

IVI-IPO 2006 CONGRESSIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

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Please use an additional sheet to complete the following background information:

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

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

C) What is your primary occupation? Attorney

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

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

In college, at Saint Norbert College, I studied international relations and Russian. In addition to broadening my perspectives and increasing my knowledge of the origins and status of many of the conflicts that bedevil us today, this course of study also instilled in me a capacity for analysis that will serve me well in Congress.

My law school studies have laid a foundation that will greatly assist me in Congress. Not only did they provide a strong foundation in U.S. law, the international component of my legal training has given me a great understanding of foreign systems of law, how the U.S. system relates to them and where they might conflict.

The experience that will, I believe, be of the greatest use is my counter-terrorism work at the C.I.A. I know a great deal about the threat we face from extremist religious organizations and the battlegrounds on which we may face them. I also gained an appreciation of the needs of our intelligence services and how to make their efforts more successful. Lastly, I now possess an appreciation for the consequences of misused intelligence and I will fight to ensure that our intelligence is no longer politicized.

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

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

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?

For far too many years the incumbent Congressman has poorly represented the Illinois' 11th Congressional District. Mr. Weller, despite having the largest union population in the state, received a "0" rating from the AFL-CIO and has received the same rating on

middle-class values. He voted to keep the doughnut hole provision in the Plan D drug plan, despite representing the fourth-largest senior population in Illinois. In short, he has ceased to represent the district and as recently as 2005, his only residence was an attic apartment. I will tirelessly work for the needs of my constituents and I won't forget that it is an honor to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Once elected, I will work to reduce the deficit, to broaden health care coverage and to greatly strengthen our national security.

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

\$780,000 and \$425,000

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

Six staffers and 2000 volunteers

IVI-IPO 2006 CONGRESSIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 2

Foreign and Military		
1.	ESSAY	What should be the US role in multi-national alliances such as the UN, NATO and the International Criminal Court?
<p>The United States played a key role in the formation of post World War II institutions that were designed to prevent the world's nations from using force to resolve differences. This is a proud tradition and the success of these institutions is clear from the lack of any global armed conflict since the end of World War II. The United States should continue to participate in these multi-national organizations in order to preserve peace, but also to shape and influence the world debate.</p> <p>This commitment requires several things. We must pay our dues to the United Nations and not hold that body hostage while we resolve our domestic issues. We must, on those occasions when our national interests demand, provide military assistance to peacekeeping missions. And we should not refuse to sign treaties or join organizations out of some fear or distrust of international governing bodies. The best way to influence debate or the terms of a particular pact is to engage in the debate. If the United States had concerns about the ICC, the way to address those concerns is to work with other nations to ensure that American interests are protected. We should not sign treaties with other nations to undermine the Court, because by doing so, we actually limit our ability to use such international frameworks when it suits our national needs.</p>		
2.	ESSAY	What should be the policy of the IMF and World Bank toward countries that are essentially bankrupt?
<p>The IMF and the World Bank should consider each case on the individual merits. We don't want to be in a situation where a country takes the loan, then squanders it, claims impoverishment and then demands more loans. For countries that have been responsible with the loans, but who are unable to repay the loans, the debt should be forgiven. To do otherwise is to condemn the citizens of those countries to generations of poverty and privation.</p>		
3.	ESSAY	What should be Congress' role in formulating foreign policy?

Congress' role in the formulation of foreign policy is both limited and unlimited. It is the President's task to craft a foreign policy that will best advance our national interests. Congress may offer advice, it may highlight certain concerns and may urge the President to take a different approach, but the President doesn't have to abide by their wishes.

On the other hand, Congress has the power of the purse and can effectively end a disastrous course in foreign policy. It can hold hearings to provide oversight and to hold the President publicly accountable when his foreign policy goes wrong. All that Congress needs to accomplish these tasks is the will, something that has been sadly lacking of late.

	YES	NO	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Should the US adopt a timetable for withdrawal of our troops from Iraq?
	ESSAY		If so, within what timeframe?

The United States cannot leave the Iraqi people to the slaughter that will almost certainly ensue upon our withdrawal. Instead, once we are confident that the Iraqi military is not utterly hopeless, we must redeploy a portion of the existing force within the region, so that it might return quickly as the situation mandates. This force would be there to prevent massacres, ethnic cleansing and the collapse of society, not to play policeman between warring factions.

4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Should the US wage war without a declaration from Congress?
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5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Would you support legislation giving Governors veto power over deployment of their National Guard units overseas?
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6.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you agree with the current proposed level of funding for the military?
	ESSAY		If you agree, explain. If you disagree, how would you distribute the funds?

The current funding is appropriate. Military spending can reap benefits in non-military uses and we should continue this funding, especially at a time of such global instability. I would however cut the funding for the missile defense shield as it does not work and, apparently, has no chance of ever working.

7.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support funding to assist conversion of the defense industry to civilian applications?
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8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Do you support continued funding for WHISC (the re-named Army School of the Americas)?
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9.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the way the drug war is being carried on, both abroad and at home?
	ESSAY		What would you change?

The main area I see for improvement in the "war on drugs" is in the areas of treatment and rehabilitation and in disparate sentencing. Far too many people enter prison for drug-related crimes and exit with worse addictions than they had before. If we as a country are serious about decreasing drug use in this country, we need to offer better treatment and rehabilitation to users; merely sending them to prison is ineffective. I would also say that the best way to win this war is for parents to play a very active role in discussing drugs with their children. For the most part, when parents discuss the issue, know where their children are and care about their activities, the children won't experiment.

			Do you support
10.	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	normalization of relations with Cuba?
11.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	the Helms-Burton Act?

Energy & Environment

12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Do you support oil drilling in Alaska and other protected wilderness?
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13.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support pollution credit schemes?
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14.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation establishing a national Energy Efficiency Resource
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			Standard to set energy-saving targets for utilities?
15.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the Clean Water Authority Restoration Act of 2005?
	YES	NO	
16.	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Do you support legislation to increase revenue sources by removing federal land use regulations from federal land claims?
Transportation			
			Should the federal government have primary funding responsibility for
17.	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	infrastructure improvements?
18.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	highways?
19.	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	mass transit?
20.	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	high-speed rail?
21.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amtrak?
22.	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Air transportation?
	ESSAY		Please explain your answers
<p>The best role for the federal government on transportation matters is largely to fund improvements and maintenance (so as to ensure uniformity as much as possible around the country), but to only fund those projects that the local and state municipalities need and request. The individual states don't, for the most part, have the resources to adequately provide maintenance and improvements on highways, so the federal government should step in. On matters of local concern, such as infrastructure rehabilitation, mass transit and high-speed rail, the local municipalities should have the responsibility. On air transportation, the private sector should continue to take the lead.</p>			
Taxes and Economic Policy			
			Do you favor
23.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a more progressive income tax?
24.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a flat tax?
25.	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	a national sales tax?
26.	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	reduction of the capital gains tax?
27.	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	reduction or elimination of the estate tax?
28.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	elimination of the corporate alternative tax?
29.	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	tax cuts on stock dividends?
30.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	any other changes in our tax structure?
	ESSAY		Please explain.
<p>The next Congress needs to do all that it can to reduce the tax-burden on middle-class and working-class Americans who are already stretched too thin by a jobless economic recovery and stagnant wages. At the same time, we cannot continue to recklessly cut taxes and allow the soaring deficits to pose a national security problem. So we need to repeal the Bush Tax-giveaways. Then we must ask those to whom America has given so much to contribute to her economic wellbeing and one method of doing so is to increase the portion paid on capital gains and stock dividends; it simply makes no sense that wages are taxed higher than capital gains or dividends. Lastly, we need to preserve the estate tax. It is a valuable source of income for the federal government, it affects a miniscule percentage of Americans and, contrary to what the Republicans say, it does not tax someone twice. Estates, once passed to an heir, amount to new income for that heir and should be taxed, as is all new income.</p>			
31.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor a roll-back of the Bush tax cuts?
32.	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Do you support cutbacks in discretionary spending to fund Katrina rebuilding efforts?
33.	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Do you support any privatization of the Social Security fund?
	ESSAY		Please explain.

I will fight any privatization of Social Security. This attempt is born of the Republican Congress' desire to remove government care for those most in need. The mark of any society is how it treats the less fortunate and I won't allow this program to be demolished on my watch.

34.	ESSAY	What is your position on federal deficit spending vs. balanced budget?
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35.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation that prevents federal contractors and federally funded state agencies from using offshore facilities in the execution of a contract?
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Consumer Rights

			Do you support
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36.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	banning the use of Social Security numbers as identification in consumer transactions?
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37.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal legislation to cap interest rates on consumer loans?
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38.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal legislation to regulate ATM fees and service charges on credit cards and other consumer loans?
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39.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	allowing states to enact consumer laws which go beyond the protection of federal legislation?
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Government and Ethics

	YES	NO	
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40.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support term limits?
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41.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	public financing of Congressional campaigns?
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42.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	spending limits?
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43.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	abolition of PACs?
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44.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support increased Congressional oversight of federal contracting?
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	ESSAY	Why or why not?
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Congressional oversight of federal contracting should be increased so as to prevent companies such as Halliburton from continuing to bilk the American people.

45.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support patronage?
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Health & Human Services

46.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support comprehensive, universal, single-payer health care?
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	ESSAY	If not, how would you address the need for healthcare for the uninsured and underinsured?
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There are several possible solutions to the health care crisis, but before any one path can be selected, Congress first needs to acknowledge the problem. Our current system is harming the economic futures of employer and employee alike and it is becoming increasingly clear that the employer-based system is no longer tenable. Once Congress acknowledges this reality, it must then start to debate the future of health care.

I am very interested in universal, single-payer health care, but at this point, it would be irresponsible to support the idea. Without more information about the details of who would be covered and how the funding would work, I could not support the plan. I am, as I said, interested in the idea, but I'm also interested in the incremental approach, under which existing programs—say KidsCare—are gradually expanded to cover more and more people. This is the approach that Senator Wellstone favored before his death. However, I must emphasize that I do support and will fight for, access to quality healthcare for all Americans.

47.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Should the FDA approve importation of drugs from countries whose manufacturing
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			and safety standards are equal or superior to those in the US?
48.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support increased funding for HIV/AIDS research, education, prevention, and services?
	ESSAY		Please discuss compulsory licensing of essential drugs where needed, in the US, Africa, Asia and elsewhere.
			Do you support
49.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal funding for stem cell research?
50.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	legislation prohibiting stem cell research?
			Do you support
51.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	the Human Life Amendment?
52.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Freedom of Choice Act?
53.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	parental or spousal notification or consent to obtain an abortion?
54.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	restoration of Medicaid coverage of abortion?
55.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a ban on so-called partial birth abortions?
56.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	insurance coverage for abortions for federal and military employees and their dependents?
			Do you favor increased funding for:
57.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	supplemental food programs for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)?
58.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	food stamp allowances?
59.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Head Start?
60.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	school lunch programs?
61.	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?
	YES	NO	
			Do you support
62.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	increased funding to develop affordable housing?
63.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	restrictions to ensure development of low-income rather than market rate housing?
64.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a National Affordable Housing Trust Fund to build, rehabilitate and preserve at least 1.5 million units of primarily rental, primarily deeply targeted housing?
65.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	protection against housing discrimination for holders of Section 8 housing vouchers?
			Do you favor
66.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	increased federal aid to public education?
67.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	vouchers, tuition tax-credits or other any direct public support for parochial or private schools?
68.	<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?
Law, Justice, and Correctional System			

			Do you support:
69.	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	admissibility of illegally obtained evidence?
70.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	electronic eavesdropping?
71.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	roving wiretaps?
72.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	capital punishment?
73.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults?
74.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	mandatory sentencing?
75.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	criminalization of hate crimes?
76.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation prohibiting racial profiling in law enforcement?
77.	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Do you favor detention of suspects and material witnesses without charges and/or probable cause?
78.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor giving such detainees access to counsel?
79.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation authorizing or prohibiting secret military tribunals?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position.
80.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation banning torture and inhuman treatment of detainees under US control?
			Do you support legislation to ban the manufacture, sale and possession of
81.	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	handguns?
82.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	assault weapons?
			Do you support legislation
	YES	NO	
83.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	mandating background checks of purchasers of weapons at gun shows, through the internet and through print advertisements?
84.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	increasing penalties for illegal resale of weapons?
85.	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			
	YES	NO	
86.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor repeal of the Patriot Act or any of its provisions?
87.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support repeal or revision of the Posse Comitatus Act?
			Do you support
88.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal legislation to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, employment and education?
89.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act?
90.	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	a Constitutional amendment prohibiting states from recognizing gay marriage or civil unions?

91.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military?
92.	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Do you support prior government restraint of the press?
93.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support NEA funding for controversial artists whose work is considered by a peer-review committee to have artistic merit?
			Do you support
94.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	prayer in public schools?
95.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	moment of silence?
			Do you support mandatory drug testing
96.	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	in private employment?
97.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	in public employment?
98.	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Do you support mandatory AIDS testing for insurance or employment?
99.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation to redress inequities in pension benefits for women?
100.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the Equal Rights Amendment to the US Constitution?
Labor			
101.	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Do you support repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act?
102.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support a prohibition on permanent replacement of strikers?
	YES	NO	
103.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor giving federal employees the right to strike?
104.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support Affirmative Action with specific goals, targets and timetables for federal employment, grants and contracts?
105.	x	<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?
106.	x	<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?
107.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation that would require companies to post job openings before filing a request to fill the position with a nonimmigrant H1-B and would recalculate prevailing wages to equal those competed for under EEOC guidelines?
108.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation to prevent labor agencies from outsourcing, leasing or subcontracting H1-Bs as long term temps?