



OTOC's Questions to Candidates for US Congress

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Immigration Questions

Reforming the US Immigration System: There are 11 million undocumented immigrants in the US. Nebraska is home to 65,000 of them. There are 16 million Americans in what are called mixed-status families where some family members have legal status while others do not.

Yes, or no, do you agree with OTOC that our current immigration system is broken? What would you do to improve our immigration system? Would your plan include a path to citizenship for those immigrants who 'play by the rules?' (90 seconds to answer all three questions)

Ending the Indefinite Detention of Central American Women and Children: OTOC congregations are also concerned about the over 3,000 asylum-seeking women and children from Central America who are being held in so-called Family Detention Centers – the largest of which are really for profit prisons.

Remembering that seeking asylum is not against US law, what would you do to end the practice of incarcerating these women and their children? (30 seconds to answer this question)

Health Care Questions:

Access to Quality Health Care: OTOC's position is that quality health care should be available to all at the lowest feasible cost.

Yes, or no, do you agree with OTOC's position? (15 seconds to answer this question).

If you support the Affordable Care Act, what changes would you make to the ACA to make it sustainable so that all Americans have access to affordable, high quality healthcare? If you would repeal the Affordable Care Act, what plan would you offer that would provide the same principled coverage and care, offered by the ACA? (90 seconds to answer this question)

Reducing the Jailing of Mentally Ill: OTOC's position is that mental illness is a medical condition and should not be criminalized. Anyone in prison who is diagnosed with a mental illness should be offered appropriate treatment.

Yes, or no, do you agree with OTOC's position? (15 seconds to answer this question).

Two million Americans with mental health conditions end up in jail each year often as the result of their illness. Jails aren't designed to provide mental health care or to help people to recover. *If elected, what will you do to reduce the jailing of people with mental illness?* (90 seconds to answer this question)

Environmental Sustainability Questions

Carbon Fee and Dividend: *Yes, or no, do you support the concept of a carbon fee and dividend that is revenue neutral to address climate change? If yes, why do you support this policy and if not, what policies do you suggest to address climate change?* (90 seconds to answer this question)

Joining the Climate Solutions Caucus: *Yes, or no, will you work to find a partner from the other party to join the Climate Solutions Caucus and work to address this important issue through bipartisan legislation?* (30 seconds to answer this question)