

IVI-IPO 2012 CONGRESSIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

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- A) Elective or appointive public or party offices previously held including dates.
- B) Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate.
- C) What is your primary occupation?
- D) Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years.
- E) What subjects have you studied and what experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek?
- F) What candidates have you supported in past elections? Please be specific in describing your role in each campaign.
- G) Please list all endorsements you have received so far.
- H) As concisely as possible, please state why you feel you should be endorsed over the other candidate(s). What goals for the office you seek are most important to you personally?
- I) What is your campaign budget? How much have you raised to date?
- J) How many people are on your campaign staff? How many volunteers are on your list?

IVI-IPO 2012 CONGRESSIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 2

Foreign and Military			
	YES	NO	
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Should the US wage war without a declaration from Congress?
			Do you support
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	closing WHISC (the re-named Army School of the Americas)?
3.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	mandating release of the names of all those who have attended the WHISC?
			Do you support
4.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	normalization of relations with Cuba?
5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	the Helms-Burton Act?
6.	ESSAY		What should be Congress' role in formulating foreign policy?
7.	ESSAY		Comment on the necessity & effectiveness of our military deployment in Afganistan
Energy & Environment			
			Do you Support
8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Oil drilling in Alaska and other protected wilderness?
9.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cap and trade?
10.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lower National Carbon emissions goals?
11.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clean Diesel Program?
12.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Energy Efficiency goals?
13.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coal Liquification?
14.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Increasing use of Nuclear power for electric generation?
15.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mountaintop coal strip mining?
16.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Increase user fees for grazing, mining and lumbering on Federal lands?
17.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Opening more federal land for lumber exploitation?
18.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Support for Alberta Oil Sand exploitation?
19.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Incentives for business to develop alternative energy systems
20.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tax credits for individuals to implement sustainable and renewable systems in their homes?
21.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support allowing states to adopt more stringent environmental standards than provided for in Federal law?
Transportation			
			Should the federal government have any funding responsibility for
22.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	infrastructure improvements?
23.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	highways?
24.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	mass transit?
25.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	high-speed rail?
26.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amtrak?
27.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Air transportation?
28.	ESSAY		Please comment on specific proposals

Taxes and Economic Policy

			Do you favor
29.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a more progressive income tax?
30.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a flat tax?
31.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a national sales tax?
32.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	taxing capital gains at the same rate as earned income?
33.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	taxing dividends at the same rate as earned income?
34.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	reduction/elimination of the estate tax?
35.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	any other changes in our tax structure?
36.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Elimination of mortgage interest deduction?
37.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Elimination of income tax credit for dependent children
38.	ESSAY		What would you do to create jobs, specifically address communities with historically high and lingering unemployment rates
39.	ESSAY		What changes would you propose for the Social Security System?
40	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support repeal of the Commodity Futures Modernization Act?
41.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support "fast track" legislation for trade treaties?

Consumer Rights			
42.	ESSAY		What legislation or regulation would you support to safeguard consumers harmed in the recent sub-prime lending credit crisis?
			Do you support
43.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal legislation to cap interest rates on credit cards and other consumer loans?
44.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal legislation to regulate ATM fees and service charges on credit cards and other consumer loans?
45.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	allowing states to enact consumer laws which go beyond the protection of federal legislation?
Government and Ethics			
			Do you support
46.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Constitutional amendment to regulate campaign financing?
47.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Constitutional amendment to reverse the Citizens United case?
48.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support increased Congressional oversight of federal contracting?
	ESSAY		Why or why not?
Health & Human Services			
49.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support "Single Payer" or "Extended Medicare"?
	ESSAY		Why or why not?
50.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support authorizing Medicare and other government insurance programs to negotiate lower prices for prescription drugs?
51.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Should the FDA approve importation of drugs from countries whose manufacturing and safety standards are equal or superior to those in the US?
52.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support funding of medically accurate, age appropriate, sex education programs?
53.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support increased funding for HIV/AIDS research, education, prevention, and services?

			Do you support
54.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	the Human Life Amendment?
55.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	the Freedom of Choice Act?
56.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	parental notification to obtain an abortion?
57.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a ban on so-called partial birth abortions?
58.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Repeal of the Hyde Amendment?
59.	ESSAY		What other changes would you support in the area of reproductive health?
			Do you favor increased funding for:
60.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	supplemental food programs for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)?
61.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	food stamp allowances?
62.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Head Start?
63.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	school lunch programs?
			Do you support
64.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	reauthorization of TANF in 2012?
65.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	raising TANF benefits to at least equal the poverty level?
66.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reestablishing federal regulation of statewide programs?
67.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	TANF work requirement?
68.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Support the further extension of unemployment benefits?
69.	ESSAY		What are your proposals to help people who do not qualify for TANF or for unemployment benefits?
			Do you support
70.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	increased funding to develop affordable housing?
71.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	restrictions to ensure development of low-income rather than market rate housing?
72.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	adequate funding for the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund out of the premiums paid for Fannie Mae and Ginnie Mae loans?
73.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	protection against housing discrimination for holders of Section 8 housing vouchers?
			Do you favor
74.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	vouchers, tuition tax-credits or other any direct public support for parochial or private schools?
75.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are the provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act the most effective way to advance student achievement?
	ESSAY		If not, what plan would you propose?
Law, Justice, and Correctional System			
			Do you support:
76.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	admissibility of illegally obtained evidence?
77.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	electronic eavesdropping?
78.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	roving wiretaps?
79.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	capital punishment?
80.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults?

81.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	mandatory sentencing?
82.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	criminalization of hate crimes?
83.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Congressional oversight of the NSA?
84.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Real ID program?
85.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	detention of suspects and material witnesses without charges and/or probable cause?
			Do you support
86.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	repeal of the Military Commissions Act?
87.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a statutory ban on the use of extraordinary rendition and secret prisons?
88.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	creation of a special committee to learn the truth about unlawful and inappropriate activities by government officials in the post-9/11 era?
89.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	repeal of the FISA Amendments Act of 2008?
90.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation prohibiting racial profiling in law enforcement?
91.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation restricting the sale and possession of assault weapons?
			Do you support legislation
92.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	mandating background checks of purchasers of weapons at gun shows, through the internet and through print advertisements?
93.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	increasing penalties for illegal resale of weapons?
94.	ESSAY		What restrictions, if any, should Congress enact or repeal regarding the scope of federally funded legal services for the poor?
Civil Liberties and Civil Rights			
			Do you favor
95.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	repeal of the Patriot Act?
96.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	amending the NSL provisions to expand court oversight, require a mandatory showing of a connection to terrorist activity and rescind unconstitutional gag restrictions?
97.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	any other changes to the Patriot Act?
98.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support repeal/revision of the Posse Comitatus Act?
		ESSAY	Please explain.
			Do you support
99.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	prioritizing family reunification as criteria in granting visas and processing citizenship and permanent resident applications?
100.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	halting deportations of immigrants until final determination of residency status has been made and appeals have been exhausted?
101.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prohibiting deportation of undocumented immigrants arrested for misdemeanors or traffic violations?
102.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants currently in the country?
103.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The DREAM Act?
104.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recognizing same sex marital or union status when determining immigration status?
105.	ESSAY		What other immigration reforms do you support?

106.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support DC statehood?
			Do you support
107.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal legislation to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, employment and education?
108.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act?
109.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	passage of the Respect for Marriage Act?
110.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military?
111.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support prior government restraint of the press?
112.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support separation of church and state?
			Do you support
113.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	prayer in public schools?
114.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	moment of silence?
			Do you support mandatory drug testing
115.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	in private employment?
116.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	in public employment?
117.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support mandatory AIDS testing for insurance or employment?
118.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation to redress inequities in pension benefits for women?
119.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the Equal Rights Amendment to the US Constitution?
Labor			
120.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support Affirmative Action with specific goals, targets and timetables for federal employment, grants and contracts?
121.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation to restructure the wage scale of federal employees to correct disparities based on gender by instituting equal pay for jobs of comparable worth?
			Do you support
122.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act?
123.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a prohibition on permanent replacement of strikers?
124.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	giving federal employees the right to strike?
125.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	the Employee Freedom of Choice Act?
126.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support a federal living wage law to guarantee that a person working forty hours a week would be able to afford housing, food, utilities, transportation and health care?

Answers to Essay Questions and Initial Questions

A) I have never run for office before or been elected.

B) I am a first time Candidate but long time voter.

C) My primary occupation is a Mechanical Engineer. Currently have a Bachelor of Science from Purdue University and I am working on getting my Master of Science degree from The University of Illinois at Chicago.

D) I was an active member of the Cary-Grove Jaycees doing work throughout the community. I have also donated time at community centers and senior citizen centers in the areas.

E) I have studied a large variety of subjects to become a Mechanical Engineer. Everything from economics to advanced math and sciences. As an engineer we are required to be familiar with numerous subjects since most of the problems we solve focus not only on math and science but on business and economic practices as well. This is the kind of experience we need to bring to the office. People who are career problem solvers, experienced in a variety of fields, and someone who has been trained to solve difficult problems.

F) I have voted for and supported many candidates over the years. Both from Democratic and Republican parties. I have voted for both in the past because I believe we should send people to Congress who are not just in the party we represent but people who are the most capable of solving the problems we are currently facing. In this election I have been collecting signatures for both the President and other local Democratic candidates.

G) So far I have not received any endorsements but I have been contacted by several different groups asking about my views. I am currently waiting to hear back from them and I look forward to working with them.

H) I feel I should be endorsed over the other candidates because I truly am an Independent Voter and that is because of my background in engineering. I vote and decide my actions not based on the ideals of a group I belong to but on the best possible solution to the problem at hand. I do tend to lean more towards the ideals of the Democratic Party but I am always willing to listen to new ideas in order to get the best possible outcome. My engineering background allows me to solve challenging problems fairly, while at the same time avoiding the political gridlock we commonly see in Washington these days.

The goals for the office that are most important to me are infrastructure projects and education. I have always been interested in energy and transportation and I know that in America most infrastructure from bridges to airports and electricity are aging. I want to help rebuild these areas, giving America the makeover it needs while at the same time putting millions of people to work.

As a long time student, I know the importance of a good education and what it can bring. So I would like to make sure that everyone who wishes to attend higher education has that opportunity. I also know that learning is a lifelong process that starts from early years and never stops. So making sure schools from kindergarten to universities are well funded is a goal for me so children can have the advantages they need to succeed.

I) As I am a new candidate my campaign budget is small. But I have always believed that the size of a person's funds does not make for a good leader. I have not and never will vote for a person because of how much money they have or how many signs they put up. The person with the best ideas to solve the problems at hand should get the vote no matter if they have \$1 million dollars or just \$1.

J) I currently have 2 people on my campaign staff along with 2 volunteers who have been helping immensely.

Answers to Select Essay Questions:

6. I believe Congress has an important role in deciding foreign policy. I don't believe that we have the right to try and influence other countries as often as we do. Instead we should be working together towards common goals for all of the world's countries.

7. I believe that we need to protect our country from foreign threats where ever they may be. If a country wishes to embrace more democratic ideals then I support working with the people of those countries in order to help that initiative. I don't believe we need such extended stays of deployment in countries. It is up to the people of each individual country to fight for what they believe in and do what is best for them. I think that our military in Afghanistan has been effective so far in accomplishing its goals and now it is time for the people of Afghanistan to continue the effort to improve their country into a more fair society.

28. It is up to the Federal Government to fund and establish country wide projects such as high speed rails, interstate highways and airports. I would not want to fund specific companies such as Amtrak to cover their expenses but the rail lines they use and others use should be funded by federal money just like airports should be funded by federal money to make sure they are safe and efficient for all airlines.

I have personally designed a high-speed rail system that would involve cooperation from all parties such as airlines, Amtrak, Federal and State governments. The only way to rebuild our infrastructure, especially in the transportation sector is by working with all parties and at all levels.

I personally would love to see a national high speed rail system developed if it can be done correctly. Not just single lines connecting two cities but national hubs that can connect entire regions together much like our counterparts in Europe and Asia. I believe such a system would decrease air traffic, create millions of jobs to build, and open up entire new regions to people. Imagine a person working in Milwaukee commuting to Chicago in only 30 minutes and the business advantage this would create for interstate trade.

38. One easy way to create a large amount of jobs is to start investing in America again. A large amount of people could be employed again just by rebuilding our aging public structures. This includes our airports, seaports, modernizing our schools, improving our energy grid and improving our roads and bridges.

In areas with already high unemployment, I would make sure people can refinance their homes to take advantage of these low interest rates so they are able to move to where the jobs are. I would also help people in these areas by funding programs to retrain workers for the fields that are in demand today.

I would also make sure that companies are able to invest the money they have been saving throughout the recession in new projects by changing the corporate tax code so that the rates are more competitive with other nations around the world.

39. I have actually been working significantly on the problem of Social Security. Mainly on the part that gives people money for retirement. We all know the system has problems that need to be addressed while at the same

time making sure the benefits people rely on from the system are not decreased. One thing I have changed was to adjust how the retirement age is calculated. Instead of basing it randomly and debating it every few years, I based it on the life expectancy of the country for the year a person was born. This way as medical technology improves and we live longer the retirement age will reflect these changes.

I believe we need to transition the system to reflect the retirement accounts people already have. All parties, including the Government, the employers and the employees should have a vested interest in funding a person's retirement. By making changes that encourages these contributions, such as making the contributions tax free we can encourage people to plan ahead and reduce the burden on everyone. In my new plan, people would have more money for retirement and it would their money tax free to do what they will. My plan reduces the cost to the government in this area and gives tax breaks to companies for helping citizens plan for their retirement. I have attached a full copy of my plan to demonstrate some of the changes I would pursue.

42. I think that after the credit crisis that there should be an agency that looks out for consumers in the financial field. Financial contracts and other information should be made clear and everyone should know all the risks about a given situation before they sign or participate in a program. The agency should have the power to make changes to protect consumers and fine companies when necessary. I would support any legislation or initiatives that protect consumers.

47. I don't like to see corporations who use their money to effect the political change. Members of any corporation should be allowed to donate political funding to whoever they want but a corporation should be severely limited in using their revenue for such cases. I would certainly want to keep the corporations out of the political system when it comes to financing.

48. We should always be checking on what federal contracts we have and what they are doing. Oversight is important not only for checking to make sure we are not wasting money but to make sure that the goals of any project are being met to the desired standards. If companies are taking advantage of government contracts then business with these companies should be discontinued.

49. Insurance systems, even those in health care, work best when as many people contribute as possible, This usually reduces the costs that every individual has to endure. But forcing people to purchase such insurance systems should not be allowed. It is the choice of any individual on what insurance to buy and how much. There should be an option made available to everyone who wants insurance to be able to obtain it at a fair and reasonable cost. Health care systems specifically should be made so that as much of every health care dollar is spent on treatment as possible. I know private companies need to make their money as well, but severely profiting off of health treatments on others should be limited.

59. Reproductive health classes should be part of the education curriculum in any public school. It is important to teach children about the risks that they may be getting involved in so that they are able to make an informed decision. I would encourage and support efforts in this area to inform all people about ways to protect themselves from any potential risks, just like in any other situation of life.

69. There should be some form of safety net for all people who have some bad luck and need some help getting back on their feet. In America, we help those who are in need of help. For those people who might not fit into already established aid program I would help to create a more temporary system that will have a wider range of

qualifications that allows people to continue to provide for their families while at the same time helping people get back on their feet. Everyone needs a helping hand at some point or another. For the times when assistance is needed, it should be made available in some form.

75. Advancing a student that is not ready to advance is not a good way for a student to learn. Requiring a school to take a test every year to receive federal funding is also not in the best interests of the students because this forces the school to "teach to the test". I believe this limits imagination and creativity and forces students into memorizing facts. A more broad requirement list should be used to judge whether or not a school should receive federal funding. From my own experience, there have been a number of times when I have done poorly on a test. Performing badly on a single test did not make me a bad engineer nor should it make a school a bad school. Yes, testing should be part of the picture in determining how well students are learning but it should not be the only requirement.

94. Just because someone is less fortunate than another does not mean they should have an unfair advantage when it comes to the law. Everyone should be equal under the law and making sure everyone has a fair defense in their name should always be a priority. It should be up to the government that all citizens are treated fairly in the court room and given a proper defense.

105. I would like to make it easier for people from other countries who come here for advanced degrees to stay here. If they are taking part in our educational system I would want them to use that education to improve America instead of taking the knowledge right back to their home country. I would also want to make it possible for people who are here illegally to have a path to staying in this country legally.