

**Better World Campaign (BWC)
United Nations Association of the USA (UNA-USA)
2008 Congressional Candidate Questionnaire**

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[U.S. Participation in the United Nations]

Does the United States advance national interests and security by working through the United Nations?

[YES]

COMMENTS:

In 1953, President Eisenhower spoke of "A CHANCE FOR PEACE," stating, "No nation's security and well-being can be lastingly achieved in isolation but only in effective cooperation with fellow-nations." The US needs to pay its fair share or lose its seat.

Do you support paying off U.S. debt to the UN? Will you work to ensure that the U.S. honors its treaty commitments to the United Nations by paying our UN dues on time, in full and without conditions?

[YES]

COMMENTS:

We are citizens in a world community and MUST remain current and in good standing with our UN dues. We MUST honor international treaties and in the same SHOULD support a world criminal court to uphold the rule of law. War IS a crime against all humanity.

[The UN and Iraq]

Do you support an increased role for the United Nations to help strengthen the U.S.-led effort to stabilize Iraq?

[YES]

COMMENTS:

Absolutely! The US should withdraw all troops and the international community should step in. The UN should investigate violations of international law insofar as preemption of an illegal war to destabilize a sovereign nation and extract its resources.

Do you support providing the necessary U.S. resources for an enhanced UN presence?

[YES]

COMMENTS:

Of course, this is a given. The US should pay war reparations to the people of, both, Iraq and Afghanistan. These monies should NOT come from Iraqi oil payments to the US. We should prosecute war profiteers to pony-up the funds and do some hard time.

Do you support collective action through the United Nations to address international terrorism?

[YES]

COMMENTS:

War is terrorism. We need to begin to recognize that state governments also commit terror on human peoples -on a much larger scale- in response to smaller acts of terror. BOTH acts of aggression are violations of human rights against civilian populations.

[Climate Change]

Do you support the development of a new international agreement for addressing climate change under the auspices of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change?

[YES]

COMMENTS:

The US MUST commit to international efforts and strive to exceed the minimum standards. The US Military uses vast quantities of fossil fuels and ought to be cut in half (at least) in order to mitigate their carbon foot print. Resource wars MUST stop!

[Strengthening the United Nations]

Do you support Security Council reform?

[YES]

COMMENTS:

The UN Security Council is in effect a hegemony over other member nations and is thus a tyranny. It should be replaced with a democratic model, which works in the interests of ALL member nations, not a monopoly by an elite few. This change is long overdue!

[UN Peacekeeping]

Do you support UN peacekeeping operations as 'force multipliers' that can complement U.S. efforts to stabilize conflict zones around the world?

[NO]

COMMENTS:

To the contrary, I support U.S. peacekeeping operations as 'force multipliers' that can compliment U.N. Efforts to stabilize conflict zones around the world. The US should downsize its military, close bases on foreign soil, and bring ALL troops and contractors back to the US. Our military needs to become humanitarian.

Do you support full U.S. funding for UN peacekeeping operations?

[YES]

COMMENTS:

We should be working as a member of the world community, not as a hegemonic policeman and ruler over it. Empire building has come at great cost to Americans and our position in the world community. Peacekeeping should be our ends and means. Funding

is a must.

[International Criminal Court]

Should the United States support and join the International Criminal Court?

[YES]

COMMENTS:

Governments and Multinational Corporations wield far too much power over people and should be held accountable to the rule of law. Human Rights abuses must be investigated and all violations should be prosecuted. War and Poverty are crimes against humanity.

[Global Poverty]

Do you support U.S. efforts to help meet the Millennium Development Goals?

[YES]

COMMENTS:

Global Warming is already displacing millions and will create a refugee crisis unlike any other. Closed US military bases could be reopened as outposts for humanitarian supplies, disaster-ready hospitals, intl. universities, and refugee encampments.