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*2010 Issues Ballot*

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1) There are four issues listed below. Which issue is most important?

- a. The Economy
- b. Energy
- c. Health Care
- d. Immigration
- e. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2) Which issue is second-most important?

- a. The Economy
- b. Energy
- c. Health Care
- d. Immigration
- e. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Economy**

3) Which statement do you agree with most?

- a. Government's most important economic priority should be to use taxes and stimulus money to increase the number of jobs.
- b. Our governments should both regulate and protect American businesses; we shouldn't have to compete with countries with low wages and few regulations, and we shouldn't have to rescue failed banks.
- c. Government's most important economic priority should be cutting taxes and the budget deficit.
- d. The U.S. is part of a global economy; we can't compete worldwide if we don't have free trade agreements and freedom for investors.
- e. Our government should leave economic policy to market forces and not intervene.

### **Energy**

4) Which statement do you agree with most?

- a. The government should ration energy supplies and penalize inefficient users.
- b. If we want a livable planet the government must demand energy conservation and the decrease use of fossil fuels using prices and taxes to control use.
- c. We will not be able to develop other sources of energy fast enough. The government should focus on teaching energy conservation but let consumers use fossil fuels such as oil or coal as needed now.
- d. In the current U.S. recession, cheap and abundant energy to promote economic growth is more important than environmental protection.
- e. We should let the market decide.

### **Health Care**

5) Which statement do you agree with most?

- a. Health care should be provided by our governments as a basic human right, part of "the pursuit of happiness" and the Constitutional goal to "promote the general welfare."

- b. The U.S. Government should provide a single-payer system like other countries, to cut out interference and extra costs from third parties like insurance companies, and should regulate the cost of drugs.
- c. Governments should provide health care only to the neediest, and only for serious problems
- d. Governments can't be trusted with our health care; it will just create bureaucratic inefficiency that will be worse than the current problems. Existing government health care programs like Medicare are subject to fraud.
- e. Governments should not get involved with the health care of private citizens. It should be their own responsibility.

### **Immigration**

6) Which statement do you agree with most?

- a. The U.S. border is too complex to protect it everywhere. It is not physically or economically possible to deport 11 million illegal immigrants. The government should focus instead on forcing illegal immigrants to pay high taxes and help the economy.
- b. We should provide a way for illegal citizens to earn their citizenship, pay a large fine and help the economy.
- c. Providing a way for illegal immigrants to become legal will just encourage more illegal immigrants and more lawbreaking. If people are breaking the law, they should be punished.
- d. If we do not defend our borders criminals, terrorists and drug dealers will inundate America.
- e. We should defend our borders no matter what it costs us, even if it means American citizens may lose their jobs as a result of the expense.
- f. We should change the Constitution so that a child born in America cannot be an American citizen unless both of its parents are American citizens.