

The Center for Arizona Policy sent me the following survey. Since I refuse to answer these circle '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 CAP. If they claim I refused to answer, why that would be ... a fib. As I told many a CAP 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 CAP, or as a money solicitation ['See we are doing something with your money. Send more'] mailing to its members, or as I will be explaining this year, it is an election vehicle for candidate Len Munsil.

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

## The Center for Arizona Policy 2006 Survey Questions for Congressional Candidates

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

Children are a parent's responsibility, not a government's responsibility. Public schools are a failure; one that should never have been allowed to continue. For decades politicians of both parties have been claiming to annually pass education reform to fix public education, and every year public education gets worse. Good parents have made incredible sacrifices in placing their children in private schools or home schooling their children. Only a few decades ago, one parent could stay at home to provide for the children while the other could earn enough to support the family, and set enough aside for the family's future. Now, enormous tax burdens, income redistribution, devaluation of currency, and government unfunded mandates and regulations have eaten away the substance of our once free nation. Get rid of taxes and you get rid of public schools, and restore our liberties and prosperity in one felt swoop. Parents can decide the future of their children. Government should have no say in education.

2. Prohibiting all forms of human cloning.

No government funds should be allotted for human cloning.

3. Allocating federal funds for research using human embryonic stem cells.

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4. Government granting unmarried domestic partners the same employee and health benefits as married couples.

Marriage is traditionally a purview of the church. Government taxes marriage, in the form of “granting a license.” I oppose all taxes, including the marriage tax. Government should stay out of marriage. Government shouldn’t be “granting,” as you put it, benefits for anyone. That is income redistribution, or more accurately, theft at gunpoint.

5. Exploring and drilling for oil in Alaska’s Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

If people want to homestead or develop the “Arctic National Wildlife Refuge,” let them. The Constitution is clear in prohibiting the federal government from owning any land except that necessary for federal buildings. And open, unused land belongs to no one. *Carpe deum, carpe terra.*

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

The Constitution sets out the limited and explicit duties of the federal government, and is a limitation on the federal government. Period. There are currently no prohibitions against the ostensible rulers of this nation, the people, contained within this document. Once such a prohibition was added by religious busybodies intent on controlling behavior. After enriching and empowering organized crime, corrupting government and imprisoning thousands, killing and maiming hundreds, and causing medical damage, that prohibition was repealed. As for religious busybodies we need a few around as bad examples to make fun of and laugh at.

7. Federal judges relying on laws of other countries when interpreting the laws of the United States.

They swore a sacred oath to protect, defend and abide by the U.S. Constitution as the supreme law of the land. They cashed their pay checks. It is quite clear the peaceful remedies provided by the Constitution (that is, impeachment) will never occur by the gutless weasels you get to vote on for Congress. You can’t sue or imprison these government vassals. So having exhausted peaceful remedies, a question arises. After all, they have no hesitancy in sicking armed federal marshals on you to impose their will.

8. Allowing workers to invest Social Security taxes in a private account.

Eliminate the Social Security tax fraud. That way a worker can invest 100% of his labor any damned way he pleases.

9. Prohibiting abortion except when the life of the mother is in danger.

Abortion strikes me as pretty horrible. Especially when it occurs, the longer the baby has gestated. But what would be even more horrible, is for the government to threaten the life of the mother, if she doesn't carry the baby to term. No one has the right to impose their will on another, even if you don't like their choice. If you allow this one exception, then you allow government to make any and all exceptions to impose its will upon you and your family. If you don't like abortion speak up, offer alternatives, but don't ask government to impose your will on another.

10. Transporting a minor across state lines to obtain an abortion in order to avoid a state's parental involvement law.

For someone to transport an unemancipated minor anywhere without a parent's permission to obtain any medical procedure – unless it is for an acute life threatening incident that needs immediate response to preserve a life – is a serious violation of the parent's investment in that child. The parent should sue the crap out of the offender, and hopefully get awarded lots of money to compensate for this trespass. As for a crime ... it already exists. It is called kidnapping.

11. Making the 2001 federal tax cuts permanent.

Eliminate all taxes.

12. Adding "sexual orientation" to the protected classes of race, religion, age, sex and ancestry antidiscrimination law.

Eliminate all discrimination laws, except those that apply to government. Any private person has a **right** to be able to discriminate against any other person they choose for any reason. It is called freedom. Specifically freedom of association. But government cannot show favorites (as it currently does) for any individual over another. There should be severe anti-discrimination laws applying to any government official who is found by a jury to be negligent in their duties in favoring one individual over others in interacting with government.

13. Expanding tribal casino gambling.

Government should have no say in consensual activities.

14. Enforcing the Federal Communications Commission's ban on broadcasting indecent material.

Eliminate the FCC, along with easily 95% of government. Have fun ... make a list. Censorship isn't just plain wrong, it goes against your **rights**, and shouldn't be tolerated. See making fun of religious busybodies above.

15. Permitting the government to use its eminent domain power to take private property for non-government use such as economic development.

Government should not have eminent domain power. Period. We call that theft. If government wants the property badly enough, it can pay for the property. Everyone typically has their price. And if government is not willing to pay that price, it settles for elsewhere, like everyone else.