

The **Arizona Catholic Conference** (ACC) sent me the following survey. Since I refuse to answer these check 'for or against' surveys that provide no place to comment, I chose to respond by writing my own comments. These were the answers I mailed to ACC. If they claim I refused to answer, why that would be ... a fib. As I told any ACC supporter who called me in 2004, not only how worthless such surveys were, but they only exist to either provide a vehicle to let incumbent politicians know the importance of certain issues to ACC, or as a money solicitation ['See we are doing something with your money. Send more'] mailing to its members.

This will be prominently posted on my campaign site for your ACC members to read for themselves. I would be happy to post any response from ACC, unedited, as well.

Arizona Catholic Conference

2006 Survey Questions for Candidates

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1. Allowing parents to use tax credits, vouchers or educational savings accounts to enable children to attend any public, private or home school?

Do you own yourself? Yes, or no? [see: tinyurl.com/kyb2n] If you own yourself, then you own the products of your labor. No one else has claim to you or your labor without your uncoerced consent. Therefore, all taxes are theft, coerced at the point of a gun. The federal government has no business in your children's education. I would eliminate all taxes, therefore there would be no tax credits, etc. Public schools should not exist, but this is not a federal matter.

2. Prohibiting all forms of human cloning?

No. But I would vote against any tax money expended for cloning.

3. Legalizing physician assisted suicide?

Do you own yourself? Then you have the right to end your life, and enter into contract with others to assist you. I would vote against any legislation that would mandate a third party assisting in someone's suicide.

4. Excluding newborn children conceived while their mothers were receiving welfare from the calculation of the family's welfare grant?

Do you own yourself? Do you own your labor? All taxes are theft. Welfare is theft of people's labor and redistributing to others. Not only a vile form of armed robbery, but as I am dedicated to eliminating taxes, there would be no welfare.

5. Prohibiting state and local government agencies, including police departments, from accepting *matricula consular* cards as a form of identification?

It is not the job of the federal government to tell the states and their sub-governments what they can and cannot do.

6. Amending the United States Constitution to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman?

A marriage license is a tax, and not a federal one at that, so marriage is not the purview of the federal government. The license is a claim that you must ask the state's blessing to enter into a contract of marriage with others. You do not. You own yourself. Marriage is best left to religious institutions and lawyers. So marry your brother. Marry your burro. Marry that guy next store, you stud you. Marry with a 5 year contract, or a 5 week contract. Marry your entire apartment complex in mass. It is not any of my business, nor yours. We certainly do not need a Constitutional Amendment, a document which limits government power, from expanding to prohibit individual freedom.

7. Requiring informed consent for abortion to inform a woman considering an abortion about the medical and psychological risks, fetal development, and abortion alternatives, and to include a 24-hour period for the woman to review the information?

Do you own yourself? Since when is healthcare the responsibility or the dictates of any government, much less the federal government? Abortion is between you and your coat hanger or chosen third party. It is your life, choose wisely. Personally I think there are better alternatives to abortion.

8. Establishing and maintaining a statewide public defender's office to provide adequate legal representation to those facing the death penalty?

First off, the federal government lacks the power to place a condemned person to death. I oppose the death penalty, if for no other reason that it being hard to compensate a wrongfully convicted person who is put to death. I oppose it as well for allowing the state to believe it has the power of life and death over us. In fact it is we who are to have life and death over them. I would rather see a genuine restitution system in place, rather than the whoring government trough called a court room.

9. Making the presence of undocumented immigrants in Arizona a felony?

The federal government has no power to regulate immigration. That is a power reserved to the states. I advocate open borders. This makes labor reflect its true cost, rather than government power being used to restrict labor competition, and therefore raising the cost of labor and decreasing the purchase power of the dollar by making labor cost more than it would.

10. Mandating healthcare providers to facilitate the distribution of “emergency contraception” (i.e., morning after pills)?

Who gave the federal government the power to decide who could get what drugs only with permission?. Do away with the FDA. Do away with so called prescription drugs. Buy what you want, when you want, from whomever is willing to sell it to you. Do you own yourself?

11. Exempting nonprofit religious organizations from any contraceptive mandates that may violate the tenets of their faith?

Who the heck is the federal government to be telling anyone what to do? We are supposed to be telling it what to do, and they are supposed to humbly say “Yes, sir.” Besides without a tax code there would be no such thing as nonprofit.

12. Simplifying the existing tax credit for donations made to nonprofit charitable organizations serving the working poor so that people who do not itemize their taxes are eligible to participate?

No taxes, no tax credits. How simple is that?