



2008 National Student/Parent Mock Election Issues Forum

To the teacher:

This version of the issues ballot is intended for teaching purposes only. It has been designed to help the teacher develop critical thinking skills. It will be simplified for the final vote.

Thank you for your participation!

- 1a. Do you want the government to... **ANSWER FOR EACH BELOW.**
- b. Which one thing do you most want the government to do? **MARK ONE.**
- c. And, which least?

	a. Want?	b. Want Most (Mark One)	c. Want Least (Mark One)
...end the recession and reduce inflation?	()YES ()NO	()	()
...reduce the price and increase the supply of gasoline and other forms of energy?	()YES ()NO	()	()
...improve the quality and lower the cost of health care?	()YES ()NO	()	()
...end the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq – and bring our troops home?	()YES ()NO	()	()

- d. How sure are you that you have made the correct decision? **MARK ONE.**

()Absolutely sure ()Somewhat sure ()Not at all sure

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2a. If you were President and responsible for improving the American standard of living, would you... **ANSWER FOR EACH BELOW.**

b. Which one thing do you most want to do as President?

c. And, which do you least want to do as President?

	<u>a. Would You?</u>	<u>b. Want Most (Mark One)</u>	<u>c. Want Least (Mark One)</u>
...terminate or renegotiate NAFTA to get better terms for U.S. workers and better protection for our consumer goods market?	<input type="checkbox"/> Definitely Do <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe Do <input type="checkbox"/> Absolutely Not Do	()	()
...take steps to reduce federal spending to reduce trade imbalances, increase savings, reduce need to increase the national debt to improve growth?	<input type="checkbox"/> Definitely Do <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe Do <input type="checkbox"/> Absolutely Not Do	()	()
...replace old bridges, invest in modern railroad networks, upgrade electricity grid to create jobs and improve the economy?	<input type="checkbox"/> Definitely Do <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe Do <input type="checkbox"/> Absolutely Not Do	()	()
...lower taxes to give consumers more money to pay bills and put money into the economy to create more jobs?	<input type="checkbox"/> Definitely Do <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe Do <input type="checkbox"/> Absolutely Not Do	()	()

d. How sure are you that you have made the correct decision? **MARK ONE.**

Absolutely sure Somewhat sure Not at all sure

3a. If you were in charge of resolving the energy crisis, would you... **ANSWER FOR EACH BELOW.**

b. Which one thing would you most definitely do?

c. And which one thing would you absolutely not do?

	<u>a. Would You?</u>	<u>b. Definitely (Mark One)</u>	<u>c. Absolutely Not (Mark One)</u>
...spend government money heavily to develop alternatives to oil like wind, solar and making other fuels such as ethanol from plants in order to reduce damage to environment from the use of oil and reduce harm to the economy from the high cost of oil?	<input type="checkbox"/> Definitely Do <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe Do <input type="checkbox"/> Absolutely Not Do	()	()
...impose higher taxes on oil companies if they fail to increase their investment in producing more oil and/or developing alternatives to oil like wind, solar and converting plants to other fuels such as ethanol?	<input type="checkbox"/> Definitely Do <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe Do <input type="checkbox"/> Absolutely Not Do	()	()
...suspend the federal tax of 18.3 cents on every gallon to save the consumers money?	<input type="checkbox"/> Definitely Do <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe Do <input type="checkbox"/> Absolutely Not Do	()	()
...permit oil companies to drill for oil in off-shore oil fields where the federal government now forbids them to drill so they can produce more oil and meet the demand?	<input type="checkbox"/> Definitely Do <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe Do <input type="checkbox"/> Absolutely Not Do	()	()

d. How sure are you that you have made the correct decision? **MARK ONE.**

Absolutely sure Somewhat sure Not at all sure

4 a. If you were President, would you ... **ANSWER FOR EACH BELOW.**

b. Which one thing would you most definitely do?

c. And which one thing would you absolutely not do?

	<u>a. Would You?</u>	<u>b. Definitely (Mark One)</u>	<u>c. Absolutely Not (Mark One)</u>
...keep our troops fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan as long as it takes to ensure America's security and interests? As the world's only military superpower, American can do things alone no matter what other nations say or do.	<input type="checkbox"/> Definitely Do <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe Do <input type="checkbox"/> Absolutely Not Do	()	()
...withdraw troops from Iraq and Afghanistan only gradually and only after the military and the political situation in each country become stable?	<input type="checkbox"/> Definitely Do <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe Do <input type="checkbox"/> Absolutely Not Do	()	()
...when the governments of Iraq and Afghanistan achieve control of their nations, withdraw all American combat troops immediately to avoid further casualties, costs and damage to our international relations?	<input type="checkbox"/> Definitely Do <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe Do <input type="checkbox"/> Absolutely Not Do	()	()
...immediately withdraw all combat troops from Iraq and Afghanistan in an orderly manner but give economic aid to each nation as needed? Let the people of those nations resolve their differences.	<input type="checkbox"/> Definitely Do <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe Do <input type="checkbox"/> Absolutely Not Do	()	()

d. How sure are you that you have made the correct decision? **MARK ONE.**

Absolutely sure Somewhat sure Not at all sure

And now about health-care policies and costs...

5a. If you were President would you... **ANSWER FOR EACH BELOW.**

- b. Which one thing would you most definitely do?
- c. And which one thing would you absolutely not do?

	a. <u>Would You?</u>	b. <u>Definitely (Mark One)</u>	c. <u>Absolutely Not (Mark One)</u>
...have the federal government take no responsibility at all for the health care of private citizens? Let citizens get their own health-care coverage through health insurance companies? Self-reliance and the free market system should be used for health care as well as all other services.	<input type="checkbox"/> Definitely Do <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe Do <input type="checkbox"/> Absolutely Not Do	()	()
...ensure that basic health-care services through private companies are provided only to those American citizens who are most needy? Otherwise, the federal government should stay out of health care.	<input type="checkbox"/> Definitely Do <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe Do <input type="checkbox"/> Absolutely Not Do	()	()
...make sure that affordable health care is made available to all Americans? Provide federal health-care insurance to any citizen who cannot get private health-care insurance?	<input type="checkbox"/> Definitely Do <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe Do <input type="checkbox"/> Absolutely Not Do	()	()
...provide health care to all Americans through a federal program funded by tax revenue, because health care is too important to be left to private companies?	<input type="checkbox"/> Definitely Do <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe Do <input type="checkbox"/> Absolutely Not Do	()	()

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6a. Looking forward to the November Presidential election: Do you feel the next President of the United States should... **ANSWER FOR EACH BELOW.**

b. Which one thing would you definitely want in the next President?

c. And which one thing would you absolutely not want in the next president?

	a. Would You?	b. Definitely (Mark One)	c. Absolutely Not (Mark One)
...have high ethical standards – have a clear understanding of the difference between right and wrong? The President should be a moral, honest person who can be trusted to do the right thing for people and nations.	<input type="checkbox"/> Definitely Do <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe Do <input type="checkbox"/> Absolutely Not Do	()	()
...have strong decision-making skill -- taking all viewpoints and consequences into account? The President should make decisions in a reasoned and orderly manner, rather than in an impulsive, emotional manner.	<input type="checkbox"/> Definitely Do <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe Do <input type="checkbox"/> Absolutely Not Do	()	()
...be patriotic – putting the interests of America before his or anyone else’s self-interests?	<input type="checkbox"/> Definitely Do <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe Do <input type="checkbox"/> Absolutely Not Do	()	()
...be a team leader who is able to organize a team and get the most out of his people? The President should make sure team members are able to say what they believe, rather than what they think the president wants to hear.	<input type="checkbox"/> Definitely Do <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe Do <input type="checkbox"/> Absolutely Not Do	()	()
...be a communicator able to speak and write skillfully enough so that every American citizen will understand his plans, actions and policies?	<input type="checkbox"/> Definitely Do <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe Do <input type="checkbox"/> Absolutely Not Do	()	()

d. How sure are you that you have made the correct decision? **MARK ONE.**

Absolutely sure Somewhat sure Not at all sure