

## **An Open Letter to the Republican National Committee:**

Thanks for sending us your “registered exclusively” survey and your fake census forms over the past few weeks. Instead of answering your questions, I’ve decided to respond with a few of my own.

1. Why are there no specific proposals for curing our nation’s ills in any of your mailings? Surely there is someone in the Republican Party who can develop specific proposals for solving our health care problems, addressing the issues of climate change, job creation, and energy policy in a rational way so that the public can understand them and analyze them. Where is that person and where are the proposals?
2. Where is the evidence that the Republican Party actually understands the evidence for climate change, the impact of inadequate health care on our nation’s work force and economy, the role that education plays in a nation’s economic health, and the need for a long-term energy policy that recognizes the limits on global fossil fuel supply?
3. Where are some realistic proposals for actually solving immigration issues? Surely there is someone in the Republican Party who can actually address the rapidly changing ethnic mix of our nation in a way that is of benefit to all, including the United States employers whose economic health rests on immigrant shoulders?
4. How, exactly, would the Republican party create jobs, and if tax breaks for corporations and the wealthiest Americans is the answer, where is the solid evidence that this answer represents a realistic solution to the problem of unemployment?
5. On social issues, would the leaders of the Republican Party please provide all of us with the evidence that homosexuality is dangerous to society and that same-sex marriage will increase divorce rates and domestic violence among heterosexual couples? I don’t want highly selective Biblical injunctions here, or conjectures that aim to stimulate fear; I want evidence: real, statistical, evidence from well-designed studies.
6. Please assure me that the Republican Party is making every effort to provide funds for all children that would be born had they not been aborted. I am waiting for your sponsored legislation that will provide pre-natal care for all women with unwanted pregnancies if they cannot afford such care themselves, that will assure caring adoptive parents and education through high school for children resulting from all unwanted pregnancies, and will provide counseling to potentially abusive parents and fathers of such children. If the Democrats add amendments to such legislation providing for DNA testing so that the real fathers can be identified and held accountable, then I expect the National Republican Party to support such amendments because responsibility and accountability are such core Republican values.
7. Please provide evidence that you have studied and understood all of the options a nation such as ours has for handling criminals who are intent on causing havoc in the United States. Please provide evidence that torture actually produces the best and most

timely evidence available to law enforcement officials (note: Dick Cheney's opinion is not really tangible evidence), that options chosen by the current administration have the least chance of obtaining convictions (note: Rush Limbaugh and New Gingrich's opinions are not really tangible evidence), and that the United States can continue to conduct military operations on a global scale, or even expand those operations, without increased taxes. If your analysis shows that such operations cannot be sustained without additional taxes, please introduce legislation to increase taxes to support our military, including adequate post-combat medical care for veterans.

8. Please provide tangible evidence that climate change is not occurring. Note: disagreement among scientists as to the *cause* of climate change does not constitute such evidence; the American public understands that politicians and scientists argue, for various reasons, over *causes*; I would like to hear from my national Republican Party that climate is not changing and I would like to be able to check the evidence for such a claim.

I realize that these questions are sort of in the same category as a doctoral exam in public health, or foreign relations, or economics, or global ecology. For that reason, I'm not asking for a long answer, just three pages of double-spaced typing, with simple, numbered, statements of the solutions to our nation's problems. An additional page, or additional pages, can contain a bibliography that allows me to check your evidence. We all know and admit that newspaper stories, magazine articles, television broadcasts, and quotes by politicians are not really evidence. Please cite sources, preferably from original studies conducted by reputable scholars, that provide information that can be checked for accuracy. If statistics available to all Americans can be cited, then please provide the source of these statistics.

Send your answers to me and I will post them on my blog for the world to read. In the meantime until you've answered these simple questions, please stop sending me and my wife your "registered exclusive" surveys and fake census forms.

Sincerely,

John Janovy, Jr.

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