



# 2012 PA U.S. Senate Voter's Guide

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## AT A GLANCE

CANDIDATE							
	Bob CASEY (D)	David CHRISTIAN (R)	Sam ROHRER (R)	Marc SCARINGI (R)	Tom SMITH (R)	Joe VODVARKA (D)	Steve WELCH (R)
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ISSUE							
<b>Abortion NRL – National Right to Life *Endorsed by <a href="#">Lifepac</a></b>	Prolife with exception of life of mother, rape or incest; NRL ranking: 25%; Supports morning after pill	States Prolife	Prolife 100%*	Prolife 100%*	Prolife 100%*	Prolife 100%	Prolife except when the life of the mother is threatened.*
<b>Budget &amp; Economy</b>	Voted in favor of tabling the bill and thus opposed the Cut, Cap, and Balance plans; voted in favor of the debt increase in Feb. & Dec. 2010, the	Supports balanced budget.	Stop spending, no increase to debt ceiling, increase economy	Stop spending, pass balance budget amendment; supports gold standard	Examined for waste, fraud & corruption; acknowledged that a gold standard would prevent the printing of money	Supports balanced budget amendment; Cut spending; stop borrowing; supports gold standard	Pass Cut, Cap & Balance., % of debt to GDP 18-20%; opposes gold standard; supports balanced budget amendment with a cap to the GDP

	2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008, the October 2008, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act - the TARP and the 2007 to increase the debt ceiling						
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<b><a href="#">Contract from America</a></b>	Did not sign	Did not sign	Signed	Signed	Signed	Did not sign	Signed
<b>Education</b>	Supports more funding for public education; Opposes school vouchers; Voted YES on additional \$10.2B for federal education & HHS projects; supported proposal, children would be required to learn about green initiatives under the Green Schools Act	Return education to the state level; Believes that the Federal Department of Education should be eliminated.	Wrote the standard-setting EITC (Educational Investment Tax Credit) law; believes that educational decisions are best made as local as possible.	Believes the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, states that the power to regulate in the area of education is reserved to the states or the people. As such, the federal Department of Education should be abolished and education policy should be determined at the state and local level. I believe education policy is best determined by parents, teachers,	Believes since every state has a Department of Education one is not needed on the federal level.	Require public schools teach what led up to the Constitution, before and after the Revolutionary war, so that generations to come understand why the constitution was so important.	Return decision making to our own communities; encourage school choice and charter schools

				administrators and school boards at the local level.			
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<b>Energy &amp; Oil</b>	Voted NO on barring EPA from regulating greenhouse gases; Voted YES on factoring global warming into federal project planning; Sign on to UN Framework Convention on Climate Change; Designate sensitive ANWR area as protected wilderness; Opposes drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.	Marcellus Shale: must balance environmental concerns; supports drilling for oil	Marcellus Shale: Keep this industry at state government and not federal.	Marcellus Shale: fears Federal Government regulation ( EPA) could have power to shut it down if put under the EPA Safe Drinking Water Act; believes energy development should be handled by state; favors development of all traditional energy sources	Marcellus Shale: PA should handle all environmental issues; Federal govt. should not be involved.	Support drilling anywhere it's available but should be kept here and not exported.	Marcellus Shale: Let free market handle environment issues, not government.
<b>Environment</b>	Supported \$2 billion more for Cash for Clunkers program; Fund brownfield and Superfund cleanups; introduced S587 "The FRAC Act"—Fracturing Responsibility and Awareness of Chemicals. The bill, if passed would place the practice of high volume hydraulic fracturing ("fracking")	Supports energy development; could not find definitive environmental policy	Opposes "Cap and Tax" legislation	Opposes a Federal energy policy such as Cap & Trade	Opposes Cap & Trade	Environmentalists should want coal plants built in the US because we have the best ways to control pollution.	Believes that we need to reframe the environment argument by acknowledging that what we do has an impact but we can deal with it; suggests that global warming may be influenced by human activity and should be some assessment of environmental

	under the provisions of the Federal Department EPA Safe Drinking Water Act; supports Cap & Trade						impacts caused by humans; opposes Cap & Trade
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<b>Foreign Policy</b>	Supports unshakeable bond with Israel; YES on cooperating with India as a nuclear power; Pressure friendly Arab states to end Israeli boycott.	Great foreign threat is oil dependency; solution is energy independence.	Currently have a failed policy. Need a foreign policy that defines who are our friends and enemies; foreign aid should be eliminated; supports Israel but believes the U.S. should respect its independence; should have option to strike Iran.	Should not be police of world; stop nation building; end foreign aid; bring troops home; would not take options off the table for dealing with Iran but would rely heavily on diplomacy	Most pressing issue is Iran & Middle East; prefers sanctions; would defend Israel	Supports a strike on Iran if there is well-established evidence that they have been developing a nuclear weapon and non-military options failed to stop it.	Cannot allow Iran to go nuclear; every option on table; stands with Israel
<b>Free Trade</b>	Opposes unfair trade laws like the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) that put U.S. workers at a disadvantage; believes it's unfair to make US workers compete with weak foreign laws; Review free trade agreements biennially for rights violation	Supports if fair	Supports if fair	Opposes – does not think that trade treaties thus far have supported U.S interests. Would if they did	Supports	Enact Fair Trade	Supports
<b>Government Reform</b>	Voted against defunding ACORN;	Eliminate Federal Department:	Eliminate Federal Department:	Eliminate Federal Department:	Eliminate Federal Department:	Supports term limits; have a 21 day grace	Eliminate Federal Department:

	Voted NO on requiring photo ID to vote in federal elections; Voted YES on providing a US House seat for the District of Columbia; Lobbyist money ok if it has no impact on your vote.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education</li> </ul> Federal govt. has no right getting involved in energy industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Energy</li> <li>EPA (75%)</li> </ul> Probably phase out education within 4 years; No govt. subsidies; govt. should remove barriers and regulations for free markets to work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Labor</li> <li>Energy</li> <li>Housing</li> <li>Education</li> <li>IRS</li> </ul> Govt. should not confiscate wealth thru taxation to develop industry; should be done by free market.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education</li> <li>Energy</li> </ul> Stop governmental subsidies to states.	period where bills may be viewed openly by the public before they are voted on.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education</li> </ul> Cut power given to lobbyists
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<b>Gun control</b>	Pro Second Amendment	Pro Second Amendment	Pro Second Amendment	Pro Second Amendment	Pro Second Amendment	Pro Second Amendment	Pro Second Amendment
<b>Healthcare PACA: Patient Affordable Care Act (Obamacare)</b>	Supports suing HMOs, but opposes damage caps; Voted NO on the Ryan Budget: Medicare choice, tax & spending cuts; Voted YES on expanding the Children's Health Insurance Program; Voted YES on requiring negotiated Rx prices for Medicare part D; Fight to Expand Health Care Coverage( 2005); supported PACA	PACA should be repealed; people can use E.R.'s if they don't have insurance.	PACA should be repealed in its entirety; Federal Govt. should not be involved & should not mandate; state level solutions.	Repeal PACA; Regulation not in constitution; reserved for states; supports free market solutions.	Let free market work; tort reform necessary; supports repeal of PACA	The president's healthcare bill should be scrapped supports free-market solutions to lower costs	Return to states; tort reform; free market solutions; repeal PACA.
<b>Homeland Security NDAA: National Defense</b>	Believes Patriot Act is vital law in war on terror; Voted YES on extending the Patriot Act's roving wiretaps;	Patriot Act: Overhaul NDAA: Portions of bill must be stopped.	Patriot Act: Repeal NDAA: would have voted against it as written.	Patriot Act: Repeal – unconstitutional; NDAA: strongly opposes finds it egregious	Patriot Act: Would not have voted for it but there is a balance between security & liberty.	Regarding TSA: "...eliminate government intrusion in our lives	Patriot Act: No stance NDAA: supports repealing part of bill that gives Pres. The power to detain U.S.

<b>Authoriza- tion Act</b>	Repeal Don't-Ask-Don't-Tell, and reinstate discharged gays				NDA: Unsure – balance between security & liberty		citizens.
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<b>Immigration</b>	Voted NO on declaring English as the official language of the US government; Voted YES on eliminating the "Y" nonimmigrant guest worker program; voted in favor of the DREAM Act	Wants the border s closed but not building a wall or fence, rather technology such as drones & other high tech devices.	Supports shutting the border using a mix of border controls; opposes amnesty for illegal aliens; deny social services to illegal immigrants; strengthen guest worker programs; supports path to citizenship for those who have been in the country for many years, who work and pay their taxes.	Borders define our nation; supports fence and any other means to shut down border; supports stopping all benefits to illegal immigrants; supports massive deportation; believes that federal government should allow states to defend their borders.	Building a fence 2,000 long is too costly; must use a mix of border controls; opposes amnesty for those who came here illegally.	Supports double fence on borders.	Use data to determine best way to secure borders; supports secure borders, E-Verify & stiff employer penalties; supports reverse immigration for those here by removing jobs & social benefits which serve as magnets; should be clearer pathways to citizenship
<b>Jobs</b>	Voted YES on extending unemployment benefits from 39 weeks to 59 weeks; Voted YES on restricting employer interference in union organizing; Voted YES on increasing minimum wage to \$7.25; Form unions by card-check instead of secret ballot.	Knows how to help people obtain employment through his experience creating job training programs for returning veterans	Believes good jobs and a strong economy occur when government at all levels is limited and government does not compete with the private sector.	Believes that pro-growth policies such cutting taxes, eliminating burdensome regulations, and repealing Obamacare are needed to restore job growth and prosperity; believes that it is the free market that creates jobs not government	Believes jobs are created by the free market,; energy development is a tremendous source for job creation	Wants to bring manufacturing jobs back to the US by creating a level playing field	Must eliminate job killing regulations



<b>Marriage</b>	Opposes same-sex marriage but supports civil unions; supports keeping DOMA in place but not a constitutional amendment.	Information not available on line	Believes that the strongest family model is comprised of one man, one woman, and their children.	Does not support gay marriage. He also supports the Defense of Marriage Act; believes gay marriage should be left to the states to decide; believes "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is one which the military must undertake	Information not available on line	Information not available on line	Marriage between one man and one woman is a bedrock principle of our civilization. There should be no other definitions of marriage.
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<b>Social Security</b>	Opposes Social Security privatization; Voted NO on establishing reserve funds & pre-funding for Social Security	Information not available	Supports reform of SS including opt outs	Supports reform of SS including opt outs with eventual sunseting for younger/future workers.	Supports reform of SS including opt outs	Should have been kept in a trust rather than put into the general fund.	Believes that SS program needs to be structurally reformed.
<b>Tax Reform</b>	Voted YES on increasing tax rate for people earning over \$1 million; Voted NO on raising the Death Tax exemption to \$5M from \$1M; Voted NO on repealing the Alternative Minimum Tax; Voted NO on raising estate tax exemption to \$5 million	Supports flat tax that all citizens pay; supports corporate tax reduced to 12-18%; supports elimination of the death & capital gains tax	Eliminate personal income tax; cut corporate tax in half; eliminate double taxation of U.S. corporate foreign income; supports a broader tax such flat or sales tax concept.	Eliminate Federal Income tax; throw out IRS; Repeal 16 <sup>th</sup> Amendment; if tax is kept supports flat tax; states and the federal government should repeal prevailing wage laws	Simplify; reduce & close loopholes; supports flat tax	Supports no inheritance tax; the current tax system needs reformed	Simplify tax code; take away loop holes & deductions.
<b>Term Limits</b>	Voted against term limit amendment in February 2012.	Information not available	Opposes term limits for Legislators but supports a smaller	Strongly supports citizen legislator; pledged to limit	Supports; wants citizen legislature	Supports	Supports term limits of 12 years for members of House &

			approach to term limits with self-imposed term limits on Committee Chairmanships and leadership positions within the House and Senate	House to 3-2 yr. terms & Senate to 2-6yr.			Senate; supports citizen legislature
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<b>War &amp; Peace</b>	Iran: All options on the table to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon; endorses the use of tough sanctions	Iran: Endorses dialogue with Iran but also supported a cautious approach	Iran: advocates a strike but doing it in a supportive role with Israel.	Iran: Endorses a policy of engagement and diplomacy to avoid war but would not take any option off the table	Believes we should continue to use blockades but in the end if Iran obtains nuclear weapons, we must stand and defend with Israel	Supports a strike on Iran if there is well-established evidence that they have been developing a nuclear weapon and non-military options failed to stop it.	Iran: A nuclear Iran is too risky a proposition to let happen; cannot take anything off the table

## Questionnaires

Questionnaires were sent to all senatorial candidates and we thank those who completed them. We received 5 responses. Enjoy!



**BOB CASEY (D)**

Mr. Casey did not respond to our questionnaire.



**DAVID CHRISTIAN (R)**

Mr. Christian did not respond to our questionnaire.



**SAM ROHRER (R)**

**2012 Pennsylvania Senatorial Questionnaire**  
**Please answer fully**

**1. With the Health Care bill being such a dominant issue, what parts of the bill would you be willing to support?**

*Answer: In simple terms, nothing. There is nothing about Obama Care that can be kept or maintained on the federal level. The entire legislation is unconstitutional and must be repealed in its entirety. Items like portability across state lines of health insurance which is something that Congress can do must not be confused with any aspect of Obamacare.*

**2. To break the partisan bickering, would you agree to a small income tax increase on the 1%?**

*Answer: No. Compromise on principle is never acceptable. To further our move toward socialism (as this tax would do) is unacceptable. Partisan bickering is best diffused by strong principled leadership from our Congressmen and Senators based on Constitutional arguments. As long as Congress remains fixed on avoiding making the focus on the Constitution and whether or not it authorizes certain spending, the impasse will get more protracted. Besides, increasing more taxes will only mean more spending.*

**3. The Housing Crisis continues unabated with foreclosures expected to increase in 2012 from 2011. Would you continue funding various organizations to counsel and**

**protect those homeowners facing foreclosure and eviction?**

*Answer: This is an interesting question. From a free enterprise perspective, the federal government should not be involved in home mortgages. Their involvement in Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae and the political strings have destroyed the mortgage market and contributed to our debt. These entities should be resolved into the private sector where local banks and state and local law would govern. Taxpayer paid organizations to counsel people could be eliminated on a federal level.*

**4. Regarding military spending, would you increase, decrease or keep the same?**

*Answer: Military spending should be budgeted to maintain a military of the highest quality and strength to adequately defend our nation. The current proposed cuts in military spending to take us back to dangerous levels in nuclear capacity etc. as proposed by the President are dangerous at the same time the world is increasingly less stable. However, this is not to say that there are not savings that can be made in military spending. The question is not really more or less spending but adequate and efficient spending.*

**5. To support world peace efforts, would you vote to continue worldwide efforts to promote democracy?**

*Answer: Yes, depending upon the definition of 'efforts'. As the leader of the free world, it is incumbent upon the US and the President in particular to encourage support for freedom fighters around the world and they encourage the strengthening of the peoples who aspire to freedom. This can be done in a number of ways which I don't believe is best achieved through the normal 'nation building' efforts of the past or the wasteful foreign aid programs which have tended to support our enemies far too often.*

**6. Given the humanitarian disasters throughout Africa, would you increase aid or pull back to lessen our spending deficits?**

*Answer: As a matter of policy, foreign aid, paid for by the taxpayer should be eliminated. How can we provide aid to others when we are nearly bankrupt. However, the involvement of private and church based organizations should be encouraged to meet such needs as they have been doing so well.*

**7. What do you think should be done about the income gap?**

*Answer: The best thing to do is get the federal government out of the economy and its tentacles out of the free-enterprise system. Income gap becomes a non-issue as the middle class grows and Americans participate in prosperity as our history has so demonstrated. Certainly, fixing the income gap is not the job of government. Removing the barriers to the market fixing the problem is the responsibility.*

**8. Should we discontinue our membership in the United Nations?**

Answer: *Yes. The sooner the better.*

**9. Do you have any misgivings about the Keystone pipeline project?**

Answer: *None that the proper application of existing safeguards won't address.*

**10. Would you support a fence on the southern border? If not, why not?**

Answer: *I support the enforcement of the law which means shutting the border. That may include a portion of fence, but may best include virtual systems or other techniques. But, protecting our borders and therefore our citizens is necessary.*

**11. Personal Question for Sam Rohrer: In 2001, you voted yourself a 50% increase in your pension. In 2005, you voted to give yourself a 16% pay increase. Knowing that ALL of those dollars came from the taxpayers, could you explain why this is an acceptable practice and how it fits the conservative model of fiscal responsibility and constitutionally limited government?**

Answer: *In 2001, I voted to make certain pension changes for all state retirees. As in all my over 100,000 votes, I considered the aspects of cost and impact. This particular vote was made based on the recommendations of the actuaries who oversaw the fiscal condition of the 2 state employee retiree systems. The funds then were heavily overfunded,(as were most all pension funds around the country, public and private), and therefore the basis to make a change. Obviously, all funds later became distressed. That is why I for a decade or more called for a defined contribution system vs. a defined benefit system and I still hold to that now.*

*As to the 2005 vote, the vote was constitutional as it was the constitutional way to make changes in pay for Executive, Legislative and Judicial pay. The primary justification for me was to modify pay schedules for Executive branch appointments in key positions that were difficult to fill (as was identified under the Ridge administration and before). The biggest problem with this bill was the arrogant attitude of Legislative leaders to the people and the fact that many members of the Legislature took pay early (which is unconstitutional and which I spoke against and never took any pay increase). When the leaders responded so terrible to the people, I and some other members stepped forward and pushed for a repeal of this bill, which was accomplished. As to all my votes, this is the one I wish I had not made, but learned a lot from how it was handled and it has made me stronger and wiser.*

**Flash Round – yes or no.**

**You may give reasons why or why not if you wish.**

**Which of the following are you willing to support?**

1. Elimination of the Federal income tax, IRS, and repeal of the 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment to be replaced by some form of Fair Tax. **Yes**
2. Privatization of the TSA. **Yes**
3. Reform Medicare by allowing individuals to opt out of Medicare. **Yes**
4. Reform Social Security by allowing individuals born after 1981 to opt into their own personal retirement account. **Yes**
5. End urban mass transit grants. **Yes**



**MARC SCARINGI (R)**

### **2012 Pennsylvania Senatorial Questionnaire**

**Please answer fully**

**1. With the Health Care bill being such a dominant issue, what parts of the bill would you be willing to support?**

*None. The U.S. Constitution does not empower the federal government to legislate in the area of health care. Furthermore, government involvement leads to escalating costs and rationing of care. I will work for the complete repeal of Obamacare. I will replace Obamacare with freedom and the free enterprise system. We need to return health insurance to what it is supposed to be – insurance against the risk of catastrophic loss, not a payment system for regular health care expenses. By phasing out of third party pay for most health care expenditures, and returning to first party pay for regular, non---catastrophic health care needs, we will reduce the cost of health insurance for individuals and businesses. This will make health insurance more affordable and thus accessible to more Americans. I also favor enhancing tax preferences for employer and/or self---funded individual Health Savings Accounts. This will encourage individuals to provide and pay for their own regular, non---catastrophic health care needs on a tax---preferred basis out of portable accounts the individual – not the employer – owns. Thus, individuals will once again own their own health insurance*



*policies and accounts, be able to save for health care needs on a tax---preferred basis, be able to pay directly for health care services and thus avoid rationing of care that results from third party and government---provided health care. By restoring first party pay and the free enterprise system, health care costs will be reduced for all and more Americans will be able to afford health insurance and receive the health care they need.*

**2. To break the partisan bickering, would you agree to a small income tax increase on the 1%?**

*Absolutely not! I want to free the American people – all the American people – from the indentured servitude to the federal government by repealing the 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment, abolishing the IRS and repealing the Internal Revenue Code. I do not want the American people to spend their lives working for the government. I want the American people to be free from the government. And, I reject the class warfare, tax the “rich” mentality. I want pro---growth tax policies that help more Americans become “rich.” By eliminating the tax on work, savings and investment, we will allow the American people to keep the fruits of their own labor and they will become wealthier and better able to provide for themselves and their families. They will also save and invest those fruits – creating the seed corn that is vital to a capitalist economic system. The more we save and invest, the stronger our families and businesses will be. But, our government wants the American people to borrow, spend and consume. That is how to destroy our economy, bankrupt our government and impoverish the American people. We must free the American people from the oppression of the federal income tax and restore free---market based capitalism to America. This will lead to the greatest economic expansion this country has ever seen, will lift our economy to soaring new heights and put millions of Americans back to work.*

**3. The Housing Crisis continues unabated with foreclosures expected to increase in 2012 from 2011. Would you continue funding various organizations to counsel and protect those homeowners facing foreclosure and eviction?**

*No. The U.S. Constitution does not empower the federal government to legislate in the area of housing. And the federal government’s intervention into the housing market has had disastrous consequences. The federal government, through the policies of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and the easy money monetary policy of the Federal Reserve, caused the housing bubble that burst that led to the crisis on Wall Street and the Great Recession. Presidents George W. Bush and Barak Obama and the U.S. Congress exacerbated the crisis by using taxpayer dollars to bail out failed Wall Street investment*

*banks and other financial institutions. President Obama continues to depress the housing market by providing financial assistance to individuals who are unable to make their mortgage payments. President Obama's continued intervention into the housing market, with the intent to prop up housing prices by keeping people into homes they cannot afford, is only making the problem worse. Instead, the government should allow the free enterprise system to work. Those homeowners who cannot make their mortgage payments will relieve themselves of the debt and the mortgage burden by surrendering their homes and moving to less expensive housing. This will strengthen their financial position. Once the government stops propping up housing prices, prices will find their bottom and then begin to rise again as demand rises and the housing market will then rebound naturally. That is why we must remove the federal government from its involvement in housing by repealing federal housing laws such as the Community Reinvestment Act, abolishing the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, privatizing Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and reining in the Federal Reserve Banking System and putting it on the path to extinction by preventing it from manipulating interest rates and stopping it from printing money out of thin air. By preventing the Fed from manipulating interest rates, the price of money (i.e. interest rates) will be determined by the free market instead of a central planner. This will help stabilize the housing market and eliminate the bubbles. By stopping the federal government from subsidizing housing for those who cannot afford it, this will also help stabilize the housing market, prevent bubbles from occurring and help the American people by encouraging them to get into housing they can afford.*

**4. Regarding military spending, would you increase, decrease or keep the same?**

*We must always have the strongest military on Earth, but must use it sparingly and only to protect the national security interests of the American people. There is a difference between spending on defense and spending on militarism. My efforts would be focused on reducing spending on militarism and strengthening the defense of America. I would vote to decrease spending on overseas military bases and installations by turning those bases over to the host country or shutting them down but in any case bringing our troops home. We can no longer afford to defend the Germans, Italians, Japanese and the South Koreans – and we can save billions by bringing our troops home from those countries.*

*Furthermore, I would end the war in Afghanistan and bring our troops home now saving billions of dollars and saving the lives of countless American soldiers. I would stop all nation---building endeavors around the world and focus on rebuilding the defense of America. This will save us additional billions. By returning to a foreign policy based*

*upon the principle we are a Republic, not an Empire and freeing America from this self-imposed moral duty to “Police the World” or “Make the World Safe for Democracy”, we will save hundreds of billions a year, will stop stirring up anti-American hatred around the world and will make America stronger and the American people safer.*

**5. To support world peace efforts, would you vote to continue worldwide efforts to promote democracy?**

*We must reject this liberal, progressive ideology that it is our duty to “Make the World Safe for Democracy” that was brought to the forefront of our foreign policy by the liberal progressives, Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and has been embraced by Presidents George H.W. and George W. Bush and the entire modern Republican and Democratic Parties. This liberal, progressive ideology was rejected by our Founding Fathers, all of our presidents for the first 125 years of the Republic, and our greatest warrior-statesmen from George Washington to Dwight Eisenhower, as well as Ronald Reagan. Unfortunately, today’s Republican and Democratic Parties have embraced this failed liberal ideology that has bankrupted America and caused anti-American hatred throughout the world and has generated blowback by fanning the flames of radical jihad. There is a reason our greatest statesmen warned us strongly against going around the world in search of monsters to destroy. We must listen to them.*

**6. Given the humanitarian disasters throughout Africa, would you increase aid or pull back to lessen our spending deficits?**

*No. First, the Constitution does not empower the federal government to provide foreign or humanitarian aid. Second, America cannot afford to pay its own bills, let alone provide financial assistance to foreign governments or foreign peoples. Third, foreign aid frequently goes to corrupt officials of foreign governments who use the aid to enrich themselves and not to assist people in need. It makes no sense for the U.S. government to confiscate the property of poor Americans and redistribute that property to wealthy foreign government officials. Fourth, foreign aid causes and exacerbates dependency of foreign governments and foreign peoples on the aid itself, thus creating and perpetuating a cycle of dependency. Fifth, foreign governments take advantage of our largess by using our own foreign aid as a form of bribery against us. Because we offer and provide foreign aid, foreign governments will only do what we want them to do if we give them foreign aid. So it becomes a vicious cycle. Sixth, there are few real restraints on how the foreign government spends our money. For example, we provide foreign aid to Pakistan ostensibly for it to help us combat al---*

*Qaeda and it uses the money to strengthen its military on the border with its enemy and our ally, India, while it protects Osama bin Laden. Seventh, the foreign aid is often used to prop up foreign despots who brutalize their own people. The people then become resentful toward the U.S. because we are arming, supplying and giving money and assistance to the dictator who brutalizes them. Examples of this unintended consequence of foreign aid are replete throughout the Arab World. For the above reasons, I will vote to end all foreign aid.*

**7. What do you think should be done about the income gap?**

*First, we can do much to decrease the income gap by eliminating government benefits to people who do not work. By eliminating government benefits, such as cash assistance, food stamps, housing assistance and unemployment compensation, people who do not work and thus do not generate income will go back to or start work and thus generate income. This will begin to close the income gap. Second, we can eliminate the federal tax on work, savings and investment. By eliminating the tax on work, for example, more people will work and thus generate income and more people will work harder thus generating more income. This will help close the income gap. Third, we can eliminate the corporate welfare and crony capitalism and other forms of government theft and redistribution of wealth from the non---politically connected to those who are politically connected. This will reduce the incomes of the recipients of government--- sponsored corporate welfare, and thus close the income gap. We should stop all of these government bailouts that take taxpayer dollars away from the non---politically connected and redistribute those dollars to the politically connected, such as owners of Wall Street investment banks, executives at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and executives and owners of companies such as Solyndra.*

**8. Should we discontinue our membership in the United Nations?**

*Yes, I would vote to withdraw the United States from the United Nations, prohibit any U.S. government funding to the United Nations and evict the UN from New York and remove it from the United States. The UN is responsible for so many policies that harm U.S. foreign policy and domestic policy and interests. The policy of the UN is to create a New World Order where the sovereignty of the individual nation states is subordinate to the UN. This cannot be allowed to continue. I will fight against any and all efforts to take or weaken the sovereignty of the United States. I do not believe in one---world government.*

**9. Do you have any misgivings about the Keystone pipeline project?**

*No. The United States Congress should take back its Constitutional authority to regulate foreign commerce and pass a bill approving the Keystone XL application submitted by TransCanada, LLC. The Keystone Pipeline should be approved and passed immediately. The addition of the Keystone Pipeline will add 800,000 barrels of oil a day to the U.S. market, will provide a much needed boost of business to our oil refineries, will help reduce the price we pay for gas at the pump and help reduce our dependence on foreign sources of oil from the volatile Middle East. Furthermore, the construction of the Keystone Pipeline will add 20,000 construction---related jobs to the American people at a time when we desperately need new job creation.*

**10. Would you support a fence on the southern border? If not, why not?**

*Yes, a nation without borders is no longer a nation. I would support a fence across our Southern border, and support any other means necessary to close down our border completely and stop illegal immigration in its tracks. I would vote to end the enticement for illegal aliens to steal their way into our country by ending all government aid, benefits and subsidies to illegal aliens. I would enforce our anti--- illegal immigration laws more vigorously. I would support a more concerted and concentrated effort of deportation of all illegal aliens regardless of how long they have resided in America. I will oppose any effort to create a Pathway to Citizenship.*

**11. Personal Question for Marc Scaringi: You list your opinions on the issues in your Free America Agenda. Can you list three main points in this Agenda that differentiate you from the other Republican candidates and define your candidacy?**

*My candidacy is defined by my desire to restore the Constitutional Republic created by our Founding Fathers and the freedoms, personal liberties and individual rights our government was created to defend. My candidacy is distinguishable from the other candidates in this campaign not only by my adherence to the Constitution and my desire to restore freedom and personal liberty, but also by my addressing right in my Free America Agenda three of the most significant problems with our country today: (1) the federal personal income tax has turned a free, proud, prosperous and independent people into indentured servants to the government. Half of the American people*

*work their entire lives to pay this tax which is then redistributed by the government to provide welfare to the other half of the American people so they do not have to work to provide for themselves. The federal income tax is grossly unfair, unjust and un--- American. Furthermore, because the federal personal income tax makes it so easy for the government to raise so much revenue, it has allowed the government to metastasize into the massive Leviathan that it has become. If we take away the federal personal income tax, the government by necessity must shrink in size. The more we can shrink the size of government, the more we can expand freedom for the American people. (2) We must put the Federal Reserve Banking System on the path to extinction. The Federal Reserve, by creating money out of thin air, and combined with the federal personal income tax, has allowed the government to become the Leviathan it has become. If we stop the government from printing money, then the government would not be able to afford this massive welfare and warfare state. By removing the financing of the welfare and warfare state, we will save the Republic from bankruptcy and restore freedom to the American people. (3) We must also reject this liberal, progressive, interventionist foreign policy that has had America at war nearly continuously since World War I. These constant wars have bankrupted the country, led to the unnecessary death and injury of countless Americans, have stirred up resentment around the world, have caused devastating blowback against innocent Americans and have made America profoundly weaker and less secure. If we do not reverse course on fiscal, monetary policy and foreign policy, the Republic will not survive. I am the only candidate addressing the three most fundamental issues of the day – the three policies that are destroying our freedoms, bankrupting our nation and making the American people less secure.*

**Flash Round – yes or no.**

**You may give reasons why or why not if you wish.**

**Which of the following are you willing to support?**

1. Elimination of the Federal income tax, IRS, and repeal of the 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment to be replaced by some form of Fair Tax.

***One of the six items on my Free America Agenda is to eliminate the federal income tax, abolish the IRS and repeal the 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment. I would not replace the federal income tax with any new taxing authority or new tax. I would generate revenues needed to run the federal government from the sources set forth in the U.S. Constitution, including duties, imposts, tariffs and excise taxes. This is the revenue structure put into place by our Founding Fathers and was used to build America into the strongest and wealthiest nation on Earth. If we reduce the size of the federal government to that which is authorized by the Constitution, we would not need the revenues currently generated by the federal personal income tax to generate revenues.***

**2. Privatization of the TSA.**

***Yes, I support the privatization of the TSA. One of the first positions I took in this campaign was to call upon Homeland Security Secretary, Janet Napolitano, to remove the body imaging scans and stop the enhanced pat downs at our airports because these tactics violate our 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment right to be free from unreasonable search and seizure. Furthermore, not only do these TSA procedures violate our Constitution, they are also ineffective in deterring terrorists. Apparently, the TSA cannot account for one successful detention of a suspected terrorist by using these tactics. The TSA should be privatized and these body imaging and pat down tactics should be banned as unconstitutional violations of our right to privacy.***

**3. Reform Medicare by allowing individuals to opt out of Medicare.**

***Yes, not only should individuals be allowed to opt out of Medicare, I would work toward sunseting Medicare for my and younger generations. The Constitution does not empower the federal government to create a health insurance program and force Americans into it. Individuals should provide for their own health insurance. The government has proven itself to be grossly inept in running its health insurance program. Medicare is insolvent and is getting more insolvent every day. The government's health insurance program has failed. So, it is time to get the government out of providing health insurance and back to doing only what the Constitution authorizes.***

4. Reform Social Security by allowing individuals born after 1981 to opt into their own personal retirement account.

*Yes, I support allowing individuals to opt into personal retirement accounts. Furthermore, I support sunseting Social Security for my and future generations. The Constitution does not empower the federal government to create and maintain an old age insurance program. The federal government's program has been an absolute failure. Social Security is insolvent and can never afford to pay the benefits it has guaranteed. Social Security has discouraged individuals from saving and providing for their retirement and has encouraged individuals to become dependent upon the government. Individuals should provide for their retirements, not depend upon the government to provide a retirement for them. There is no way around work, savings and investing for one's retirement. The government just steals the Social Security and Medicare taxes we pay and uses those monies to fund other government programs. Because of the government's own failure to hold our Social Security and Medicare funds in trust, we cannot depend upon the government to provide for our retirements.*

5. End urban mass transit grants.

*Yes, the Constitution does not empower the federal government to be involved in urban mass transit. Thus, under the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the power to legislate and regulate urban mass transit remains with the states.*





**TOM SMITH (R)**

## **2012 Pennsylvania Senatorial Questionnaire**

**Please answer fully**

**1. With the Health Care bill being such a dominant issue, what parts of the bill would you be willing to support?**

*The Health Care bill as it exists today is unconstitutional, costly, and threatens our religious liberties. We need to repeal the bill in its entirety and start over with a new proposal that embraces the free market and contains significant tort reform that will help to keep costs down.*

**2. To break the partisan bickering, would you agree to a small income tax increase on the 1%?**

*I would not agree to an increased tax on the 1%. These are the very people and small businesses that we need to grow this economy and we cannot do that by taxing them more. I support a Flat Tax.*

**3. The Housing Crisis continues unabated with foreclosures expected to increase in 2012 from 2011. Would you continue funding various organizations to counsel and protect those homeowners facing foreclosure and eviction?**

*No, I do not believe that it is the role of the federal government to keep people in homes that they cannot afford. It was government laws and mandates that caused this problem and more government laws and mandates will not cure the problem.*

**4. Regarding military spending, would you increase, decrease or keep the same?**

*As with any other part of the federal government, I believe we should examine our military spending for waste that can be eliminated while not affecting the strength of the armed forces. However, the current cuts that the military is facing are unacceptable. As senator, I would support ending the sequestration of military funding caused by the failure of the Super Committee and the Budget Control Act that will ensure that the United States Military remains the most powerful in the world.*

**5. To support world peace efforts, would you vote to continue worldwide efforts to promote democracy?**

*We need to make sure our involvement is limited only to protecting our own national security.*

**6. Given the humanitarian disasters throughout Africa, would you increase aid or pull back to lessen our spending deficits?**

*Radical groups like Al-Qaeda are attempting to take advantage of these same humanitarian disasters in Africa in order to spread their influence. As a result I view some foreign aid as an extension of our defense policy. While foreign aid makes up one percent of our budget, any dollar wasted is unacceptable. Additionally I have concerns about several of the nations that we currently provide aid to as much of it is not for humanitarian reasons. As a result we must enact reforms to our foreign aid policies so that aid is given with our own national security in mind and in order to make sure that aid is sent to those nations that need it the most and that those receiving that aid are accountable and spend those funds properly.*

**7. What do you think should be done about the income gap?**

*We need to cut spending, reduce taxes, and keep the government out of the private sector. If we allow the free market economy to grow then every American will have an equal opportunity to be prosperous.*

**8. Should we discontinue our membership in the United Nations?**

*I do not think that we should fully discontinue our membership in the United Nations, but we need to comprehensively review what programs we are funding. There are many programs run by the UN that are counter to our interests as a nation and the American tax payer should not have to pay for those programs. Under no condition should our membership in the United Nations sacrifice our sovereignty.*

**9. Do you have any misgivings about the Keystone pipeline project?**

*I have no misgivings about the pipeline. We need to build it to bring much needed jobs and energy to the United States.*

**10. Would you support a fence on the southern border? If not, why not?**

*The border between the United States and Mexico is nearly 2,000 miles long. I believe that building a fence along the entire border and maintaining it would be inefficient and costly. While there are some parts of the border that might warrant a fence, we should explore other options such as putting more boots on the ground, electronic monitoring, and deploying drones to monitor the border.*

**11. Personal Question for Tom Smith: Your biography tells us that before becoming a republican senatorial candidate, you were for many years a registered democrat.**

**Steve Welch, your opponent, has also switched parties and become a republican to run for the same office. Can you explain to us where your core values and principles might be different from his?**

*My parents were lifelong conservative Democrats and as a young man I registered as one out of respect for them. I have always been a conservative. Throughout the years I have donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to conservative candidates and organizations. I helped to found and for several years chaired the Indiana-Armstrong Patriots because I found that there were many people that shared my concern that this country is heading in the wrong direction. My lifelong conservatism is a matter of public record and I never voted for Barack Obama or Joe Sestak.*

**Flash Round – yes or no.**

**You may give reasons why or why not if you wish.**

**Which of the following are you willing to support?**

1. Elimination of the Federal income tax, IRS, and repeal of the 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment to be replaced by some form of Fair Tax. **No – I support a Flat Tax.**
2. Privatization of the TSA. **Yes**
3. Reform Medicare by allowing individuals to opt out of Medicare. **Yes**
4. Reform Social Security by allowing individuals born after 1981 to opt into their own personal retirement account. **Yes**
5. End urban mass transit grants. **Yes**



**JOE VODVARKA (D)**

**2012 Pennsylvania Senatorial Questionnaire**  
**Please answer fully**

**1. With the Health Care bill being such a dominant issue, what parts of the bill would you be willing to support?**

*The healthcare bill was not written in the spur of the moment. It was written and revised over a period of years. The bill was passed according to the news media before it was read and probably without understanding it. The bill should be scrapped.*

**2. To break the partisan bickering, would you agree to a small income tax increase on the 1%?**

*Other than taxes on communist Chinese imports, I've never seen a tax I liked.*

**3. The Housing Crisis continues unabated with foreclosures expected to increase in 2012 from 2011. Would you continue funding various organizations to counsel and protect those homeowners facing foreclosure and eviction?**

*The government got us into this mess by forcing banks to make loans to people who could not afford them. Now we understand that Freddie and Fannie can tap the U.S Treasury for any deficits without going through Congress. How could we have got so far from our Constitution? Other than government intervention, I'm open to any suggestions to keep people from foreclosure and evictions.*

**4. Regarding military spending, would you increase, decrease or keep the same?**

*The biggest safeguard to our National Security is a strong military. A strong military is the best deterrent to any threat to the United States Security. Military spending should be based on current situations.*

**5. To support world peace efforts, would you vote to continue worldwide efforts to promote Democracy?**

*You cannot impose your will on other people, but you can be an example. If they want freedom, they can follow.*

**6. Given the humanitarian disasters throughout Africa, would you increase aid or pull back to lessen our spending deficits?**

*Africa is not the only place in need of humanitarian aid. There are many more countries in need of it as well. We are currently \$15 trillion in debt and it is ludicrous to borrow money (currently from the Communist Chinese) to give it away in the form of foreign aid to a perpetual and never ending need.*

**7. What do you think should be done about the income gap?**

*Enact Fair Trade. Manufacturing jobs traditionally pay more than service jobs and bring up the value of the jobs in the communities they are in. Since 1994, the enactment of NAFTA and then the formation of the WTO and China's entrance into the global marketplace, and the symptoms of these effects are apparent in our economy today. We have to bring manufacturing back to America.*

**8. Should we discontinue our membership in the United Nations?**

*Yes, the UN is a failed organization, we the people run the United states, not the UN.*

**9. Do you have any misgivings about the Keystone pipeline project?**

*Most democrats, including former President Clinton, agree it should be enabled immediately.*

**10. Would you support a fence on the southern border? If not, why not?**

*I would support a double fence. After breaching the first fence, they would lose the element of surprise and be apprehended at the second fence.*

**11. Personal Question for Joe Vodvarka: Why, as a Democrat, did you feel it was necessary to challenge Senator Casey in the primary?**

*Remember that in 2010, I ran and my reasoning is the same now as it was then, and that is to address what is happening to the U.S. manufacturing base today. Senator Casey is a gentleman and a good man, but we have a total of 100 Senators none of which would present the legislation that I would propose, a tariff act on all 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> world foreign imports. What worked for the founders can work for us, but we must use the funds generated like the founders did and that was to pay down the National Debt.*

*I'd support a balanced budget amendment also, but we must incorporate the thought that we cannot continue to borrow money and cannot raise the debt limit. You cannot balance a budget by borrowing money, you must cut spending.*

**Flash Round – yes or no.**  
**You may give reasons why or why not if you wish.**

**Which of the following are you willing to support?**

1. Elimination of the Federal income tax, IRS, and repeal of the 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment to be replaced by some form of Fair Tax.  
***Yes, I would suggest a complete and understandable public discussion (Radio, TV, internet) of a tax alternative for a period of six to twelve months. The alternatives to be presented to the elected officials for their consideration***
2. Privatization of the TSA.  
***Yes, eliminate government intrusions in our lives.***
3. Reform Medicare by allowing individuals to opt out of Medicare.  
***This would be the young people opting out that someday would be old people without hospitalization.***
4. Reform Social Security by allowing individuals born after 1981 to opt into their own personal retirement account.  
***If social security was used as intend rather than social security money transferred into the general fund, like stealing, social security wouldn't be in the mess it's in today.***
5. End urban mass transit grants.  
***No, mass transit is a necessity. For people who don't have cars/cannot afford parking costs at a public garage, mass transit is needed. Without mass transit, people couldn't get to their job where they can earn a living.***



**STEVE WELCH (R)**

**1. With the Health Care bill being such a dominant issue, what parts of the bill would you be willing to support?**

*I fully support repealing ObamaCare. This legislation is fundamentally flawed and does not solve the root cause of our healthcare problems: cost. Rather, ObamaCare is riddled with overreaching and burdensome federal mandates, tax increases, and forces millions into Medicaid systems that are currently making states bankrupt. ObamaCare must be repealed in favor of commonsense, market based solutions to our healthcare system.*

**2. To break the partisan bickering, would you agree to a small income tax increase on the 1%?**

*We need to look at ways to cut the out of control spending. We have a spending problem not a taxing problem.*

**3. The Housing Crisis continues unabated with foreclosures expected to increase in 2012 from 2011. Would you continue funding various organizations to counsel and protect those homeowners facing foreclosure and eviction?**

*Like any program that spends taxpayer dollars, it is vital to closely review them to ensure efficiency and effectiveness.*

**4. Regarding military spending, would you increase, decrease or keep the same?**

*Just like every other government program, the Defense Budget needs to be looked at to see where we can modernize and become more efficient in order to cut costs.*

**5. To support world peace efforts, would you vote to continue worldwide efforts to promote Democracy?**

*Promoting democracy around the world benefits America's interests and global security.*



**6. Given the humanitarian disasters throughout Africa, would you increase aid or pull back to lessen our spending deficits?**

*We should have a zero based budgeting system for foreign aid and any taxpayer funded-program should be closely reviewed and regularly evaluated.*

**7. What do you think should be done about the income gap?**

*At our core values, America is truly a meritocracy. To get Pennsylvanians back to work, government needs to step aside, repeal these burdensome and onerous regulations, and support pro-growth policies that will allow businesses to expand and our economy to roar. By elevating the economy, it benefits everyone.*

**8. Should we discontinue our membership in the United Nations?**

*No, but the United States cannot continue to fund a major portion of the bill for the U.N.*

**9. Do you have any misgivings about the Keystone pipeline project?**

*No, as the Keystone XL pipeline would immediately create thousands of jobs, increase our supply of oil to help lower gas prices and help make America more energy independent.*

**10. Would you support a fence on the southern border? If not, why not?**

*Yes. A combination of a virtual and physical fence should be implemented. We should consult with the states to see what would work best for each region. The federal government shouldn't try to implement a one size fits all solution when each state's border is different.*

**11. Personal Question for Steve Welch: You were a Republican until you switched and registered as a Democrat in 2005. In 2006, you held an event for then-Democratic senatorial first time congressional candidate Joe Sestak. Then in 2008 you voted for Barack Obama in the Democratic primary. You recently switched back to the Republican Party in 2009. Tom Smith also switched parties from Democrat to Republican. Can you explain to us where your core values and principles might be different from his?**

*I have been very forthcoming about my partisan history. I have nothing to hide. I was a lifelong Republican until 2005, when I briefly left the party because, like many conservatives, I was fed up with how the Republicans in Washington let spending and corruption get totally out of control. During my brief time as a registered Democrat, I voted in the Democratic presidential primary in 2008. I voted for what I thought at the time was the lesser of two evils. I never supported Obama or his agenda, and in the general election of that same year, I voted for John McCain over Obama. In 2009, after seeing Obama begin to push his big government agenda, I quickly returned to the GOP. In 2009 and 2010, I actively supported, raised money for, and volunteered countless hours in support of Pat Toomey's campaign for U.S. Senator and Tom Corbett's campaign for Governor.*

**Flash Round – yes or no.**  
**You may give reasons why or why not if you wish.**

**Which of the following are you willing to support?**

1. Elimination of the Federal income tax, IRS, and repeal of the 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment to be replaced by some form of Fair Tax.  
***Both the corporate and individual tax code needs to be reformed, as both are overly complex and riddled with lobbyist loopholes and carve-outs. I would push to pass legislation that makes the tax code fairer and reduces rates.***
2. Privatization of the TSA.  
***Providing for the defense of our nation and keeping our country safe is one of the fundamental pillars of our government. I am concerned, however, with the Transportation Safety Administration's potential violations of our fourth amendment rights at security checkpoints in the airport. In providing for the security of our country, we must ensure the careful balance of protecting our sacred Constitutional rights and providing for the security of our nation.***
3. Reform Medicare by allowing individuals to opt out of Medicare.  
***We should return these funds back to the states where they can be used more effectively.***
4. Reform Social Security by allowing individuals born after 1981 to opt into their own personal retirement account.  
***The Social Security program needs to be structurally reformed to be sustainable for future generations.***
5. End urban mass transit grants.  
***These projects are best when led and handled at the state and local levels.***

**CANDIDATE RESEARCH**



**Bob Casey (D) – Candidate Research**

**ABORTION**

Plan B morning-after pill is contraception, not abortion; NO on barring HHS grants to organizations that perform abortions: supported Obamacare; supports requiring employers or health insurance plans to cover contraceptives in their prescription drug plans. [Link](#) Source: Archdiocese of Philadelphia survey of Treasurer candidates , Nov 7, 2004  
Supports morning after pill. [Link](#)

**BUDGET & ECONOMY**

Supported \$192B additional anti-recession stimulus spending; on modifying bankruptcy rules to avoid mortgage foreclosures; additional \$825 billion for economic recovery package; \$60B stimulus package for jobs, infrastructure, & energy; did not support paying down federal debt by rating programs' effectiveness. [Link](#)  
Voted in favor of the debt increase in Feb. & Dec. 2010: voted for the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act; Voted in favor of tabling the bill and thus opposed the cut, cap, and balance plans [Link](#)

**EDUCATION**

Supports more funding for public education; Opposes school vouchers; Voted YES on additional \$10.2B for federal education & HHS projects. [Link](#)  
Supported proposal children would be required to learn about green initiatives under the Green Schools Act [Link](#)

**ENERGY & OIL**

Voted NO on barring EPA from regulating greenhouse gases; Voted YES on factoring global warming into federal project planning; Sign on to UN Framework Convention on

Climate Change; Designate sensitive ANWR area as protected wilderness; Opposes drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>
Supported \$2 billion more for Cash for Clunkers program; Fund brownfield and Superfund cleanups. <a href="#">Link</a> Place Marcellus Shale under Federal EPA; introduced S587 “The FRAC Act” —Fracturing Responsibility and Awareness of Chemicals. The bill, if passed would place the practice of high volume hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”) under the provisions of the Federal Department EPASafe Drinking Water Act <a href="#">Link</a> Supports Cap & Trade <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>FOREIGN POLICY</b>
Supports unshakeable bond with Israel; YES on cooperating with India as a nuclear power; Pressure friendly Arab states to end Israeli boycott. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>FREE TRADE</b>
Opposes unfair trade laws like the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) that put U.S. workers at a disadvantage. Unfair to make US workers compete with weak foreign laws; Review free trade agreements biennially for rights violation <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>GOVERNMENT REFORM</b>
Voted NO on requiring photo ID to vote in federal elections; Voted YES on providing a US House seat for the District of Columbia; Lobbyist money ok if it has no impact on your vote. <a href="#">Link</a> Voted against defunding ACORN. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>GUN CONTROL</b>
Strong supporter of the second amendment; Voted YES on prohibiting foreign & UN aid that restricts US gun ownership. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>HEALTHCARE</b>
Supports suing HMOs, but opposes damage caps; Voted NO on the Ryan Budget: Medicare choice, tax & spending cuts; Voted YES on expanding the Children’s Health Insurance Program; Voted YES on requiring negotiated Rx prices for Medicare part D; Fight to Expand Health Care Coverage( 2005); supported Obamacare <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>HOMELAND SECURITY</b>
PATRIOT Act is vital law in war on terror; Voted YES on extending the PATRIOT Act’s roving wiretaps; Repeal Don’t-Ask-Don’t-Tell, and reinstate discharged gays <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>IMMIGRATION</b>
Voted NO on declaring English as the official language of the US government; Voted YES on eliminating the “Y” nonimmigrant guest worker program <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>JOBS</b>
Voted YES on extending unemployment benefits from 39 weeks to 59 weeks; Voted YES on restricting employer interference in union organizing; Voted YES on increasing minimum wage to \$7.25; Form unions by card-check instead of secret ballot. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>MARRIAGE</b>
Supports Defense of Marriage Act, but not Amendment; Opposes Legalization of Same-Sex Marriage; No constitutional ban on gay marriage; civil unions ok. <a href="#">Link</a> <a href="#">Link</a> <a href="#">Link</a>

<b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b>
Opposes Social Security privatization; Voted NO on establishing reserve funds & pre-funding for Social Security. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>TAX REFORM</b>
Voted YES on increasing tax rate for people earning over \$1 million; Voted NO on raising the Death Tax exemption to \$5M from \$1M; Voted NO on repealing the Alternative Minimum Tax; Voted NO on raising estate tax exemption to \$5 million. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>TERM LIMITS</b>
Voted against term limit amendment in February 2012. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>WAR &amp; PEACE</b>
Sanctions on Iran to end nuclear program; Voted YES on redeploying US troops out of Iraq by March 2008. <a href="#">Link</a> Iran: All options on the table to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon. <a href="#">Link</a> Endorses the use of tough sanctions against Iran <a href="#">Link</a>



**David Christian (R) – Candidate Research**

**ABORTION**

Pro-life/ supports striking down Roe v. Wade. They all said they would use a judicial nominees' position on abortion as a litmus test for confirmation. [Link](#)

**BUDGET & ECONOMY**

Supports balanced budget. [Link](#)

**EDUCATION**

Would eliminate Dept. of Education; restore responsibility of education to the states. [Link](#)

**ENERGY & OIL**

Supports drilling, and US becoming oil independent. [Link](#)

**ENVIRONMENT**

Supports energy development; could not find definitive environmental policy – from Candidate Forum Youtube

**FOREIGN POLICY**

U.S. should not use preemptive military force to destroy Iran's nuclear weapons program. Christian, too, called for dialogue with Iran but also supported a cautious approach. [Link](#)

**FREE TRADE**

Supports free trade only if it is "fair trade" – against regulations that benefit foreign countries and limit US production. [Link](#)

**GOVERNMENT REFORM**

Eliminate Federal Department:

- Education

Federal govt. has no right getting involved in energy industry – from Candidate Forum Youtube

**GUN CONTROL**

He is a proud Life Member of the National Rifle Association //any state’s gun permit should be honored in all other states. [Link](#)

**HEALTHCARE**

Opposes Obamacare; gov’t need not guarantee healthcare for people w/ pre-existing condition because those people can get guaranteed care if they visit ER’s. [Link](#)

**HOMELAND SECURITY**

Patriot Act: Overhaul; NDAA: Portions of bill must be stopped. – from Candidate Forum Youtube

**IMMIGRATION**

Advocated deporting all illegal immigrants under any circumstance. [Link](#)

**JOBS**

He created job training programs for returning Vietnam veterans and helped make Pennsylvania the only state compliant with federal employment law for returning veterans. As a result, tens of thousands of our veterans have found meaningful jobs. [Link](#)

**MARRIAGE**

No information could be found

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

No information could be found

**TAX REFORM**

Opposes raising taxes – even to pay for wars and road and bridge repairs – oppose trading higher taxes on millionaires for lower Social Security payroll taxes that primarily benefit the middle class. Favors a flat tax and making President Bush’s tax cuts permanent rather than a temporary payroll tax cut. [Link](#)

Supports flat tax that all citizens pay; supports corporate tax reduced to 12-18%; supports elimination of the death & capital tax. - From Candidate Forum Youtube

**TERM LIMITS**

No information could be found

**WAR & PEACE**

Drafted some of the first Agent Orange legislation and founded assistance programs which established Pennsylvania as the first and only state in compliance with federal regulations with respect to serving employment needs combat veterans. [Link](#)



**Sam Rohrer (R) – Candidate Research**

**ABORTION**

100% pro-life. Believes life is a gift from God. Endorsed by PA Right to Life. [Link](#)

**BUDGET & ECONOMY**

We don't need higher taxes; we need less spending. [Link](#)

**EDUCATION**

Wrote the standard-setting EITC (Educational Investment Tax Credit) law, which encourages business to contribute toward private and public school scholarships for children of families with financial needs. [Link](#)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Bill Title</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Nov. 15, 2010	<a href="#">HB 101</a>	<a href="#">Education Law Amendments</a>	Veto Override Passed – House (171 – 24)	Yea
Nov. 15, 2010	<a href="#">HB 2497</a>	<a href="#">Retirement Law Amendments</a>	Concurrence Vote Passed – House (165 – 31)	Nay
June 23, 2010	<a href="#">HB 704</a>	<a href="#">Special Education Funding</a>	Bill Passed – House (173 – 25)	Nay
June 16, 2010	<a href="#">HB 2497</a>	<a href="#">Retirement Law Amendments</a>	Bill Passed – House (192 – 6)	Nay
July 4, 2008	<a href="#">HB 1067</a>	<a href="#">Omnibus Education Bill</a>	Concurrence Vote Passed – House	Yea



June 14, 2006 [HB 39](#) [Property Taxes \(Special Session\)](#) (191 – 11)  
 Conference Report Adopted – House Nay  
 (137 – 61)  
 Votes information. [Link](#)

**ENERGY & OIL**

Believes that short-sighted federal government policy, coupled with oppressive regulations often based on faulty science, have deprived the American people of the energy they need to fuel a robust economic renewal; opposes “Cap and Tax” legislation. [Link](#)

Date	Bill No.	Bill Title	Outcome	Vote
Sept. 29, 2010	<a href="#">SB 1155</a>	<a href="#">Establishing a Natural Gas Severance Tax</a>	Bill Passed – House (104 – 94)	Nay
March 11, 2008	<a href="#">HB 1</a>	<a href="#">Clean Energy Program</a>	Bill Passed – House (126 – 74)	Nay
June 20, 2007	<a href="#">HB 1200</a>	<a href="#">Alternative Energy Incentives</a>	Bill Passed – House (128 – 70)	Nay
June 20, 2007	<a href="#">HB 1202</a>	<a href="#">Clean Fuels and Energy Independence Act</a>	Bill Passed – House (138 – 60)	Nay

Votes information. [Link](#)

**ENVIRONMENT**

[Energy Freedom Plan](#) with these elements—

- Defend the rights of private property owners to explore, drill and extract natural gas and coal deposits;
- Appoint a DCNR (Department of Conservation and Natural Resources) Secretary who understands the important balance of sensible conservation, private property rights and real job creation;
- Speed up state agency approval time for permits;
- Oppose EPA and DCNR mandates that place unreasonable restrictions on oil and gas producers and private property owners;
- Veto and oppose every effort to impose a natural gas severance tax in the absence of major reductions in business taxes. [Link](#)

**FOREIGN POLICY**

Feels that our nation has an obligation to uphold the individual liberties guaranteed to us by the United States Constitution and promote them on a world stage; believes we must maintain a strong defence at home; military engagements on foreign soil must be accompanied by a Congressional declaration of war; to dispense foreign aid as is the

current practice undermines the integrity of the Constitution and grants unjustified power to the Executive branch. [Link](#)  
Supports Israel but believes the U.S. should respect its independence. [Link](#)

**FREE TRADE**

In 1999 founded the bipartisan free markets, pro- growth Legislative Conservative Caucus. [Link](#)

**GOVERNMENT REFORM**

Stands for strong structural limits on state government taxes and spending, and for true public pension reform; led an effort to invoke the “10<sup>th</sup> Amendment” as the best challenge to the ever-expanding reach of the federal government [Link](#)

**GUN CONTROL**

Championed many important 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment issues including the Castle Doctrine, the Right to Carry, and opposing gun registry. [Link](#)

[HB 1926 – Amending Self-Protection Laws](#)

Legislation (Yea) Nov. 15, 2010 - -Defines a “residence” as “a dwelling in which a person resides, either temporarily or permanently, or visits as an invited guest” (Sec. 1). – Defines “perpetrator” ...

[HB 40 – Self Defense Law Amendments](#)

Legislation (Yea)Oct. 5, 2010 - -Allows a person who is not engaged in a criminal activity and who is attacked in an applicable place to stand his or her ground ... [Link](#)

**HEALTHCARE**

Believes that the doctor-patient relationship must be restored, that the confidentiality of health care information must be protected, and that the Federal Government’s role in healthcare must be dramatically reduced. [Link](#)

**HOMELAND SECURITY**

Patriot Act: Repeal; NDAA: would have voted against it as written. – From Candidate Forum Youtube.

**IMMIGRATION**

Believes that illegal immigration is just that—illegal; opposes amnesty for illegal aliens; effectively guarding the borders to prevent unlawful entry and suspending providing taxpayer paid services to illegal aliens. [Link](#)

Believes that there should be a path to citizenship for those illegal immigrants who work and pay taxes. [Link](#)

**JOBS**

Believes free enterprise and individual freedom are the greatest components of a strong economy and good jobs; economy can be turned around but only when Congress and the President commit themselves to less federal involvement. [Link](#)

June 30, 2006 [SB 1090 Minimum Wage Bill](#) Bill Passed – House (161 – 37) Nay

Votes information. [Link](#)





**Marc Scaringi (R) – Candidate Research**

**ABORTION**

The right to life is the most fundamental of all our rights. Our own Declaration of Independence states it's an unalienable, God-given right, and I pledge to support life from conception to the moment of natural death. [Link](#)

**BUDGET & ECONOMY**

Small businesses must be able to invest in their future to create jobs, recover our economy and restore prosperity. Immediate, pro-growth policies are needed starting with cutting taxes, eliminating burdensome regulations, and repealing Obamacare. [Link](#)  
Free America Agenda [Link](#)

**EDUCATION**

Believes the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, states that the power to regulate in the area of education is reserved to the states or the people. As such, the federal Department of Education should be abolished and education policy should be determined at the state and local level. Believes education policy is best determined by parents, teachers, administrators and school boards at the local level.- From Candidate Forum Youtubes

**ENERGY & OIL**

The Marcellus Shale natural gas deposit is a great gift to the people of Pennsylvania. The Marcellus Shale is adding billions of dollars to our economy and tens of thousands of good paying jobs. [Link](#)

**ENVIRONMENT**

Opposes a Federal energy policy such as Cap & Trade – From Candidate Forum Youtubes

### **FOREIGN POLICY**

Believes that we should free the US from a self-imposed moral duty to “Police the World” or “Make the World Safe for Democracy” or establish a “New World Order” that at the end of the day means more American blood spilt and American treasure spent fighting other people’s wars. We must have the most powerful military on Earth, but we must use it only to defend the national security interests of the American people. We must stop nation building around the world, stop intervening in the internal politics of foreign countries, end all foreign aid and bring our troops home. We must return to the foreign policy of our Founding Fathers – we are a Republic, not an Empire. [Link](#)

### **FREE TRADE**

Believes the latest Chinese assault on American businesses and workers is through the Chinese government’s intentional devaluation of its currency against the U.S. dollar. That is why I pledge my support for the Currency Reform for Fair Trade Act of 2011. This bill is a strong response to China and other foreign governments that subsidize their exports in an attempt to flood the American market with cheap foreign imports and to wipe out their American competitors. This bill will help level the playing field between China and the United States. Under Article 1 Section 8 of the United States Constitution, the U.S. Congress is empowered and required to regulate commerce between the U.S. and foreign nations. The U.S. Department of Commerce is required to execute the laws passed by the Congress pertaining to the regulation of foreign commerce. The Department of Commerce has the authority to impose a countervailing duty (i.e. a remedial “tariff”) on imports into the U.S. of goods benefitting from foreign subsidies that cause or threaten injury to a U.S. industry producing the same or substantially similar goods. [Link](#)

### **GOVERNMENT REFORM**

A return to government of and by the people, instead of government by a protected political class, will restore the ideals of our Founding Fathers — self-government by a free people. [Link](#)

### **GUN CONTROL**

Our Founding Fathers believed the right of all law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms was so basic to a free society they enumerated it in the Bill of Rights. I will fully support and defend this right. [Link](#)

### **HEALTHCARE**

The repeal of ObamaCare must be a top priority: it is unconstitutional, fiscally unsustainable, and its mandates will cause incalculable job loss. I will support true reform that gives patients and doctors control over how healthcare dollars are spent, not government bureaucrats. [Link](#)

ObamaCare is unconstitutional and the contraception mandate is clearly a violation of the First Amendment. [Link](#)

### **HOMELAND SECURITY**

I believe our elected officials should concern themselves with protecting our borders and enhancing the safety of the American people. That is why I support keeping illegal aliens, including Mexican drug gangs and their gunrunners, out of America by closing the border. And, instead of enticing illegal aliens with jobs, government benefits, in-state tuition, sanctuary, and creating a way for them to join our military, I would enforce our immigration laws. I would replace Operation Fast & Furious with Operation Restore Our Sovereignty. [Link](#)

<b>IMMIGRATION</b>
A closed border and an enhanced deportation policy is the way to protect the safety of the American people and reclaim the sovereignty of our nation. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>JOBS</b>
By freeing Americans from the federal income tax, allowing us to keep the fruits of our own labor and by eliminating these job-crushing regulations, we will unleash the entrepreneurial spirit and energy of the American people and will lift our economy up, put millions of Americans back to work and bring prosperity to all. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>MARRIAGE</b>
Believes gay marriage should be left to the states to decide; believes “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” is one which the military must undertake. <a href="#">Link</a> Does not support gay marriage. Also supports the Defense of Marriage Act. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b>
I support allowing individuals to opt into personal retirement accounts. Furthermore, I support sunseting Social Security for my and future generations. From Questionnaire
<b>TAX REFORM</b>
The federal government’s taxation of our earnings, savings, investments and death is an affront to our liberty.; repealing the 16 <sup>th</sup> Amendment, abolishing the Internal Revenue Code and the I.R.S. and eliminating job-crushing regulations <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>TERM LIMITS</b>
Term Limits signed pledge for no more than 3 house terms and 2 Senate terms. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>WAR &amp; PEACE</b>
On Iran - would not take options off the table for dealing with Iran but would rely heavily on diplomacy. <a href="#">Link</a>



**Tom Smith (R) – Candidate Research**

**ABORTION**

Is pro-life, period. He will work in the United States Senate to protect our most vulnerable citizens. He will not be afraid to hold officials in the Executive Branch and prospective judges accountable for their views and actions. [Link](#)

**BUDGET & ECONOMY**

Will make decisions based on my experience as a business owner that has made payrolls, balanced budgets, and created hundreds of jobs, not on Washington special interests. [Link](#)

**EDUCATION**

Believes since every state has a Department of Education one is not needed on the federal level. [Link](#)

**ENERGY & OIL**

There is no quicker path to American jobs than American energy. Tom knows we need an energy policy that brings all options to the table to reduce costs and reduce our dependence on foreign sources. The Marcellus Shale, American oil, and clean coal are tremendous opportunities to bring the cost of energy down and create jobs [Link](#)

**ENVIRONMENT**

Opposes Cap & Trade - From Candidate Forum Youtube

**FOREIGN POLICY**

Wants to see blockades work with Iran before using a strike. [Link](#)  
Korea and Iran pressing issues and hopes that sanctions will work; Most pressing issue is the Middle East; We should remain Israel's ally and defend them. [Link](#)

**FREE TRADE**

Supports - From Candidate Forum Youtube

**GOVERNMENT REFORM**

Eliminate Federal Department:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Energy</li> </ul> <p>Stop governmental subsidies to states - From Candidate Forum Youtube</p>
<b>GUN CONTROL</b>
Will oppose any attempt to limit the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>HEALTHCARE</b>
Will repeal this expansive and intrusive government takeover of health care and replace it with a market based solution that lowers costs and increases access. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>HOMELAND SECURITY</b>
Must be a balance between personal liberty and national security. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>IMMIGRATION</b>
Building a fence 2,000 long is too costly; must use a mix of border controls; opposes amnesty for those who came here illegally. - From Candidate Forum Youtube
<b>JOBS</b>
Jobs are created by the free market, not politicians in Washington; Smith has made a payroll and grown a business in a difficult environment. He knows what it takes to create jobs. He will support the pro-growth policies we need to get Pennsylvania working again. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>MARRIAGE</b>
Cannot find information on this issue.
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b>
Will reform social security by allowing individuals born after 1981 to opt into their own personal retirement account. From questionnaire
<b>TAX REFORM</b>
Will fight to reform our tax code making it simpler and fairer. <a href="#">Link</a> Pledges to the American people that I will support the permanent repeal of the federal estate and gift taxes. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>TERM LIMITS</b>
Supports term limits. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>WAR &amp; PEACE</b>
Believes we should continue to use blockades but the end if Iran obtains nuclear weapons, we must stand and defend with Israel - Candidate Forum Youtubes





**Joe Vodvarka (D) – Candidate Research**

**ABORTION**

Pro-life – Church bulletin from St. Joseph Church in Girardville. All candidates were researched on pro-life stance. [Link](#)  
PA Catholic Conference – stance is pro-life [Link](#)

**BUDGET & ECONOMY**

Oppose all bailout packages and will oppose government handouts. **No more corporate bailouts ever!** ; **Make paying off the national debt a national priority;** we all know the danger of excessive credit card debt yet our government uses its citizenry as their credit card. [Link](#)  
Would like to see the country go back to the gold standard; Would like to audit the Federal Reserve [Link](#)

**EDUCATION**

Make public schools teach what led up to the Constitution, before and after the Revolutionary war, so that generations to come understand why the constitution was so important. [Link](#)

**ENERGY & OIL**

Start drilling for oil! What's drilled here stays here. [Link](#)  
We should open up everything for drilling. [Link](#)

**ENVIRONMENT**

Since China is building many, many coals plants, environmentalists should want coal plants built here. "If you are an environmentalist, you would want to build coal plants in this country because it's the most environmentally country in the world. We watch everything. [Link](#)

<b>FOREIGN POLICY</b>
Supports a strike against Iran if there is proof that they have development a nuclear weapon and also audio interview. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>FREE TRADE</b>
Video on Joe’s position on Manufacturing and Free Trade. <a href="#">Link</a> Strongly believes in fair trade, but I also understand that fair trade will be impossible if we don’t produce enough to export. We need to de-regulate business and abolish all government-arranged antitrust exemptions. I seek to help create a climate of nationwide competition where the free market can once again do what our founding fathers had intended; ...fair trade which would levy taxes on imports from countries that don’t have the same standards as us. This would also help to resolve another problem which is our crushing national debt; the taxes collected must be used to pay down the debt and used for that purpose only. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>GOVERNMENT REFORM</b>
Oppose earmark spending; if you are dependent on pork barrel spending, I’m not your man; Write legislation to abolish lobbyist’s from becoming government aids and vice versa. Those that elect to venture into politics should return to a life no less than ordinary after their service; Have a 21 day grace period where bills may be viewed openly by the public before they are voted on. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>GUN CONTROL</b>
Has been a life member of the NRA since April of 1974 and I will protect the second amendment. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>HEALTHCARE</b>
Wants to repeal the Obamacare bill; you should not be forced to purchase a product or service from a 3rd party or be faced with a penalty (especially when it’s the government forcing you to do so). <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>HOMELAND SECURITY</b>
Regarding TSA: “...eliminate government intrusion in our lives - From Questionnaire
<b>IMMIGRATION</b>
Put up a complete fence on our southern border and do what is necessary to make our borders more secure. <a href="#">Link</a> Would like to see English as the national language. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>JOBS</b>
To put it simply, the greatest security that a person can have is to earn a good living and it is the duty of the government to provide a climate in which business’s may thrive and allow their citizenry to achieve a higher standard of living. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>MARRIAGE</b>
Information not available
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b>
Social security was misused and stolen for the general fund. – from questionnaire

### **TAX REFORM**

Write legislation for small business to **immediately** write off long term investments; I'm not sure what I could say or do about the current tax system and that's an honest answer. However, I will say that the current tax system needs reformed; it's a system with tens of thousands of pages which for anyone to say they fully understand would be difficult to comprehend; No inheritance tax; the taxes have already been paid. [Link](#)

### **TERM LIMITS**

Believes in term limits. "As a Senator I would serve one term in office and go back to making springs at my shop and fish more often!" [Link](#)

### **WAR & PEACE**

Supports a strike against Iran if there is proof that they have development a nuclear weapon. [Link](#)



**Steve Welch (R) – Candidate Research**

**ABORTION**

The candidates said they were all against abortion, 100 percent. Only Welch had an exception, "when the life of the mother is threatened." [Link](#)

**BUDGET & ECONOMY**

Pass Cut, Cap & Balance; % of debt to GDP 18-20%; opposes gold standard; supports balanced budget amendment with a cap to the GDP. [Link](#) also from Candidate Forum Youtube

**EDUCATION**

Competition in our education system improves outcomes and reduces cost; therefore, we must encourage school choice and charter schools. [Link](#)

**ENERGY & OIL**

Energy is vital to our national security and important to economic growth and job creation. We must allow Americans to capture the energy that they have, whether that energy is oil, natural gas, or clean coal. [Link](#)

**ENVIRONMENT**

Should be some assessment of environmental impacts caused by humans. [Link](#)  
Suggests that global warming may be influenced by human activity. [Link](#)

**FOREIGN POLICY**

Cannot allow Iran to go nuclear; every option on table; stands with Israel. [Link](#)

**FREE TRADE**

Supports – from Candidate Forum Youtube
<b>GOVERNMENT REFORM</b>
Eliminate Federal Department: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education</li> </ul> Cut power given to lobbyists – From Candidate Forum Youtube
<b>GUN CONTROL</b>
As a gun owner and a hunter values the rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>HEALTHCARE</b>
Create a competitive marketplace where insurance companies and medical practitioners have to compete to win your business; Introduce real tort reform, which will reduce the cost of defensive medicine, while at the same time reducing insurance costs paid by doctors and hospitals; Give individuals and small businesses the same health insurance tax treatment that large corporations have. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>HOMELAND SECURITY</b>
Patriot Act: No stance NDAA: supports repealing part of bill that gives Pres. The power to detain U.S. citizens. – from Candidate Forum Youtube
<b>IMMIGRATION</b>
Supports secure borders, E-Verify & stiff employer penalties; supports reverse immigration for those here by removing jobs & social benefits which serve as magnets. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>JOBS</b>
Must pass Cut and Cap Spending and Balance the Budget; simplify the tax code and reduce rates; eliminate job killing regulations. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>MARRIAGE</b>
Marriage between one man and one woman is a bedrock principle of our civilization. There should be no other definitions of marriage. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b>
The Social Security program needs to be structurally reformed to be sustainable for future generations. – from questionnaire.
<b>TAX REFORM</b>
Simplify the Tax Code and Reduce Rates. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>TERM LIMITS</b>
Supports term limits of 12 years for members of House & Senate. <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>WAR &amp; PEACE</b>
A nuclear Iran is too risky a proposition to let happen; cannot take anything off the table – from Candidate Forum Youtube

## **Candidate Forum Videos**

**Lebanon 9.12 Project  
January 17, 2012**

[David Christian](#)

[Sam Rohrer](#) – Part 1

[Sam Rohrer](#) – Part 2

[Marc Scaringi](#)

[Tom Smith](#)

[Joe Vodvarka](#)

**Kitchen Table Patriots  
January 22, 2012**

[Entire forum](#)

**Valley Forge Patriots  
February 5, 2012**

[Sam Rohrer](#)

[Marc Scaringi](#)

[Tom Smith](#)

[Steve Welch](#)

**Susquehanna Valley Conservatives**  
**February 13, 2012**

[Part 1](#)

[Part 2](#)

Nuclear Weapons

[Part 3](#)

Spending & Revenues

[Part 4](#)

Illegal Immigration

[Part 5](#)

Country founded on Judeo-Christian beliefs

[Part 6](#)

Abortion

[Part 7](#)

How are you different than Casey

## **ACTIVE Grassroots Members Running for Convention Delegates**

**These are grassroots members in our area who show up and are active!**

Vote for no more than 4

**Important Note: You do not have to vote for 4. In fact, you can “plunk” by voting only for the people that you want to win.  
This gives them a better chance if you don’t vote for unknowns.**

### **DELEGATE**

**Vote for no more than 4 (you would be “plunking” by voting only for these grassroots members)**

#### **District 12**

Larry Borland

Christopher Fromme

#### **District 14**

Melissa Haluszczak

C. (Ned) Pfeifer

#### **District 18**

Thomas Uram

### **ALTERNATE DELEGATE**

**Vote for no more than 4 (you would be “plunking” by voting only for these grassroots members)**

#### **District 14**

Andy Maul

#### **District 18**

Sue Means

Jim Means

Thomas Uram