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### CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

1. We have an undocumented population of approximately 11 million persons in the U.S., many with U.S. children and spouses. Do you favor earned legalization that would permit these persons to remain in the U.S with a lawful status?  
 Yes                       No                       Not sure
  
2. Our current immigration quotas were set 20 years ago. The system now has long visa backlogs in both the family and employment-based categories, in some cases up to 20 years. Do you favor updating the law allowing a more realistic number of visas with greater flexibility to reunite families and to match employers with worker skills not readily available in the U.S.?  
 Yes                       No                       Not sure
  
3. Of the current number of 140,000 permanent resident visas allotted each year, only about 65,000 of that number consists of principal applicants, with the balance going to their spouses and minor children. Would you favor exempting the principal applicant's spouses and children from the annual quota of 140,000?  
 Yes                       No                       Not sure
  
4. Under current law only 5,000 lesser-skilled workers may qualify for permanent residence each year (including family members). This small number makes it virtually impossible for lesser-skilled workers to fill need employer demands for workers, including agricultural workers, hospital orderlies, and home care attendants. Would you favor creating a well-regulated guest worker program to allow for lesser-skilled workers to fill those jobs after determining the unavailability of willing U.S. workers? And if so, would you also favor allowing at least some of those temporary workers to qualify for permanent residence?  
 Yes                       No                       I want to think about it some more.

5. America has always benefitted from being a beacon for the world's most talented and innovative scientists, academics, economists, and other professionals, managers, and executives. The vast majority of these persons come initially on nonimmigrant (temporary) visas allowing them to work for U.S. employers needing their services. Many of these persons first came to our universities to study. Now they are in danger of leaving our country to put their talents to use elsewhere because of very tight quota restrictions and over-regulation in the H-1B and L-1 visa categories. Would you favor a reexamination of our current business immigration system to see how we can make the United States more hospitable to the highly skilled and educated nonimmigrants who wish to come and share their talents with us?

Yes

No

Not sure, but I'm willing to reexamine our business immigration laws and policies to see if they are serving our broad national interests.

6. Major 1996 changes to the immigration laws took away many due process rights. These changes gave inspectors at the U.S. border unreviewable authority to refuse admission to persons even with lawfully issued visas. Other provisions included mandatory detention elimination of discretionary waivers, and the elimination of meaningful judicial review. Are you in favor of revisiting some of these issues to determine if they serve current US interests?

Yes

No

I'm not sure, but I want to learn more about these problems.

7. Many persons attribute the size of our undocumented population to persons who would otherwise qualify as permanent residents, including spouses of U.S. citizens, but for the fact that they overstayed for one year must return home for 10 years before they are eligible to return here. Do you favor a repeal of this draconian law so that persons who are otherwise eligible to be lawful permanent residents may do so without being banished for 10 years?

Yes

No

I'm not certain, but I do want to learn more about the linkage between our large undocumented population and the failure of the 10 year bar.

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