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The next U.S. president will be responsible for taking leadership on critical issues ranging from civil liberties to nuclear weapons, to war and peace. Because of our abiding concern about these issues, New Hampshire Peace Action, in partnership with national Peace Action, is planning to issue voter guides to inform New Hampshire and early primary state voters of presidential candidate positions. We believe this is essential to educating the electorate in order to make democracy work.

Enclosed find a Candidate Questionnaire. Please take a few minutes to complete and sign the form, and return it in the enclosed postage-paid envelope or fax it to (603) 228-6492 by **August 1**. We will publish the guide in the fall, and need your answers by July 16 to compile and print the information.

If we don't receive your answers by then, we may seek the information from your voting record, public statements, or we may list you as a candidate who refused to respond to our questionnaire. We hope to get your answers so we can compile a fair and comprehensive guide.

Thank you in advance for responding to this correspondence. If you have any questions, please contact me at anne@nhpeaceaction.org or (603) 228-0559.

Best,

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Peace Action
Questionnaire For Presidential Candidates
Candidate Name: _____

1. The Bush Administration and the Department of Energy have proposed a new generation of nuclear weapons and the overhaul of the U.S. nuclear weapons infrastructure. This project is projected to cost \$150 billion to complete and could potentially restart a global nuclear arms race. Do you oppose these two major new administration proposals called the Reliable Replacement Warhead and Complex 2030?

- I support the Complex 2030 and the Reliable Replacement Warhead programs.
- I oppose the Complex 2030 and the Reliable Replacement Warhead programs.

Please Explain:

2. In a January 2007 op-ed in the *Wall Street Journal*, Henry Kissinger, George Schultz, Sam Nunn and William Perry wrote about the tremendous dangers posed by nuclear weapons. The authors call on the U.S. to work towards the elimination of its nuclear arsenals, as it is obligated to do under Article VI of the Nuclear non-Proliferation Treaty. Do you believe that the U.S. should abide by our NPT commitment and, if so, how will you do so as President of the United States?

- I believe the U.S. should work towards the abolition of nuclear weapons.
- I believe the U.S. should not work towards the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Please Explain:



3. The U.S. currently has 10,000 nuclear weapons, with about 5,000 deployed. Under the Moscow Treaty the U.S. committed to reduce our arsenals to approximately 2,000 deployed weapons by 2012. Will you make it a priority to dismantle and destroy all existing stocks of non-deployed weapons and other weapons as soon as they are taken off deployment?

- I will commit to destroying non-deployed nuclear weapons when they are taken off deployment.
- I will **not** commit to destroying non-deployed nuclear weapons when they are taken off deployment.

Please Explain:

4. The Bush Administration has used the framework of the "Global War on Terror" to promote a long-term U.S. military presence in Afghanistan and Iraq, to sanction extreme military interventionism around the world, and to curtail civil liberties at home.

According to a September 2006 National Intelligence Estimate, titled "Trends in Global Terrorism: Implications for the United States," the U.S. invasion and occupation of Iraq, rather than lowering the threat of terrorism worldwide, has actually increased it. The intelligence estimate, states that Islamic radicalism has metastasized and spread across the globe, and has made the overall problem of terrorism much worse.

Do you support the Bush Administration's approach to the threat of terrorism?

- I believe that violent extremism should be primarily fought by military means, including use of Guantanamo-style imprisonment.
- I believe that terrorism should be primarily challenged through a combination of diplomacy and law enforcement, coupled with respect for civil liberties at home and abroad.

Please Explain:



5. Former National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski wrote recently that "The war in Iraq is a historic strategic and moral calamity" and said that "It is undermining America's global legitimacy... tarnishing America's moral credentials (and) intensifying regional instability." ['A Road Map Out Of Iraq' by Zbigniew Brzezinski, Los Angeles Times, February 11, 2007]. To end this calamity and to begin to restore America's standing in the world, will you call for **all U.S. combat and non-combat troops** to be removed from Iraq during the first one hundred days of your administration in such a way that minimizes the potential violence, and for the U.S. to commit to financing reconstruction and redevelopment?

- I will commit to ending U.S. military involvement in the war in Iraq in the first 100 days of my presidency.
- I will not commit to ending U.S. military involvement in the war in Iraq in the first 100 days of my presidency.

Please Explain:

6. President Bush and a number of presidential candidates have said that "all options are on the table" with respect to Iran. The message they are sending to the rest of the world is this: The U.S. is a nation prepared to launch a first-strike nuclear attack on the population of another country that do not have nuclear weapons. Are you willing to take the "nuclear option" off the table with Iran?

- I will take the nuclear option "off the table" with Iran.
- I will not take the nuclear option "off the table" with Iran.

Please Explain:



7. As president, will you forswear any preventative military attack on or use of force to achieve regime change in Iran?

- I oppose preventative military action against Iran.
- I support preventative military action against Iran.

Please Explain:

8. The United Nations charter says "all Members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state." Do you think the U.S. should abide by this provision of the UN Charter?

- The U.S. should abide by this provision of the UN Charter.
- The U.S. should not abide by this provision of the UN Charter.

Please Explain:

9. U.S. spending on defense is now approximately half the total discretionary federal budget and twelve times greater than that of Russia, the second largest spender. As president, will you commit to decreasing federal military spending and redirect spending to meet the human needs of Americans, including education, housing, healthcare, and the environment?

- I support cutting the federal military budget.
- I oppose cutting the federal military budget.

Please Explain:
