

# OHIO CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE ISSUES SURVEY FOR 2008 CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES

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**Please indicate your positions on each of the following issues by marking the appropriate blank.**

## RELIGION & MORALITY

1. Display of the Ten Commandments on public property  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
2. Voluntary prayer in public schools  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
3. Religious Freedom Amendment to the U.S. Constitution allowing voluntary religious expression in public places  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
4. Permitting the Boy Scouts of America to use Federal parks or other public facilities  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
5. Beginning each legislative day in Congress with a prayer  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
6. Legislation to protect the tax status of churches to ensure religious free exercise and free speech rights  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
7. Allowing chaplains in the U.S. Armed Forces to pray in the name of Jesus Christ.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided

## TAXES AND SPENDING

1. Amendment to the U.S. Constitution requiring a balanced federal budget  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided → except in case of War or Recession
2. Making permanent the reductions in the federal income tax rates  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
3. Flat rate income tax with deductions only for dependants  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided → I prefer the Fair tax
4. Substitution of the federal income tax with a national sales tax  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
5. Making permanent the increase in the dependent child tax credit  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
6. Permanent elimination of the marriage tax penalty  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
7. Elimination of the capital gains tax  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided

- 8. Making permanent the elimination of the Federal death tax  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 9. Extending the moratorium banning Internet taxes  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 10. Eliminating the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT)  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided

**EDUCATION AND PARENTING**

- 1. Expanding IRA-type Education Savings Accounts  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 2. Federal tuition tax credits for parents that home school or send their children to a private school  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 3. Parental Rights Act clarifying that "the right of parents to direct the upbringing of their children" shall include their education, health care, discipline, and religious training  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 4. Federal childcare tax credits for families where the mother is a full-time homemaker  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 5. Public school curriculum that teaches homosexuality as an acceptable, healthy lifestyle  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided → *AS long as they don't promote the lifestyle*
- 6. Permitting schoolchildren to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, including the phrase "under God," during the school day.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND THE 2nd AMENDMENT**

- 1. Capital punishment for certain crimes, such as first-degree murder  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 2. Requiring victims' compensation to be paid out of fines and/or assets forfeited by convicted criminals  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 3. Mandatory prison terms for persons convicted of crimes against children, such as production or distribution of child pornography and dealing drugs to minors  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 4. Legislation that designates crimes as more severe based on the perception of the perpetrators' thoughts and motivations (Hate Crimes)  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 5. Amending current asset-forfeiture laws in order to grant more protection to individual citizens and their property  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 6. Federal registration of firearms and licensing of gun owners  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 7. Extending the Brady Bill's background checks to gun shows  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 8. Increasing the mandatory prison sentences for persons convicted of using a firearm during the commission of a felony  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided

- 9. Banning ownership of handguns  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 10. Repealing the ban on handguns in the District of Columbia  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 11. Reciprocity for concealed carry permit holders between States  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided

**ABORTION AND EUTHANASIA**

- 1. Amendment to the U.S. Constitution protecting the sanctity of human life  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 2. Legislation protecting the sanctity of human life except in cases where the life of the mother is endangered  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 3. Legislation protecting the sanctity of human life except in cases of rape, incest or where the life of the mother is endangered  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 4. Allowing abortions for gender selection  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 5. Allowing schools to distribute the morning-after pill to minors  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 6. Requiring a 48-hour waiting period before obtaining an abortion  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 7. Public financing of abortions for low-income Medicaid recipients  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 8. Allowing states to restrict Medicaid funding of abortions to cases of rape, incest or where the life of the mother is in danger  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 9. Parental notification for abortions by minors  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 10. Parental consent for abortions by minors  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 11. Spousal notification and consent for abortions by married adults  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 12. Requiring fully informed consent (knowledge of surgical risks, fetal development, abortion alternatives) before obtaining an abortion  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 13. Prohibiting federal funding of fetal-tissue, human embryo, human cloning and embryonic stem-cell research  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided *I support Adult Stem Cell Research.*
- 14. Prohibiting federal and local funding for abortions in the District of Columbia  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 15. Prohibiting abortions in all military medical facilities  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 16. Eliminating all federal funding of Planned Parenthood  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 17. Prohibiting federal funding to any international organization that promotes and/or performs abortions  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided

18. Withdrawal of the Food and Drug Administration's approval of RU-486  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided → *What about other uses?*
19. Legislation making criminals liable for the harm they cause to unborn children just as they would be for harm caused to the mother  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided → *Not sure what this means.*
20. Legislation allowing physician-assisted suicide (Right-to-Die)  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
21. Legislation making it a felony to assist in the suicide or attempted suicide of another person  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
22. Prohibiting abortions in the third trimester  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
23. Legislation to prohibit taking minors across State lines in order to circumvent States' parental notification law  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
24. Ban on all human cloning  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
25. Legislation that protects hospitals, doctors, and other health care entities from discrimination for refusing to provide or provide coverage for abortions.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided

### HOMOSEXUAL RIGHTS

1. Federal Marriage Amendment to the U.S. Constitution defining marriage as a union between one man and one woman  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
2. Granting sexual preference a protected minority status under existing civil rights laws  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
3. Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation (homosexuality as protected status)  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
4. Allowing homosexuals to openly serve in the military  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
5. Prohibiting adoption of children by homosexuals  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
6. Allowing homosexuals to petition to have their partners to immigrate to the U.S.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided

### PORNOGRAPHY AND TAXPAYER-FUNDING OF ART

1. Prohibiting the availability of indecent material to children on the Internet  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided → *How would this be done?*
2. Increasing the penalty for possession of any child pornography  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
3. Internet filters which block pornographic and obscene material in all public schools and libraries  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
4. Ending federal funding for the National Endowment for the Arts  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided

5. Requiring financial grants from the National Endowment for the Arts to be provided to the states in the form of "block grants" which enable states to determine how to fund the arts in their respective state  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
6. Requiring cable television companies to completely block the video and audio on pornography channels to non-subscribers  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided *→ Don't they already do this?*

**GAMBLING**

1. Prohibiting gambling on the Internet  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
2. Allowing states to block federal approval for Indian gambling in their respective state  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
3. Prohibiting acceptance of campaign contributions to political candidates by any gambling operator or their vendors  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
4. Restricting the age of legal gambling to 21 years of age  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
5. Requiring warnings regarding the dangers and risks of gambling to be posted in prominent locations in all gambling facilities  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
6. Prohibiting betting on collegiate and amateur athletic events  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided

**HEALTH CARE**

1. Federally run universal health care system with a standard benefit package and national health board or commission  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
2. Expanding IRA-type Medical Savings Accounts  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
3. Allowing Medicare recipients to privately contract with physicians  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided *→ Not sure what this means.*
4. Prohibiting abortion coverage in the federal employees health benefit plan  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
5. Prohibiting immigrants with HIV to enter the country  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided *→ Are they coming here for treatment?*
6. Federal premium caps and price control of health care costs  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
7. Tax credits for the lower and middle class in need of purchasing private health insurance  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided

**EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM**

1. Amending the Federal Election Campaign Act to prohibit the use of compulsory union dues and fees for political causes and candidates  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided

2. Prohibiting illegal immigrants from receiving welfare, or any other government benefits  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided → What about life saving health care?
3. Allowing individuals to direct a portion of their Social Security contributions to a private investment account  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
4. Allowing federal funding for faith-based charitable organizations  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided

**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REFORM**

1. Allowing convicted felons to vote  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
2. Repeal of the motor voter law  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
3. Abolishing the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) → I support the Fair Tax  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
4. Privatization of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
5. Restrict lobbying of the federal government by any non-profit organization that receives any federal funding  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided → Unsure as to what this means
6. Requiring consideration of the impact of proposed federal regulations on family structure, stability, and autonomy  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
7. English as the official language of the United States  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
8. Statehood for the District of Columbia  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
9. Flag Protection Amendment to the U.S. Constitution allowing Congress and the states to enact flag protection laws  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
10. Reducing voter fraud by requiring State issued government ID to vote  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided

**FOREIGN POLICY, MILITARY AFFAIRS & HOMELAND SECURITY**

1. Restricting U.S. tax dollars from providing non-humanitarian U.S. foreign aid to countries permitting or engaging in ongoing, widespread religious persecution  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
2. Supplying arms and military aid to Taiwan  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
3. Allowing U.S. troops to serve under United Nations military command  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided → under what circumstances? Peace keeping?
4. Allowing women serving in the military to fight in combat  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided → Bomber jets?
5. Increasing border patrol to reduce illegal immigration  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
6. Putting troops on the border to stem the flow of illegal immigrants  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided → Can we afford to lose those dollars?
7. Giving amnesty to illegal immigrants in the United States  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
8. Granting drivers licenses to illegal immigrants

- Support  Oppose  Undecided
9. Constructing a fence along the entire United States-Mexico border to stop the flow of illegal immigrants entering the United States  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
  10. Repealing the North American Free Trade Agreement  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
  11. U.S. signing and abiding by the United Nation's Law of the Sea Treaty  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
  12. Predicating U.S. military action on UN approval  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
  13. Withdrawing United States membership from the United Nations  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
  14. Military aid to Israel  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
  15. Recognizing Jerusalem as the undivided capitol of Israel  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided *→ Shouldn't Israel decide this?*
  16. Recognition of a Palestinian state  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided *→ once a peaceful one is reached.*
  17. Normalization of trade relations with Cuba  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
  18. Mandatory inspection of cargo entering the United States via commercial vessel or motor vehicle  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided *→ This is impractical.*
  19. Companies owned by foreign governments operating any aspects of America's critical infrastructure (i.e. ports)  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
  20. Eliminating certain Federal funds to municipalities that are deemed "sanctuary" cities  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided

**The signature below attests that the responses in this questionnaire accurately represent the views of the candidate and confirm my understanding that the responses to this survey will be made available to the public. Please return by January 31, 2008.**

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