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Serious concerns have been arisen during this Canadian election about the Americanization of Canadian policy. Of particular concern is the association of political parties with US contribution to global insecurity and with the intrusion of fundamentalism in Canadian politics.

Since the Election of George Bush, the International community has been deeply concerned about the US disregard for obligations incurred through conventions, treaties and covenants, for commitments made through UN Conference Action Plans and through expectations created through United Nations Declarations and resolutions

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR LEADERS FOR THE CANADIAN ELECTION;

PREPARED BY THE GLOBAL COMPLIANCE RESEARCH PROJECT

(1) Does your party condone the US engagement in covert and overt military "Operations" against independent states; from "Operation Zapata", and "Operation Northwoods" against Cuba, through "Operation Condor" in Chile, through years of euphemistic operations such as "Operation Just Cause" against Panama and more recently "Operation enduring freedom" against Afghanistan, and "Operation Iraqi Freedom" against Iraq
(yes, no, don't know)

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(2) a. Does your party condone the spread of Evangelical Christianity around the world, including in local indigenous communities and developing countries

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

b. .Do members of your party hold the belief in "rapture", "Armageddon" and "left behind"

(yes, no, don't know)

c. Do members of your party adhere to the belief in premillennial dispensationalism "end times" scenario

(yes, no, don't know)

d. Do members of your party support the claim by Ed McAteer, formerly with the US Christian Roundtable, who stated in 1983 that "nuclear weapons are part of God's design"

(yes, no, don't know)

e. Do members of your party support Pat Robertson and his statements about Israel

(yes, no, don't know)

f. Would your party appoint as a Minister of Foreign Affairs a member of parliament who adheres to the above beliefs

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

(3) a. Does your party condone the propping up of and financing of military dictators that further vested national interests

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

b. Does your party condone the targeting of leaders, of other sovereign states, who interfered with US or other national interests.

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

c. Does your party condone the assassination of leaders, of other sovereign states, who interfered with US or other national interests.

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

d. .Does your party condone the assisting in the assassination of leaders, of other sovereign states, who interfered with US or other national interests.

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

e. Would your party support a US-led military intervention without the support of the UN Security Council

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

f. Would your party support military intervention into a sovereign state if there was a UN Security Resolution

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

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g. Would your party oppose military intervention regardless of whether or not UN Security Council support

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

h. Under what conditions Would your party support military interventions in a sovereign state

(4) a. Does your party condone the continued maintenance of over 750 US military bases in sovereign states around the world,

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

b. Does your party oppose the circulation of US nuclear powered or nuclear arms capable vessels throughout the world, and the berthing these vessels in urban ports

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

c. Would your party prevent the circulation in Canadian waters and the berthing of these vessels in urban ports

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

(5) a. Does your party condone the production of weapons of mass destruction such as nuclear, chemical, and biological, in defiance of the global commitment made at Stockholm in 1972 to eliminate the production of weapons of mass destruction.

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

b. Does your party support the dismantling of Russian nuclear weapons and the conversion of plutonium into MOX to be used in CANDU reactors

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

c. .Does your party condone the contravention of obligations under the Outer Space treaty, and the risk of resumption of arms race, and weaponization of space including the institution of Ballistic Missile Defence

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know).

Background

In 1967, the Outer space Treaty came into force. Under this treaty states, including the US, incurred the following obligations:

The exploration and use of outer space, including the moon and other celestial bodies, shall be carried out for the benefit and in the interests of all countries, irrespective of their degree of economic or scientific development, and shall be the province of all mankind humanity....

(Art. 1 Outer Space Treaty of 1967 in force 1967)

...the moon and other celestial bodies shall be used by all States Parties to the Treaty exclusively for peaceful purposes. The establishment of military bases, installations and fortifications, the testing of any type of weapons and the conduct of military maneuvers on celestial bodies shall be forbidden...(Art. IV Outer Space Treaty of 1967 in force 1967)

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(6) a. Does your party oppose the US exclusion of reference to disarmament in UN documents.
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

b. Does your party condone the profiting on the sale of arms
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

Background:

Recognizing the impact on development of enormous amount of material and human resources expended on the arms race

...In this respect special attention is drawn to the final document of the tenth special session of the General Assembly, the first special session devoted to disarmament encompassing all measures thought to be advisable in order to ensure that the goal of general and complete disarmament under effective international control is realized. This document describes a comprehensive programme of disarmament, including nuclear disarmament; which is important not only for peace but also for the promotion of the economic and social development of all, but also for the promotion of the economic and social development of all, particularly in the developing countries, through the constructive use of the enormous amount of material and human resources otherwise expended on the arms race (Par 13, The Nairobi Forward Looking Strategy, 1985)

(7) a. Does your party condone the planting of land mines throughout the world,
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

b. Does your party condone the failure of the US to sign and ratify the Convention for the Banning of Land mines
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

c. Would your party be prepared to criticize the US for not signing the Convention
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

Background:

in disregard of the 1981 Convention on Prohibition or restriction on the Use of Mines, Booby Traps and other devices;

Undertake to work actively towards ratification, if they have not already done so, of the 1981 Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects, particularly the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby Traps and Other Devices (Protocol II), with a view to universal ratification by the year 2000

(8) a. Does your party condone the US withdrawal from the ABT treaty
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

b. Would your party condemn the US for withdrawing from the ABT Treaty
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

c. Does your party condone the undermining by the US , and other nuclear arms states of the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty,

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(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

d. Would your party condemn the undermining by the US , and other nuclear arms states of the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty,

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

Background

The nuclear arms powers, have failed to reduce nuclear weapons as agreed under Article VI but also has resumed development of nuclear weapons (Article VI: commits all parties to pursue negotiations in good faith on measures to end the nuclear arms race and to achieve disarmament.)

(9) a. Does your party recognize the link civil nuclear energy with the development of nuclear arms

(yes, no, don't know)

b. Does your party support phasing out civil nuclear energy

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

c. Would your party end the export sale of CANDU reactors

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

Background:

Further convinced that a prohibition of the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons would be a step towards the complete elimination of nuclear weapons leading to general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control (draft Convention on the prohibition of the use of nuclear weapons A/RES/38/75, 1983) depleted Uranium and cluster bombs that would be prohibited under the Geneva Protocol II

d. Would your party support the banning of the mining and exporting of uranium

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

Background:

[Canada selling uranium to the US-probably a little bit of uranium in every one of the US nuclear bombs)

e. Would your party call for the international prohibition and restricting of certain conventional weapons which may be deemed to be excessively injurious or to have indiscriminate effects

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

f. Would your party prohibit or restrict the use of certain conventional weapons which may be deemed to be excessively injurious or to have indiscriminate effects

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Recalling with satisfaction the adoption, on 10 October 1980, of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects, together with the Protocol on Non-Detectable Fragments (Protocol I), the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby Traps and Other Devices (Protocol II) and the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Incendiary Weapons (Protocol III) (United Nations Resolution, 38/71, 1993)

g. Would your party support the setting up of a fund, administered by the International Labour organization, to institute a fair and just transition program for reducing the production of conventional weapons

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

(10) a. Does your party oppose NATO'S first nuclear strike policy,

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

b. Does your party condone the use of US control over NATO to circumvent the United Nations,

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

c. Does your party support the disbanding of NATO

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

(11) a. Does your party condone the interpretation of justice in terms of revenge through military intervention rather than seeking justice from the International Court of Justice,

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

b. Does your party condone the misuse of Art 51 (self defence) of the Charter of the United Nations to justify premeditated non provoked military aggression

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

c. Does your party condemn the illegal act of invading Afghanistan

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

Background:

Article 51

Nothing in the present Charter shall impair the inherent right of individual or collective self-defence if an armed attack occurs against a Member of the United Nations, until the Security Council has taken measures necessary to maintain international peace and security. Measures taken by Members in the exercise of this right of self-defence shall be immediately reported to the Security Council and shall not in any way affect the authority and responsibility of the Security Council under the present Charter to take at any time such action as it deems necessary in order to maintain or restore international peace and security.

(12) Does your party condone the ignoring of the fundamental purpose of the United Nations

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

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Background:

The fundamental purpose of the Charter of the United Nations is to prevent the scourge of war. Chapter VI --peaceful resolution of disputes of the Charter, provides the means to prevent war, including the application of article 27-the requirement for parties to a conflict to abstain from the vote, and the requirement under article 37 to take potential situations of conflict to the International Court of Justice

(13) a. Does your party condone the redefining of prevention of war by adopting a policy of pre-emptive/preventive attack to aggressively attack sovereign states
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

b. Does your party condone the illegal invasion of Iraq in violation of the UN Charter article 2 and international law
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

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(14) Does your party condone the undermining of the international resolve to prevent the scourge of war by intimidating or offering economic incentives in exchange for support for military intervention;
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

Background

The US continually cajoles, intimidates, and bribes other members of the United Nations)

The UN Security Council which is an affirmative action program for nuclear powers violates the fundamental principle of the sovereign equality enshrined in the un charter. removal of chapter vii, and strengthening the role of the UN General Assembly should be disbanded. and undermined the use of the Uniting for Peace resolution to prevent the scourge of war. by intimidating the members of United Nations General Assembly into not holding an emergency session of the UN General Assembly under the Uniting for Peace resolution

1. Resolves that if the Security Council, because of lack of unanimity of the permanent members, fails to exercise its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security in any case where there appears to be a threat to the peace, breach of the peace, or act of aggression, the General Assembly shall consider the matter immediately with a view to making appropriate recommendations to Members for collective measures, including in the case of a breach of the peace or act of aggression the use of armed force when necessary, to maintain or restore international peace and security. If not in session at the time, the General Assembly may meet in emergency special session within twenty-four hours of the request therefore. Such emergency special session shall be called if requested by the Security Council

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on the vote of any seven members, or by a majority of the Members of the United Nations;
(1951, Uniting for peace resolution)

(15) a. Does your party condone the participation in the assassination of state leaders who interfere with US interests or who are deemed to be a potential threat
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

b. Does your party condone the assassination of state leaders who interfere with US interests or who are deemed to be a potential threat
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

(16) Does your party condone the promulgating of propaganda for war in violation of the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights;
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

(17) Would your party support the implementation of the provisions in the Convention on the Right to Correction
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

Background:

"... to protect mankind [humanity] from the scourge of war, to prevent the recurrence of aggression from any source, and to combat all propaganda which is ether designed or likely to provoke or encourage any threat to peace, breach of the peace, or act of aggression;
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

(18) Does your party support the reduction of the military budget and the reallocation of military expenses and the transfer the savings into global social justice as undertaken through numerous UN Conference Action Plans and UN General Assembly Resolutions.
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

The global military budget is almost 1 Trillion per year

(19) a. Does your party condone the US disdain for the international rule of law, and for the jurisdiction or decision of the International Court of Justice;
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

b. Does your party condone the disregard for obligations incurred through conventions, treaties, and covenants; and for commitments made through conference action plans related to Common security - peace, environment, human rights and social justice;
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

(20) Does your party condone the failing to sign, to ratify, to enact the necessary legislation to ensure compliance with, or respect for Common Security-peace, environment, social justice and human rights international Conventions, Covenants and Treaties;
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(21) Does your party condone acts which undermine international obligations incurred through Conventions, Treaties, and Covenants, and commitments through UN Conference Action Plans, related to Common Security -peace, environment, human rights and social justice;
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

(22) Does your party condone the failure to act on commitments made through UN Conference Action Plans, or the failure to fulfill expectations created through General Assembly Resolutions;
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

(23) Does your party support extension of the notion of security to human security entailing so-called humanitarian intervention
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

Background:

-the notion of "human security" has been used to mean "humanitarian intervention" and the notion of "Responsibility to protect" has become a licence to intervene militarily in the name of humanitarian intervention; these expressions are used to legitimize military intervention;

(24) a. Does your party condone the US violation of Geneva conventions on the treatment of civilians, and US violation both international human rights and humanitarian law during the occupations of both Iraq and Afghanistan;
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

Background:

Undertaking to not make works or installations releasing dangerous forces [substances and activities] that could impact on civilians

Works or installations containing dangerous forces, namely dams, dykes and nuclear electrical generating stations, shall not be made the object of attack, even where these objects are military objectives, if such attack may cause the release of dangerous forces and consequent severe losses among the civilian population. Other military objectives located at or in the vicinity of these works or installations shall not be made the object of attack if such attack may cause the release of dangerous forces from the works or installations and consequent severe losses among the civilian population. (Art. LVI.1 Bern [Geneva] Protocol II of 1977 on the Protection of Victims of Non-international Armed Conflicts in Force 1978)

b. Would your party protect victims of International armed conflicts
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

Background:

? Protected persons are entitled, in all circumstances, to respect for their persons, their honour, their family rights, their religious convictions and practices, and their manners and customs. They shall at all times be humanely treated, and shall be protected especially against all acts of violence or threats thereof and against insults and public curiosity.

? Women shall be especially protected against any attack on their honour, in particular

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against rape, enforced prostitution, or any form of indecent assault.

? Without prejudice to the provisions relating to their state of health, age and sex, all protected persons shall be treated with the same consideration by the Party to the conflict in whose power they are, without any adverse distinction based, in particular, on race, religion or political opinion (Art. 27 Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, 1949)

c. Would your party condemn the starvation of civilians through attacking objects indispensable to the survival of civilian population
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

Background:

Starvation of civilians as a method of combat is prohibited. It is therefore prohibited to attack, destroy, remove or render useless, for that purpose, objects indispensable to the survival of the civilian population, such as foodstuffs, agricultural areas for the production of foodstuffs, crops, livestock, drinking water installations and supplies and irrigation works. (Art. XIV Bern [Geneva] Protocol II of 1977 on the Protection of Victims of Non-international Armed Conflicts in force 1978)

(25) Does your party condone the US violation of the Convention against Torture, including rendering and through Cruel, Inhumane or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

Background:

counseling other parties to engage in torture, through being a party to the offence of torture, and through counseling another person to be a party to the offence of torture in Guantanamo Bay prison, and in Abu Ghraib prison;

(26) a. Does your party condone cruel and inhumane punishment through the practice of capital punishment, in violation of accepted international norms
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

b. Would your party work towards reintroducing capital punishment, in violation of accepted international norms
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

(27) a. Does your party support globalization, deregulation and privatization through promoting trade agreements, such as the WTO/FTAA/NAFTA etc
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

b. Would your party call for the abrogation of NAFTA
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

c. Would your party support the dismantling of the WTO
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

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d. Would your party end all further negotiations of the FTAA
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

Background

The WTO/FTAA AND NAFTA undermine the rule of international public trust law related to peace, environment, social justice and human rights

(28) a. Does your party condone the implementation of IMF structural adjustment program,
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

b. Would your party oppose policies which would exploit vulnerable and indigenous peoples around the world;
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

(29) a. Would your party implement the international commitment to transfer .7% of the GDP for overseas aid,
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

b. Would your party cancel third world debt;
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

(30) a. Would you oppose the privatization of public services such as water, sewage treatment and health care,
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

b. Does your party support private public partnerships for public services such as water, and health care,
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

c. Would your party reduce funding for universities
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

d. Would you oppose the reliance on corporate funding of university and corporate direction of research;
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

e. Would you support allowing students to repay student loans through Community service
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

(31) Would you support the deployment of weapons systems to protect US global corporate interests
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know, don't know)

(32) a. Would you prevent the public subsidizing and investing in companies that have developed weapons of mass destruction, that have violated human rights, that have denied social justice, that have exploited workers, that have destroyed the environment;

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(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know, don't know)

b. Would you support the subsidizing of companies that engage in socially equitable and environmentally sound practices

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know, don't know)

c. Does your party condone corporations, including transnational corporations that fail to comply .. with international law, as agreed to in international conferences

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

d. Would you condone corporations benefiting from war

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

(33) Does your party support Mandatory International Ethical Normative (MIEN) standards and enforceable regulations to drive industry to conform to international law, and opposing corporate "voluntary compliance";

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

(34) Does your party support the revoking of charters of corporations that violate human rights, destroy the environment, denies social justice and contributes to war and conflict;

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

(35) Does your party support the labour principle of fair and just transition

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

(36) a. Does your party adhere to labour principles endorsed under the International Labour Organization and international Human Rights Instruments

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

b. Does your party support the international principle of the right to strike

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

c. Does your party support the international principle of equal pay for work of equal value

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

(37) a. Does your party support measures to prevent environmentally induced diseases

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

b. Would you rectify poverty related health problems through guaranteeing right to housing, and right to unadulterated food

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

c. Would your party institute universal dental care

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

d. Would your party institute pharmacare for essential drugs

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(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

e. Does your party support universal access, to publicly funded not for profit health, non two tier care system;

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

(38) a. Would your party prevent the production of toxic, hazardous, atomic waste, through instituting enforceable legislation

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

b. Would your party implement the precautionary principle as agreed in the Rio Declaration (UN Conference on the Environment and Development, 1992)

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

c. Would your party prevent transfer to other states of substances and activities that are harmful to human health or the environment as agreed at the UN Conferences on the Environment and Development, 1992;

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

d. Would your party the export of products banned in country of origin in violation of the Convention on the Prevention of the export ...

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

(39) a. Would your party oppose the production, promotion, and exporting of genetically engineered foods and crops

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

b. Would your party ban genetically engineered foods and crops

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know, don't know)

c. Would your party label but not ban genetically engineered foods and crops

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know, don't know)

(40) a. Would your party comply with the Convention on Biological Diversity through the enacting of legislation and regulations

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know, don't know)

b. Would your party apply the Convention on Biological Diversity to forest practices and to the protection of old growth forests

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know, don't know)

(41) a. Would your party discount the warnings of the Intergovernmental panel on Climate change

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know don't know)

b. Would your party disregard obligations under the Framework Convention on Climate Change

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(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know, don't know)

c. Does your party oppose the ratification of the Kyoto Protocol;

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know, don't know)

(42) a. Would your party oppose discrimination on the following grounds, most of which are protected through international Human rights instruments:

- race, tribe, or culture;
- colour, ethnicity, national ethnic or social origin, or language; nationality, place of birth, or nature of residence (refugee or immigrant, migrant worker);
- gender, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, form of family,(including same sex marriage)
- disability or age;
- religion or conviction, political or other opinion, or - class, economic position, or other status;

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

b. Would your party undertake to ratify the Convention for the Protection of Migrant Workers and their Families;

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

c. Would your party protect the rights of indigenous peoples as affirmed in international law

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

d. Would your party enter reservations in any of the instruments that protect the above grounds

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

e. Does your party consider the protection of minority rights by the Supreme Court to be a act of "judicial activism"

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

Under what circumstances would you use the notwithstanding clause to override the Charter of Rights and Freedoms

(43) a. would your party guarantee women's reproductive rights- access to abortion, in accordance with commitments made under the International Conference on Population and Development;

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided ,don't know))

b. Would your party implement provisions to comply with obligations under the Convention for the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women, and the optional protocol

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

(44) Would your party deny fundamental rights through the impositCovenant of Civil and Political Rights- to which the US is a signatory):

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The FBI has included the following in their designation of terrorists:

"... category of domestic terrorists, left-wing groups, generally profess a revolutionary socialist doctrine and view themselves as protectors of the people against the "dehumanizing effects" of capitalism and imperialism. They aim to bring about change in the United States through revolution rather than through the established political process."

"Anarchists and extremist socialist groups -- many of which, such as the Worker? World Party, Reclaim the Streets, and Carnival Against Capitalism -- have an international presence and, at times, also represent a potential threat in the United States. For example, anarchists, operating individually and in groups, caused much of the damage during the 1999 World Trade Organization ministerial meeting in Seattle."

"Special interest terrorism differs from traditional right-wing and left-wing terrorism in that extremist special interest groups seek to resolve specific issues, rather than effect more widespread political change. Special interest extremists continue to conduct acts of politically motivated violence to force segments of society, including, the general public, to change attitudes about issues considered important to their causes. These groups occupy the extreme fringes of animal rights, pro-life, environmental, anti-nuclear, and other political and social moveme

(48) Would your party clearly distinguish legitimate dissent from criminal acts
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

(49) Does your party condone the engaging in racial profiling,
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

(50) a. Does your party condone the intruding and intervening, unilaterally in sovereign states,
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

b. Does your party condone the abandoning of multilateralism
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

c. Under what circumstances Would your party abandon multilateralism

(51) Does your party condone the US's undermining the notion of democracy by couching a plutocracy/theocracy in democratic notions of "freedom";
(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided, don't know)

(52) Would your party lobby the US to further GLOBAL COMMON SECURITY

True security- is not "human security" which has been extended to "humanitarian intervention" and used along with the "responsibility to protect" notion to justify military intervention in other states.

True security is common security and involves the following objectives:

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? to promote and fully guarantee respect for human rights including labour rights, civil and political rights, social and cultural rights- right to food, right to housing, right to universally accessible not for profit health care system , right to education and social justice;

? to enable socially equitable and environmentally sound employment, and ensure the right to development;

? to achieve a state of peace, social justice and disarmament; through reallocation of military expenses

? to create a global structure that respects the rule of law ; and

? to ensure the preservation and protection of the environment, respect the inherent worth of nature beyond human purpose reduce the ecological footprint and move away from the current model of overconsumptive development.

(yes, no, allow a free vote, undecided,

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