

Responses from Josh First:

1) yes. I'm a long time NRA member. Lifelong hunter. All three of my little children shoot and or hunt.

2) no, I don't support overturning DOMA. Why ask this double negative question? Confusing.

3) I support don't ask don't tell. If homosexuality is ever accepted in the military, it will have to come from the enlisted ranks. It cannot be forced on unwilling personnel who protect our nation. Our military isn't a social experiment. Homosexuality isn't the same as skin color or religion.

4) I'm unfamiliar with ENDA. I believe that it's unAmerican to discriminate against anyone in the work place, but I oppose creating "classes" of protected people. We are all Americans. Let's stop Balkanizing ourselves into groups. That said, I very strongly oppose the double standard employed by and on behalf of gay groups, where children can be lectured about and groomed for homosexuality by adults, when that same activity is patently illegal for heterosexuals. Boy Scouts come to mind. School children, too.

5) what's defined as obscenity? I strongly support increased prosecution and more stringent penalties for child porn, but depictions of sex between consenting adults does not bother me personally and I believe it's protected speech under the First Amendment. People have choices to make in a free society, and this is one of them. Government does not belong in our bedrooms.

6) if marijuana can be dispensed through pharmacies like any other controlled medication, like narcotics, then yes, I certainly do support having it used like other drugs. That makes good sense; eg narcotics come from heroin. However, I do not support legalizing marijuana like California and other libertine states have done, where the law is a fig leaf barely covering the fact that a drug has basically been dumped onto society.

7) I want to improve Roe v Wade by requiring religious counseling (type to be chosen by the woman) and a 3-D sonogram before abortion. Also, women must notify potential fathers that they are planning on having an abortion. I have many other fine points for improvement. Abortion on demand is a bad mistake. Women will have legal abortions or illegal abortions; the question is, Why do they want to at all? We won't just stop them. So, I believe in using honey to get those bees, not vinegar. My advice to the religious community is to use the love that motivates us to reach out on this issue. Anger scares people.

8) no

9) no

10) yes, I did sign the tax pledge

11) philosophy scale: 1 out of 10. I'm very conservative, especially on foreign policy and personal responsibility.

Thanks for contacting me!

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