

Questions The Media Should (But Won't) Ask Obama During The Debates

1. Senator Obama, you've said "We can't drive our SUVs and, you know, eat as much as we want and keep our homes on, you know, 72 degrees at all times..." Why should an American who works hard and pays his bills on time not be able to decide for himself what kind of car he drives, how much food he eats, and where he should set his thermostat? And if he can't decide those things, who are you proposing should do it for him?
2. Senator Obama, if getting billions of barrels of oil from ANWR and offshore won't lower the price of oil, why does Nancy Pelosi believe the price will go down if we release only a few million barrels from our strategic oil reserves? Do you believe she wrong? If you think she is correct, do you not believe in the law of supply and demand?
3. Senator Obama, if we have to save the oil and the trees for our children, then don't they also have to save it for their children? And their children's children? At what point would anyone be allowed to drill for oil or cut down a tree? Who should make those decisions?
4. Senator Obama, it has been widely reported that ExxonMobil made \$1,500 in profit per second in the second quarter of 2008. But during the same period, it also paid \$4,100 per second in taxes. As a percentage of revenue its profit was just over seven per cent, yet you've called for a windfall profits tax on the oil companies. Don't you think that \$4,100 per second is enough to pay in taxes? And if you believe a seven per cent profit is a "windfall," don't you, to be fair, also have to apply such a tax to all American businesses whose profits exceed seven per cent? Have you any idea how many businesses such a tax would apply to, or how much the economy would suffer if that much revenue was extracted from it?
5. Senator Obama, will you promise that if elected you will not support any slavery reparations legislation, and will veto any such legislation that makes it to your desk? If not, why not?
6. Senator Obama, you've said you'll increase the minimum wage to \$9.50 per hour. A small business with a few minimum wage janitors may have to fire one of them and make the others work harder in order to absorb your mandated increase in wages. No doubt those who receive the raise will be happy, but what would you say to the unskilled laborer who loses his job because of the increase?
7. Senator Obama, do you believe that anyone who would vote against you is a racist?
8. Senator Obama, polls show approximately 90-95 per cent support for you among black voters. Does that suggest that many black voters are racist?

9. Senator Obama, a woman who serves as one of your campaign precinct captains and who is the co-chair of the Houston Obama Leadership Team had a Che Guevara poster prominently displayed in one of your campaign offices. After you learned of the incident, did you advise all your offices to remove such posters? Your campaign issued a statement that it was “disappointed” to see the media account of the poster “because it is both offensive to many Cuban-Americans, and Americans of all backgrounds.” Many people sport Che Guevara T-shirts, probably without knowing much about that revolutionary communist or the murderous atrocities he committed. Can you enlighten some of those uneducated now, by giving us your opinion of Che Guevara?

10. Senator Obama, you were one of the Illinois politicians cited in the indictment of your long-time friend and fund-raiser Tony Rezko for having received political contributions from his kickback funds. Although you reportedly returned \$85,000 in political contributions you received from Rezko and his family, inasmuch as there would appear to be a conflict of interest, if elected President, will you promise not to pardon Rezko, who was convicted of corruption charges for trading clout as a top advisor to Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich?

11. Senator Obama, 1960s radicals and Weather Underground militants William Ayers and Bernadine Dohrn disappeared in 1970 after a bomb, designed to kill army officers in New Jersey, accidentally destroyed a Greenwich Village townhouse, and eventually turned themselves in to authorities in 1980. Although they were never prosecuted for their involvement in 25 bombings, because of improper FBI surveillance, they nevertheless would be considered shady characters by many Americans. How did you come to know and become friends with Ayers and Dohrn? Is it true they have been babysitters for your children? Do you still associate with them? Do you condemn their involvement with the Weather Underground of the 1960s?

12. Senator Obama, in your July trip overseas you visited eight countries in eight days, which one fawning CNN anchor described as “Incredible!” We assume you were not piloting the plane, didn’t press your own suits, and had your meals prepared by others. Would you describe what you did as “incredible,” or do you think the media has gone overboard in its unabashed enthusiasm for you?

13. Senator Obama, blacks and the media support you in overwhelming numbers, but that support does not extend to many other segments of the population. What do blacks and the media see in your candidacy that others do not?

14. Senator Obama, you said you favor affirmative action “when properly structured.” Can you explain what you meant by “properly structured?” When is a quota not a quota?

15. Senator Obama, if you lose the election there will be immediate media criticism that “America was not ready” for a black President. Will you tend to agree with those charges, or will you accept the fact that perhaps millions of Americans simply don’t agree with your policies?

16. Senator Obama, for more than 30 years liberals have been arguing that we need a tax on gasoline that is great enough to discourage consumption and encourage research into alternate fuels. Now that we have the high prices they wanted all along, suddenly those high prices are not a good idea. Which is it? Are high oil prices good or bad?

17. Senator Obama, why do you want to double foreign aid? How will you pay for that increased aid? Isn't balancing the budget here at home more important than trying to curry favor with other countries? Will there be strings attached to your increased aid? If not, why not?

18. Senator Obama, do you agree with Democrat Congresswoman Maxine Waters that we should nationalize the oil companies? Are there any other businesses that you think should be nationalized? If so, why? Should other industries fear nationalization? Why would that not be socialism?

19. Senator Obama, you've threatened to drastically raise the capital gains tax. Where will the economy get the needed cash to start new businesses if you confiscate it via higher capital gains taxes? History has shown that a lowering of the tax always promotes business growth and expansion, while raising the tax always slows the economy. How do you expect your tax to do otherwise, or do you have some unique economic skills that prior administrations in both parties lacked?

20. Senator Obama, you plan to raise income taxes. Even if you limit those increases to the wealthiest Americans, how do you avoid the job losses that would necessarily result from such an increase? If, for example, a millionaire pays your higher taxes by foregoing the construction of a larger home or a new boat, what do you say to the middle-class carpenter or boat-builder who lost his job because of your tax increase?

21. Senator Obama, you plan on removing troops from Iraq and expanding our presence in Afghanistan. Won't the terrorists simply follow American troops from Iraq to Afghanistan? Isn't it easier to fight them in Iraq, where the terrain is much more suited to our troop movements and our military tactics?

22. Senator Obama, some would say that if we had not gone to war in Iraq, perhaps one of the more than 4,000 Americans killed there might instead have lived to find a cure for cancer or heart disease. Is it not also the case that had we not killed more than 20,000 terrorists in the war, one of them might have lived to plant a nuclear suitcase bomb in an American city?

23. Senator Obama, the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993 requires that employees be given up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave per year in order to care for a child, spouse, or parent. Many American businesses have run into significant productivity problems because of employees who take unfair advantage of that law. Employers have also had to raise prices to compensate for the added cost of hiring replacement and additional workers. You have now called for a paid family leave act. How can you not expect many more employees to take unfair advantage of that law, inasmuch as they will be able

to stay home while receiving full pay? How will that legislation not further reduce the ability of American businesses to survive in the increasingly competitive global market?

24. Senator Obama, more than 31,000 American scientists have signed a petition urging the United States government to reject the Kyoto global warming agreement and any other similar proposals; they believe there is no convincing scientific evidence that human release of carbon dioxide or other alleged “greenhouse gases” are causing or will cause a catastrophic heating of the Earth’s atmosphere. Over 9,000 of those 31,000 scientists have PhD s. You accept the arguments of the “global warming” theorists and support enormous government programs to reduce carbon dioxide reductions, even though the full scientific evidence has not been gathered. What do those 31,000 scientists know that you don’t know? Or what do you know that they don’t know? Are you willing to accept that there is room for some doubt about the global warming theories, and encourage more scientific study before forcing drastic negative changes in the American standard of living or imposing tremendous costs on the economy?

25. Senator Obama, if we don’t now drill for oil in the ANWR reserves, or offshore, can we ever drill for it there? When will the time be right? Or should we leave the Alaskan oil untouched forever? And if we are not allowed to drill for oil offshore, why should we sit back and watch other nations access it?

26. Senator Obama, 92 per cent of ANWR would be left untouched if drilling is allowed in the other eight per cent. Between \$150 and \$230 billion in tax revenues would be generated by drilling there. Between 250,000 and 750,000 jobs would be created. There are estimates of between 9 and 16 billion barrels of oil in ANWR. Yet you believe we should leave that oil untouched, and instead continue to buy more oil from other nations. Why?

27. Senator Obama, many experts believe the solution to our energy needs lies in the enormous coal shale reserves in the United States. Where do you stand on accessing that source of energy?

28. Senator Obama, America has shown to be much more environmentally sensitive than almost all other nations. That suggests there would be fewer oil spills and contamination if we drill for oil in Alaska and offshore than if other nations do the drilling and sell it to us. If you’re concerned about the environmental impact of oil exploration, isn’t it better for the Earth to let the Americans do the exploring and drilling? Don’t you trust American engineers and workers more than foreign engineers and workers?

29. Senator Obama, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, many Americans concluded that the government should have more helicopters available for the purpose of rescuing people trapped by flood waters. Many other American concluded that people who live by the coast should have enough sense to heed weather service warnings to get out of town when a category five hurricane is approaching. Where do you stand? How responsible should Americans be for their own well-being, and how much should they depend on the

federal government? What is your proposed budget for helicopter rescues of stranded storm victims?

30. Senator Obama, even if all Americans were able to buy electric cars tomorrow, they'd have to plug them in at night for re-charging. Where will all that electricity come from if we don't build more nuclear power plants, or use oil, coal, or gas to generate electricity? No experts believe we can generate all the electricity we'll need from solar and wind power, so where will we get the electricity we need to maintain, let alone improve, our standard of living?

31. Senator Obama, to the average white American some of the things said by the pastor of your Chicago church, Reverend Wright, are both vehemently anti-American and angrily racist. You attended his church for 20 years. Does that mean you agree with his extreme viewpoints? If not, why did you keep attending his church? Could you not have been aware, after 20 years, of what reporters learned so quickly? And although you're not responsible for what he has said over the years, you always had the option of walking out. Why didn't you, if you disagree with his views?

32. Senator Obama, assuming you don't think there is any such thing as a "typical black person" and are opposed to insulting stereotypes, did you ever ask Reverend Wright to stop his diatribes against "typical white people" – a phrase which you also have used in one of your books?

33. Senator Obama, a large number of Americans are working solely because their employers provide group health insurance; typically they are too young to retire and go on Medicare. If your national health plan allows them to be covered even if they were to become unemployed, why should those people even bother to go to work? Do you have any idea how many tens of thousands, or hundreds of thousands, of Americans will simply quit their jobs and let the remaining taxpayers fund their medical care if they are given the chance? How much will those people cost the taxpayers? Why should working Americans be shouldered with even more responsibility for non-working people?

34. Senator Obama, you said that if your daughters make a mistake and get pregnant, you "don't want them punished with a baby." Would you really consider a baby punishment, rather than welcome it as its grandfather?

35. Senator Obama, Saddam Hussein repeatedly violated 16 United Nations Security Council resolutions, yet you still believe it was a mistake to send troops to Iraq and remove him from power. How many resolutions must a dictator ignore before action should be taken?

36. Senator Obama, you said we should not have gone to war in Iraq, especially because we ended up finding no weapons of mass destruction. But we know Saddam Hussein used chemical weapons to kill thousands of Kurds in Iraq. Do you assume he used up every last ounce of those chemicals on the Kurds and had absolutely none left when American troops arrived? Or might he have shipped the leftovers off to Syria before the

war started? As President, will you investigate that possibility? Or will you be comfortable leaving those chemical weapons unaccounted for, possibly to be used against Israel?

37. Senator Obama, you said you would raise the minimum wage to \$9.50 per hour. Why stop at \$9.50? Why not make it \$30.00 per hour, to make it easier for Americans to pay their bills and raise a family? If you see a down side to raising the minimum wage to \$30.00, don't those same down sides exist, albeit to a lesser degree, if you raise the wage to \$9.50?

38. Senator Obama, in the past you've said you would support a bill restricting late-term abortions provided there is a provision to protect the health of the mother. Is it sufficient for you if the bill includes protection for the mother's physical health? Or do you insist on protection of the mother's "mental health" which, of course, is subject to interpretation and would therefore allow any late-term abortion to be considered justified? In other words, are you playing word games in order to satisfy abortion supporters?

39. Senator Obama, in 2002, as an Illinois legislator, you voted against the Induced Infant Liability Act. That law was meant to protect the lives of babies who "inadvertently" survived attempted abortions and then needed medical attention to survive. Can you explain why you voted against that bill, when a similar bill passed the United States Senate unanimously? How can you endorse leaving to die a baby who happens to survive an abortion? Have you sold your morality to the N.A.R.A.L.?

40. Senator Obama, you are opposed to education vouchers, yet send your own children to private schools. Why shouldn't the poorest Americans, many of them black, be able to use vouchers to improve the futures of their children? Why wouldn't more competition from well-run private schools prompt the public schools to improve their standards?

41. Senator Obama, you have said repeatedly that one of your goals is to "end America's dependence on foreign oil." How can you accomplish that if you oppose drilling for oil in ANWR and offshore, oppose more nuclear plants, oppose expanded use of our vast coal shale deposits, and will raise taxes, reducing the amount of investment money available to fund exploration and alternate energy here in the United States? Even if it takes a few years for ANWR and offshore oil fields to be fully productive, it will also be years before every American has an electric or hydrogen car in the garage. And even if we stopped using oil to fuel our cars, we still need oil to produce the tens of thousands of other products that require petroleum. We can't make plastic from wind mills, can we? And won't the airlines continue to require fossil fuels for their planes?

42. Senator Obama, in one foreign policy speech you promised to:

- a. End the war in Iraq,
- b. Ensure the Iraqi army and police can take care of things on their own,
- c. Bring together all of Iraq's neighbors in a coalition to help Iraq,

- d. Get all the Arab nations to open embassies in Baghdad,
- e. Defeat Al Qaeda and the Taliban in Afghanistan and Pakistan,
- f. Make the Pakistanis take responsibility for its extremism and border,
- g. Take care of Bin Ladin after we find him in Pakistan,
- h. Increase non-military aid to Pakistan,
- i. Increase aid to Afghanistan,
- j. Double U.S. foreign assistance to Africa, the Middle East and Asia,
- k. Solve the Iran situation,
- l. Make the U.N. "more perfect,"
- m. Get China to work with us on important issues,
- n. Improve relations with "all the people of the world,"
- o. Gather up all the loose and non-secured nuclear materials around the world,
- p. End U.S. dependence on oil, and
- q. Save the world by preventing the dangerous effects of climate change.

That's a staggering list of promises from someone whose resume is relatively slight. Can you list any major accomplishments in your brief legislative career that would give Americans confidence that you can accomplish even some of those things that you promised?

43. Senator Obama, there are plans to introduce legislation which would allow unions to use public sign-up cards for organizing elections, in place of secret ballots. Will you veto such legislation to protect the American tradition of secret ballots, or do you owe the unions your signature on that bill in exchange for their financial support during your campaign?

44. Senator Obama, would you sign into law a bill that protects our borders without also providing a "pathway to citizenship" for illegal immigrants?

45. Senator Obama, will you sign or veto legislation making it illegal for unions to give a portion of union dues to political campaigns against the wishes of the union members?

46. Senator Obama, will you sign or veto legislation that prohibits state right-to-work laws?

47. Senator Obama, if we can't "drill our way out of an oil shortage," can we "eat our way out of being hungry?" Can we "drink our way out of being thirsty?"

48. Senator Obama, will you support or oppose strict new federal guns laws?

49. Senator Obama, why do you think we need a new Civil Rights Division to enforce existing laws? How much will that new bureaucracy cost the taxpayers? What will it do?

50. Senator Obama, why, in 2002, did you vote against Illinois House Bill 1812, a law that was designed to toughen penalties for crimes committed in furtherance of organized

gang activities? Why should black voters support you, knowing you don't believe in tough prison sentences for the drug gangs that are destroying their communities?

51. Senator Obama, you support raising automobile fuel efficiency standards to 40 miles per gallon. If you can force the manufacturers to comply with an arbitrary 40 mpg standard, why stop there? Why not 100? Why not 250?

52. Senator Obama, how can we trust you to end our dependence on foreign oil when you voted to eliminate oil and gas exploration subsidies and voted to prevent oil exploration or leasing in ANWR?

53. Senator Obama, in 2005 you voted against a resolution requiring a photo I.D. for voting. Why shouldn't someone have to prove who he is in order to vote?

54. Senator Obama, you said you would pursue a goal of a world without nuclear weapons. How would you persuade other nations to give up their weapons?

55. Senator Obama, you said you would expand the Peace Corps and AmeriCorps. Why? How much will that cost, and where will you get the funds?

56. Senator Obama, why did you vote against extending the Patriot Act's foreign wiretap provision in December of 2005?

57. Senator Obama, you've said that America does not allocate enough money for the health care of illegal immigrants. Why should we allow anything for the health care of illegal immigrants? Doesn't providing people with additional free benefits simply encourage more of them to come here, at the expense of hard-working, tax-paying Americans?

58. Senator Obama, why did you vote against declaring English the official language of America? It was only a symbolic measure, yet you still voted against it. Why? Shouldn't immigrants learn English?

59. Senator Obama, you support raising the cap on Social Security taxes from \$97,000 to \$250,000. What will happen to the economy after you've taken an additional \$1.3 trillion dollars from it with that increased tax?

60. Senator Obama, experience has shown that raising the capital gains tax reduces, rather than increases, revenue, because Americans simply choose not to sell assets rather than pay higher taxes on them. What makes you think that people will act against their own best interests simply because you are in the White House?

61. Senator Obama, you have sponsored a bill to combat global poverty that would cost American taxpayers over \$800 billion. Why should Americans pay \$800 billion of their hard-earned wealth in order to help the rest of the world, when it often shows nothing but contempt for those of us who created the wealth they want you to give them for nothing?

62. Senator Obama, ExxonMobil will pay more in corporate taxes this year than the bottom 50 per cent of all taxpayers. Isn't that enough? At what point do you risk killing the golden goose with higher taxes?

63. Senator Obama, when Jimmy Carter imposed a windfall profits tax, it led to a six per cent drop in domestic oil output. Why will things be different with your planned tax increase?

64. Senator Obama, you've proposed giving \$25 billion in federal money to the states to help eradicate state budget deficits. Why will that not encourage more deficit spending at the state level? Why is that not rewarding irresponsible state legislators with funds from hard-working taxpayers? Shouldn't those irresponsible state legislators be voted out of office, rather than be bailed out by the taxpayers of other states?

65. Senator Obama, you've said you have no close ties to 1960s radical, former terrorist, and Weather Underground member William Ayers. Why does Ayers refuse to answer questions about his relationship with you? Is he embarrassed by his associations with you? Or does he fear your campaign will be hurt because of your close associations with him?

66. Senator Obama, you've often said that instead of building more prisons, we should expand health care entitlements. Is that your response to Americans who have been the victims of crimes committed by thugs who were let out of prison early because we didn't have enough cells to house them or because judges imposed lax sentences?

67. Senator Obama, you say you're not seeking to establish a single-payer, universal health care plan for the United States, yet you repeatedly proposed a state constitutional amendment in Illinois mandating universal health care. Which should we trust, what you have already tried to do or what you say you won't do?

68. Senator Obama, you speak repeatedly of bipartisanship, but your record in the Illinois Senate indicates you believed in bipartisanship only when it meant compromise by Republicans; when it came to compromise from you, your response was universally, "Take a hike." Is that lack of bipartisanship why you have the most liberal voting record in the U. S. Senate?

69. Senator Obama, Robert Wolf, CEO of the American branch of the Swiss banking giant USB, has collected for you more than \$370,000 in campaign contributions. How does your promise of having an open and transparent administration square with your association with Mr. Wolf, when USB has lied to our government and concealed the identities of over 19,000 clients in order to help them avoid paying U. S. income taxes? What does Mr. Wolf expect from you in exchange for those campaign contributions?

70. Senator Obama, we all realize you have given speeches that impressed many Americans. Can you, however, cite any significant accomplishments in your life that involved doing, rather than simply saying?

71. Senator Obama, why did you tell an Alabama audience that the 1965 March on Selma resulted in your father meeting your mother and hence your eventual conception, when you were born in 1961? Why did you feel it necessary to give yourself “civil rights credentials” when you know virtually all blacks will vote for you?

72. Senator Obama, why have you relayed the story that your father was a simple goat-herder when he was, in fact, a privileged, well-educated person who attended Harvard and worked for the government of Kenya?

73. Senator Obama, why have you stated that your father was a proud freedom-fighter when he was, in fact, an employee of one of the most corrupt and violent governments Kenya has ever had?

74. Senator Obama, why did you support Raila Odinga when he ran for President in Kenya and tried to get Sharia Muslim law established there? Granted, some say he is your cousin, but assuming you believe in democracy over Sharia law, and Christianity over Islam, couldn't you have been a non-committed bystander in that election? After he lost the election and his followers burned women, and children alive in a Christian church where they sought refuge, why did you think it was a good idea for him to visit you on one of your fund-raising tours in 2007?

75. Senator Obama, why do you say your name is African Swahili when the name Hussein is Arabic, and Barack comes from the Arabic word meaning blessed? Granted, the origin of your name should be irrelevant, but if so, why was it necessary for you to lie about it? Why did you feel it was important to mislead people about the origin of your name?

76. Senator Obama, although you may no longer practice Islam, you studied it in your youth and were required to memorize and recite the Quran while schooled in Indonesia. Based on your knowledge of the Quran, do you consider Islam a violent religion? If you do not, what verses of the Quran do you think are being misinterpreted by the radicals and terrorists in their war against Western civilization?

77. Senator Obama, you once described the Muslim call to prayer as “one of the prettiest sounds on earth at sunset.” Has your view changed since you made that statement?

78. Senator Obama, why do you represent yourself as a Professor of Law and a Constitutional lawyer when, in fact, you were merely a senior lecturer on leave?

79. Senator Obama, you state that you don't accept PAC money when you have accepted it, and why do you insist you do not use lobbyists when you have at least 47 of your staff? Why the discrepancy between what you say and what you do?

80. Senator Obama, you've said we "cannot continue to rely on our military in order to achieve the national security objectives we've set.... we've got to have a civilian national security force that's just as powerful, just as strong, and just as well-funded." Exactly what did you mean by a "civilian national security force?" To many Americans, that sounds suspiciously like something Hugo Chavez or Kim Jong Il would create. What is the job description you envision for that national police force? Where is their creation justified by the U. S. Constitution? How will you pay for such an enormous workforce if they are to be "just as well-funded" as our military?

81. Senator Obama, at a meeting with Democratic lawmakers on July 29, you said you represented the world's hopes for America. You said, "This is the moment the world is waiting for," when asked about your overseas trip. To that you added, "I have become a symbol of restoring America to its best traditions." Looking back on your comment, don't you think it was a bit egotistical and over the top? What would you say to those who believe you think too highly of yourself?

82. Senator Obama, many Americans were offended when, in a recent Superman movie, the phrase, "Truth, justice, and all that stuff" was used in place of the expected "Truth, justice, and the American way." During your July visit to Europe you referred to yourself as a "citizen of the world," which prompted a similar reaction from many back here at home, who wondered if being an American was not good enough for you. Were you merely pandering to the European crowds? Or did you mean something more? Do you consider yourself something other than an American?

83. Senator Obama, what was the significance of replacing the American flag on your campaign plane with a campaign logo? Couldn't you have found room for both?

84. Senator Obama, in 2007 you supported a complete federal ban on handgun sales. Do you not think that Americans should be able to defend themselves from home intruders? Do you honestly expect that criminals will willingly turn in their guns as readily as law-abiding citizens?

85. Senator Obama, does America have 50 states or 57? Why did the number 57 come to your mind when you made your famous gaffe?

86. Senator Obama, you said, "...but understand this, instead of worrying about whether, uh, immigrants can learn English - they'll learn English - you need to make sure your child can speak Spanish." Were you serious, or were you just pandering to Hispanic voters?

87. Senator Obama, when in the Illinois Senate you voted against expanding the death penalty for gang-related murders. Why should we be sympathetic to gang members who kill innocent children while protecting their drug turf?

88. Senator Obama, you voted against an Illinois bill banning state funding of late term abortions. Why do you think it's acceptable for a woman to have an abortion as late as her ninth month of pregnancy, when the baby is, at that point, clearly able to survive outside the womb? If the mother's due date is December 10, why is it acceptable to kill the baby on December 9?

89. Senator Obama, do you understand the process involved in a late-term abortion? If so, would you explain it to Americans who are watching this debate and who may not be familiar with the process?

90. Senator Obama, you voted against the Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act, which would prevent minors from being taken across state lines without the consent of the parents in order to have an abortion. Don't you think a child deserves the counsel of his parents at such a difficult time? Or do you think the government always knows best?

91. Senator Obama, if a thug shoots a pregnant woman in the abdomen and the baby dies as a result, was a murder committed? Or was there simply a displacement of fetal tissue?

92. Senator Obama, why do liberals almost always refer to tax cuts as "giving money to the wealthy" when, in fact, it was their money in the first place? In reality, isn't a tax cut simply a decision by the government to confiscate less of the money earned by American citizens?

93. Senator Obama, what is your position with regard to offering generous in-state college tuition rates to illegal immigrants? Why should illegal immigrants get a better deal than American citizens?

94. Senator Obama, you've said you oppose gay marriage but support gay civil unions. What's the difference?

95. Senator Obama, if a man married to a man or a woman married to a woman is acceptable, then why can't a man have more than one wife, as is the custom in the Muslim world?

96. Senator Obama, you've said you would ban racial profiling. What do you mean? If a tall black man with a beard robs a liquor store at gunpoint, must the police also be on the look-out for tall white men with beards?

97. Senator Obama, yours was the only vote against Illinois Senate Bill 485, which would have made felons convicted of sexual abuse crimes serve their full sentences without getting credit for time served in the county jail. What was it that influenced your vote, but which had no effect on any other Senator of either party?

98. Senator Obama, you've said you would consider a needle-exchange program for drug users, and stated that you understand why youngsters want to use drugs. Assuming you believe your own drug use earlier in your life was a mistake, don't you think that as a

potential role model for millions of young Americans you might now want to be less sympathetic to a practice that is destroying the lives and futures of thousands of young Americans?

99. Senator Obama, the nations of the Middle East have, for decades, used the Palestinians as pawns in pursuit of their anti-Israel goals. Don't you think it's about time those nations take in the Palestinians to solve the problem once and for all? Or are you willing to let them have some of Israel's real estate?

100. Senator Obama, there's an old saying that, "If the Arabs lay down their weapons, there will be no more war; if the Israelis lay down their weapons, there will be no more Israel." Do you believe that statement? If not, why not?

101. Senator Obama, you've said you would provide free public college for any student with a B average. How much taxpayer money would you need to finance such a generous offer, and, human nature being what it is, how would you prevent sympathetic teachers from suddenly becoming incredibly generous in their grading habits?

102. Senator Obama, how do you think you would accomplish your goal of reducing carbon emissions by 80 per cent by the year 2050? Have you invented a perpetual motion machine?

103. Senator Obama, what if you're wrong about the theories of human-induced global warming? Should we risk ruining our economy, reducing our standard of living, and spending trillions of dollars we don't have trying to change world temperatures when, in fact, they may simply be changing as they always have for thousands of years, in response to cycles of solar activity and other natural causes?

104. Senator Obama, scientists at NASA have demonstrated that global temperature changes correlate much more closely with cycles of solar activity than they correlate to carbon dioxide levels. Why, then, do you believe in the more inconsistent correlations? Do NASA scientists know less than you about the subject?

105. Senator Obama, all Americans are painfully aware that oil is refined into gasoline for use in their automobiles. Could you list a few of the tens of thousands of products made from petroleum that are not used as fuels? How will we make those products if we stop drilling for oil and instead rely on solar power and wind power?

106. Senator Obama, in 2004 you used state funds for a political mailing. Did you pay back the Illinois taxpayers for that abuse of their funds?

107. Senator Obama, in an effort to shut down conservatives on talk radio, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is determined to block a bill that would outlaw a renewal of the so-called "Fairness Doctrine," which would be used to force radio stations to provide free time to liberal broadcasters. Our First Amendment right to free speech only means that the government cannot prohibit someone from speaking his mind, it doesn't mean that

opposing viewpoints must be subsidized. Network and cable television and large-circulation newspapers are overflowing with liberal viewpoints, and conservatives haven't demanded free time to compete with them. Why must liberals demand that their views be subsidized on the radio? Are you going to side with Speaker Pelosi's attempt to use the power of the government to silence anyone who happens to disagree with your views?

108. Senator Obama, you've said you oppose taking money from lobbyists, but have accepted tremendous amounts of cash from campaign contribution "bundlers" like USB's Robert Wolf. What's the difference between lobbyists and bundlers, don't they all want favors in exchange for substantial contributions?

109. Senator Obama, you've said you support the Second Amendment Right to Bear Arms yet support local gun bans. Why should local regulations trump the Bill of Rights? Aren't you just playing with words in order to have your cake and eat it too? What do you really feel, deep down inside, about a citizen's right to own a gun?

110. Senator Obama, you believe you can drive down medical costs by taking on the insurance companies, yet with considerable financial support for your campaign coming from trial lawyers, how will you be able to reduce the impact of frivolous lawsuits on rising medical costs? Don't the trial lawyers expect something from you in exchange for their generous contributions?

111. Senator Obama, you've said that your universal health plan would turn no one away because of their health or because of a pre-existing condition. Why, then, should anyone bother paying insurance premiums before they get sick? Don't the insurance companies have those clauses for a reason? Wouldn't car insurers go out of business if people only bought policies after an accident or car theft? Can you explain how your plan would avoid that problem?

112. Senator Obama, you believe that health care is a right, rather than a privilege. How can there be a right if it's at someone else's expense? If I have a right to food, shelter, and medical care, why should I bother going to work if I can get some other sucker to pay for all those "rights?" In other words, how do keep people from "gaming your system?"

113. Senator Obama, is it correct that you want to require women to register for the draft, albeit in non-combat roles? Why? What kind of compulsory national service are you planning?

114. Senator Obama, you'd like to shut down our terrorist-detainee facility at Guantanamo. Where would you put those prisoners instead? Hyde Park, Chicago?

115. Senator Obama, you've said you don't think we should allow illegal immigrants to work in this country, yet you don't want to deport. Who, then, should pay for their food, clothing, shelter, and medical care?

116. Senator Obama, you support legislation giving illegal immigrants a “path to citizenship.” What’s wrong with the “path” that already exists - that is, the one that calls for entering the country legally, completing the proper paperwork, obeying the laws of the United States, and acclimating to our culture rather than expecting that legal Americans accommodate them?

117. Senator Obama, if elected President, will you immediately pardon border agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose Alonso Compean, who were sentenced to 11 and 12 years in prison for shooting an illegal alien drug smuggler as he fled across the border into his native Mexico with 800 pounds of marijuana?

118. Senator Obama, you sponsored a bill allowing an Air Traffic Controller’s Union, and would also give public safety officers collective bargaining rights. Can you explain why you disagree with former President Reagan, who felt that public safety was too important to be endangered by strikes by those workers?

119. Senator Obama, you said it’s not surprising that people in small towns who lose their jobs “...get bitter, they cling to guns or religion or antipathy toward people who aren’t like them or anti-immigrant sentiment or anti-trade sentiment as a way to explain their frustrations.” Can’t a laid-off worker be frustrated without your accusing him of being a red-necked, xenophobic, racist who is so old-fashioned he still believes in God and the Second Amendment?

120. Senator Obama, you voted against repealing the so-called “death tax.” Why do you insist on taxing what people leave to their children when they die, when they’ve already paid taxes throughout their lives on their income and their capital gains? How many times must you tax the same income and assets? Or, like the famous bank robber Willie Horton, are you simply going after dead people because “that’s where the money is?”

121. Senator Obama, many of your fellow Democrats, including Senator Clinton, sided with the President in sending troops to Iraq to get rid of Saddam Hussein. In hindsight, it’s easy to now say that you were against the war and would have voted against its authorization. But because you were not yet in the U. S. Senate, those Senators had access to classified information to which you were not privy. Are you more intelligent than all those Senators who authorized the war? Or are you simply opposed to war at all costs, even when dictators repeatedly defy 16 United Nations resolutions?

122. Senator Obama, you’ve said you would strike Al Qaeda in Pakistan if you are shown “actionable intelligence.” How will you be able to recognize “actionable intelligence,” when you argue that 77 Senators, Republican and Democrat alike, erred in their consideration of intelligence information when they authorized sending troops to Iraq in 2003? Can you recognize flawed intelligence reports more readily than could Democrat Senators Baucus, Biden, Breaux, Cantwell, Carnahan, Carper, Cleland, Clinton, Daschle, Dodd, Dorgan, Edwards, Feinstein, Harkin, Hollings, Johnson, Kerry, Kohl, Landrieu, Lieberman, Miller, Nelson, Reid, Rockefeller, Schumer, and Torricelli?

123. Senator Obama, during your trip to the Middle East and Europe, you told reporters you wanted to get to know the foreign leaders you "...expect to be dealing with over the next 8 to 10 years." It seems incredibly presumptuous of you to assume a second term as President when you have yet to win a first, and when even a second term would only give you eight years as President, not 10. What do you know that the rest of us don't know?

124. Senator Obama, along with former Weather Underground radical William Ayers you funneled money to Professor Rashid Khalidi, a known terrorist sympathizer, critic of Israel, and former spokesman for Yassir Arafat who also held fund-raisers for you. Can you explain and defend your association with Khalidi?

125. Senator Obama, you told Ali Abunimah, a Palestinian rights activist in Chicago, that you were sorry you weren't talking more about the Palestinian cause, but your primary campaign had "constrained" what you could say. How can your campaign constrain you? As the candidate, aren't you free to say what you feel about the Palestinian cause? Were you lying to Mr. Abunimah then, or have you been lying to supporters of Israel all along?

126. Senator Obama, how can you defend your relationship with William Ayers, member of the 1960s radical Weather Underground, who was involved with the group's bombing of the New York City police headquarters in 1970, the Capitol in 1971, and the Pentagon in 1972, and who once said of his terrorist activities in the 1960s, "I don't regret setting bombs, I feel we didn't do enough"?

127. Senator Obama, you said you "... will invest \$150 billion over the next decade... and leverage billions more in private capital to build a new energy economy." Where will that \$150 in federal funds come from? And where are you going to get the billions more in private capital? How do you plan to get people to put their money into risky energy investments while, at the same time, discouraging their investment with an increase in the capital gains tax?

128. Senator Obama, there is speculation that, should you become President, Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich will give your open Senate seat to your wife. Do you have plans for an Obama dynasty?

129. Senator Obama, Democrats who support abortion often use the phrase "safe but rare" in order to appease anti-abortion voters. Exactly what have you, or other liberals, done to address the "rare" part of the statement?

130. Senator Obama, you've talked about a goal of one million 150 mile per gallon hybrid cars on the road within six years. Even if that can be accomplished, that would leave about 250 million gasoline vehicles still on America's roads. What will all those cars run on if we can't drill in ANWR or offshore? Won't your plans still leave us dependent on foreign oil for decades to come? Isn't really impossible to eliminate our dependence on foreign oil?

131. Senator Obama, you've said you'd require that 10 per cent of the nation's energy come from renewable sources by the end of your first term. Exactly how will you accomplish that? Will you use force to make people buy power from wind power companies or solar energy companies, even if the price of that power is greater than that of nuclear power plants? And to the extent that alternate energy sources aren't yet practical or affordable, how do you force someone to invent something that may be decades away from realization? Can you legislate into existence ideas, inventions, or miracles?

132. Senator Obama, you want the American people to reduce their demand for electricity by 15 per cent by the end of the next decade. How will they do that, especially if they have to plug in 100 million or more electric cars every evening? And if an American pays his electric bill on time, why should some government bureaucrat tell him how much he is allowed to use? Wouldn't it be simpler to build more nuclear power plants, something we already know how to do, and which do not rely on imported oil?

133. Senator Obama, can you understand why many Americans believe politicians are hypocritical, when they see that while Al Gore is giving speeches on global warming, his limousine is waiting outside with the air conditioning running to keep it cool for him after he's done scolding the rest of us for emitting carbon dioxide? Inasmuch as you also believe the global warming theories, do you expect the rest of us to do as you say, or do as you do?

134. Senator Obama, part of your energy plan is calling on people to keep the tires of their cars properly inflated in order to get better gas mileage. Isn't that a bit on the ridiculous side, akin to Jimmy Carter telling us to wear sweaters? Aren't Americans intelligent enough to take reasonable steps to save their own money, and is putting more air in your tires really a reasonable alternative to drilling for more oil?

135. Senator Obama, for each dollar of increase in the minimum wage, the federal government receives 15.3 cents in Social Security and Medicare taxes. With roughly 8 million Americans earning the minimum wage, that means that for each dollar you raise the minimum, the government will receive more than \$19 billion per year in additional tax revenues, assuming a 30 hour work week. Will you promise that all additional Social Security taxes received from any minimum wage increase will be permanently allocated to the Social Security Trust Fund and will not be used as general revenue? Or will you simply use that additional tax revenue to help fund all your campaign promises?

136. Senator Obama, we sent troops to Iraq based, in large part, on Saddam Hussein's repeated refusals to obey 16 United Nations resolutions. You are now proposing that we send more troops to Afghanistan and Pakistan. If 16 U.N. resolutions weren't enough justification for the Bush administration and our allies to send troops to Iraq, how can no resolutions against Afghanistan and Pakistan be sufficient for you to send troops there?

137. Senator Obama, you criticized the Bush Administration for "acting unilaterally" in the war in Iraq, and for not consulting enough with the governments of European nations.

Yet, on your own, you say you plan on sending more troops to Afghanistan and Pakistan. Why isn't it considered acting unilaterally when it's your plan?

138. Senator Obama, your supporters reacted to a campaign ad comparing you to Britney Spears and Paris Hilton by saying it was meant to exploit the anxiety of white Americans who are "...still freakishly hung up on the idea of black men... becoming sexually involved with white women." Didn't they, and you, understand that the ad was simply making fun of your rock-star-like celebrity status, implying you are all fluff and no substance? Or is this the sign of things to come, that an Obama administration will react to all criticism as if it is racially motivated?

139. Senator Obama, if you succeed in getting your proposed universal health plan, millions of Americans who have been putting off doctor visits and medical treatment because of the high cost will suddenly rush to physician's offices and hospitals... after they know someone else will be picking up the tab. Where are all those additional doctors we will need going to come from, when the cost of malpractice insurance has already caused many of them to give up their practices, and when you will need to force fee reductions in order keep the cost of your plan from exploding? Will you do something about frivolous malpractice lawsuits to help the situation? Or do you owe too much to the trial lawyers who have helped so much to finance your campaign?

140. Senator Obama, you ridiculed President Bush's plan for tax rebates for Americans to help stimulate the economy, and now you've proposed a \$1,000 energy rebate. What's the difference between the two, except that this rebate is your idea?

141. Senator Obama, you've been critical of the United States for having only five per cent of the world's population while using 25 per cent of the world's energy. But it's also true that the United States produces 25 per cent of the world's goods and services and wealth. In other words, we're putting the energy we use to good use, and helping to feed the world in the process. Instead of arguing that the United States is using too much energy, can't you argue that many other nations are astonishingly unproductive because they haven't embraced capitalism and free markets? Why do you emphasize what we use, rather than what we create? Why do you insist in looking at the glass as half-empty, rather than half-full?

142. Senator Obama, you have an on-line campaign donation process that is incredibly lax and allows illegal donations to be made from foreigners. In one example, over \$29,000 was donated to your campaign by two Palestinians from within the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip. The donations were listed as coming from Razah, Georgia, a place that doesn't exist, when research shows they actually came from a refugee camp in Razah, Gaza. What are you doing to change your process of collecting donations, in order to prevent further violations of U. S. campaign laws?

143. Senator Obama, most Americans believe Congress is doing a terrible job, both Democrats and Republicans alike, yet because of the perks of office it is incredibly difficult to defeat an incumbent. Where do you stand on term limits? If you oppose term

limits, would you support an end to the generous pensions awarded to members of Congress, all of whom should certainly be capable of earning a living in the private sector? Why should the taxpayers set them up for life with benefits few Americans have?

144. Senator Obama, a substantial number of contributions to your campaign are in unusual amounts, like \$74.37 or \$42.95, even though one would expect most people to make donations in amounts like \$10, \$25, \$150, or \$100. Contributions made in foreign currency, however, would result in odd amounts after their conversion to U.S. dollars. Those many odd amounts in your records suggest that a substantial amount of contributions to your campaign are illegal contributions coming from foreigners. What steps are you going to take to ensure that you stop violating campaign financing laws?

145. Senator Obama, your campaign records show an October 28, 2007 donation of \$1,077.23 from someone named Jkbkj Hbkjb, who lives in the city of Jkbjnj, and whose occupation is Balanon Jalalan. In fact, there are quite a few entries like that in your records. Apparently you'll accept anything from anyone, without insuring correct information or confirming that the contributions aren't made illegally from outside the United States. What will you do to stop that abuse?

146. Senator Obama, out of curiosity an investigator attempted to make a contribution to your campaign and to Senator McCain's, using a Macy's credit card. Senator McCain's web site refused the attempt, yours accepted it. Does this help explain why you've been able to rack up record amounts of campaign contributions?

147. Senator Obama, alleged copies of your Hawaiian birth certificate appear to have been forgeries made from an altered female's birth certificate. Will you release your original birth certificate to the media? If not, why not?

148. Senator Obama, your wife criticized President Bush's \$600 economic stimulus checks when, at a "working-women's round table discussion" she said, "The short-term quick fix kinda sounds good, and it may even feel good that first month when you get that check, and then you go out and buy a pair of earrings." You've said that Americans should tighten their belts by not leaving their thermostats set at 72 degrees, and should check the air in their tires to save gas. While we're all doing that, might you consider forgoing some earrings and donating \$600 to the Salvation Army or to pay down the national debt?

149. Senator Obama, assuming you believe in free speech, could you place a call to Google and Yahoo ask them to stop shutting down web sites simply because they are opposed to your candidacy?

150. Senator Obama, we understand you were given an iPod for your birthday last year. Because the plastics used to make iPod cases come from petroleum, do you think your voting against allowing oil exploration in ANWR or offshore will contribute to future iPod shortages?

151. Senator Obama, your colleague from Illinois, Senator Durbin, said that, “The oil companies need to know there is a limit on how much profit they can take in this economy.” Inasmuch as Google, Microsoft and most other software companies, most major banks, the aerospace industry, chemical companies, makers of appliances, and most food and beverage companies have profit margins that exceed those of the oil companies, are you and Senator Durbin planning on going after all of them too?

152. Senator Obama, you’ve said that the oil companies should invest in alternate sources of energy. Exploring for oil, extracting it, refining it, and marketing it is what they do best. Why should they be forced to do something else? Should Starbucks be required to invest in or soft drinks or beer? Should aluminum companies be made to invest in copper mines? Should a shoe store be made to sell gloves? Should radio stations be forced to publish newspapers? And if the oil companies were to aggressively start pursuing other lines of business, what guarantee would they have that you won’t go after them for anti-trust violations or consider their new sources of profit as windfalls?

153. Senator Obama, net cash farm income was up 10 per cent from 2006 to 2007, a greater increase than enjoyed by the oil companies. Should a windfall profits tax be imposed on farmers?

154. Senator Obama, at a time when food prices are increasing because agricultural land is being diverted from food to bio-fuels, doesn’t it make sense to finally stop paying subsidies to farmers? Why should the taxpayers continue to have to pay farmers not to grow crops?

155. Senator Obama, during the last 30 years the oil companies have paid in taxes more than three times what they made in profits. Isn’t that enough?

156. Senator Obama, we assume you agree it would be unfair to tax American workers at different rates just because they work in different industries. For example, you wouldn’t make a teacher pay a higher rate of income tax than a truck driver who earns the same amount of money. Why, then, do you think it is fair to tax oil companies at a higher rate than other industries, when their profit margins are actually less than thousands of American businesses? What is your justification for the inherent unfairness in your proposal?

157. Senator Obama, if you impose a windfall profits tax on the oil companies, how will that tax not be passed on to the consumer? If you take \$10 billion from ExxonMobil, will it not have \$10 billion less to spend on exploration, research, drilling, and refining? Won’t it simply have to raise prices to get the cash needed for those activities?

158. Senator Obama, you enjoy an overwhelming amount of support from members of the print and television media. Television panel discussions typically have only one conservative joined by two or three liberals. Senator McCain is gracious while being repeatedly interviewed by liberals, knowing full well he will get ambivalent treatment. You, on the other hand, refuse to be interviewed by anyone from the Fox News Network.

What could they possibly ask that makes you so afraid to face them? Or do you simply think you can coast your way into the White House with the softball questions lobbed your way by sympathetic members of the media? If you can't stand up to Bill O'Reilly or Sean Hannity, how can the American people believe you can stand up to the leaders of Iran, North Korea, or Venezuela?

159. Senator Obama, when your political career started in Chicago in 1995, a fund raiser for you was held at the home of former Weather Underground radicals William Ayers and Bernadine Dohrn. Both were involved in terrorist bombings and were fugitives from justice who managed to avoid prison because of disallowed FBI evidence. Dohrn once publicly praised Charles Manson and his followers for killing actress Sharon Tate. Dohrn's words were, "Dig it. First they killed those pigs, then they ate dinner in the same room with them. They even shoved a fork into a victim's stomach! Wild!" You defended your association with Ayers and Dohrn with the statement, "The notion that...me knowing somebody who engaged in detestable acts 40 years ago... somehow reflects on me and my values doesn't make much sense." For the record, exactly how many years must pass before one can, like you, have a guiltless friendship with a terrorist?

160. Senator Obama, do you agree with Democrat Senate candidate Al Franken that we should increase the federal tax on gasoline to further discourage its use?

161. Senator Obama, how do you feel about rap music that calls on people to kill police officers and degrades women as slaves and whores?

162. Senator Obama, you had scheduled a visit to wounded soldiers on your trip to the Middle East and Europe. Why did you cancel that visit? Was it because you would have had to visit the troops alone, without campaign aides and the media?

163. Senator Obama, what do you owe the hedge fund executives for the enormous sums of campaign contributions they have "bundled" for you?

164. Senator Obama, the largest group of people involved in "bundling" campaign contributions for you are trial lawyers. How can you be expected to do anything about rising health care costs when the trial lawyers who financed your campaign so fervently will insist that you do nothing to rein in frivolous medical malpractice lawsuits?

165. Senator Obama, you brag about collecting many small campaign contributions from average Americans, in amounts of \$200 or less. Yet in June alone you collected more than \$12 million in contributions of \$1,000 or more. More than one-third of the contributions to your campaign are "big money" donations. How do you square that with your criticism of the Clinton and McCain campaigns for accepting large contributions from people expecting favors? Don't your many big contributors also expect favors?

166. Senator Obama, Ronald Reagan was criticized for calling the Soviet Union an "evil empire," and George Bush was similarly scolded by liberals and the media for referring

to an “axis of evil.” In this day and age of political correctness and moral relativism, many would say there is no such thing as “good” or “evil,” and that everyone should simply be allowed to “do their own thing.” Do you agree with that? If not, can you describe some people you would consider evil – without naming the easy dead ones like Hitler, Stalin, and Pol Pot?

167. Senator Obama, one of your books is titled, “Dreams From My Father,” yet your alcoholic, weak-charactered, polygamist father played almost no role in your life. You were raised more by your maternal grandparents than by anyone else, and it is your mother’s side of the family that saw to it that you went to good private schools. Clearly you owe a great deal of success to them. Why, then, weren’t they “dreams from your grandparents?”

168. Senator Obama, in the 1950s black families were known for their strength and close bonds. There is clearly less racism in America now than there was in the 1950s, and we have seen 50 years and trillions of dollars of federal, state, and local programs to help improve the lives of poor blacks, yet today they no longer seem to have those strong families and instead have an incredibly high percentage of babies born without the advantage and support of a father in the home. Where have we gone wrong? Did we make some inherently bad decisions with these nanny-state programs?

169. Senator Obama, General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler have lost billions of dollars in the last year. To keep from losing more they have no choice but to discontinue the gas-guzzlers from their product lines and start marketing more efficient cars. Why have you proposed legislation requiring them to produce more fuel efficient cars? Are the automakers too stupid to realize that is what the buyers now want?

170. Senator Obama, you support raising the cap on Social Security taxes from \$97,000 to \$250,000. Will that be money down the drain for those taxpayers, or will you raise their future benefits to compensate for their additional taxes?

171. Senator Obama, between 2003 and 2007 ExxonMobil paid more than \$64 billion in taxes. Was that a “windfall” for the federal government?

172. Senator Obama, you’re going to need an awful lot of Americans investing in alternate energy companies over the next few years if you think you can wean the nation from foreign oil. But why would anyone consider investing more in the stock market if their chances of making money are reduced by a future possible windfall profits tax?

173. Senator Obama, after you raise the capital gains tax, won’t Americans react by simply holding on to their assets, rather than liquidating them to pay your higher taxes? Won’t that result in less capital being available for the growth of the American economy, when what we need is more?

174. Senator Obama, many companies have greater profit margins than the oil companies, yet you're not going after them. Isn't a windfall profit simply a profit earned by a business you and other politicians dislike?

175. Senator Obama, why should Americans invest in new energy businesses, or in the stock market at all, if they don't know if or when you may decide the companies in which they own stock are making a windfall profit? Isn't government unpredictability what caused the Great Depression to last so long, when businesses were simply afraid to do anything because they continually feared FDR's next crazy move? Should American businesses fear what you're going to propose next?

176. Senator Obama, when the Crude Oil Windfall Profit Tax of 1980 was passed, the tax depressed the oil industry, raised only a fraction of the revenue expected, reduced U.S. oil production by up to six per cent, and caused an increase in foreign oil imports. Why wouldn't your windfall profits tax do the same?

177. Senator Obama, what do you know about the circumstances of the December 23rd execution-style killing of the choir director of your church, a confidante of yours, who your acquaintance Larry Sinclair says was killed in order to keep him quiet?

178. Senator Obama, you have said you will "...slow our development of future combat systems." Isn't your first responsibility as President of the United States to serve as Commander in Chief and protect Americans? Why aren't future combat systems a priority? Do you expect us not to have future combat, or not to have a future?

179. Senator Obama, you have said you "...will cut investments in unproven missile defense systems." Isn't the point in investing in them, to move them from the unproven to the proven category? All defense systems are unproven when new, aren't they? And didn't the military have success in intercepting a ballistic missile near Hawaii in a sea-based missile defense test? Why are you so willing to throw in the towel?

180. Senator Obama, do you expect the United States will never need missile defense systems? If so, how can you be so sure, given China's and Russia's aggressive military build-up and the threats of Iran and North Korea? You're a firm believer in negotiation, but isn't it better to negotiate out of strength, rather than weakness?

181. Senator Obama, you've promised deep cuts in our nuclear arsenal. Why?

182. Senator Obama, do you think the presidents of Iran and North Korea are pleased that you've promised to cut investment in our missile defense systems?

183. Senator Obama, why does the military not need the F-22 Raptor, the V-22 Osprey, the Virginia-class submarines, or the DDG-1000 destroyer?

184. Senator Obama, you've promised to cut military spending and gut military programs, while doubling foreign aid. Do you see our national security as nothing more than foreign aid, and using our troops for "international meals on wheels?"

185. Senator Obama, in 1995 you successfully sought the endorsement of what was called the "New Party," a Marxist third party that once operated in Chicago, for your 1996 state senate run. Why did you solicit support from a socialist group? Did they contribute to your campaign because they expected you to promote their socialist causes, or were they just being careless with their money?

186. Senator Obama, you have plans for a \$60 billion "National Infrastructure Reinvestment Bank." Exactly what is that, and where will the \$60 billion come from?

187. Senator Obama, your new spending plans add up to close to a trillion dollars, a staggering figure equal to one thousand times one billion. How can you get that much revenue without either crippling the economy with massive new taxes or deficit-spending at record levels and a corresponding increase in the national debt? Anticipating that your answer will be that your plans don't add up to almost one trillion dollars, exactly how much will they total?

188. Senator Obama, what plans do you have for using Hillary Clinton, Jimmy Carter, George McGovern, Al Gore, George Soros, or Warren Christopher in your administration, either as cabinet members or advisors?

189. Senator Obama, why have you said you barely know convicted money launderer Tony Rezko when, in fact, you've known him for at least 10 years, wrote letters asking for Illinois government business to be thrown his way, and received \$21,000 from him for your Illinois campaigns?

190. Senator Obama, we assume you disagreed with the Reagan Administration's philosophy of trickle-down wealth, but can you comprehend trickle-down taxes? That is, after you raise taxes on corporations, how can they not pass those costs on to consumers in higher prices, lay-offs, and reduced plans for growth and expansion? Where do you think corporations will get the money to pay your increased taxes?

191. Senator Obama, you've said "...it is not weakness, but wisdom, to talk not just to our friends, but to our enemies, like Roosevelt did..." When did Roosevelt have conversations with Hitler or Hirohito? Roosevelt did speak with Stalin on several occasions, but those talks did nothing to prevent the Soviet Union from taking over Eastern Europe after World War II and dominating it for over 50 years. What was gained by Roosevelt talking with "Uncle Joe" Stalin?

192. Senator Obama, what is the difference between diplomacy and appeasement?

193. Senator Obama, in 2006 the federal government shut down an Islamic charity called KindHearts because of its fund-raising for terrorist groups, including Hamas. The

chairman of that organization, Hatem El-Hady, is now directing his fund-raising efforts to your election. What does a supporter of terrorists see in you that prompts those efforts, and has your campaign accepted any contributions from El-Hady, either directly or indirectly?

194. Senator Obama, you've downplayed the reprehensible and illegal actions of your friends, William Ayers and Bernadine Dohrn, as things that took place 40 years ago. Yet as recently as 2007, Ayers describes the United States as an "...incipient fascist country," and talks about overthrowing capitalism, while Dohrn, at a reunion of the radical group Students for a Democratic Society, said that "...living in America constitutes living in the belly of the beast" and "the heart of the monster." What makes you continue your associations with people who clearly are still filled with hatred for the American way of life?

195. Senator Obama, you've said that your pastor, Jeremiah Wright, is "not particularly controversial." Do you think most Americans hear the words, "God damn America" or "we deserved 9/11" in their Sunday sermons?

196. Senator Obama, you aren't getting anywhere near the support from Jewish voters that other Democrat candidates have received in the past. Do you think it has something to do with advice and support you're getting from Zbigniew Brzezinski, Robert O. Malley, Samantha Power, General Merrill A. McPeak, Joseph Cirincione, and Daniel Kurtzer – all known for their anti-Israel views?

197. Senator Obama, there is considerable evidence that Google, Yahoo, and others have shut down, or refused to allow links to, web sites that are critical of your campaign, while allowing sites critical of Senators Clinton or McCain. E-mails critical of you get flagged as "spam," while e-mails critical of Senator McCain get delivered to regular in-boxes. What have you done to stop these abuses of free speech, or is it just something Al Gore built into the system when he invented the internet?

198. Senator Obama, the United States has the second highest corporate tax rate in the world, behind only Japan. Yet you threaten to raise those taxes even more. How can American businesses create new jobs and compete with foreign businesses with even greater tax burdens imposed on them?

199. Senator Obama, in one of your books you criticized your grandmother as a bigot who sometimes acted like a "typical white person." Can you describe what you meant by a "typical white person," and contrast that with a "typical black person?"

200. Senator Obama, you said Americans should be embarrassed because most of us don't speak a second language. In July you visited eight countries. In which of their languages are you fluent? Are you fluent in any language other than English? If so, which ones?

201. Senator Obama, your chair in your campaign plane is already labeled “President.” Have you ever heard the saying, “pride goes before a fall?”

202. Senator Obama, why is it so important for Americans to learn a second language, when English has become the de facto global language of business? If Americans should learn French for a short vacation to Paris, why shouldn’t Mexicans have to learn English if they plan to live in the United States permanently?

203. Senator Obama, when criticized for your association with William Ayers, former 1960s radical and terrorist, you said you can’t be held responsible for things that happened 40 years ago. But as recently as August, 2001, Ayers posed for a photograph in which he was trampling on an American flag. Although you’re certainly not responsible for his actions, the company you keep says something about you. What is it that your association with Ayers says about you?

204. Senator Obama, Alexi Giannoulias ran for Illinois State Treasurer in 2006 and received a strong endorsement from you. You said he was “...one of the most outstanding young men I could ever hope to meet,” despite his youth, total lack of experience, mob connections, and his family bank’s financing of a Chicago crime figure. He later raised \$100,000 for your Presidential campaign. Was that a specific pay-back for your endorsement, or just another example of old-style Chicago politics that you claim you were never a part of?

205. Senator Obama, your chief education policy advisor is advocating slavery reparations in the form of generous school tuition grants to minorities as payback for an alleged “education debt” owed blacks by white Americans. Why are you opposed to school vouchers that would help all children, while supporting massive education support intended only for minorities as slavery reparations?

206. Senator Obama, Winston Churchill said, ‘The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal distribution of blessings, the inherent vice of socialism is the equal distribution of misery.’ Many voters are worried that the policies you advocate will push us closer to the latter. Why should they not fear your plans?

207. Senator Obama, what’s your fall-back energy plan if everything you’ll need to eliminate dependence on foreign oil doesn’t get invented?

208. Senator Obama, the city of Sarajevo was once ethnically diverse. Today it is almost entirely a Muslim city, with ethnic cleansing a reality. What did the United Nations and Bill Clinton do wrong in the war in Bosnia to prompt virtually all non-Muslims to flee the city?

209. Senator Obama, faced with unprecedented rising gas prices and demands from the American people to increase oil production here at home, the Speaker of the House adjourned Congress for a five week vacation, refusing to let Congress vote on comprehensive energy legislation. Why is it more important for Nancy Pelosi to

consume jet fuel flying around the country promoting her new book than to work on energy legislation for the American people?

210. Senator Obama, do you agree with Nancy Pelosi that drilling for oil offshore and in ANWR will do nothing but lower the price of gas by two cents per gallon 10 years from now?

211. Senator Obama, a Democrat Chicago alderman was convicted in early August of 13 federal counts of bribery, extortion, theft, and embezzlement. Chicago aldermen seem to have a habit of such illegal activity and, although you often call yourself a reformer, your record shows you regularly supported the candidates of the Chicago “machine.” Why should we believe your judgment will improve just because you’re in the White House?

212. Senator Obama, many of your former Democrat colleagues in the Illinois State Senate were critical of your legislative tactics in getting your name attached to bills you had virtually nothing to do with. One of them said, “No one wants to carry the ball 99 yards all the way to the one-yard line, and then give it to the half-back who gets all the credit and the stats in the record book.” What is your response to those charges?

213. Senator Obama, your first six years in the Illinois Senate showed little accomplishment and then, after you decided to run for the United States Senate you engaged in a flurry of activity to get your name on bills that related to issues prominent in the news. Helping you was Senate President Emil Jones, who pushed bills to you to give you notoriety. Once in the Senate, you repaid Jones with tens of millions of dollars in federal spending for his district, which he glibly referred to as “steak” rather than the “pork” it was. How do you square these activities with your claims that you are a reformer?

214. Senator Obama, renters of several Chicago slum tenements owned by the now-convicted political fixer Tony Rezko went without heat for five weeks in January and February of 1997. Although Rezko didn’t come up with the money to turn on the heat, he nevertheless managed to contribute \$1,000 to your Illinois State Senate political campaign. You then sought state funds for even more Rezko housing developments. When some of the poorest of your constituents complained to your office about their ice-cold apartments, what did you do about it other than try to get more deals for Rezko?

215. Senator Obama, an organization which supports your candidacy and uses the name Accountable America, is sending letters to nearly 10,000 citizens who often contribute to Republican causes, threatening them with potential legal problems if they finance conservative groups. While you can’t be held accountable for every group that supports you, can’t you at least make a public plea for freedom of speech and ask these threats on your behalf to stop? Or do some of your supporters think you can’t win in a free marketplace of ideas?

216. Senator Obama, you once praised Detroit’s Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick as a “great mayor” who is doing an “outstanding job” and who will be doing “astounding things for

many years to come.” He was sent to jail for violating travel restrictions while he awaits trial on eight counts of perjury and other felonies. He was also accused of assaulting a sheriff’s deputy who served him with a subpoena, and is a super-delegate to the Democratic National Convention. Tossing Kwame Kilpatrick in with Tony Rezko, Alexi Giannoulias, Mazen Asbahi, William Ayers, and Bernadine Dohrn suggests you aren’t the best judge of character. Do you think it might be time for you to rein in your endorsements of people?

217. Senator Obama, you’ve spend a fair amount of time on the campaign trail railing against the lobbyists and fat cats of politics, but in your own political career you surrounded yourself with those same kinds of people, not the least of which is the now-convicted Tony Rezko, who raised more than \$200,000 for you. Are we not supposed to pay any attention to that man behind the curtain?

218. Senator Obama, were you one of “certain Illinois government officials” who were asked by Tony Rezko to try to get the State Department to overturn its refusal to grant a visa to Nadhmi Auchi, a billionaire donor who was convicted on fraud charges?

219. Senator Obama, in the speech you gave in Germany in July, you said, “The burdens of global citizenship continue to bind us together.” Exactly what do you consider those burdens to be? What obligations do Americans have to the rest of the world, and what obligations do all other nations have?

220. Senator Obama, you said in your speech in Germany that the fall of the Berlin Wall proved “that there is no challenge too great for a world that stands as one.” When Ronald Reagan demanded that Gorbachev “tear down that wall,” he was met with ridicule and criticism by the American media, most Democrats, much of Europe, and pretty much the rest of the world. Aside from Margaret Thatcher, few stood with Ronald Reagan in standing up to the evils of communism. You would have a difficult time finding anyone who believes Mr. Reagan got much support from France, Latin America, Canada, the Middle East, Africa, or Asia. How could you possibly have come to the conclusion that the “world stood as one” in a battle that President Reagan’s Administration fought almost single-handedly?

221. Senator Obama, you’ve said your tax increases are only meant for the wealthiest Americans, but your proposed capital gains tax increase would also apply to all older Americans who sell off their stocks during their retirement years. Millions of those retirees are not wealthy, yet you are asking them to turn their golden years into silver or bronze. Is it fair that someone who put money aside throughout his or her working years now has to retire with less, for the sake of your extravagant spending plans?

222. Senator Obama, your campaign’s Muslim outreach director, Chicago lawyer Mazen Asbahi, was ousted from his job when questions about his ties to a radical Muslim imam and the Muslim Brotherhood surfaced. If you make it to the White House, are you planning on performing better background checks before allowing people access to top secret documents relating to our national security?

223. Senator Obama, you've said you want to raise the minimum wage from its current \$6.55 per hour level all the way up to \$9.50 per hour. If you raise the lowest wage-earners to \$9.50 per hour, the people now getting \$9.50 per hour will then expect \$12.00 or \$13.00 per hour. Won't those increases simply keep ratcheting their way up throughout the economy, forcing businesses to raise prices to pay for the increases, eventually hurting most the people on fixed incomes who get stuck with the higher process but who didn't get a raise?

224. Senator Obama, Republicans and Democrats alike have wasted tens of billions of dollars each year on "pork," spending taxpayer money on bridges to nowhere, the study of mariachi music in Nevada, and a film festival in New York. The Citizens Against Government Waste identified almost 14,000 frivolous projects in just one year of appropriations bills. The kings of pork, like Senators Ted Stevens of Alaska and Robert Byrd of West Virginia, show no inclination of stopping such extravagance. Isn't it about time for a line item veto to prevent legislators from burying wasteful spending in otherwise legitimate bills?

225. Senator Obama, your mentor between 1975 and 1979 was Frank Marshall Davis, a propagandist, radical agitator, and member of the Communist Party USA. What was your relationship with the Stalinist Davis, and how much were you influenced by the man who you refer to in your book, *Dreams From My Father*, only as Frank?

226. Senator Obama, what have you ever done to fight communism?

227. Senator Obama, in a speech in South Carolina your wife said, "...Sometimes it's easier to hold onto your own stereotypes and misconceptions. It makes you feel justified in your ignorance. That's America." Do you agree with your wife that many Americans are ignorant simply because they are opposed to your views?

228. Senator Obama, do you think illegal immigrants should be allowed drivers licenses?

229. Senator Obama, after the terrorist attacks of 9/11, you wrote in the Hyde Park Herald that you "...hope we as a nation draw some measure of wisdom from this tragedy," and engage in "...understanding the sources of such madness." Senator, most Americans viewed 9/11 as an unprovoked attack by a group of radical Islamists. What wisdom do you think we were supposed to draw from the tragedy?

230. Senator Obama, you said in an op-ed piece in the Hyde Park Herald that the essence of the 9/11 tragedy "derives from the fundamental absence of empathy on the part of the attackers: an inability to imagine, or connect with, the humanity and suffering of others." Were you being serious? Most Americans would think the terrorists of 9/11 not only had an "ability to imagine" the suffering of their victims, they relished in the thought of the pain they would cause by crashing into the World Trade Center buildings.

231. Senator Obama, you wrote in your op-ed piece in the Hype Park herald that the 9/11 terrorist attackers “lacked empathy,” and that attitude “...grows out of a climate of poverty and ignorance, helplessness and despair.” Many Americans would respond to that by saying, “So what, 3,000 innocent Americans didn’t deserve to die; why are you defending the terrorists?”

232. Senator Obama, a birth certificate purported to be yours that was posted on the Daily Kos web site appears to be that of your younger half-sister, Maya Kassandra Soetoro, which was altered to make it look like yours. Can you eliminate the suspicions surrounding your birth by releasing your original birth certificate?

233. Senator Obama, many Democrats have compared America’s holding of enemy detainees at Guantanamo to the gulags of the former Soviet Union. Regrettably, the great writer and former gulag prisoner Aleksander Solzhenitsyn died in August, so he is not available to give his point of view. Senator McCain, however, spent years in a Vietnamese prison camp in Hanoi. Do you agree with many of your colleagues that we run a Gulag-like facility at Guantanamo, or would you defer to the judgment of someone who should know, like Senator McCain, on this issue?

234. Senator Obama, after some of Reverend Wright’s inflammatory comments were made public, you said that “he was not the person I met 20 years ago.” After your long-time friend Tony Rezko was convicted on multiple charges, you said “This isn’t the Tony Rezko I knew.” How many years do you need to know someone before you are able to properly judge his character?

235. Senator Obama, in defending some of your votes in the Illinois Senate, you’ve said on more than one occasion that you simply “hit the wrong button.” Should Americans feel comfortable having your finger on the nuclear button? Or are you just going to disconnect that button and leave it to North Korea and Iran to improvise?

236. Senator Obama, despite your inexperience in the United States Senate, you managed to be named Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relation Committee’s Subcommittee on European Affairs, yet you’ve never convened a meeting. Is campaigning across the country more important than your Senate duties?

237. Senator Obama, you gave a widely-covered speech in Berlin in July about foreign policy. Yet for all the media fuss made about its importance, your speech contained only one specific plan: sending more troops to Afghanistan. What else is on your foreign policy agenda?

238. Senator Obama, the Democratic National Convention will be held in an arena that holds 21,000 people. Yet you’re planning to give your acceptance speech in a stadium that seats 76,000. For those fans who adore you that might be a good idea, but for many voters who may still be on the fence aren’t you risking coming off as cocky and arrogant? If a convention center was good enough for FDR and JFK, why isn’t it good enough for you?

239. Senator Obama, you said “I’m confident I’ll get Mrs. Clinton’s votes, I’m not sure she’ll get mine.” How will you get the votes of many Americans who, upon hearing that remark, thought to themselves, “Who does he think he is?”

240. Senator Obama, two weeks before you launched your Presidential campaign, you paid off hundreds of dollars in almost 20 years of unpaid parking tickets. Would you have left them unpaid had chosen not to run for President?

241. Senator Obama, are you going to impose a windfall profits tax on your wife, who has charged \$500 to have a photo taken with her?

242. Senator Obama, although you have temporarily thrown your long-time friend and pastor Reverend Wright under the bus, you are still an active member of his church. One issue of your church’s magazines includes a reference to Jews building a bomb that attacks only blacks and Arabs. Don’t you think that published sentiments like that ought to be enough to cause you to start thinking about attending a different church? Do you leave those magazines lying around the house for your children to read? Or are you perhaps planning on using that new bomb technology in the event we ever need to defend ourselves against an attack from Iran?

243. Senator Obama, you’ve criticized Republicans who have \$10,000 per plate fund-raising dinners, saying the average voter knows that those donors “are going to get the kind of access they can’t imagine.” Yet you attended a Democrat fund-raiser in July that cost \$33,100 per person. Do those donors get three times more access from you than from the Republicans?

244. Senator Obama, you’re counting on heavy turn-out among blacks to win the election. But what, exactly, have you done to help blacks other than give speeches about inclusion? Why should they vote for you?

245. Senator Obama, when you factor in state taxes, if you get the increases in income taxes and Social Security taxes you have proposed, the marginal tax rate on New Yorkers earning over \$250,000 per year would be a staggering 58 per cent. In other states, the rate would be about 52 per cent. Do you think that is fair, or do you need that much in additional revenue for all your new federal programs?

246. Senator Obama, Representative John Conyers of Michigan introduces a slavery reparations bill every year, and has done so since 1989. So far he has not asked you to publicly endorse his bill, as he doesn’t “want to put you on the spot.” Putting you on the spot now, will you endorse Mr. Conyers’ slavery reparations bill and sign it if passed by Congress?

247. Senator Obama, you said that you “don’t want to wake up four years from now and discover that we still have more young black men in prison than in college.” Disregarding the fact that Census Bureau data disputes your assertion, what are you

planning on doing about the situation? Are you going to pardon criminals to get the numbers to look better?

248. Senator Obama, you told an audience at Howard University that you would seek to end sentencing that punishes users of crack cocaine more harshly than users of powder cocaine. Even assuming for a moment that you know more about cocaine use than the average American, most would rather see all the cocaine users and pushers in jail – particularly black Americans, whose children are being killed in the cross-fire of drug-turf gang fights. Why did you find it necessary to address that particular subject in a speech at a University? Do you think there is a desire among most Americans to be soft on punishing drug crimes?

249. Senator Obama, some have said your extreme policies would make even Dennis Kucinich look like Milton Friedman. For the benefit of Americans who may not be familiar with either the Congressman or the late author and Nobel Prize-winning economist from the University of Chicago, can you explain where you agree or disagree most with the philosophies of those two individuals?

250. Senator Obama, you would raise the capital gains tax from 15 per cent to 28 per cent. You would raise the tax on dividends from 15 per cent to 39.6 per cent. You would eliminate most of the Bush income tax cuts. You've proposed higher gasoline taxes, and taxes on natural resources consumption, like gas heat, water, and electricity. You've proposed new taxes on retirement accounts, and taxes to pay for a national health care system. And as if that isn't enough, you've proposed spending over \$840 billion to combat world poverty. If all your plans are enacted, what will Americans have left in their paychecks?

251. Senator Obama, your figures for new federal spending include \$60 billions for a National Infrastructure Reinvestment Bank, \$65 billion for your health care plan, \$150 billion for your energy plan, \$85 billion to reduce taxes on those making less than \$50,000 per year, \$75 billion for an economic stimulus package, \$3.5 billion for a national service plan, \$18 billion for an early education plan, \$25 billion or increased foreign aid, \$1.5 billion to help states adopt paid leave programs, \$1 billion for job programs, and a whopping \$845 billion to combat global poverty. Those programs add up to more than 1.3 trillion dollars. Where in the world do you think you'll get all that revenue without crippling the economy with massive tax increases?

252. Senator Obama, you sponsored a bill in the Senate calling for a fixed amount of America's Gross Domestic Product to be given to the United Nations each year for distribution to poor countries. Disregarding for a moment the fact that most Americans probably don't like the idea of giving over \$800 billion each year to the United Nations, considering that institution's track record of corruption and scandals, what makes you think that money would be spent wisely?

253. Senator Obama, when you say you are going to “give health insurance to 47 million Americans who are now without coverage,” you neglect to tell your audiences you are counting illegal immigrants in that number. Why the deception?

254. Senator Obama, links to John W. Rogers Jr. emerged during the trial of your now-convicted fundraiser friend Tony Rezko. Despite that connection, you nevertheless attended a fund raiser held by Rogers. Why did you decide not to maintain distance from Mr. Rogers, or is there no one from whom you will not accept campaign contributions?

255. Senator Obama, when asked why she adjourned Congress for a five-week vacation rather than allow a vote on a comprehensive energy bill, Speaker Pelosi responded, “I’m trying to save the planet.” How does her getting into her private jet to travel around the country selling her book save the planet?

256. Senator Obama, your mother lived in at least 13 different countries; your father was a Muslim from Kenya; your step-father was a Muslim from Indonesia. When your step-father, Lolo Soetoro (or Soetoro Ma or Soetoro Mangunharjo), adopted you in the mid-1960s, your name became Barry Soetoro, and you acquired Indonesian citizenship, which enabled you to attend school there. Do you still hold Indonesian citizenship? If not, when was it renounced, and can you provide documents to that effect?

257. Senator Obama, even though you may have been born in Hawaii, you cannot hold the office of President of the United States if you hold dual citizenship. When did you renounce your Indonesian citizenship, and can you provide evidence of that action?

258. Senator Obama, where were you born? Have you ever been or are you now still a citizen of Indonesia? Can you provide documents to support your response? If not, will you support a federal investigation to determine who eliminated your paper trail?

259. Senator Obama, can you provide documents verifying the various changes in your name, from Barack Hussein Obama Jr. to Barry Soetoro and back to Barack Hussein Obama Jr.?

260. Senator Obama, considering the doubts about your place of birth and the possibility of dual citizenship, would you be willing to publicly denounce any citizenship you may have in Indonesia, Kenya, or Canada, and take a public Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America, as done by every Naturalized Citizen?

261. Senator Obama, you and several other Democrat Senators sponsored Senate Resolution 511, which purportedly was intended to recognize that Senator McCain is a natural born citizen eligible to hold the office of President. But because it is clear he is eligible to hold the office, there was no reason to introduce the resolution. If Senator McCain did not need the resolution, why did you introduce it? Was it because it included language that might help you if it is discovered you were born outside the United States or if you still hold Indonesian citizenship?

262. Senator Obama, under Indonesian Law, you became a citizen of Indonesia by virtue of being adopted by your Indonesian step-father, Lolo Soetoro. Even if you had once been a United States citizen, you lost that citizenship because Indonesian Law does not accept dual citizenship. Did you ever formally renounce your Indonesian citizenship and then reapply for United States citizenship? If so, when, and can you provide documentation to support your claim?

263. Senator Obama, in an article in the Jakarta Post of November 29, 2006, Julia Suryakusuma, a long-time friend of your mother, stated that you could run for President of Indonesia. Is that because she knows you are still a citizen of Indonesia?

264. Senator Obama, records from the elementary school you attended in Indonesia state you were enrolled there on January 1, 1968, had serial number 203, were placed in Class 1 B, your religion was listed as Islam, your nationality was listed as Indonesian, your father's name was listed as L. Soetoro Ma, and your name was listed as Barry Soetoro. At what point after attending school in Indonesia did you cease to become a citizen of that country, and how was that accomplished?

265. Senator Obama, can you provide the media with all of your various Indonesian and American passports issued from 1961 forward?

266. Senator Obama, when you visited Pakistan in 1981 did you use your Indonesian passport?

267. Senator Obama, have you ever been a citizen of Kenya? If so, when did you renounce or relinquish that citizenship?

268. Senator Obama, you've refused to release your birth certificate, Columbia College records and thesis, Harvard records, Illinois State Senate records, law practice client list, medical records, Occidental College records, parents' marriage certificate, record of baptism, Selective Service registration, list of trips outside the United States prior to 2007, and a campaign donor analysis. That's an awful lot of documents to hide. Why are you so secretive? What are you hiding?

269. Senator Obama, you've insisted that no one interview your maternal grandmother in Hawaii. What are you worried she might say?

270. Senator Obama, an intolerably large number of comments on web sites that support your candidacy are virulently anti-Semitic. Granted, you are not responsible for every nasty thing said by your supporters, but what is going on? Why are so many people who hate Jews attracted to your candidacy? Do they know something the rest of us might want to know?

271. Senator Obama, when criticized for your friendship with William Ayers and Bernadine Dohrn, your campaign issued a lengthy document trivializing their actions as 1960s radicals and defended them as "respectable fixtures of the mainstream in Chicago."

In a memoir published by Ayers after 9/11, he wrote that America is “not a just and fair and decent place... it makes me want to puke.” Do you think that’s a “respectable” remark or that the average “mainstream” Chicagoan looks at America as making them “want to puke?”

272. Senator Obama, Jodie Evans, the co-founder of the Code Pink anti-war group, donated \$2,300 to your campaign. In 2004, she and Code Pink delivered \$600,000 in cash and supplies to Iraq – not to American soldiers, but to the terrorists who were fighting them in Fallujah. Might it be reasonable to return Ms. Evans’ contributions, considering her efforts in helping the enemy to kill American troops?

273. Senator Obama, during the primary season you said the “Christian Right” has done a good job of building organizations, but added that “it’s always easier to organize around intolerance, narrow-mindedness, and false nostalgia.” Now that the primaries are over and you need some of their votes, are conservative Christians still intolerant, narrow-minded, and full of false nostalgia?

274. Senator Obama, you said that if you were the Democrat nominee, you would “aggressively pursue an agreement with the Republican nominee to preserve a publicly financed general election.” Was your change of heart caused by anything other than the ka-ching of your campaign cash registers?

275. Senator Obama, in the past you’ve said the government should not crack down on businesses that hire illegal immigrants. After entering the Presidential campaign, your response to that issue changed. Will it change again after election day?

276. Senator Obama, you’ve gone from opposing the death penalty to supporting it. What changed your mind, other than counting votes?

277. Senator Obama, earlier in the campaign you said you can “no more disown Jeremiah Wright than I can disown my white grandmother.” You have since disowned Reverend Wright and refuse to let the media interview your white grandmother. What caused you to change your attitude?

278. Senator Obama, you have run a television ad touting the way welfare reform “slashed the rolls by 80 per cent.” But you were originally opposed to that 1996 Republican legislation that caused that massive reduction. What made you realize the Republicans were correct?

279. Senator Obama, in the past you have said, “I happen to be a proponent of single-payer universal health care coverage.” You have recently said, however, that you “never said that we should try to go ahead and get single-payer... Single-payer health care is a euphemism for socialized medicine.” What euphemism would you prefer we use for your single-payer universal health care coverage?

280. Senator Obama, before their money started rolling in to your campaign, you described union contributions as “special interest” money. Now you’re thrilled to have the support of unions. Do they have any special interests in financing your campaign, or are they just wasting the union dues of their members?

281. Senator Obama, when it was pointed out that many teachers and firefighters in Pennsylvania make slightly more than the \$97,000 cut-off for your proposed tax increases, you said you’d be “willing to look at exempting people who are making slightly above that.” On what will your final cut-off for tax increase be based? The point at which you have enough electoral votes to become President?

282. Senator Obama, many Americans have been thinking, “What the hell has this guy accomplished that makes him think he can be President of the United States?” What accomplishments can you list which might change the minds of those voters who want something more than speeches that sound like they were written by Maya Angelou?

283. Senator Obama, you supported the presidential candidacy of Raila Odinga in Kenya, despite his ties to Al Qaeda and Libya’s Muammar Qaddafi. Your actions were denounced by our State Department as being in direct opposition to U. S. National Security, not to mention the safety of the Christian population of Kenya. At best, you displayed incredibly poor judgment in your trip to Kenya to support Odinga. At worst, you endangered the national security of the United States. What were you thinking, and if elected President, do you plan on often disregarding the advice of the State Department?

284. Senator Obama, in what ways are you not as perfect as the media and your supporters make you out to be? What are your weaknesses?

285. Senator Obama, after Russian troops invaded Georgia in August, one advisor said on your behalf that the United States had no right to say anything because we invaded Iraq without the approval of its leaders. Using that logic, an Obama administration would apparently allow Russia, or perhaps Iran, Venezuela, or North Korea, to invade any other nation that happens to appeal to them. Will your administration let invasions of other nations go unchallenged because you don’t believe the United States has any moral standing in the world?

286. Senator Obama, the Russian invasion of Georgia was likely a trial run, just to see how much it could get away with. Inasmuch as the United Nations is astoundingly ineffectual and your campaign has already said that the United States has no right to say anything because of our invasion of Iraq, what makes you think Russia would not push you as far as it can if you become President? If you believed we have no business reacting to an invasion of Georgia, how about an invasion of the Ukraine? How many invasions will it take before you stop playing your “America’s guilt over Iraq card?”

287. Senator Obama, inasmuch as Speaker Pelosi has a substantial investment in the Clean Energy Fuels Corporation, it’s in her financial interests for the price of gasoline to

remain high. Do you think that's why she refused to allow a vote on drilling for more oil in ANWR or offshore? And, at the very least, should she recuse herself from voting on energy matters?

288. Senator Obama, does "change we can believe in" include changing your birth certificate to hide the truth about your name, Soetoro, and your Indonesian citizenship?

289. Senator Obama, Article II of the United States Constitution requires the President of the United States and the Commander in Chief to have loyalty to only one country, the United States. Because you remain a citizen of Indonesia, are you therefore not eligible to serve as President of the United States?

290. Senator Obama, over the years you've used the name Barack Hussein Obama Jr., Barry Dunham, Barry Soetoro, Barack Soetoro, Barry Obama, and then back to Barack Obama. Can you explain the circumstances of your different names, and the citizenships of the various countries you hold or have held over the years?

291. Senator Obama, according to the State Department, your federal passport file was improperly viewed at least three times this year, at least once by someone sympathetic to your campaign. What do you think he was trying to do, take something out or put something in? What might be in your passport records that you wouldn't want Americans to see?

292. Senator Obama, your views are extremely rigid, and you've shown to be very resistant to compromise. An example is the issue of partial birth abortion, which even most Democrats across the country oppose, yet you told Planned Parenthood the first thing you would do as President is sign a bill re-legalizing partial birth abortion in every state and under any circumstance. Can you give us an example of a significant issue on which you compromised?

293. Senator Obama, you've said that, in order to protect the health of the mother, we should not restrict partial birth abortions. But when an abortion "goes wrong" and the baby is born alive, the health of the mother is obviously no longer an issue. Yet you have voted against bills requiring that physicians assist those babies, rather than allow them to die. Your argument has been that you did not want to imperil Roe v. Wade, but isn't there some point at which common sense and human morality must come into play? Isn't there a difference between an abortion in the first few months of pregnancy, and allowing a full developed baby to die unattended in a cold stainless steel pan? Where is your sense of humanity, Senator, or has it been sold to pro-abortion groups and lobbyists?

294. Senator Obama, even former Senator and Presidential candidate George McGovern, who certainly is no right-wing ideologue, says the misnamed "Employee Free Choice Act" is too extreme. That legislation would strip union workers of their right to a secret ballot. Yet you have said you support that bill and would sign it if it passed by Congress. How could you possibly be opposed to secret ballots in union elections?

295. Senator Obama, what will you do, if elected President, to discourage Russia from invading other nations, as it invaded Georgia in August?

296. Senator Obama, after the Russians invaded Georgia, you said we needed to “push for a United Nations Security Council Resolution calling for an immediate end to the violence.” Inasmuch as Russia is a member of and has veto power at the Security Council, why would you expect Russia to support a resolution condemning itself?

297. Senator Obama, we know that Bill Clinton’s birth name was Blythe, until he took the name Clinton from his stepfather, and most people didn’t care one way or the other. Similarly, to most people it may not matter that your name was changed from Obama to Soetoro after you were adopted by your Indonesian step-father. Why, then, have you gone to great lengths to keep your family history secret from the American public?

298. Senator Obama, some sources say you were born at Queen’s Medical Center in Honolulu, while others, including your half-sister Maya Soetoro-Ng, claim you were born at the Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children. Do you know where you were born?

299. Senator Obama, over the summer, Israel released from prison a murderous thug named Samir Kuntar, in exchange for the return of the dead bodies of several soldiers. Hamas is now demanding the release of one thousand prisoners, in exchange for Gilad Shalit. Do you believe the release of Kuntar was wise, or does this appeasement just encourage the abduction of more Israelis?

300. Senator Obama, when, how, and why did you renounce Islam to become a Christian?

301. Senator Obama, you are the most pro-abortion candidate ever backed by the National Abortion Rights Action League. Are there any circumstances at all where you think an abortion should be prohibited?

302. Senator Obama, you say you are a candidate of reform and spend a lot of time criticizing lobbyists, yet your record shows you have repeatedly steered taxpayer money to campaign donors. Why is that practice okay when done by you?

303. Senator Obama, legislators often come up with regulations that apply only to businesses with certain number of employees. Why would any business with 49 employees hire a 50th employee if that additional person causes the company to fall under strict and expensive rules and regulations? Don’t legislators “get it?” Or are these situations simply a result of politicians who, like you, never ran a business and never understood what it’s like to meet a payroll?

304. Senator Obama, you talk about “hope” and “change,” but that campaign theme is asking the voters to buy a neatly-wrapped package without knowing what’s inside the

box. Can you provide some detail? What exactly is it that you're hoping for, besides becoming President? And what will change, beside your address?

305. Senator Obama, you're a strong believer in income redistribution. Why shouldn't the income belong to the person who earns it?

306. Senator Obama, your plan for a "global poverty tax" would cost Americans more than \$65 billion per year. Why should wealth created by Americans under a capitalist system be given away to people who hate America and who are too foolish to adopt capitalism and create their own wealth?

307. Senator Obama, in a process called "induced labor abortion," the mother is given drugs to induce premature labor. After the baby is born, the infant is left to die – which can take from a few minutes to several hours. Most Americans, even those who support abortion, would say this process is barbaric and should be outlawed, yet three times you voted against laws to prevent these babies from being left to die. Why?

308. Senator Obama, what should Americans learn from the fact that you refer to the "Born Alive Infant Protection Act" as "restrictive choice legislation?"

309. Senator Obama, which is better, capitalism or socialism?

310. Senator Obama, does anything about America embarrass you?

311. Senator Obama, who was the greater humanitarian, Thomas Edison or Albert Schweitzer, and why?

312. Senator Obama, although you disagreed with the decision to invade Iraq, do you not think that the removal of Saddam Hussein, in the long run, means far less total misery to the people of the Middle East?

313. Senator Obama, many Americans felt truly proud of our Armed Forces when they saw the television images of happy Iraqi's holding up their purple fingers, showing they had voted in free elections. What did you feel?

314. Senator Obama, do you believe the United Nations is more hindrance than help in its inability to stop disasters like the genocide in Rwanda?

315. Senator Obama, do you think bilingual education is a good idea, or should immigrants learn English more quickly to enable them to become better acclimated to the American way of life?

316. Senator Obama, considering your strong pro-abortion views, you must believe abortion is not immoral. Why, then, do candidates such as yourself talk about keeping abortion "legal, safe, and rare?" Why must abortions be rare if there's nothing immoral

about them? And if you believe abortions are immoral, then shouldn't they be illegal, rather than just rare?

317. Senator Obama, you promised Planned Parenthood the first piece of legislation you will sign if elected will be the "Freedom of Choice Act," which will overturn all state pro-life laws. Taxpayers in every state will therefore have to fund abortions, parents will never have to be informed when their daughter has an abortion, and partial birth abortions will be legal in all 50 states. Do you think the average American agrees with you on this subject?

318. Senator Obama, you said you voted against the Illinois "Born Alive Infant Protection Act" because it lacked a "neutrality clause." In fact, an amendment to add that clause to the Illinois bill was approved by the Senate committee on a 10 to 1 vote. You voted against the bill anyway, in a 6 to 4 party line vote in the Health and Human Services Committee. The clause you said was not there was, in fact, there. Why, then, did you vote against that Illinois bill, which is meant to prevent physicians from allowing to die babies that survive abortions?

319. Senator Obama, do you agree with Reverend Jeremiah Wright, your pastor for 20 years, that America intentionally spread the AIDS virus to remain wealthy at the expense of poor Africans? If you now believe his assumption is incorrect, when did you decide it was time to disagree with him?

320. Senator Obama, Reverend Leah Daughtry who was named by Howard Dean to be the Democrat convention chief. In her home-town House of the Lord Church in Brooklyn hangs a banner supporting slavery reparations, which reads, "They Owe Us." Is that a sign of things to come in your administration?

321. Senator Obama, many of your supporters are hoping you will support slavery reparations legislation. How can anyone justify such legislation when all the people who used to be slaves and all the people who owned them have been dead for many decades? If today's Americans have to pay fines or penalties for something done by their great-great-grandparents did, then shouldn't we also be asking England for money to compensate Americans whose ancestors were injured or killed in the Revolutionary War? Do we bill Japan for its forced suicide marches of Allied prisoners? Does John McCain get to sue the grand-children of his Viet Cong torturers? Where do you stop, once you've opened Pandora's box?

322. Senator Obama, the Communist Party USA views your candidacy as a tremendous opportunity to move the country "in a new progressive direction." What makes you more appealing to communists than Senator McCain?

323. Senator Obama, much has been made of your associations with people like Tony Rezko, William Ayers, Bernadine Dohrn, Jeremiah Wright, and Frank Marshall Davis. If those people had little or no influence on you over the years, who did?

324. Senator Obama, why are you opposed to building more nuclear power plants, which could generate much of the electricity America will need in the future, without burning any fossil fuels and without emitting carbon dioxide or other greenhouse gases that worry you?

325. Senator Obama, you criticize others for “being in the pocket of big oil,” yet you voted for a 2005 energy bill that included billions of dollars in subsidies for oil and natural gas production, while Senator McCain opposed the bill, arguing that the tax breaks were unnecessary. Did you “hit the wrong button” when casting that vote, or were you in the pocket of big oil at that point?

326. Senator Obama, more than once you’ve said that, if elected, you would “ensure that economic justice is served.” Some people think you mean taking money from those who earn it and giving it to people who don’t. If that’s not what you mean, what do you mean? If you think it’s a good idea to redistribute pieces of the economic pie, don’t the people who do the baking of the pie should have a say in this?

327. Senator Obama, you’ve proposed something called “Universal 401(k)” accounts, where low-income people would get matching retirement contributions from the federal government. Isn’t this just another way of taking money from one group and giving it to another group?

328. Senator Obama, can you explain the details of your “universal national service” plan? What do you have in mind? It sounds like service will be required, inasmuch as you’ve talked about making young women register with the Selective Service.

329. Senator Obama, you’ve proposed free job training, even for criminals. Don’t you think most Americans want the better jobs going to law-abiding citizens?

330. Senator Obama, you’ve proposed something called “wage insurance,” so that a union worker who loses his job can receive subsidies to remain at his old union income level. This means that when union workers price themselves out of the market with unreasonable wage demands, America’s non-union working taxpayers should foot the bill to reward them for poor collective bargaining decisions. Why is that fair?

331. Senator Obama, you’ve proposed free child care and universal pre-school. No doubt this will get you votes from young single moms and couples with young children, but why should taxpayers who do not have children subsidize those who do?

332. Senator Obama, you’ve proposed more subsidized public housing. Our track record on that issue is less than admirable, however, when one considers that you steered Illinois taxpayer funds to friend Tony Rezko for him to invest in public housing that left Chicagoans without winter heat for as long as five weeks. Rezko made the money, but the residents tell tales of toilets backing up into their apartments. Why should we expect you to do better on a national scale than you did on a local scale?

333. Senator Obama, you've proposed that the federal government mandate the number of sick days businesses must give to both hourly and salary workers. Isn't that something that should be left to the market, rather than yet another bloated federal bureaucracy interfering with the economy and adding additional costs to American businesses trying to compete in a global economy?

334. Senator Obama, in your book, "Dreams From My Father," you refer to your mentor in Hawaii as Frank, but neglect to tell the readers he was Frank Marshall Davis, who fled Chicago after the FBI and Congress started looking what they considered his subversive and un-American activities. Later you worked as a community organizer in Chicago, where your boss was Gerald Kellman, a disciple of Chicago socialist Saul Alinsky, author of "Rules for Radicals" and a promoter of social revolution in America. How much have your philosophies been influenced by those two socialists, with whom you spent so much time?

335. Senator Obama, you spent several years working as a community organizer in Chicago, advocating more welfare programs. Now that you're running for President, you've run a television ad touting the way welfare reform "slashed the rolls by 80 per cent." Which is the real Barack Obama, advocating more welfare, or slashing the rolls by 80 per cent?

336. Senator Obama, you've said you will send more troops to Pakistan and Afghanistan, yet on May 24, 2007, you voted to cut off all funding of military efforts in Afghanistan. Why the change in strategy?

337. Senator Obama, an Ohio judge, James Burge, says his state's method of lethal injection for the death penalty is unconstitutional because the drugs can cause pain. On the wall of his Lorain, Ohio, office hang a large poster of you and a poster of the terrorist Che Guevara. Granted, you aren't responsible for how people decorate their offices, but what do you think makes a person a fan of both you and a murdering communist thug?

338. Senator Obama, for what it called a "commitment to truth, education, and leadership," your church gave a "lifetime achievement award" to Louis Farrakhan, a man who said "Hitler was a very great man," and "Judaism is a gutter religion" and "white people are potential humans, they haven't evolved yet." How could it have taken you 20 years to figure out that your church took such extreme views?

339. Senator Obama, your wife said, "...things have gotten progressively worse for the vast majority of regular working people over my lifetime." She didn't limit her criticism to the years of the Bush Administration, she said over her lifetime. Do you believe that things have gotten progressively worse for working people over the last five decades?

340. Senator Obama, you support incredible increases in taxes and prices that would come about with "cap and trade" legislation designed to reduce carbon dioxide emissions to fight what some believe is man-made global warming. What if you're wrong? How do America's taxpayers get back the trillions of dollars these schemes will cost?

341. Senator Obama, you've said your tax plan won't raise income taxes on any couple making less than \$250,000 per year, or on any individual making less than \$200,000 per year. But if two people who each make \$150,000 per year get married, they're going to get hammered by your income tax increase. Are you suggesting people with good jobs should not get married?

342. Senator Obama, you've said your plans won't raise taxes on couples making less than \$200,000 per year, but that's just income tax. But you will raise the capital gains tax from 15 to 28 per cent, and the dividend tax from 15 to 39.6 per cent. Those taxes apply even to senior citizens with very low incomes, so your increases will apply to all retirees who depend on stocks and bonds for their income. How can they make their investments last when you will more than double your taxes on them?

343. Senator Obama, you started out in your campaign offering voters "hope," but a lot of voters are now seeing nothing but "audacity." Do you think you can find some humility before election day?

344. Senator Obama, you've said you support "sensible" gun control. What does that mean?

345. Senator Obama, many African nations have declared English to be their national language. Why can't we do that here in the United States?

346. Senator Obama, you've consistently downplayed your relationship with radical William Ayers, saying he's just a "neighbor" in Chicago. But Ayers was co-founded the Chicago Annenberg Challenge, an education reform group, and you were its chairman. How could you refer to someone you worked with for several years as a mere "neighbor?" Have you forgotten the years you worked together on what turned out to be an unsuccessful effort to reform Chicago education?

347. Senator Obama, after the Russia invasion of Georgia in August, you claimed you had warned for "many months" that there "needs to be an active international engagement to peacefully address the disputes." No one has been able to find any of those prior statements you said you made. Did you perhaps have some days when the media was not covering you?

348. Senator Obama, you've promised to tax the oil companies to pay for a \$1,000 check to every American working family. Are you aware that even if you seize all the profits of the oil companies, you still won't get enough revenue to cover those checks?

349. Senator Obama, you've threatened to tax the profits of the oil companies to give \$1,000 checks to Americans. Why stop at the oil companies, and why stop at \$1,000? Why not tax software companies a few hundred billion to give people a few more checks? If you pick 10 different industries, you could give each American \$10,000. Why not do that?

350. Senator Obama, former President Clinton endorsed a military policy of “Don’t ask, don’t tell.” Can you defend your energy policy of “Don’t look, don’t drill?”

351. Senator Obama, while many Americans think we need more nuclear power plants to fulfill our future energy requirements, environmental extremists are trying to shut down the Indian Point nuclear plant on Long Island, despite its good 30-year safety record. In your administration, who can we expect you to listen to more, nuclear power industry executives or environmental activists?

352. Senator Obama, do you honestly believe we’ll be able to rely on wind power, solar power, and geothermal energy quickly enough to eliminate our reliance on foreign oil within 10 years?

353. Senator Obama, you’ve talked about a goal of 6 billion gallons of fuel coming from bio-fuels. What will happen to food prices if farmland continues to be converted from food crops to fuel crops?

354. Senator Obama, you’ve talked a lot about investing in alternate fuels. But since the late 1970s, the government has already spent tens of billions of taxpayer dollars subsidizing alternate fuels, including wind power, solar power, and bio-fuels. Although progress has been made, it hasn’t been dramatic enough to reduce our need for nuclear power, oil, gas, or coal. What makes you think you can do in four or eight years what no one else has accomplished in 30 years?

355. Senator Obama, by forcing the automakers to increase their fuel economy by four per cent each year, you’re essentially forcing Americans to buy smaller, lighter cars, which will be inherently less safe in collisions. Why can’t Americans buy what they want to drive, as long as they can afford it?

356. Senator Obama, if the oil companies respond to your windfall profits tax by reducing exploration and drilling, and oil shortages like we had in the 1970s are the result, can you envision forced gas rationing?

357. Senator Obama, there is an old African proverb that “Smooth seas do not make skillful sailors.” Your political career has been extremely short and your legislative record consists of very few instances where you had to take a tough stand. The media has rarely asked you tough questions during your Presidential campaign. How do you get the votes of people who say you haven’t been tested?

358. Senator Obama, you wrote in “The Audacity of Hope” that “...most people who serve in Washington have been trained either as lawyers or as political operatives – professions that tend to place a premium on winning arguments rather than solving problems.” Considering your background and career, that makes you part of the problem, doesn’t it?

359. Senator Obama, Hillary Clinton said, “I know Senator McCain has a lifetime of experience to bring to the White House. And Senator Obama has a speech he gave in 2004.” Have you any accomplishments she might have missed?

360. Senator Obama, you had a career teaching law, yet you never published one single legal article during that period. Why? Were you trying to avoid a paper trail that might harm your planned political career?

361. Senator Obama, considering your background in Constitutional law, why did you not look to serve on the Senate Judiciary Committee, and instead serve on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee - where you have never held even one meeting of the subcommittee you chair?

362. Senator Obama, you believed the Washington D.C. ban on guns was constitutional, but the Supreme Court disagreed. If your expertise is Constitutional law, why were you wrong?

363. Senator Obama, there is a long history of corruption in the Teamsters Union, yet you told that union you would end its federal oversight if elected. Shouldn't the Justice Department have some say in the matter, or are you somehow certain there is no longer any corruption or mob influence in the Teamsters Union?

364. Senator Obama, President Reagan said the Soviet Union was “the focus of evil in the modern world,” and did something about it. Do you think there is still evil in the world and, if so, what will you do about it?

365. Senator Obama, in response to a recent agreement between the United States and Poland to open a new missile interceptor base, a top Russian general said that by deploying the system, Poland “...is exposing itself to a strike – 100 per cent.” But this will be a pure defensive system, which could be used to intercept missiles from Iran that might be fired at Europe. What, therefore, do the Russians have to fear, and what will you do to allay those fears?”

366. Senator Obama, Russia's invasion of Georgia was no doubt prompted by its fear of that nation's lobbying to join NATO. Do you support membership in NATO for Georgia?

367. Senator Obama, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, in arguing against drilling for oil offshore and in Alaska, said, “Why should we be giving big oil additional leases when they have 68 millions acres under lease already that they're not drilling on right now?” Are you aware that each year those oil company leases are met, on average, by over 1,100 lawsuits and protests from environmental groups, which do their best to block the drilling? Will you do anything to help American companies drill for much-needed oil here, without the harassment and consumer expense of years of delays and litigation?

368. Senator Obama, the European Union's reaction to the Russian invasion of Georgia was that of mediation. It seemed to be bending over backwards not to take sides. Was it afraid to be more critical of Russia because of dependence on its oil, or is Western Europe just a collection of socialist apologists?

369. Senator Obama, during the primary campaign, one Clinton ad referred to a "3 a.m. phone call." It seems that the West took its sweet time answering the phone call made by the President of Georgia when the Russians invaded. If the Ukraine calls at 3 a.m. and you're in the White House, will you answer the phone, or roll over and go back to sleep?

370. Senator Obama, for decades the United Nations has shown itself to be an incredibly corrupt and helpless institution. With its invasion of Georgia, it appears the Russians believe the United Nations will do nothing and NATO will back down when pressed. What would you do to insure that the Europeans understand the threats involved and don't allow NATO to collapse?

371. Senator Obama, what kinds of economic sanctions might you suggest we use against Russia if it invades the Ukraine?

372. Senator Obama, you always refer to the President as "George Bush" and never call him "President Bush." Yet you manage to work with Senator Byrd of West Virginia, who for years was an active member and local leader of the Ku Klux Klan. What makes you able to forgive Senator Byrd for overt acts of racism, while being unable to show our President any respect? If you become President, won't you expect some degree of respect, even from those many millions of Americans who disagree with your views?

373. Senator Obama, in a typical month there are more murders in Detroit than there are combat deaths in Iraq. Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, who you once referred to as a "great mayor" who is doing an "outstanding job," is now in jail while he awaits trial on eight counts of perjury and other felonies. What's the problem in Detroit, and what might you be able to do about it?

374. Senator Obama, John Kerry told a European audience last year that "The problem with Americans is they have an unfortunate habit of seeing the world through an American lens." Do you agree with Senator Kerry that Americans should start looking at the world through European socialist eyes?"

375. Senator Obama, shortly after the Russians invaded Georgia in August, one of your advisors said on your behalf, "We were dealing with the facts as we knew them. John McCain shot from the hip, very aggressive, belligerent statement. He may or may not have complicated the situation." Were the facts as you knew them something other than "Russian troops invaded Georgia?" Or were you simply buying time while trying to find a way to avoid criticizing Russia?

376. Senator Obama, New Jersey's high taxes and burdensome regulations have prompted many businesses to leave that state. In 2007, Governor Corzine signed into law

“The Global Warming Response Act,” which requires the state to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Those new regulations are likely to encourage even more businesses to leave New Jersey. Considering the impact these tough new regulations have on jobs, and considering that the evidence on “global warming” is certainly not conclusive, don’t you think we should hold off on imposing even more regulations that will have a negative affect on our economy - at least until we have more scientific facts? Or should workers in New Jersey just try to find work in other states?

377. Senator Obama, you allegedly reversed your position on re-introducing the so-called “fairness doctrine,” but then your campaign press secretary, Michael Ortiz, said you support “media-ownership caps, network neutrality” and more “public broadcasting.” By “media ownership caps,” do you mean your administration will decide who owns what television and radio stations? Is that a way of getting your critics off the air? What do you mean by “network neutrality?” Will you use force to make stations stop criticizing you? And why do we need public broadcasting? Why should taxpayers support programs no one wants to listen to?

378. Senator Obama, although ExxonMobil made about \$1,500 per second in profits in the second quarter of 2008, it also paid about \$4,100 per second in taxes. Yet you still don’t think it paid enough tax. Do you think most Americans would feel under-taxed if they had to pay \$4,100 to the federal government for every \$5,600 they earn?

379. Senator Obama, in June you toured a solar power plant in Nevada, where you said renewable energy “isn’t some pie-in-the-sky, far off future, it is now... providing cheap alternatives to \$140 per barrel oil.” That facility powers only 75 homes, and took ten years to build, at a cost of almost \$300,000 per home. Although solar power may be an important part of our future, at that price don’t you think it’s a bit premature to be ignoring oil that’s in our own backyard?

380. Senator Obama, Dr. Alveda King, a niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, said that your “...answer to the ills of society, of higher government spending, weaker national defense, continued tax dollars to Planned Parenthood, and support of gay marriage, are diametrically opposed to everything African Americans truly believe and an anathema to the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.” Where are your policies in agreement with Dr. King?

381. Senator Obama, do you think many people are afraid to question your policies, even though they may disagree with them, out of a fear of being called racist?

382. Senator Obama, Dr. Martin Luther King was opposed to abortion and said that African-Americans “...can’t win as long as (they are) willing to sacrifice the lives of (their) children for comfort and safety.” You disagree and not only support abortion, you advocate laws to make them easier to obtain. Why?

383. Senator Obama, Democrats often say that abortions should be “safe, legal, and rare.” How will they become rare if you want to eliminate state laws against late-term

abortions, support federal funding of abortions, and believe minors should be able to have abortions without the consent or even the knowledge of their parents?

384. Senator Obama, although the Supreme Court found the handgun ban in Washington, D.C. unconstitutional, its city council decided to defy the court and refused to repeal the handgun ban. Instead, it has decided to allow a handgun in the home if it's registered for self-protection only, and it must be kept disassembled and unloaded except when being used. Do you think a burglar who breaks into a Washington home is going to stop and wait for the homeowner to assemble and load his gun? What is it that liberals don't understand about protecting one's life and property from society's thugs?

385. Senator Obama, you defended your friendship with William Ayers and Bernadine Dohrn by saying, "The notion that...me knowing somebody who engaged in detestable acts 40 years ago... somehow reflects on me and my values doesn't make much sense." How do you think the media, or you, would react if John McCain was caught playing golf with O. J. Simpson or paying a social visit to Charles Manson?

386. Senator Obama, in your appearance at the Saddleback Church with Pastor Rick Warren, in answer to his question, "At what point does a baby get human rights?" you avoided a direct answer, saying that decision is above your "pay grade." In truth, however, in your support of late-term abortions, you've decided that a baby has no rights while in the womb. And in voting against prohibiting doctors and nurses from allowing babies who survive abortions to die unattended, have you not decided that babies sometimes have no human rights even after birth?

387. Senator Obama, why do you have to say things like, "I've been a strong supporter of reproductive justice?" Can't you just say you'll never do anything to stop a woman from having an abortion?

388. Senator Obama, a review of your politics and philosophies suggests that you believe more and bigger government is the solution to almost all of life's problems. What decisions do you think average Americans are capable of making for themselves?

389. Senator Obama, after the final primary you said, "...this was the time... when we came together to remake this great nation." A lot of Americans probably just want to clean it up a little around the edges. Why do you think we need to remake something that's already great?

390. Senator Obama, you've said that America's greatest moral failure has been its insufficient help to the disadvantaged. Since Lyndon Johnson's Presidency, trillions of dollars in taxpayer funds have been spent on anti-poverty programs, and you're suggesting even more money be thrown at the problem. Don't you think it's about time the disadvantaged learned how to use the capitalist system to better themselves, rather than to keep them dependent on hand-outs that only shift the problem to late administrations?

391. Senator Obama, more than once you've quoted the Bible verse where Jesus said, "Whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." You use that in defense of larger federal programs to help the needy. But wouldn't most Americans believe that verse means that we, as individuals, should directly help others with our own resources, our own time, and our own money, and that it doesn't mean the government's robbing of Peter to pay Paul?

392. Senator Obama, you've said the toughest decision you've ever had to make was opposing the Iraq War. At the time of the invasion you were a State Senator from one of the most liberal districts in Illinois, where your constituents were against the war by an overwhelming majority. You were preparing to run for the U. S. Senate, in a state where the odds always heavily favor the Democrat candidate. It seems that opposing the war should have been a very easy matter for you, especially since you did not believe Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction, and because you frequently talk about a willingness to talk with the enemy rather than provoke confrontation. Exactly what was it that made your decision to oppose the war difficult?

393. Senator Obama, you said the toughest decision you've ever had to make was opposing the war in Iraq. Why was that more difficult than voting against the "Born Alive Infant Protection Act," which was designed to protect the lives of babies who survive abortions?

394. Senator Obama, in 2006, the top 50 per cent of taxpayers made seven times the income of the bottom 50 per cent, but paid more than 30 times as much in taxes. Don't you think paying 30 times as much in taxes is enough?

395. Senator Obama, after factoring in your proposed increases in income taxes and the cut-off point for Medicare and Social Security taxes, higher-income people get close to a 50 per cent tax rate even before adding in any state income taxes. Isn't that dangerously close to the point where people simply stop being productive, because you've removed the incentive to work harder?

396. Senator Obama, you're certainly familiar with the term, "to err on the side of caution." With your voting against the Born Alive Infant Protection Act, many Americans would say you totally ignored that conventional wisdom. What is your justification for allowing a baby who survives an abortion to die unattended in a cold, stainless steel pan? Can't you err on the side of protecting innocent life?

397. Senator Obama, you support Roe v. Wade but have said "the issue has moral content." Do you mean there is something immoral about abortion? If so, why should you be so adamant about supporting abortions? And if there is nothing immoral about an abortion, then why did you say "the issue has moral content?" Or does the strong support you receive from NARAL require that you overlook the moral content of Roe v. Wade?

398. Senator Obama, after the Saddleback Church appearance, your campaign accused Senator McCain of cheating by listening to the questions as you were being interviewed.

Pastor Warren has unequivocally denied that allegation, stating that the Senator was in a sealed room with no access to the questions. Unless you are prepared to accuse Rick Warren of lying, do you think you owe Senator McCain a public apology – especially after your staff made sure the story was fed to NBC’s Andrea Mitchell to repeat on the air?

399. Senator Obama, had you been President in 2003, what would you have done about Saddam Hussein and the fact that he ignored 16 United Nations Resolution? Would he and his sons still be in power if American troops hadn’t forced them out?

400. Senator Obama, what should be done about NAMBLA, the North American Man-Boy Love Association, an organization that promotes sex between adult men and young boys? How can the ACLU defend that organization?

401. Senator Obama, you were chairman of the Chicago Annenberg Challenge on Excellence in Education. Reporters have been denied access to the records of that organization, although they had at one point been told they could review them. Why are you, or William Ayers, preventing access to those records?

402. Senator Obama, you often talk about ensuring that “economic justice is served.” To many Americans that sounds suspiciously like taking money from those who earned it to give to those who didn’t. Would they be wrong in assuming those are your intentions?

403. Senator Obama, Tine Hahiyary, one of your teachers while you were a student in Indonesia, said you studied “Mangaji,” which involves the recitation of the Quran. How long were you a Muslim, and how much of the Quran do you remember?

404. Senator Obama, Senator Patrick Leahy said that, “In an Obama administration, you’d see one of his closest advisors would be Al Gore.” Can you tell us what Gore’s duties would be if you are elected?

405. Senator Obama, have you ever voted to place any limits on abortion?

406. Senator Obama, the power of eminent domain is limited by the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution, which reads, “...nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation.” The liberal members of the Supreme Court ruled that property can be taken through eminent domain even for private uses. How would you like your Chicago mansion to be bulldozed for the construction of a Wal-Mart? Was the Supreme Court wrong in that ruling, or do you agree with Justice Clarence Thomas and the minority viewpoint?

407. Senator Obama, you’ve argued that America needs to regain the high moral ground after the Iraq War. Even if we had never gone after the Taliban and Saddam Hussein, don’t you think Russia would still have invaded Georgia? In other words, what do Putin and Medvedev care about morality in their quest for power and rebuilding Russian influence?

408. Senator Obama, to address problems with Social Security funding, your advisors have said you'd be willing to impose a new tax of up to 4 per cent on income over \$250,000. This would be on top of your proposals to raise income tax levels, and to raise the income caps on Social Security and Medicare taxes. Add in state income taxes, and many people will be paying a combined tax rate that approaches or even exceeds 60 per cent. How can you impose such burdensome taxes without expecting a negative effect on the economy?

409. Senator Obama, by changing the cap on Social Security taxes, the payroll tax would be raised from 16 to 32 per cent for families making \$250,000 per year or more. Based on those additional taxes, those Americans will end up getting less in Social Security benefits than they paid in taxes over their lifetimes. What would you say to those who argue you have gone way overboard with your proposal, and that, wealthy or not, Americans shouldn't be losing money with their Social Security taxes.

410. Senator Obama, while many have argued for the total elimination of the "Death Tax," you're calling for a permanent estate tax of up to 45 per cent. Americans pay taxes their entire lives on their income, capital gains, and real estate. Can't you at least see fit to let them leave what little they have left to their heirs? Must you confiscate 45 per cent from dead people?

411. Senator Obama, your tax plans include many "refundable" tax credits, meaning that low-income earners will be able to get refunds even greater than what they paid in taxes. How can you justify, for example, giving an \$800 tax refund to someone who may have paid only \$200 in income taxes, when that means taking even more money from people who earn it and giving it to people who do not?

412. Senator Obama, why aren't most of your proposals for expanding the role of the federal government not prohibited by the 10th Amendment to the United States Constitution?

413. Senator Obama, raising the capital gains tax reduces the value of everyone's 401(k), regardless of whether they earn \$250,000 or more. That is, whether you are a millionaire or a poor retiree, if you own stock in AT & T and the price of that stock goes down, you lose. Why, then, do you insist on raising the capital gains tax?

414. Senator Obama, if I have paid income taxes on my wages, and the company whose stock I own has paid corporate income taxes on its profits, why must I also have to pay a capital gains tax and a dividends tax? How can you justify taxing something that's already been taxed? And then taxing it again after I die and leave it to my children?

415. Senator Obama, you said that because marriage isn't defined in the Constitution, there should be no Constitutional Amendment defining marriage as between a man and a woman. But if marriage was already defined in the Constitution, we'd have no need for an amendment. By your logic, there should never have been a 13th Amendment

abolishing slavery because the words slave and slavery were never defined, or even appear, in the Constitution. What, then, is your point?

416. Senator Obama, you've said your campaign would be "transparent," but the media has not been allowed to view records related to your Chairmanship of the Chicago Annenberg Challenge. The media did, however, assist your campaign for the U. S. Senate by obtaining access to sealed divorce records that embarrassed your opponent, Jack Ryan. Why can they access private records but not access public records? What is being kept secret?

417. Senator Obama, the Democrat Party's proposed "Social Investment Fund Network" would allegedly provide federal funds to "social entrepreneurs." Exactly what would that mean, beyond giving billions of tax dollars to unaccountable groups to pass out to your supporters?

418. Senator Obama, you've been highly critical of what you Senator McCain's connections to "big oil," yet you have received more in campaign donations from ExxonMobil officials than your opponent. What does "big oil" want from you in exchange for those contributions?

419. Senator Obama, when Illinois' Cook County Board President John Stroger became ill during a primary election campaign, Chicago Democrats kept his illness a secret until the deadline for candidate filings had passed, and then managed to place the name of his son, Todd Stroger, on the ballot. Despite his total lack of experience and history as a corrupt, machine-style ward boss, you supported the young Stroger, calling him a "good, progressive Democrat." Qualified Democrats were outraged, especially those who supported reform of the corrupt and deficit-spending Cook County Board. As predicted by many, Stroger has since turned out to be a disaster. If you are such a firm believer in change and reform, why did you support Stroger, rather than the reform candidates?

420. Senator Obama, in 2006 your wife's salary went from \$121,900 to \$316,962. Was that increase related to the one million dollars in taxpayer money you managed to earmark for her employer?

421. Senator Obama, Chicago's Adler Planetarium had been looking for \$300,000 to upgrade a projector system. The planetarium's Board of Trustees then raised \$250,000 for your Presidential campaign, after which you earmarked \$3 million for the planetarium. What would you say to critics who believe you are very generous giving taxpayer money to donors?

422. Senator Obama, the nonpartisan Tax Policy Center estimates that your tax plan would add \$3.4 trillion to the national debt, including interest, by 2018. Are they correct? If not, where are they wrong?

423. Senator Obama, you have some mild agreement with those who would improve the education system with "merit pay," but your proposals would let the teachers unions

develop and define the tests for such determinations of merit. Isn't that a case of the fox guarding the hen-house? Shouldn't all such evaluations be conducted by outside parties?

424. Senator Obama, abortions have been responsible for more deaths of blacks than accidents, heart disease, stroke, crimes, and AIDS – combined. What have you done to slow the pace of abortions in the black community?

425. Senator Obama, you've said you do not exchange ideas with former Weather Underground, 1960s radical, and bomber William Ayers "on a regular basis." Do you exchange ideas with him on an "irregular basis?"

426. Senator Obama, your friend William Ayers has traveled to Venezuela several times and applauded Hugo Chavez' efforts to impose greater control over teachers in order to garner their support for his socialist ideas. Did Ayers have those same kinds of views when he worked with you on educational reforms in Chicago with the Annenberg Project?

427. Senator Obama, a member of your campaign, Mike Klonsky, runs a blog on your official web site. Klonsky was a 1960s radical in the Students for a Democratic Society, and an avid advocate of Maoism, who formed a pro-Chinese sect called the October League, which then evolved into a Beijing-recognized Communist Party. Klonsky was chairman of the party. Is that the kind of person we can expect to see in an Obama Administration?

428. Senator Obama, your campaign says you first met William Ayers at a fund-raiser he held for you at his home in November of 1995. But even before that date you were Chairman of the Board of the Chicago Annenberg Challenge Grant program set up by Ayers. Inasmuch as Ayers was unlikely to have named you the Chairman before he even met you? When, then, did you meet William Ayers?

429. Senator Obama, will you pledge that William Ayers will have no role in an Obama Administration, formal or otherwise?

430. Senator Obama, Eric Holder led your team to select your Vice-Presidential running mate, and is rumored to be a potential Attorney General in an Obama Administration. Mr. Holder was instrumental in getting Bill Clinton to pardon members of the terrorist group FALN. Don't you think most Americans would like someone who is tougher on crime to be Attorney General?

431. Senator Obama, your wife complained in July that you couldn't do much with a \$600 tax rebate check from President Bush, saying "...it may even feel good that first month when you get that check, and then you go out and you buy a pair of earrings." You are now proposing checks for \$1,000. Will that be enough for better earrings for your wife?

432. Senator Obama, one of your campaign ads says you “passed laws” that “extended healthcare for wounded troops who’d been neglected.” The ad then cites the 2008 Defense Authorization Bill, which passed the Senate 91-3, but you did not vote. Why are you running an ad claiming you did something that you didn’t do?

433. Senator Obama, why do you claim 20 years of public service when you served three years in the United States Senate and seven years in the Illinois State Senate, which adds up to only 10 years?

434. Senator Obama, you said that you passed “out of the U.S. Senate Banking Committee – which is my committee – a bill to call for divestment from Iran.” But isn’t it true that you aren’t on that committee?

435. Senator Obama, in Portland, Oregon, you said that Iran doesn’t “...pose a serious threat to us.” The next day, in Billings, Montana, you emphasized that you have “...made it clear for years that the threat from Iran is grave.” Why are liberals in Oregon safer than conservatives in Montana?

436. Senator Obama, you’ve talked quite a bit about helping the poor. You said that you believe “...America’s greatest moral failure... has been that we still don’t abide by the basic precept in Matthew that whatever you do for the least of my brothers you do for me.” You’ve proposed that American taxpayers cough up over \$65 billion per year in new taxes to fight global poverty, with much of that destined for Africa, yet your own half-brother is living in poverty in Kenya with an income of less than one dollar per month. Don’t you think you might want to follow the advice of Jesus a bit more yourself, before preaching to Americans that you’d like them to be more generous?

437. Senator Obama, why is it that liberals prevent Christmas carols from being sung in school because they don’t want to offend non-Christians, yet don’t hesitate to provide federal funding for artists whose work offends Christians?

438. Senator Obama, your Director of Constituent Services in your Senate office is Jennifer Mason, a member of Louis Farrakhan’s Nation of Islam. Do you think it’s appropriate to have staffers who belong to organizations with bigoted views toward Israel? How many other Nation of Islam members are on your staff?

439. Senator Obama, when you ran for the Senate you told the Chicago Jewish News that you denounced Israel’s anti-terrorist wall, which you called a “barrier to peace,” and said you favored working with Yasser Arafat. You also told at least one of your staffers that the Jewish community was too inflexible, and that was why the problems in the Mideast could not be resolved. Do you still feel that way, or have your views changed since you entered the Presidential race?

440. Senator Obama, Palestinian activist and Islamist Ali Abunimah, a close friend who attended an Arab fundraiser with you, said you have changed your proclaimed views

from those you have expressed privately in order to get Jewish donors and votes. How long after the election will it take for that to be obvious?

441. Senator Obama, you're a firm believer in the re-distribution of wealth. Do you think it might be fair to distribute a little bit of yours to your half-brother in Africa?

442. Senator Obama, during the Olympics you praised China's infrastructure, saying "Their ports, their train systems, their airports are vastly superior to us now" and, "if you are a corporation deciding where to do business, you're starting to think, 'Beijing looks like a pretty good option.'" Do you really believe China's ports, trains, and airports are better than those in America? And don't you understand that businesses relocate more for reasons of high corporate taxes and high union wage rates than for infrastructure?

443. Senator Obama, the Tenth Amendment reads, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." Why would that amendment not make the "Freedom of Choice Act," which will overturn all state abortion restrictions and which you say you will immediately sign, unconstitutional?

444. Senator Obama, Abraham Lincoln said, "To sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards of men." For the 20 years you sat in the pews during Reverend Jeremiah Wright's sermons, were you sleeping or sinning?

445. Senator Obama, you've said that you support equal pay for women, but pay discrimination is already outlawed by the Equal Pay Act of 1963. A woman who believes she is paid less than male co-workers doing the same work already has the right to file a complaint with the local office of the U.S. Department of Labor. Aren't you simply trying to trick into voting for you women who don't realize they already have such rights under the law? Wouldn't they be better off if you told them to file a complaint now, rather than to wait until you may be sworn in as President?

446. Senator Obama, you've said that Senator McCain lacks the judgment to be President because he voted to authorize the war in Iraq. Senator Biden also voted to authorize the war. If Joe Biden also lacks the judgment to be President, why did you choose him to be your running mate?

447. Senator Obama, a line-by-line comparison of your book, "Dreams From My Father," with the audio release, shows that the audio version you recorded omits a substantial number of references that many white people would call controversial. Are you hoping you can keep your beliefs secret until after Election Day?

448. Senator Obama, since the start of your campaign you've demanded a quick withdrawal of American troops from Iraq, yet during your July trip you asked the Iraqi government to hold off on agreeing to troop withdrawals until after the elections. It appears as though you are willing to have troops remain in harms' way longer, just to

ensure that the Bush Administration doesn't get credited with success for its surge strategy. How do you respond to that charge?

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