

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.

CEO, Chicago Housing Authority – 1999-2000

Chief for Education, City of Chicago 2000-2001

Chief of Staff and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Chicago Public Schools 1995-1999

Assistant Budget Director, City of Chicago, 1994-1995

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

None

C) What is your primary occupation?

Executive Director, The Black Star Project

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

- Founder, The Black Star Project
- Founder/Instructor, Black Star Kung-Fu Academy
- Founding Board Member, Hales Franciscan High School
- Publisher, the Mini-Map Company (1987-1991)
- Publisher, *The Proud Parent Journal*
- Former President and Board Member, The Gap Community Organization
- Former Board Member, American Red Cross
- Former Board Member, Elliot Donnelley Youth Center
- Former Board Member, Covenant Development Corporation
- Founder, “Our Scholars; Our Heroes!” for Chicago Public School (989)
- Motivational Speaker, Cook County Jail School
- Coordinated keeping St. Helena (2005) and Hales Franciscan Catholic (1989) schools from closing
- Organized the People to Feed Somalia – largest grassroots relief effort and response to the Somalian Famine (1991)
- Organized “The March of Death through Englewood” to protest the record breaking murder rates in this Chicago neighborhood (1990)

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 studied humanities, history, philosophy and geography in college. Much of my international perspective comes from traveling in Europe, Asia, Africa, the South Pacific, Canada and the Caribbean. Additionally, I have worked in numerous grassroots communities to improve the quality of living for people in Chicago. In all of my jobs and positions, I have stayed close to what is happening at the grassroots level. I am also a martial arts practitioner and a teacher of martial arts to children for the last 25 years. I bring the unique perspective of someone who has worked in the world of business, government, education and the not for profit sector to my candidacy for Congress. I have taken on huge projects and challenges over the years, always improving the conditions for people and for communities when I left the post or position.

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

Gery Chico for the U.S. Senate – Strategy and planning
Rod Blagojevich for Governor – Strategy, planning, outreach and phone work
Al Gore for President – Phone Work
Richard Daley for Mayor – Outreach and phone work
Toni Preckwinkle for Alderman - Outreach

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

None so far.

H) As concisely as possible, please state why you feel you should be endorsed over the other candidate(s).

I should be endorsed over the other candidate for the 1st Congressional District of Illinois because the district has infinite potential that has not been realized under the current representative. While the district is a short walk from downtown Chicago, the wealth and prosperity of the business and retail districts of downtown stands in stark contrast to many parts of the district. I will help the 1st Congressional District learn the language of business, progress and success, and I will connect the district to the vibrant business community. Being a congressman is a balance between creating and supporting effective legislation for the district, connecting to and supporting effective programs in the district and ensuring that resources in the district are allocated in a way to help improve the lives of people in the district. I will help create strategies and plans to help ensure that we educate the children and re-educate the adults of the district to 21st century, world-class standards. Education will become the number one priority of the district. I have a history of accomplishments in education, government, business and the not-for-profit sector. I will use my management expertise to carry the district prominently into the 21st century as a district that is ready to compete in the new millennium.

What goals for the office you seek are most important to you personally?

My goals for the district include working to ensure that all of the schools in the district perform at or above national norms; creating opportunities and training programs to connect residents of the district to entrepreneurship, business and new business development for the district; providing supports that improve the personal well-being of all residents, but especially the senior citizens and the young families in the district. I will also work to ensure that the people of the 1st Congressional District acquire and become functional with current technology and that they accept their responsibility to become stewards of the planet on which we live.

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

The budget for the campaign is \$200,000; we have raised \$35,000 to date.

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

The campaign staff consists of one full time staff member and two part time staff members. We have a growing list of about 250 active volunteers.

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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 US should be an equal and cooperative member of the multi-national alliances in which it participates. We ought to hold a position of international leadership, but I believe that leadership is fundamentally about listening. It is important for us to be a strong yet humble member of the international community. The United States should not bully or impose its will on other nations simply to accomplish a national objective. Nor should we stand in the way of the Democratization of the UN which means: 1) expansion of the Security Council to admit India as a permanent member (because it has 1 billion people) and bring in new permanent members from Africa and Latin America, preferably Brazil and South Africa. Either these countries should also have veto power, or, better, there should be no veto power by powerful states 2) increase role of General Assembly and reduce that of the Security Council, to give poor countries more leverage. 3) The United States should respect the International Criminal Court ad a legitimate body representing the will of the international community. 4) US should give more support to UNESCO, World Health Org. and should sign the many treaties on human rights that it has refused to sign up to now. 5) US should stop trying to undermine the world efforts to combat AIDS, while the Bush administration claims to be supporting this effort; their money is going into ineffective programs, mainly centered around abstinence. 6) US should fire Bolton as UN ambassador and appoint someone who is not dedicated to sabotaging the UN.</p>			
2.	ESSAY	What should be the policy of the IMF and World Bank toward countries that are essentially bankrupt?	
<p>Currently the USA, the European Union, Japan and other wealthy countries dominate the IMF and World Bank. The policies and the practices of the IMF and World Bank will work to the benefit of those countries. Poor countries with dire needs are penalized for their use of credits and development loans. These countries are asked to adopt "neo-liberal" policies which harm the interests of working people and small farmers. This contributed to the recent bankruptcy of Argentina, among other things. This is not in the interest of ordinary working people in the US because as these countries become poorer, job flight among other things is accelerated. In exchange for credit, international lending agencies should not require that countries privatize their economies, cut their social welfare budgets, lay off their public employees and accept free trade under terms imposed by wealthy industrialized countries, which is current practice.</p>			
3.	ESSAY	What should be Congress' role in formulating foreign policy?	
<p>Congress was formed as a coequal branch of the federal government, in a system of checks and balances for the executive and legislative branches. Those in congress need to remember this, and not simply act passively while the President pursues detrimental foreign policies that are both morally and legally questionable. Congress has a duty to not only take an active role in formulating new foreign policy, but also to aggressively question the agenda of the executive branch in its foreign policy decisions. Congress should speak out to try and stop rampaging foreign policy of Bush. Congress must reject Lieberman's idea that we have to go back to the "bipartisan foreign policy" of the Cold War.</p>			
	YES	NO	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Should the US adopt a timetable for withdrawal of our troops from Iraq?
	ESSAY If so, within what timeframe?		
<p>The longer US troops are stationed in Iraq, the more tax dollars are drawn away from important domestic issues, the higher the casualty totals will skyrocket, and the more hostile the civil war in Iraq will become. The U.S. troops should be removed as quickly as possible, but the goal for the removal of all troops should be set at six months. We should work with the United Nations, the Arab League and the Organization of the Islamic Conference to establish an international peacekeeping force. We should also continue to provide humanitarian aid to help rebuild the infrastructure of the country that has suffered for so long under US attacks and sanctions.</p>			
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Should the US wage war without a declaration from Congress?
5.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation giving Governors veto power over deployment of their National Guard units overseas?
6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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?		
<p>I disagree with the current proposed level of funding for the military. The current proposed level of military funding represents a grossly disproportionate emphasis placed on "national defense" when the actions taken with that funding seem to be doing</p>			

anything but defending the United States. Rather, included in the concept of “national defense” should be education for all of our children, good health, nutrition, adequate housing and jobs for all of our residents. The \$444B 06 Appropriations Bill is criminally high. Funding should be drastically cut so that the president does not have a military instrument for risky foreign adventures, just enough to defend the country during times of true attack. We should be increasing support of the Coast Guard and making serious cuts to the Army, Navy and Air Force. Initially, we should scale back the \$97B for military personnel, \$123.6B for operation and maintenance, \$76.5B for procurement, \$72.1B for research, development, testing and evaluation, \$2.2B revolving and management funds, \$22.7B other dept of defense programs and \$50B emergency wartime and invest in such homeland security programs as clean energy, which would eliminate nuclear power accidents and sabotage. With the revenue that would free up, Home Start, Head Start and WIC could become entitlement programs thus meeting the scale of need, and make good quality health care universally available for all. Additionally, I would advocate for strategic use of foreign aid to make the world that we live in a better and safer place for Americans and all people.

7.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support continued funding for WHISC (the re-named Army School of the Americas)?
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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?
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ESSAY		What would you change?
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The drug war is ineffective and creating misery both at home and abroad. If we can't handle it at the US demand end, we will never be able to do so at the supply end. As long as there is a strong market here, people worldwide will try to meet that demand. Currently our drug interdiction policies in Colombia, as well as many other places, are causing extreme social and economic problems and our use of carcinogenic pesticides is devastating the environment. In the United States, the war on drugs is filling American prisons with mostly young Black and Latino men, and in poor countries it is not helping those countries create economies that can thrive on crops other than currently illegal drugs. The U.S. should have a serious debate on the decriminalization of certain drugs and the use of certain drugs for medicinal purposes. Additionally, we should treat drug addiction as an illness, and drastically increase drug education and rehabilitation programs here, rather than committing crimes in other countries in the guise of preventing the flow of drugs across our borders.

Do you support		
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10.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Normalization of relations with Cuba?
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11.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	the Helms-Burton Act?
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Energy & Environment

12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support oil drilling in Alaska and other protected wilderness?
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13.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support pollution credit schemes?
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14.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation establishing a national Energy Efficiency Resource Standard to set energy-saving targets for utilities?
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15.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the Clean Water Authority Restoration Act of 2005?
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YES		NO	
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16.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation to increase revenue sources by removing federal land use regulations from federal land claims?
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Transportation

Should the federal government have primary funding responsibility for			
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17.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Infrastructure improvements?
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18.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	highways?
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19.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	mass transit?
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20.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	high-speed rail?
21.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amtrak?
22.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Air transportation?
	ESSAY		Please explain your answers
America's infrastructure, as a matter of national security, needs a boost. America's citizenry need safe, affordable means to transport themselves. We need to start with a comprehensive plan to fix, maintain and up-level transportation infrastructure including highways, mass transit, rail, air and other forms of transit. Additionally, the nation's bridges are in a deplorable state. We should also take this opportunity of infrastructure improvement to put people to work as we make travel safe and affordable.			
Taxes and Economic Policy			
			Do you favor
23.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a more progressive income tax?
24.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a flat tax?
25.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a national sales tax?
26.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	reduction of the capital gains tax?
27.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	reduction or elimination of the estate tax?
28.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	elimination of the corporate alternative tax?
29.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	tax cuts on stock dividends?
30.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	any other changes in our tax structure?
	ESSAY		Please explain. Currently the tax structure does not raise enough revenues to meet our national needs. Revenues as a share of GDP are at their lowest in 40 years. In addition, under the Bush Administration, the tax burden has been shifted increasingly onto work and away from wealth. From a purely economic standpoint, such a structure reduces incentives to work for people who rely more in income as well as those that rely mostly on wealth. It also often results in poorer people paying a greater share of their income in taxes than wealthier people do. A roll back to roughly the same structure as under the Clinton Administration would be a good start to reforming the current system, to ensure that sufficient revenues are being raised. Additionally, making the system simpler is an important metric by which any reform plan should be measured, as well as ensuring the system taxes all people fairly and does not hinder economic growth.
31.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor a roll-back of the Bush tax cuts?
32.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support cutbacks in discretionary spending to fund Katrina rebuilding efforts?
33.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support any privatization of the Social Security fund?
	ESSAY		Please explain. Social Security is one of three pillars of retirement security (the others being retirement benefits from employers and personal savings). Of those three, Social Security should be the most reliable – an income of last resort should investments fall in value or companies back out of pension obligations, reducing expected income in retirement. Privatizing the trust fund would subject Social Security income to the same risks that other sources of retirement income face, potentially reducing benefits at times when Social Security income is most needed. For these reasons, the Social Security trust fund should not be privatized.
34.	ESSAY		What is your position on federal deficit spending vs. balanced budget? Deficit spending can be a useful policy tool to stimulate the economy, so I would not be in support of a constitutional amendment to balance the budget every year. At the same time, deficits need to remain under control as much as possible, which means addressing not only spending but also revenues (see tax information above). Deficits and debt are not inherently bad; indeed sustaining a healthy national debt level is also crucial to supporting the national and global financial system, which depends heavily on the existence of US government bonds to implement monetary policy. Additionally, running a deficit where the money is being invested in the future of the American people through education and economic development makes sense for the future viability of our country.

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?
Consumer Rights			
			Do you support
36.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	banning the use of Social Security numbers as identification in consumer transactions?
37.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal legislation to cap interest rates on consumer loans?
38.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal legislation to regulate ATM fees and service charges on credit cards and other consumer loans?
39.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	allowing states to enact consumer laws which go beyond the protection of federal legislation?
Government and Ethics			
	YES	NO	
40.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support term limits?
			Do you support
41.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	public financing of Congressional campaigns?
42.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	spending limits?
43.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	abolition of PACs?
44.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support increased Congressional oversight of federal contracting?
	ESSAY		Why or why not?
<p>I support increased congressional oversight of federal contracting. As repeatedly reported by the Government Accountability Office (GAO), the legislative research arm of Congress, federal contracting controls are weak at best. In his most recent audit, December 2005, the Republican Inspector General for the Department of Homeland Security stated, ""the circumstances created by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita provide an unprecedented opportunity for fraud, waste and abuse," primarily because FEMA's grant and contract programs are still not being managed properly." The contract corruption seen in Iraq is being repeated in the Gulf Coast. More than \$200B has been spent to date in Iraq and the Congressional Budget Office estimates that rebuilding the Gulf Coast will cost at least \$200B. Congressional oversight to guard taxpayers' dollars and protect the public interest is severely needed. Overpricing and cronyism are at an all time high.</p>			
45.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support patronage?
Health & Human Services			
46.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support comprehensive, universal, single-payer health care?
	ESSAY		If not, how would you address the need for healthcare for the uninsured and underinsured?
47.	<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?
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.
			Health is a human right and access to medicine is part of that right. A third of the world population still has no access to life-essential drugs. While disease prevention is the key element in any health system, treatment is essential with highly infectious diseases. Large pharmaceutical companies oppose the use of compulsory licensing of medicines, and they lobby developed countries to oppose such licensing of

			<p>medicines in poor countries. Pharmaceutical companies complain that poor countries would abuse the compulsory licensing system leading to lower returns from research and development (R&D), or that compulsory licensing undermines their ability to charge high prices. These businesses' intellectual property rights are protected by global trade agreements promoted by the U.S. to the detriment of people suffering in African and Asian Countries with HIV/AIDS, and with a host of other diseases such as malaria, tuberculosis and sleeping sickness, which mainly affect people in impoverished countries. The life quality and very lives of people are lost because they have no access to affordable medicine. Pharmaceutical companies backed by the U. S. government have used global trade policies to deny poor patients access to cheaper generic drugs worldwide. The president's trade representatives have elevated the protection of pharmaceutical patents above the pressing health needs of developing countries. Instead U. S. action should openly oppose the greed of pharmaceutical companies over and against the health of citizens around the globe. Similarly Congress should lift the ban on statutory re-importation at home.</p>
			Do you support
49.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal funding for stem cell research?
50.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation prohibiting stem cell research?
<p>The issue of stem cell research is one that I feel I must research more thoroughly before making a decision. There are many potential benefits, but it is not clear yet whether or not the costs would be too extreme.</p>			
			Do you support
51.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	the Human Life Amendment?
52.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Freedom of Choice Act?
53.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	parental or spousal notification or consent to obtain an abortion?
54.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	restoration of Medicaid coverage of abortion?
55.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a ban on so-called partial birth abortions?
56.	<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:
57.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	supplemental food programs for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)?
58.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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		<p>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?</p> <p>The Welfare program, prior to reform was never carried out according to its original legislative intent. That intent required state agencies to assist recipients to develop a viable and specific blue print for self-sufficiency, that works in the best interest of recipients' families. People receiving welfare payments should, nonetheless, be required and supported to develop such individual and family plans according to the needs, interests and abilities of the adult(s). The plan should be fully supported through a combination of resource smart options that cities and states can offer including, but not limited to, adult basic education, parenting classes, life-skills and GED support, community college support, child care, Medicaid and so on. A holistic family-centered approach to combining and packaging available resources that bolster families' viability is essential to their success. A whole new approach is needed toward people on welfare – one that is not punitive and fully considers all that it takes to support families on their road to independence. Congress needs to revisit welfare public policy with an eye to empowerment and sustainability.</p>
	YES	NO	
			Do you support
62.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	increased funding to develop affordable housing?
63.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	restrictions to ensure development of low-income rather than market rate housing?
64.	<input checked="" 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?
			The No Child Left Behind legislation will not ensure that all American children are learning to their potential in American schools. While NCLB does a good job of identifying deficits in the learning of students through testing, the three major curative provisions of NCLB, transferring students, additional tutoring and punishing “failing” schools, by themselves, will not help underperforming students in America, especially Black and Latino students, improve academically. For all students to achieve to their full potential, schools must work with parents and communities to create a culture of learning and excellence in which students can thrive. NCLB pays lip service to the extent that parents must be involved for their children to learn. Without helping to provide a way to get parents and communities participating in the educational process of children, poor, inner city, ethnic schools will not be successful.
Law, Justice, and Correctional System			
			Do you support:
69.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	admissibility of illegally obtained evidence?
70.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	electronic eavesdropping?
71.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	roving wiretaps?
72.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	capital punishment?
73.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults?
74.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	mandatory sentencing?
75.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	criminalization of hate crimes?
76.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation prohibiting racial profiling in law enforcement?
77.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor detention of suspects and material witnesses without charges and/or probable cause?
78.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor giving such detainees access to counsel?
79.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation authorizing or prohibiting secret military tribunals?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position.
			I would support legislation prohibiting military tribunals. Enemy troops, in and out of uniform, captured in battle should be accorded protections of Geneva convention until there can be a public open trial for any crimes for which they are accused. Then they should get the same protections as the Nuremberg defendants.
80.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	handguns?
82.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	assault weapons?

			Do you support legislation
	YES	NO	
83.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	mandating background checks of purchasers of weapons at gun shows, through the internet and through print advertisements?
84.	<input checked="" 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?
<p>Congress should: 1) Repeal restrictions that prohibit Legal Services Corporation funded programs from representing undocumented immigrants especially in complaints involving violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act. 2) Repeal restrictions prohibiting LSC funded programs from assisting community groups to develop strategies and mechanisms that change laws and regulations which harm economically disadvantaged populations. 3) Repeal legislation prohibiting Legal Service providers from filing class action law suits. 4) Enact legislation requiring Legal Service Corporation providers to treat "clients" as co-producers of solutions to their complaints thereby assuring that each person seeking legal services would be treated with respect and their wishes honored. A co-production relationship that assumes "clients" have something to offer would result in legal providers being less obsessed with winning a case for their own careerist interests and more interested in honoring the approach of the "client" that may well result in losing the case, appealing to a higher court and ultimately changing public policy</p>			
Civil Liberties and Civil Rights			
	YES	NO	
86.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor repeal of the Patriot Act or any of its provisions?
87.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support repeal or revision of the Posse Comitatus Act?
			Do you support
88.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal legislation to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, employment and education?
89.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act?
90.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a Constitutional amendment prohibiting states from recognizing gay marriage or civil unions?
91.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military?
92.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support prior government restraint of the press?
93.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	prayer in public schools?
95.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	moment of silence?
			Do you support mandatory drug testing
96.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	in private employment?

97.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	in public employment?
98.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support mandatory AIDS testing for insurance or employment?
99.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation to redress inequities in pension benefits for women?
100.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the Equal Rights Amendment to the US Constitution?
Labor			
101.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act?
102.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support a prohibition on permanent replacement of strikers?
	YES	NO	
103.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor giving federal employees the right to strike?
104.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support Affirmative Action with specific goals, targets and timetables for federal employment, grants and contracts?
105.	<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?
106.	<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?
107.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation to prevent labor agencies from outsourcing, leasing or subcontracting H1-Bs as long term temps?