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Stop the Arms Race Political Action Committee

2010 Congressional Candidate Questionnaire

As a candidate for Congress, your views on war and peace issues are very important to Iowa voters. Please return this questionnaire by Friday, March 20, 2010, to STAR*PAC, via email to STARPACNational@aol.com, or by U.S. mail to Box 561, Des Moines, Iowa 50302. (Phone: Chet Guinn, 515-282-8054.)

Please feel free to add more comments in response to any of the questions, or to provide other information about your views on U.S. foreign and military policy.

Thank you very much.

Terrorism:

1. "I believe U.S. wars and occupation, as in Iraq and Afghanistan, create more terrorists and increase hatred of us around the world."

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___ Undecided

Iraq:

2. "I support an early withdrawal of all U.S. occupation forces in Iraq, no permanent bases, and all oil agreements crafted to assure Iraqi ownership and control for their benefit."

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___ Undecided

Afghanistan – Escalation:

3. "The U.S. should immediately begin to cooperate with regional nations and the UN as the way to reduce the U.S. presence in Afghanistan, including replacing all private contractors with local and regional contractors."

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___ Undecided

The Aftermath of Our Wars:

4. "The U.S. has a responsibility to provide financial and humanitarian aid for displaced persons, refugees, and wrongful deaths."

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___ Undecided

Iran:

5. "I believe preemptive military actions against Iran would be a grave mistake."

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___ Undecided

Military Spending:

6. The Administration proposes an FY 2011 direct military spending level of \$708 billion (\$549 billion base budget, plus \$159 billion for the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq) [NY Times 2-4-10.] That is more than all other nations combined. Which of the following best expresses your view?

I believe the military budget should be
 increased by about \$ _____ billion
 maintained at about its current level
 decreased by about \$ *Same* billion,
rather
as other Dpts

7. "I favor reducing military spending, internationalizing the response to problems like terrorism, and dedicating more resources to meeting essential human needs and providing critical human services at home and abroad."

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___ Undecided

National Security Policy and Strategy:

8. "I oppose the reasoning that surrenders basic rights (such as the right to privacy) in the interest of greater security. Basic constitutional rights and procedures must be more thoroughly understood and vigorously supported."

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___ Undecided

Preemptive war strategy:

9. "Nations must make finding alternatives to war a priority and stop the easy use of war as an option to resolve conflicts. I object to preemptive war and the casual, uncritical reliance on war."

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___ Undecided

Nuclear Weapons:

10. "I oppose first use of nuclear weapons by the U.S., and new types of 'usable' nuclear weapons such as 'bunker busters' and low-yield 'tactical' nuclear weapons."

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___ Undecided

Nuclear Non-Proliferation:

11. "The Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty would reinforce arms control agreements across the world and help prevent further proliferation of nuclear weapons, and, therefore, should be quickly ratified by the U.S. Senate."

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___ Undecided

The U.S. role in the world:

12. "I believe the U.S. should encourage South Korea, Japan, China and other regional nations to take the lead in moving forward on policies with North Korea."

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___ Undecided

13. "The U.S. should back the UN's efforts to enforce international law in the Middle East and stop Israeli-Palestinian hostilities."

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___ Undecided

14. The U.S. should not develop an anti-missile defense system.

___ Strongly Agree Agree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___ Undecided

The United Nations and International Cooperation:

15. "The United Nations is the primary forum for dealing with ethnic cleansing, civil war, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and terrorism."

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___ Undecided

16. "The U.S. should fulfill its funding obligations to support the U.N. The U.S. also should lead in efforts to immediately begin reform and restructuring the U.N. in accord with its original purposes and goals, including getting rid of war and bringing our lawless world under the rule of law."

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___ Undecided

Conventional Weapons Sales:

17. "Our government should stop promoting and underwriting weapons sales in the international community."

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___ Undecided

Charges of war crimes in an international court of law:

18. "Vigorous investigations should be made of any and all government officials in any branch of government or the military, and in any administration, where laws, basic constitutional principles and processes are violated."

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___ Undecided

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