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Congressional Forum Audience Questions

"The very well attended Idaho Congressional Forum, sponsored by TPB and held on May 1, 2010 provided a tremendous opportunity for Congressional candidates in both Districts 1 & 2, to be heard. Eleven challengers took the challenge, while conspicuously absent were the two major party incumbents, Rep. Walt Minnick (D), District 1, and Rep. Mike Simpson (R), District 2. While citing other commitments as the excuse for not attending the Forum, neither took the challenge to complete the National Office Candidate Report Card, which did NOT conflict with ANY schedule.

The Forum also provided an opportunity for our audience to submit questions for the candidates that were important to them. Time didn't allow us to ask all the questions posed by our audience. Therefore, we have compiled a representative synopsis of the audience questions." TPB highly recommends that voters hold challengers and incumbents accountable for answering these questions, posed by the people they seek to represent in Congress.

Audience Questions (no particular order or priority imposed by TPB)

Reduce the Size, Role, Scope and Cost of Government

- How specifically do you propose to shrink the size of government?
- What do you propose to do about our soaring debt?
- How do you propose to return our government to its Constitutional role?
- Define what you think the primary role of government should be at the federal, state and local level.
- Do you support the repeal of the 17th Amendment to the Constitution?
- Which, if any federal departments, agencies, commissions, study groups, etc., do you propose to eliminate?
- Do you think the federal government has the Constitutional right to control healthcare?
- Where in the Constitution does the federal government get the right to be the "Red Cross" to the entire country?

Illegal Immigration

- What do you propose to do with the 10 to 20 million illegal aliens already here in America?
- Do you support the "Dream Act" that legalizes illegal alien students and gives them special privileges, like getting "green cards" for their illegal alien parents?
- Do you support a reduction in H-1B work visas?



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- Do you support the new Arizona law allowing state and local police to enforce existing federal immigration law, since the federal government will not do so?
- Do you support amnesty for ANY illegal aliens currently in the U.S.?
- Define what “amnesty” means to you in terms of illegal aliens currently here.
- What is your position on “E-Verify”?
- How do you reconcile illegal immigration with the needs of agri-business?
- Do you support an “English Only” policy on all signage, educational material, government documents, voting ballots, or any other public language?
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Direct Challenges for the Candidates from the Audience

- Where does most of your funding for this race come from?
- Why are you running?
- Will you commit to fight for a Constitutional Amendment for term limits for House and Senate members?
- Will you absolutely vote “NO” on ANY Cap & Trade measure, bill or initiative?
- Will you vote to repeal the healthcare reform bill passed by the Democrats and Obama?
- Will you support freezing Representative’s salary and banning any outside compensation from any source?
- What specifically do you propose that will actually reduce the cost of healthcare?
- Would you vote for ANY bill that had earmarks in it?
- Do you support the “Fair Tax”, and why?
- Do you think individual liberty is the “ideal state of being” or do you believe that “the common good” trumps the rights of the individual?
- Will you vote 100% Constitutional?
- If elected, you will be only 1 of 435 members of Congress. What will YOU do personally and in your duties as our Representative to impose solid American Constitutional principles on a corrupt Washington D.C.?
- Do you support Idaho continuing to take federal funds, knowing they always have strings attached that impose the federal will upon the state?
- How would you develop mining and forestry in Idaho?
- Would you legalize marijuana?
- Do you support abortion?
- What have you learned from the Republicans being thrown from office in 2006?
- What do you propose to do about our public schools teaching distorted science regarding evolution “theory”, and distorted American History?



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- Do you support a cut in defense spending as part of reducing the cost of the federal government?
- If we are attacked using biological, chemical or nuclear weapons, do you fully support a tactical nuclear response from the U.S.?
- Will you pledge to dismantle over 80 years of social programs, departments and agencies that are bankrupting America and making us less free?
- How do you feel about our current national security condition?
- What have you done to educate yourself about the issues that concern Idahoans?
- What in your background has prepared you to be our Congressman?
- How far do you think the term “General Welfare” clause used by the federal government to impose their will on us should go?
- Will you support auditing the Federal Reserve?
- Do you understand the Tea Party movement and what we stand for?
- What are your spiritual convictions?
- How long have you continuously lived in Idaho?
- How will you fight the progressive ideology in our public K-12 grades?
- Will you support a 3-year freeze on all federal employees?
- What do you propose to achieve energy independence for America?

Foreign Policy “Test Question” from an audience member

America’s foreign policy strategy was clear at the time of our founding. It was summarized by the following statement:

*“Peace, commerce and honest friendship with all nations;
entangling alliances with none.”*

“Who said this and what does it mean to your view of foreign policy?”

Summary

During the March 1, 2010 Idaho Congressional Forum, we were handed 70 separate Candidate Question forms by members of the audience. On average, each form contained at least 2 questions, many of them 3 to 4 questions.

The list of questions above, represent the vast majority of questions asked by audience members.



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Overwhelmingly the audience questions were against illegal immigration, big government, too much spending, too much federal control of our lives and the lack of accountability on the part of elected officials.

The audience clearly favored term limits for Senate and House members, a Constitutional Balanced Budget Amendment for the federal government and a reduction in the size, scope and reach of the federal government.

The clear message from the people was that they reject “politics as usual” in 2010 and any candidate, who fails to answer their questions honestly and completely, will be harshly judged.

All candidates should spend some quality time studying the U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights and Declaration of Independence. The voters are doing just that.