

LWV Questions for Candidate Andrew Rice for United States Senate 2008

1. List the educational, professional and/or community experiences that prepare you to be a good senator. Please include your campaign website to give voters access to additional information.

***Born and raised in Oklahoma City, I attended Casady High School and graduated from Colby College (ME) with a Bachelor's degree in Religious Studies. I received a Masters degree in Theological Studies from Harvard Divinity School. I spent more than a year as a Christian missionary in impoverished villages in Sri Lanka and Thailand. In Oklahoma, I've launched initiatives to protect voting rights and combat hunger. I was elected State Senator, District 46, in 2006.***

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2. What should be done, if anything, at the federal level to reduce our use and dependence on fossil fuels?

***We can no longer depend on one source of energy to fuel our economy. Legislation like the bipartisan Warner-Lieberman bill rewards innovators who find the cleanest, most efficient ways to generate energy for the sustainable future. I believe that Oklahoma, with our boundless natural resources like wind, switch grass and natural gas, can lead this shift to the new energy economy rather than watch as China, Japan or Europe takes the lead.***

3. What should be our short term and long-term goals in Iraq and the rest of the Middle East?

***There is no easy way out of the Civil War in Iraq but Congress should work with the next President to implement an orderly redeployment of American troops and adequately finance their health and well-being as they return home. It is time for the Iraqis to assume more responsibility for their own security and political future. This will allow the U.S. to refocus more fully on identifying and destroying terrorist cells around the world.***

4. What should the federal government do, if anything, to ensure that every American has health coverage?

*American taxpayers are already subsidizing public hospital emergency room care for the uninsured. Access to routine, preventive care is less costly. Sen. Rice believes that quality health care for every American is one of the great moral issues that our country faces. As U.S. Senator, he will work with the business community, insurance companies, health care providers and patient advocates to ensure that basic health care is affordable to all American workers and their families.*

5. What should the federal government do about immigration?

*Illegal immigration has undermined the faith of the American people in their government to enforce the rule of law. In the Oklahoma Senate, I supported one of the toughest immigration laws in the country. We were forced to address this federal issue due to Washington's failure to act. When I am U.S. Senator, I will work for a comprehensive immigration policy that secures America's borders while forcing illegal immigrant workers to enter the system.*

6. Do you favor any changes in federal laws protecting water quality, air quality, the landscape, endangered species or laws to reduce global warming?

*Oklahoma farmers, anglers and hunters have expressed to me their concerns about the impact of climate change on crops and wildlife habitat. I support a plan that puts a price on carbon emissions and rewards clean energy technologies that put America on a path to energy independence while reducing greenhouse gases. I will also oppose any effort to weaken the clean water and clean air laws that guarantee minimum environmental standards from state to state.*