crimes that were committed by the Bush Administration.</p> <p>I graduated from UIC with a degree in Criminal Justice. Societies that do not provide justice to all their individuals can never be stable or free.</p>

66.	Y	<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			
67.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support comprehensive, universal, single-payer health care? I support the concept, but I do not feel that it is politically viable at this time.
68.	ESSAY		<p>If not, how would you address the need for healthcare for the uninsured and underinsured?</p> <p>I have a comprehensive plan that insurances everyone and reduces the cost of health insurance for people and businesses.</p> <p>The elements of my plan is below.</p> <p>Standardized Health Insurance Policies. In order to create true competition, consumers need to be able to compare health care policies that provide the same benefits. Currently, it is impossible to determine which policy provides more value for the money due to the enormous amount of fine print and the existence of literally thousands of different policies. We need to be able to compare apples to apples and oranges to oranges. This can only happen if we have standardized health care policies. These would range from the basic standard health care plan that would provide decent health care for everybody to the gold-plated policies that people of means might decide to buy.</p> <p>Tax Credits For Businesses Who Provide Standardized Health Insurance Plan. The U.S Government should help small and medium sized businesses by providing tax credits for funds expended to purchase basic health care for their employees. Standardization of health insurance policies would make that possible. Only the basic health insurance plan would be credited. If companies want to provide more health benefits than contained in the basic plan, they would be able to do so, but would not receive a tax credit for the extra expenditure. Small businesses need help. Victor Forys believes that we must help them create jobs.</p> <p>Make U.S. Business More Competitive Around The World By Reducing Health Care Expenses. Reducing health care costs and giving tax credits for health insurance would make U.S businesses more competitive in international trade because all of our main trade competitors, the industrialized counties of the world, subsidize their industry by providing health care to workers free of charge to those companies.</p> <p>Prohibit Pre-Existing Condition Clauses In Insurance Policies. The Congress should pass laws that would ban health insurance companies from writing pre-existing condition clauses into their policies. These pre-existing rules create uncertainty in what insurance companies cover, adding to the complex and confusing nature of health insurance policies. When a patient does have a pre-existing condition, they are left to pay for their care on their own. Out-of-pocket expenses have been rising at an alarming rate. Some patients have co-pays as high as \$50 for an office visit. Health care costs are the leading cause of bankruptcy, responsible for half of all bankruptcies.</p> <p>A National Platform for Integrated Health Care Records. A Platform for Medical Computer technology should be developed by the government in cooperation with companies like Microsoft and Google. This would be released as a non-proprietary system and available to all health care providers – doctors, hospitals, imaging centers, nursing homes, pharmacies, public health departments, the CDC – so that everyone will be on the same page and connected; Windows for Medicine! We need a medical information account that patients can access themselves and could then share with their caregivers if they choose. Patients would control the information and decide to whom and what information they would divulge. These individual</p>

			<p>health records would have to be secure and patient controlled.</p> <p>Support Nurses and Nursing Education. Nurses are asked to work harder and harder, with more and more responsibly due to decreased staffing levels (nurse to patient ratio). They are leaving the profession in droves. Nursing education is under funded and even those people who would put up with the rigors of the job cannot be trained due to the fact that there aren't enough nurse educators and nursing programs. We are robbing other countries of their nurses. As globalization proceeds and as other countries living standards improve, this may stop being an option. We must improve the nurse to patient ratio and the federal government must encourage expansion of nursing education programs so that our country can train and fill the need for these vitally important health care givers and provide good paying jobs to our citizens.</p> <p>Insuring The Self-Employed. The self-employed are often uninsured because they simply cannot afford to pay for health insurance. They cannot get group coverage because it is just them and under individual plans, they will pay higher rates. By implementing standardized health insurance plans, we can lower costs for individual coverage. Those people who are self employed, the real-estate agents, accountants, artists, consultants and writers, will be covered. Allowing them to expand their business, hire other workers and purchasing new equipment. Consistent health insurance coverage, regardless of work status, would give individuals the opportunity to start small businesses without the fear of being uninsured. Dependable health insurance would allow them to start new businesses that would hire employees, pay taxes and help grow our economy.</p> <p>Change The Medical Malpractice System. We must scrap the current medical malpractice system. It does not provide justice or help eliminate medical mistakes. Dr. Forys proposes to reform it totally and develop a system like the Workers Compensation Commission. The courts system is a punitive system. Simply capping malpractice awards will not solve the problem either. We need to take medical malpractice completely out of tort law and into a setting like the Workers Compensation Commission. Representatives from all interests would be represented and experts would determine the failures of the care. Patients would be compensated fairly. Experts would be able to make a judgment about what went wrong and with mistakes, whether they result from dangerous systemic causes or individual mistakes.</p>
69.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Should the FDA approve importation of drugs from countries whose manufacturing and safety standards are equal or superior to those in the US?</p> <p>I support importing drugs from countries like Canada and EU countries.</p>
70.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Do you support funding of comprehensive age appropriate sex education programs?</p>
71.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Do you support increased funding for HIV/AIDS research, education, prevention, and services?</p>
72.	ESSAY		<p>Please discuss compulsory licensing of essential drugs where needed, in the US, Africa, Asia and elsewhere.</p> <p>Yes I support this, if they are absolutely needed.</p>

	YES	NO	Do you support
73.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	federal funding for stem cell research?
74.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	legislation prohibiting stem cell research?
			Do you support
75.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	the Human Life Amendment?
76.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	The Freedom of Choice Act? This bill would force Catholic and other religions hospitals to perform abortions or risk being sued and potentially closed. Catholic bishops have said they would close the hospitals rather than perform abortions. The rhetoric of the pro-choice and pro-life movements is so shrill that no progress can be made regarding reproductive rights. I attend church regularly and am a practicing Roman Catholic. I believe that people should act in accordance with their conscience and I feel that abortion is a sin. I also realize that many people in the U.S. do not share my views. As a representative in Congress, I would never attempt to force my personal religious beliefs on the citizens of this country. I have no plans to change anything in current laws on reproductive rights.
77.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	parental or spousal notification or consent to obtain an abortion? This is a state issue and I have no plans to change anything in current laws on reproductive rights.
78.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	restoration of Medicaid coverage of abortion?
79.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	a ban on so-called partial birth abortions?
80.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	insurance coverage for abortions for federal and military employees and their dependents?
			Do you favor increased funding for:
81.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	supplemental food programs for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)?
82.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	food stamp allowances?
83.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	Head Start?
84.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	school lunch programs?
85.	ESSAY		What services, if any, should be offered to those whose time on Welfare has run out and do not have adequate income to support themselves and their families?
			Do you support
86.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	increased funding to develop affordable housing?
87.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	restrictions to ensure development of low-income rather than market rate housing?
88.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	a National Affordable Housing Trust Fund to build, rehabilitate and preserve at least 1.5 million units of housing, 75% of which would be rental housing for households with income below the poverty level?
89.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	protection against housing discrimination for holders of Section 8 housing vouchers?
			Do you favor
90.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	increased federal aid to public education?
91.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	vouchers, tuition tax-credits or other any direct public support for parochial or private schools?
92.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	Are the provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act the most effective way to advance

			student achievement?
93.	ESSAY		If not, what plan would you propose? NCLB is an unfunded mandate and it is hurting school systems. Professional educators are struggling to meet the demands of the standardized testing regime. Teachers are teaching to the test because they have no other choice. School systems do not have the flexibility they need to implement what is best for their systems. Because of funding problems, schools are having to sacrifice art and music and gym classes which are essential to our education system.
Law, Justice, and Correctional System			
			Do you support:
94.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	admissibility of illegally obtained evidence?
95.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	electronic eavesdropping? If a warrant is obtained, then yes I would support it.
96.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	roving wiretaps? If a warrant is obtained, then yes I would support it.
97.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	capital punishment?
98.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults?
99.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	mandatory sentencing?
	YES	NO	
100.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	criminalization of hate crimes?
101.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	Congressional oversight of the NSA?
102.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	Real ID program?
103.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	Changes to the Military Commissions Act?
104.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation prohibiting racial profiling in law enforcement?
105.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	Do you favor detention of suspects and material witnesses without charges and/or probable cause?
106.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor giving such detainees access to counsel?
107.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation authorizing or prohibiting secret military tribunals?
108.	ESSAY		Please explain your position. I would support legislation prohibiting secret military tribunals.
109.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation banning torture and inhumane treatment of detainees under US control?
110.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	Do you support legislation to ban the manufacture, sale and possession of handguns? I propose that ammunition be should be strictly regulated, licensed and controlled.
111.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	assault weapons? I support a Ban possession and sale of Assault weapons except for law enforcement and military use.
			Do you support legislation

112.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	mandating background checks of purchasers of weapons at gun shows, through the internet and through print advertisements?
113.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	increasing penalties for illegal resale of weapons?
114.	ESSAY		What restrictions, if any, should Congress enact or repeal regarding the scope of federally funded legal services for the poor?
Civil Liberties and Civil Rights			
115.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support DC statehood?
116.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor repeal of the Patriot Act or any of its provisions?
117.	ESSAY		Please explain your answer The Patriot needs to be reviewed in its entirety to purge it of un-American and unconditional provisions.
			Do you support
118.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	repeal or revision of the Posse Comitatus Act?
119.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	prioritizing family reunification as criteria in granting visas and processing citizenship and permanent resident applications? This needs to be done immediately and I will fight for it from the very first day I get to congress.
120.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	halting deportations of immigrants until final determination of residency status has been made and appeals have been exhausted?
121.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	amnesty for undocumented immigrants currently in the country? I do not support amnesty, but I support legalization and allowing people to work and live in the U.S. while they apply for permanent residency or citizenship.
122.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	building a US-Mexican border fence or "wall"?
123.	ESSAY		What immigration reforms do you support? The elements of my immigration plan are below. Create A Dependable and Workable Guest Worker Program. A Guest worker program is vital to preserve our agriculture businesses and other businesses that rely on foreign or migrant labor. Companies need seasonal employees and those individuals who were seasonal employees when our nation had borders that were more open to migration need to be able to depend on a new guest worker system. Not only is it an economic issue, it is a human issue. We must stop senseless deaths of people trying to cross borders in desolate areas risking their lives to become seasonal workers. End the Backlogs Of People Who Have Applied to Come To The U.S. From Other Counties. We must work to quickly end the years-long backlog of applications for those people who have followed the law and are waiting. Too many people who want to become productive members of our society and economy are waiting for years to come to this country. Pass The DREAM Act. We must pass the DREAM Act. The DREAM Act allows students who are the American-born children of undocumented workers to receive the in-state tuition rates that children whose parents are citizens receive. Stop Families From Being Torn Apart. All too often, families are torn apart because of

		<p>government crackdowns. This should end. No one benefits from tearing families apart. Families are also split apart by the backlog of immigration applications which can take years to process.</p> <p>Ensure Immigration Applicants Are Treated With Dignity. We must make sure that the people who apply to come to this country are treated with dignity. Many people who apply for citizenship or apply to come to this country are treated as inhuman by the system. These are people and they must be treated as people. There should be a system put in place that will allow the complaints of people who are being processed to be investigated without jeopardizing their status or application.</p> <p>Modify or Eliminate the Social Security Windfall Elimination Provision. We must modify or eliminate the Social Security Windfall Elimination Provision which unfairly applied to immigrants, or those who worked in foreign countries. This provision was never meant to be applied to immigrants.</p>
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	YES	NO	Do you support
124.	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	federal legislation to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, employment and education?
125.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act?
126.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	a Constitutional amendment prohibiting states from recognizing gay marriage or civil unions?
127.	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Federal recognition of all state marriages for federal benefit purposes?

128.	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Would you support legislation allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military?
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129.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Do you support prior government restraint of the press?
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	YES	NO	Do you support
130.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	prayer in public schools?
131.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	moment of silence?
132.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	faith-based initiatives?
			When governments get into the business of religion, both government and religion suffer.

	YES	NO	Do you support
133.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	mandatory drug testing in private employment?
134.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	mandatory drug testing in public employment?

135.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Do you support mandatory AIDS testing for insurance or employment?
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136.	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Do you support legislation to redress inequities in pension benefits for women?
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137.	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Do you support the Equal Rights Amendment to the US Constitution?
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	YES	NO	Do you support
138.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act?
139.	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	a prohibition on permanent replacement of strikers?

140.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	giving federal employees the right to strike? Obviously, there would be exceptions like the military and law enforcement and other essential personnel.
141.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	the Employee Freedom of Choice Act?
142.	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	a federal public works program to ensure full employment?
143.	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support Affirmative Action with specific goals, targets and timetables for federal employment, grants and contracts?
144.	Y	<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?
145.	Y	<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?