

24. Under what circumstances should abortion be allowed:

Life of mother threatened; rape & incest.

25. What should the United States do to help eradicate the threat of radical Islamic terrorism?

First priority is to focus on those sects, domestically and internationally that represent the practice of radical Islamic terrorism. We should appeal to the leaders of the peaceful Islamic religious practice to distance themselves from radical Islamic terrorism and help the US enforce domestic laws and international efforts to root out radical Islamic terrorism.

Second priority is to protect US homeland through strong “barriers to entry,” beginning with building the wall and supplementing the wall with other technologies such as drone and camera surveillance, but also e-verify employer requirements, and visa application and enforcement rules (prohibit over-staying of visas); and stricter enforcement of existing criminal laws.

. Third priority is to review US foreign relations with countries that practice radical Islamic terrorism, such as Saudi Arabia, Pakistan or Afghanistan, in order to both increase surveillance of radical Islamic terrorist groups and their sympathizers and gradually weaken their influence in their home countries. 1053

26. Briefly describe your spiritual beliefs and values.

My personal religious philosophy and personal life strategy has two components:

1. Know thyself, and
2. Follow the scripture that says: “You should love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first great commandment. And, the second is like it: you should love your neighbor as yourself.”

This says it all – and implies good works, tolerance, freedom and responsibility. It requires little to no further explanation.

27. When you consider your views on a wide range of issues from economic and social matters to foreign policy and immigration, which of the following describes you overall?

Very Conservative.

28. Please provide publicly available information validating your answer to the previous question.

My dedication to “good works” as part of my spiritual beliefs requires my active leadership by example in business, political and social endeavors – with the objective of enhancing the quality of life of my fellow citizens. In the past ten years, I have:

- Assumed leadership for two major government agencies – in Washington, DC and Houston, Texas, turning around their operations, reducing their budgets and dramatically improving their results – rehabilitating both multi-family properties and entire neighborhoods.
- Written extensively and spoken publicly about the political malpractice and financial mismanagement of the City of Houston, particularly with regard to employee pension programs. I have advised mayoral candidates and business leaders seeking fiscal reform.
- Testified in the City of Houston and the State Legislature regarding proposed pension reform and other fiscal matters.
- Sued the City of Houston to protect the property tax cap because of its deceptive ballot language in the November 2017 election that authorized the issuance of \$1 billion of pension obligation bonds. The State Supreme Court has agreed to hear our appeal during 2020. 988

29. Would you promote health care coverage that is adequate, affordable and accessible for all?

First, we must recognize the reality of the existing health care system: approximately:

- 50% of health care expenditures are provided by private insurance companies. The employees covered are generally quite happy and the premiums are controlled by the marketplace.
- 40% of the health care expenditures are provided by the government: 20% by Medicaid; 15% by Medicare; and 5% by military (VA and Tri-Care).
- 10% of the population is thus subject to the Affordable Care Act (ACA, otherwise known as “Obama-Care.”) –

We need to focus on this 10% purchased on the ACA exchanges – it is where all the attention and controversies are. To provide “adequate, affordable and accessible” care for all as the question requires will necessitate covering pre-existing conditions. While this coverage is overwhelming popular, it drives costs beyond affordable premium structures, requiring government subsidies.

The key solution, however, is to introduce market reforms that stimulate competition and innovation – such as selling insurance across state lines, transparent pricing, and prohibitions on “surprise billing.” 942

30. How would you guarantee Social Security benefits for future generations?

First, we must restore the solvency of the current Social Security system by: gradually increasing the age of participation (recognizing longer and healthier life spans); eliminating the ceiling on income for Social Security payroll payments; and means testing Social Security payments.

Second, we must recognize that Social Security was created as a Ponzi scheme so that more and more younger people would support retirement of older Americans. Once solvency is restored (above), we should revise the Ponzi scheme structure to transform the system into private savings and reduce or eliminate the government’s role in pension planning. In other words, make people responsible for their own retirement via savings.
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31. In priority order, what three areas of legislation to you propose to author or sponsor if elected?

The US faces three long-term risks: 1) public deficits and accumulated debt, especially at the Federal level; 2) erosion of the rule of law, particularly regarding immigration; and 3) break-down of our major institutions, especially Congress.

My legislative priorities are: 1) Federal balanced budget amendment; 2) comprehensive immigration reform – stopping illegal immigration and enhancing LEGAL immigration; and 3) reforming Congress itself, through aligning the interests of the Federal government with its citizens; leading by example (beginning with Republican-led reform of the ACA); and holding government institutions, leaders and programs accountable for their results.

32. Who should be allowed to immigrate to the United States?

The first step for comprehensive immigration reform will be to enforce existing laws, including those for employer responsibility for e-verify; not providing social services and other privileges (drivers’ licenses) for illegal aliens; etc., and denying all Federal funds to “Sanctuary” Cities and States.

The second step must be to create new programs that reflect our economic and social realities, such as guest worker programs, and permanent residence (NOT citizenship) for some illegal aliens that have been tax-paying with no criminal records.

The third step will be to continue current efforts to change the current immigration system from “family” linkages to economic need and qualifications. We should enhance immigration of people who are financially self-sufficient and have skills required by our economic system and society.

33. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or been penalized for sexual misconduct?

NO.

34. What restrictions on gun ownership are needed to protect public safety?

No new restrictions are necessary for gun ownership. We should, however, enforce our existing laws and have renewed emphasis on mental health issues, with law enforcement more carefully tracking (and restraining) those with dangerous criminal records (such as the “stabber” in the recent New York Jewish attack).

35. What does “separation of church and state” mean?

Separation of Church and State means: government protection of Freedom of Religion; and no government participation in any religious activities.

36. What government spending would you reduce in order to balance the budget?

Eliminate the entire US Department of Education.

Reduce significantly the portions of key other departments and/or programs, such as:

- Transportation (Urban Mass Transit Grants)
- HUD (several housing programs)
- Commerce (Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Ex-Im Bank)
- Agriculture (farm subsidies and food stamps)
- Treasury (various housing and other tax credit subsidies)

And reduce key regulatory roles to stimulate economic activity and tax revenues:

- EPA (using environmental regulation to limit development or economic activity)
- National Labor Relations Board (to turn the entire US into “right to work”)
- HUD (eliminate Davis Bacon wage requirements). 662

37. Is racism a threat to domestic security in the United States?

NO. I do not see how any accusation of racism may cause or increase domestic security risks.

38. Under what circumstances should taxpayers help pay off existing student loans.

The Federal government should NOT forgive all student loan debt. Students with educational debt should be required to pay what they can reasonably afford, similar to the recent Purdue University program; it specifies the percentage of monthly earnings that can be dedicated to repayment. Students who are unable to meet these payments should, however, be permitted to extinguish this debt through personal bankruptcy.

The larger issue is that the use of Federal guarantees for future student debt should be drastically curtailed, if not eliminated entirely. 473

39. Is there anything else that you would like voters to know about you?

Yes.

“Loving my neighbors as myself” is a moral imperative of my personal faith. Early in my career, I found that I could scale this love by improving quality of life for the greatest number of people through leadership of private enterprise in the marketplace – creating jobs, improving products, mobilizing capital for investment. Later, I found that I could also improve other lives through reforming governmental agencies and their programs with application of similar business principles and practices, rehabilitating housing and transforming entire communities. People from all walks of life and across the political spectrum have recognized my leadership and successful results – asking me to run for Congress to take my skills to Washington to reform our Federal government.

CD-7 is approximately 40% Republican and 35% Democrat. Republican victory in the general election requires energizing the conservative base and also securing votes of independents. I am the only candidate in this race that has the recognized proven experience in business, public and social service leadership – on local, national and international levels.

EDUCATION

WHARTON SCHOOL, Philadelphia, PA

Master of Business Administration in Finance, 1976

- President, Real Estate Association
- Recipient, du Pont Graduate Fellowship (full tuition).

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Palo Alto, CA

B.S. – Civil Engineering, 1974

- Completed course requirements for Bachelor of Arts in Architecture
- Accepted into co-terminal program for joint Master of Science in Civil Engineering
- President, American Society of Civil Engineers
- Stanford Marching Band (LSJUMB), Rank Leader.

AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, Young Presidents Organization (YPO); World Presidents Organization (WPO), 1994 - present
- Member, ULI – The Urban Land Institute, 1979 - present
 - Chairman, ULI Houston District Council, 1996 – 1999
 - (Former) Vice Chairman, Commercial and Retail Council
 - (Former) Member of Finance, Audit, Membership, Program Committees
- Co-Chair, International Trade Center (ITC) of Houston, 2005 - present
 - Member/Leader of numerous trade and diplomatic missions to Asian countries
 - Stimulate economic development, foreign investment initiatives in Houston
- Member, Jewish Institute of National Security Affairs
 - National Board of Directors, 1997 - present
 - Member, Diplomatic Delegations to Israel, NATO/Brussels, Turkey, Germany
- Member, Wharton School Real Estate Advisory Board, 1985 - 2002
- Member, Real Estate Roundtable, Washington, DC, 1987 - 2003
 - Chairman, Tax Policy Advisory Committee, 1998-2000
 - (Former) Member, Board of Directors of predecessor, National Realty Committee
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