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Understanding Islam **Micah Winefeld**

Copies of the DVDs that were made at our September event are available for \$15. This is a 3 DVD set and includes:

1. **Radical Islam**
What we can do
Current Affairs in Israel
2. **Understanding Islam**
Message, goals, methods
3. **The Financial Storm**
Parts One & Two

If you would like a copy of this please contact CAM at 802-372-6442

This is the 11th General Election for which the Christian Action Ministry has provided a survey of the candidates' positions on issues of interest to Christians. To enable you to understand the survey and appreciate the information contained in it, we will provide some insight about the thought process that went into the survey and how we obtained the information that it contains.

The first step in developing a survey is to determine the questions. The members of CAM met to formulate the questions. We wanted them to represent those issues that should be of interest to Christians. Many of the questions would not be asked of the candidates in the normal forums sponsored by various groups. The questions we asked were also geared to determining a candidate's character. How someone stands on an issue, even if it may not come to a vote, can tell you a lot about how they might react to other issues not yet introduced.

Once a first draft of the questions was formulated, we re-grouped several times to re-view them again. We started questions with a key word, usually SUPPORT or OPPOSE, to clarify the intent of each question and allow a "yes" or "no" answer.

The next step in the survey was to determine who to contact. The 2010 questionnaire polled candidates for the Vermont House and Senate from Chittenden, Franklin, Rutland, and Grand Isle Counties. This year we have included Lamoille County, and added Statewide candidates.

We obtained the candidate list for the primaries from the Secretary of State and prepared letters and questionnaires for them all. The survey was mailed to the candidates registered in the primary. Independent candidates, and those not associated with a recognized party that were on the Secretary of State's website, were also contacted.

Not all candidates answered. Some never answer questionnaires. Others don't wish you

to know their positions (particularly if they are not favorably inclined to a Christian perspective). Some of the uncontested races saw no need to reply. We have seen a decline over the years in the number of candidates who respond, and feel this is a regrettable trend. We attempt to make up for this by repeated calls to ask candidates to complete the survey or to give us the information over the telephone. We got some interesting responses, such as, "This conflicts with the separation of church and state", or "Keep religion out of politics". Since morals and values are a part of politics, and there is no constitutional separation of church and state, such candidates are uninformed and shouldn't be running for office.

The final step is setting up a format to display the answers, and entering the information as it is received. We hope you will closely review the survey and make an informed decision on November 6th.

Dick Trudell is President of CAM and attends Community Bible Church.

He who rules over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God."

2 Samuel 23:3

CAM Network Survey

2012 General Election

Chittenden County Candidates – VT House of Representatives

Key

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	District		Town		See Key		Party																							
	Chittenden 1	Chittenden 2	Chittenden 3	Chittenden 4-1	Chittenden 4-2	Chittenden 5-1	Chittenden 5-2	Chittenden 6-1	Chittenden 6-2	Chittenden 6-3	Chittenden 6-4	Chittenden 6-5	Chittenden 6-6	Chittenden 6-7																
	Richmond	Williston	Jericho/Underhill	Charlotte/Hinesburg	Burlington	Shelburne	St. George/Shelb.	Burlington	Burlington	Burlington	Burlington	Burlington	Burlington	Burlington	Winooski															
O'Brien	Macaig	McCullough	Michaud	Nelson	Frank	Rackliff	Till	Zambarano	Stone	Yantacka	Lippert	Webb	Lenes	Schiavone	Aswad	Cole	Wright	O'Sullivan	Andrews	Bergman	Krowinski	McCormack	Pearson	Ram	Donovan	Wizowaty	Rachelson	Bissonnette	Cross	
D	D	D	R	R	D	D	D	R	R	D	D	R	D	D	R	D	D	R	D	P	P	D	D	P	D	D	D	D	D	D
1. Do you AGREE that the United States was founded on Judeo-Christian principles?									Y	N			Y													Y				
2. Have you, as an adult, actually READ the U.S. & VT Constitutions, Bill of Rights and Declaration of Independence?			Y						Y	Y			Y							Y						Y				
3. Do you SUPPORT the right of towns and public schools to display Christmas items and sing songs that reflect Christmas as being the celebration of the birth of Christ?									Y											N						N				
4. Do you OPPOSE making physician-assisted suicide legal in Vermont?	N	N	N	Y	N				Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y			N			N	N	N	N	N		Y	N
5. Would you SUPPORT a woman's right-to-know (information on fetal development, alternatives to abortion, and the medical/mental risks)?	N	N	N	Y	N	N			Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y			N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N		Y		
6. Do you OPPOSE the use of tax dollars for abortion?	N	N	N		N	N			Y		N	N		Y	N	Y			N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N				
7. Do you believe life begins at conception?									Y																	N				
8. Would you SUPPORT a law allowing citizens' initiative petitions, requiring the legislature to vote on an issue?			Y						Y	N																N				
9. Would you SUPPORT legislation prohibiting nonresident college students or other non-residents from voting in Vermont elections?			N						Y	N										N						N				
10. Despite current law, do you AGREE that marriage should be defined as the union of one man and one woman only?									Y	N			N							N						N				
11. Would you SUPPORT legislation that requires parental involvement (Parental Notification), with provisions for a judicial waiver, prior to performing an abortion on a minor?	N	N	N	Y	N	N			Y	Y	N			N	Y	N	Y		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N		Y	N	
12. Do you OPPOSE school-based programs offering access to contraceptives and abortion without explicit parental consent?			Y						Y	N										N						N				
13. Do you SUPPORT some form of voucher system to allow parents to choose the form of schooling most beneficial to their child?			N						Y	N		Y								N						N				
14. Do you AGREE that the state should not raid dedicated funds for other purposes, e.g. transportation or education funds?			N						Y	Y										Y						Y				
15. Do you SUPPORT legislation requiring a balanced VT budget?			Y						Y	N										N						N				
16. Do you AGREE not to pass unfunded mandates?			Y						Y	N																N				
17. Do you OPPOSE the use of foreign law and Sharia (Islamic law) in the Vermont and U.S. Judicial systems?									Y			Y								Y						Y				
18. Do you SUPPORT a voter identification (Voter ID) law?			Y						Y	N										N						N				
19. Do you OPPOSE a single Payer healthcare system?			U						Y	N		N								N						N				
20. Do you SUPPORT limiting party status in the Vermont permit process to those materially affected?			Y						Y																	N				

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Chittenden County Candidates – VT House of Representatives

	Chittenden 7-1 So. Burlington	Chittenden 7-2 So. Burlington	Chittenden 7-3 So. Burlington	Chittenden 7-4 So. Burlington	Chittenden 8-1 Essex	Chittenden 8-2 Essex Junction	Chittenden 8-3 Westford/Essex	Chittenden 9-1 Colchester	Chittenden 9-2 Colchester	Chittenden 10 Milton
	Kupeesmith	Pugh	Head	Cutler Townsend	Evans Myers	Dame Houghton Jermain Waite-Simpson	Heath	Bouchard Condon Purvis Taylor	Brennan Porter Spengler	Buik Hubert Turner
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1					Y	Y Y		Y	Y	Y
2					Y	Y Y		Y	Y	Y
3					Y	Y Y		Y	Y	Y
4		N	N	Y	Y Y	Y Y Y N	N	Y N Y	Y N	N Y Y
5	N	N	N	N	N Y	Y Y N N	N	Y N Y	Y Y N	Y
6	N	N	N	N	N N	Y Y N N	N	Y N Y	Y N	Y
7					N	Y Y		Y	Y	Y
8					N	Y Y		Y	Y	Y
9					Y	Y Y		Y	Y	Y
10					Y	Y Y		Y	Y	N N
11	N	N	N	Y N	N N	Y Y N N	N	Y N Y	Y Y N	Y Y Y
12					N	Y Y		Y	Y	
13					Y	Y Y		Y	Y	Y
14				Y	Y	Y Y		Y	Y	Y
15					N	Y Y		Y	Y	Y
16				Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
17					U	Y Y		Y	Y	Y
18					Y	Y Y		Y	Y	N
19					N	Y Y		Y	Y	
20					Y	Y		Y	Y	Y

Vermont Senate

There are six (6) seats available for Chittenden Senate. All Chittenden County towns are in this District except for Colchester which is included in the Grand Isle Senatorial District

Ashe	Baruth	Brown	Forney	Fox	Ingram	Jeroloman	Kiss	Letovsky	Lyons	Palmer	Selby	Snelling	Zuckerman
D	D	I	G	D	D	P	I	I	D	T	I	R	P
								Y	Y	Y		Y	
								Y	Y	Y		Y	
								Y	N	Y		Y	
N	N	Y	U	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y		N	N
N	N		Y	N		N			N	Y		N	N
N	N		Y	N		N			N	Y		N	N
									Y	Y		N	
								Y	N	Y		N	
					N				N	Y		N	
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									N	Y		N	
								Y	Y	Y			
								Y	Y	Y			
								Y	Y	Y		N	
								Y	Y	Y			
								Y	N	Y		N	
								Y	Y	Y		N	

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CAM Network Survey		Franklin and Grand Isle Counties – House of Representatives											VT Senate																		
2012 General Election																															
Key	District																														
	Town	Franklin 1	Franklin 2		Franklin 3-1		Franklin 3-2		Franklin 4		Franklin 5		Franklin 6		Franklin 7		Grand Isle/Chitt Grand I./Milton		Grand Is. Senate	Franklin Senate	2 seats										
Y = Yes	See Key																														
N = No																															
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V = Voting Record																															
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Other sources include newspapers, PAC scorecards, previous CAM questionnaires, and phone conversations.																															
Party		Branagan	Mitchell	O'Day	Shea	Keenan	McCarthy	Toof	Trahan	Dickinson	Consejo	Savage	Beyor	Irish	Pearce	Connor	Perley	Weed	Dupont	Johnson	Krebs	Lee	Mazza	Bright	Collins	Degree	McAllister	McLaughlin	Moss		
		R	R	P	I	D	D	R	R	R	D	R	R	D	R	D	D	R	P	R	D	D	R	D	D	D	R	R	I	PP	
1. Do you AGREE that the United States was founded on Judeo-Christian principles?		Y									Y	Y			Y			Y										Y			
2. Have you, as an adult, actually READ the U.S. & VT Constitutions, Bill of Rights and Declaration of Independence?		Y									Y	Y			Y			Y													
3. Do you SUPPORT the right of towns and public schools to display Christmas items and sing songs that reflect Christmas as being the celebration of the birth of Christ?		Y									Y	Y			Y			Y	Y									Y			
4 Do you OPPOSE making physician-assisted suicide legal in Vermont?		Y				Y	Y				N	Y			Y			Y	Y		N	N	Y				Y	Y		N	
5. Would you SUPPORT a woman's right-to-know (information on fetal development, alternatives to abortion, and the medical/mental risks)?		Y				N	N	N			Y	Y			Y		N	Y	Y		N		Y			N	N	Y	Y	Y	N
6. Do you OPPOSE the use of tax dollars for abortion?		Y									N	Y			Y			Y	N		N					N	N	Y	Y	N	
7. Do you BELIEVE life begins at conception?															Y			Y										Y			
8. Would you SUPPORT a law allowing citizens' initiative petitions, requiring the legislature to vote on an issue?		Y									Y	Y			Y			Y										Y			
9 Would you SUPPORT legislation prohibiting nonresident college students or other non-residents from voting in Vermont elections?		Y									N	Y			Y			Y										Y			
10. Despite current law, do you AGREE that marriage should be defined as the union of one man and one woman only?		Y									Y	Y			Y			Y	N									Y			
11. Would you SUPPORT legislation that requires parental involvement (Parental Notification), with provisions for a judicial waiver, prior to performing an abortion on a minor?		Y	Y			N	N	N			N	Y			Y		N	Y	Y		N		Y			N	N	Y	Y	Y	N
12. Do you OPPOSE school-based programs offering access to contraceptives and abortion without explicit parental consent?		Y									N	Y			Y			Y	Y									Y			
13. Do you SUPPORT some form of voucher system to allow parents to choose the form of schooling most beneficial; to their child?		Y									N	Y			Y			Y										Y			
14. Do you AGREE that the state should not raid dedicated funds for other purposes, e.g. transportation or education funds?		Y									Y	Y			Y			Y	Y									Y			
15. Do you SUPPORT legislation requiring a balanced VT budget?		Y									Y	Y			Y			Y										Y			
16. Do you AGREE not to pass unfunded mandates?		Y									Y	Y			Y			Y										Y			
17. Do you OPPOSE the use of foreign law and Sharia (Islamic law) in the Vermont and U.S. Judicial systems?																		Y			Y							Y			
18. Do you support a voter identification (Voter ID) law?																		Y			Y							Y			
19. Do you OPPOSE a single payer healthcare system?																		Y			Y							Y			
20. Do you SUPPORT limiting party status in the Vermont permit process to those materially affected?																		Y			Y							Y			

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Lamoille and Rutland Counties – House of Representatives

	Lamoille 1 Stowe	Lamoille 2 Bel, Hyde Park Johnson, Wolcott	Lamoille 3 Cambridge Waterville	Lamoille Washing Elmore, Morrishow Woodby, Worcest	Rutlane 1 Ira, Poultney	Rutland 2 Clarendon, Procto Wallingford W. Rutland	Rutland 3 Castleton, Fhaven	Rutland 4 Rutland Town	Rutland 5-1 Rutland	Rutland 5-2 City of Rutland	Rutland 5-3 City of Rutland	Rutland 5-4 City of Rutland	Rutland 6 Brandon Pittsford Sudbury	Rutl-Bennington Pawlet, Wells	Rutland-Winds 1 Bridgew, Killingt	Rutland-Winds 2 Ludlow Shrewsb	Bennington-Ruti Danby Dorset			
	Scheueemann	Gravel Martin Woodward	Ingvoidstad Juskiewicz Marsh	Peltz S. Smith M. Smith	Donaghy	Burditt Eno Fredette Potter	Canfield Helm	Terenzini	Fagan	Andrews Cupoli	Mattison Russell	Durghin-Campbell Gage	Carr Hopkins Shaw	Leach Malcolm	Eckhardt Gallivan	Devereux French	Komline			
	D	R D D	D R I	D D R	R	R R D D	R R	RD	R	D R	R D	R R	D R RD	I D	R D	R D	R			
1				Y	Y		Y Y					Y	Y	U	Y Y					
2				N	Y		N Y					Y	Y	Y	Y N					
3				Y	Y		Y Y					Y	Y		Y U					
4	Y	Y Y		N N N	Y Y		Y Y Y		Y			Y Y Y	Y Y		Y N	N				
5		Y N N		Y N N	Y Y		N Y Y			N N	Y	N Y Y	Y N	N	Y Y	Y				
6			N	N	Y		Y Y					Y	Y	N	Y N	N				
7				N	Y		Y Y					Y	Y		Y					
8				N	Y		Y					Y	Y	N	Y N	Y				
9				N	Y		Y Y					Y	Y	Y	Y N					
10				N	Y		Y Y					Y	Y	N	Y N	N				
11		Y N N		N N N	Y Y		Y Y Y			N N	Y Y Y	Y Y Y	Y N	N	Y N	N				
12				N	Y		Y					Y	Y	U	Y N	Y				
13				Y	Y		Y					Y	Y	N	Y N	Y				
14				N	Y		Y Y					N	Y	N	Y					
15				N	Y		Y Y					N	Y	N	Y					
16				N	Y		Y Y					Y	Y		Y Y					
17				N	Y		Y Y					Y	Y		Y					
18				N	Y		Y Y					Y	Y		Y					
19				N	Y		Y Y					Y	Y							
20				N	Y		Y Y					Y	Y		Y					

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CAM Network Survey		Vermont Senate			Statewide Offices																							
2012 General Election																												
Key	District	Lamoille Senate 1 seat	Rutland Senate 3 Seats		Governor	LT Governor	State Treasurer	Secretary of State	Auditor Accounts	Attorney General	US Senate	US Representative																
	Town				Brock	Shumlin	Gekas	Scott	Pearce	Wilton	Condos	Herbert	Hoffer	Illuzi	Levy	Jackowski	McMullen	Sorrell	Stanak	MacGovern	Sanders	Desrochers	Donka	Newton	Weich			
Y = Yes	See Key				R	D	P	R	D	R	D	L	U	D	R	L	U	L	R	D	P	R	I	I	R	L	U	D
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Party		D	R		D	R	D		D	R	D	L	U	D	R	L	U	L	R	D	P	R	I	I	R	L	U	D
1. Do you AGREE that the United States was founded on Judeo-Christian principles?							Y												Y						Y			
2. Have you, as an adult, actually READ the U.S. & VT Constitutions, Bill of Rights and Declaration of Independence in the past year?							Y												Y						Y			
3. Do you SUPPORT the right of towns and public schools to display Christmas items and sing songs that reflect Christmas as being the celebration of the birth of Christ?							Y												Y						Y			
4. Do you OPPOSE making physician-assisted suicide legal in Vermont?		Y			U	Y	Y		Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
5. Would you SUPPORT a woman's right-to-know law (information on fetal development, alternatives to abortion, and the medical/mental risks)?		N			N	Y	Y		N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N		Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	
6. Do you OPPOSE the use of state funds for abortion?		N			N	Y			N	N	Y	N		N		U	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	
7. Do you BELIEVE life begins at conception?																									Y			
8. Would you SUPPORT a law allowing citizens' initiative petitions, requiring the legislature to vote on an issue?							Y	Y											Y						Y			
9. Would you SUPPORT legislation prohibiting nonresident college students or other non-residents from voting in Vermont elections?							Y	Y											Y						Y			
10. Despite current law, do you AGREE that marriage should be defined as the union of one man and one woman only?							N												Y						Y			
11. Would you SUPPORT legislation that requires parental involvement (Parental Notification), with provisions for a judicial waiver, prior to performing an abortion on a minor?		N	Y		N	Y	Y		Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y		Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	
12. Do you OPPOSE school-based programs offering access to contraceptives and abortion without explicit parental consent?							Y	Y											Y						Y			
13. Do you SUPPORT some form of voucher system to allow parents to choose the form of schooling most beneficial to their child?							Y												Y						Y			
14. Do you AGREE that the state should not raid dedicated funds for other purposes, e.g. transportation or education funds?							Y	Y											Y						Y			
15. Do you SUPPORT legislation requiring a balanced VT budget?							Y												Y						Y	N		
16. Do you AGREE not to pass unfunded mandates?							Y																		Y			
17. Do you OPPOSE the use of foreign law and Sharia (Islamic law) in the Vermont and U.S. Judicial systems?																			Y						Y			
18. Do you SUPPORT a voter identification (Voter ID) law?																			Y						Y			
19. Do you OPPOSE a single payer healthcare system?																			Y						Y			
20. Do you SUPPORT limiting party status in the Vermont permit process to those materially affected?																			Y						Y			

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CHOOSING CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

By
John C. Talcott, Jr.

I believe our nation, the United States of America, is at the crossroads. We need to choose God's way now, or we shall continue on the road to destruction just like other nations preceding us. Many selfish and ungodly men and women have been running our nation; we need to change this by voting in God-fearing, righteous persons to replace them.

What should we look for in political candidates seeking office? A few words of caution:

Don't select a candidate by party affiliation, for all parties have both good and corrupt individuals within the organization.

- Don't select a candidate by his appearance, good looks, etc.
- Don't select a candidate by what he says or promises

he will do, for this is often meaningless when he gets into office.

- Don't select a candidate just because you know him, or some friend of yours knows him.
- Don't pick a candidate because he is the smartest person or has had the most experience in politics.
- Don't select a candidate because he says he is a Christian ~ most all will profess to be Christian since they live in a so-called Christian nation.

Of course, the best candidate is the committed, qualified, God-fearing Christian who is seeking office not to further his own interests, but to please God and to serve his community, state or nation justly and honestly. In many cases, the electorate may not have the choice of a qualified, born again Christian candidate!

What do we look for then? First, we have to inquire more about the candidates, learn their qualifications: Does the person have an affiliation with a church or Christian organization? But, more importantly, does he or she have a sterling character? Is he a person of high principles? Is he seeking to serve his electorate as a statesman, not seeking the rewards accorded to politicians? Finally, is he honest? Is he humble? Is he willing to stand up for the right even though he may lose?

When you have a comparison of the qualifications of the candidate, pray to God about the matter, asking Him to give you His wisdom; particularly if two or more candidates seem to be about equal in their qualifications. Once you feel sure of the answer in your heart,

promote and endorse the person of God's choice and be sure you cast your vote in the election.

I am reminded that some choices seem impossible to make; neither one is a good choice. What do you do in such a case? Ask yourself; which person would the devil want more in this office? Upon determining that, vote for the other candidate, the lesser evil of the two.

Lastly, remember, by praying and fasting with God's people for our nation, we present a channel through which God can work.

John C. Talcott, Jr. served as the founding president of Intercessors For America.



“The way to have good and safe government is not to trust it all to one, but to divide it among the many, distributing to everyone exactly the functions in which he is competent...To let the National Government be entrusted with the defense of the nation, and its foreign and federal relations...The State Governments with the Civil Rights, Laws, Police and administration of what concerns the State generally. The Counties with the local concerns, and each ward direct the interests within itself. It is by dividing and subdividing the Republics from the great national one down through all it subordinations until it ends in the administration of everyman’s farm by himself, by placing under everyone what his own eye may superintend, that all will be for the best.”

Thomas Jefferson, third U.S. President

What can I do?



Faith without works is dead
James 2:17

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"In selecting men for office, let principle be your guide. Regard not the particular sect or denomination of the candidate ~ look to his character. The scriptures teach that rulers should be men who rule in the fear of God, able men, men of truth, hating covetousness. It is to the neglect of this rule that we must ascribe the multiplied frauds, breaches of trust, and embezzlements of public property which tarnish the character of our country and disgrace government. When a citizen gives his vote to a man of known immorality, he abuses his civic responsibility; he sacrifices not only his interest, but that of his neighbor; he betrays the interest of his country."

Noah Webster, 1823

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Next Meetings
December 11, 7:00 pm
Parkinson home
Hinesburg, Vt.
January 8, 7:00 pm
Living Hope
Williston, Vt.

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Vermont!**



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