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About You and Your Vision

Question 1: Tell us who you are and why you want to serve in the US Congress.

CANDIDATE RESPONSE

I'm Monica Alponte, a Libertarian and new voice in the America First movement representing what Americans want: PEACE, LIBERTY, PROSPERITY, NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY, and to STOP ENDLESS WARS!

I was raised in a military family and lived across the country before making Arizona my home 25 years ago. This upbringing gave me deep respect for those who serve and a firsthand understanding of the costs of war, fueling my commitment to a non-interventionist foreign policy that prioritizes PEACE.

I'm a retired business owner, writer, and former political TV talk show co-host, Monica parted ways with the uniparty to champion civil liberties and true individual sovereignty: "NOT LEFT, NOT RIGHT, JUST FREE."

For the past decade, I've worked in local governance in Homeowner Association reform, leading homeowner advocacy, road safety, and animal rescue. I've dealt with bureaucracy head-on, providing fiduciary oversight, drafting resolutions and amendments, serving on committees, approving and managing budgets—many of the same core duties required to serve in the U.S. Congress.

ISSUES NEAR AND DEAR: Fiscal Sanity • Prosperity • Parental Sovereignty • Free Speech • Pro-2A • Property Rights • Compassionate Animal Stewardship • PEACE & Non-Intervention • Reject AIPAC • End Foreign Lobbying • Overturn Citizens United • Secure Border • End Incentives for Illegal Immigration

Growing Hindu Hate

Question 2: To address the growing instances of targeted hate against Hindus in America, if Congress were to introduce a resolution or bill that celebrates American Hindus and condemns attacks on Hindu places of worship, Hinduphobia, and anti-Hindu bigotry, would you support it?

CANDIDATE RESPONSE

Yes — I support the right of every single individual to practice their faith peacefully and free from fear. Freedom of religion is a cornerstone of American liberty, and targeting houses of worship or individuals based on their faith violates core constitutional principles. We can always find common ground and live in peace. Hindu traditions like yoga, meditation, and natural approaches to health and healing are already well-established American practices in American society. The core of Hindu religion is peace with respect for natural healing and animals. Peace and compassionate animal stewardship are 2 of my campaign's near and dear issues.

Question 3: Would you support any federal or state policy that relies on vague or politicized "transnational repression" legislation? Such legislation has been misused to profile, stigmatize, surveil, and chill the lawful civic participation of American Hindus, Hindu temples, Indian Americans, Hindu nonprofits, and Indian-American organizations.

CANDIDATE RESPONSE

No — I oppose warrantless surveillance, profiling, and vague laws that give the government too much power over our lives. Federal agencies should not be given a blank check to spy on Americans, target people because of their heritage or religion, or silence lawful speech and civic participation. Our Constitution protects every American's rights, including those of Hindu Americans, Indian Americans, temples, and religious nonprofits. Protecting our country should never come at the expense of our constitutional freedoms. SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE! Keep the government out of our religion and worship services!

Question 4: Do you support or oppose legislation that singles out caste as a separate protected category (as distinct from existing race/national origin protections)?

CANDIDATE RESPONSE

Oppose — existing civil rights laws are sufficient — I oppose creating a separate protected category for caste. Our existing civil rights laws should protect every American from discrimination. We don't need more layers of government bureaucracy dividing people into ever-smaller categories. Equal rights should apply to every individual, period. The government should protect our rights, not create unnecessary laws that invite more government overreach.

Question 5: Do you support federal funding or grant programs to help protect houses of worship — including Hindu temples — from vandalism, arson, and targeted violence?

CANDIDATE RESPONSE

Yes — While I generally favor keeping a sharp limit on public spending, the absolute first duty of government is protecting the fundamental security and rights of its people at home. Protecting our communities and houses of worship—including Hindu temples—from vandalism, arson, and violence should be a priority. If we stop wasting trillions of taxpayer dollars on foreign wars, we would have more funds to protect our communities and places of worship here at home.

Affirmative Action

Question 6: What are your thoughts on merit-based admissions policies?

CANDIDATE RESPONSE

I stand firmly for voluntary exchange, free markets, and pure merit. Educational institutions should be merit-based only; judge individuals on their actual hard work, competence, and character—not identity markers or bureaucratic quotas. Forcing ideological tests or identity-based metrics onto applicants destroys excellence and violates individual liberty.

Community Engagement

Question 7: Would you support a Congressional resolution officially recognizing Diwali as a nationally significant cultural observance?

CANDIDATE RESPONSE

Yes — Yes. Recognizing a major cultural and historic celebration observed by millions of Americans is common sense. Diwali is part of the rich mix of cultures and traditions that make up our country. Recognizing it requires no expansion of government power or regulatory red tape. It's simply a way to recognize our fellow Americans and their traditions.

Question 8: How do you plan to engage with the American Hindu community if elected? Please describe any specific outreach, advisory councils, or policy consultation plans.

CANDIDATE RESPONSE

Whether I am elected or not, I invite the American Hindu community to contact me, as my campaign will continue beyond this election. We also invite the American Hindu community to participate directly in our campaign's local Libertarian Meetup gatherings and "Seniors, Vets, and Disabled Taskforce" held at our local community center and community park.

Immigration Policies

Question 9: Many children of legal immigrants, high-skilled workers, have lived in the United States for most of their lives, attended American schools, followed the law, and waited patiently in the legal immigration system. Yet when they turn 21, they can lose dependent status and face self-deportation through no fault of their own, even though their families entered legally and complied with U.S. immigration rules. Would you support compassionate relief for these documented dependent children?

CANDIDATE RESPONSE

Yes — Our immigration system should be fair. It makes no sense for young people who came here legally, grew up in America, and did everything right to face deportation because of bureaucratic delays beyond their control. These kids shouldn't pay the price for a broken system.

International Human Rights

Question 10: Do you support the human rights of persecuted religious minorities in authoritarian theocracies? For example, do you believe that US Foreign Policy and US Aid should take into account the egregious abuses of Hindu and other religious minorities in countries such as Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan?

CANDIDATE RESPONSE

I strongly condemn the persecution of religious minorities anywhere in the world. As a Libertarian, I oppose sending American economic or military foreign aid to any foreign regime. Washington must absolutely stop using our tax dollars to subsidize or prop up corrupt, authoritarian overseas governments that abuse human rights and terrorize minority groups.

Foreign Policy

Question 11: Do you support a close relationship between the US and democratic allies like India, and alliances among democracies to counter autocratic and militarily controlled regimes?

CANDIDATE RESPONSE

I support open global trade, peaceful diplomacy, and voluntary cooperation with international allies, especially India. However, I firmly oppose entangling military alliances, foreign aid, or warmongering interventionalist schemes that drag the United States into proxy wars or nation-building scams. Peace through strength and commerce, not military meddling.

Free Speech

Question 12: Hindu students and academicians have been disproportionately impacted by ideological tests on campuses. Do you think there are limitations to free speech? How do you intend to guarantee free speech for all groups on university campuses?

CANDIDATE RESPONSE

I am a First Amendment absolutist. There should be zero state-sponsored limitations on free speech, period. I will work to strip federal funding and research grants from any public university that enforces ideological litmus tests, practices data censorship, or silences students and academicians based on their viewpoints or heritage. Campuses must remain open marketplaces of ideas, free from administrative tyranny.