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2011 Survey Questions

The 112th Congress is involved with many issues vital to you, your family and the nation. Please take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire. Mark your answer by placing an "X" in the space provided on the response card. In some cases, a YES or NO answer may seem oversimplified, but I am often left with that same choice when voting on complex legislation on the House floor. Please fill out the response card, and mail it to my Washington office by July 1. Thank you for your time.

- In 2011, the federal government will run a \$1.4 trillion deficit. Of the following, what is the best way for Congress to address this issue:**
 - Increase taxes on individuals making more than \$250,000
 - Increase taxes on all Americans
 - Reduce federal spending
 - Other
- Do you support efforts to repeal and replace last year's healthcare law?**
 - Yes
 - No
 - Undecided
- Should illegal immigrants be eligible for in-state college tuition?**
 - Yes
 - No
 - Undecided
- Do you support continued government subsidies for ethanol?**
 - Yes
 - No
 - Undecided
- Do you support a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution?**
 - Yes
 - No
 - Undecided
- Do you believe current Transportation Security Administration (TSA) airport screening procedures are appropriate?**
 - Yes
 - No
 - Undecided
- What is the greatest threat facing the United States today?**
 - Wasteful government spending
 - Economic instability
 - Rising debt/deficit
 - Illegal immigration
 - Terrorism
 - High unemployment
 - Other
- The space shuttle will soon be retired. Should NASA invest in a new vehicle for manned flight?**
 - Yes
 - No
 - Undecided
- Medicare is unsustainable in its current form. Do you support reforming the program for individuals age 54 and younger?**
 - Yes
 - No
 - Undecided
- When considering budget cuts, should Department of Defense spending be on the table?**
 - Yes
 - No
 - Undecided
- Do you support the continued efforts of the United States in the War on Terror?**
 - Yes
 - No
 - Undecided
- What county do you live in?**
 - Jefferson County
 - Milwaukee County
 - Ozaukee County
 - Washington County
 - Waukesha County
- Are you interested in receiving news updates from Congressman Sensenbrenner via e-mail?**
 - Yes
 - No

Survey Answers

Respondent One:

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Congressman
Jim Sensenbrenner

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To Osama bin Laden, I say good riddance.

This monster was responsible for killing thousands of Americans on September 11, 2001, and terrorized the world for decades, killing countless others. I believe it is better that he was killed before he could kill more innocent civilians, than be captured and granted a global stage for his message.

Three presidential administrations hunted for this terrorist: Clinton, Bush and Obama. Finding him did not come easy; it did not come without great sacrifices; and it did not come without making tough decisions.

I commend President Obama for making a very bold decision in giving the okay for this mission.

We must also applaud the team of Navy SEALs who risked their lives to complete this difficult mission, not fully knowing what they would encounter inside the compound, and for accomplishing this mission without any American casualties.

Former President George W. Bush also deserves our gratitude. Shortly after that tragic September day in 2001, President Bush stood on a pile of rubble where the Twin Towers once anchored the

New York City skyline, and vowed that we would hunt down Osama bin Laden and bring the terrorists to justice. Through his work, combined with the efforts of countless intelligence officials; the blood, sweat, and tears of our Armed Forces—freedom truly prevailed—and on the night of May 1, Americans were united again.

America kept her promise to the thousands of men and women we lost on September 11, and their loved ones who miss them every day. We remember.

While we can give thanks that this news has finally arrived, we must remain vigilant. The threat to Americans, the threat to our nation, and the threat to freedom are all very real. The snake's head is now removed, but the snake is still alive and angry. We must not let our guard down. We must keep moving forward as we still have work to do.



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Preserving Medicare

Growing entitlement spending is responsible for a great deal of our budget problems—and as the baby boomer generation retires in higher numbers—health care costs will continue to rise, as will entitlement spending. Maintaining the status quo or making small tweaks will only make the situation worse. **Our nation is \$14.2 trillion in debt**; we do not have money to realistically pay for these services without real reform; and real reform is what our fellow Wisconsinite, Congressman Paul Ryan of Janesville, proposed in the House-passed budget.

While the White House and some members of the minority party have labeled this plan as the abolishment of Medicare and/or the privatization of Medicare, the House-passed budget plan does neither. **It's important to understand that the plan is aimed at strengthening Medicare for current seniors, preventing any changes to the program for anyone 55 and older, and preserving Medicare for future generations so they get needed care.** Additionally, the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office certifies that this plan saves Medicare and helps pay off the debt.

In contrast, with the support of the President, the Democratic leadership plan to rein in health care costs and reform Medicare includes a 15-member board of unelected bureaucrats who will ultimately make the decisions of who receives care and is covered, leading to a likely decline in health care quality and the program sinking further into debt.

If we don't make serious changes to our spending habits, we won't be able to provide these services for much longer... but we could likely go bankrupt trying.

I would like our grandchildren to inherit a debt-free nation, so they could have the opportunity to benefit from even better programs than we have now, and they could be greeted by a prosperous and competitive economy, filled with help-wanted signs when they enter the job market.

Spending money we don't have is not the solution as it only increases our debt and deficit.

And declaring class warfare by raising taxes is not the best solution as our spending rate is increasing so rapidly that we wouldn't be able to raise taxes fast enough without also sending our economy back into a downward spiral.

The solution is addressing entitlements directly—we're all in this budget crisis together, so we must work together.

Let's clear up some myths... What the House-passed budget plan would do, is in ten years, in 2022, **Medicare would essentially be transitioned to a premium support program—this is something similar to what the President and Members of Congress have**—in which beneficiaries would be able to review several competing plans—all certified by Medicare—offering coverage at subsidized rates, and then pick the plan that best meets their personal needs.

Lower income seniors and those individuals who weren't blessed with good health, would receive additional assistance, while seniors in a higher tax bracket who don't need as much assistance would receive less. **By injecting competition into this program, we can help patients receive the best care, while also ensuring it's the most cost effective for everyone, as we've already seen happen with Medicare Part D.**

The House-passed budget plan offers a real solution. It's very easy to criticize someone else's plan, but it's much harder to offer your own. The simple truth is that no one else has offered a real solution that cuts significant spending while preserving Medicare. If we don't do something, the poor and our most vulnerable citizens will be most affected because they will be most impacted by spending cuts.

Change can be hard, but if we listen to the mediscare people, and we don't bring about meaningful reform, we'll be left with a bankrupt program benefitting no one, and only the change in our pockets.

Congressman Sensenbrenner received the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Spirit of Enterprise Award on March 31 from Thomas J. Donohue, President and CEO of the U.S. Chamber for his support of pro-business and pro-growth policies during the second session of the 111th Congress.



Please Join Me at an Upcoming Town Hall Meeting or Office Hours

I welcome and encourage you to attend one or more of my Town Hall Meetings and Office Hours. I also invite you to come if you are experiencing problems with a federal agency and need assistance. If you need any special accommodations, please contact my district office at (262) 784-1111.

Sunday, June 26

7:00 p.m. Brookfield Public Safety Building

Monday, June 27

8:30 a.m. Helenville Fire Hall
 9:15 a.m. Sullivan Village Hall
 10:00 a.m. Palmyra Village Hall
 11:00 a.m. Dousman Village Hall
 11:45 a.m. Genesee Town Hall
 12:30 p.m. Wales Village Hall
 2:15 p.m. Nashotah Village Hall
 3:00 p.m. Merton Town Hall
 3:45 p.m. Merton Village Hall

Tuesday, June 28

7:00 p.m. Port Washington Police Department

Wednesday, June 29

9:00 a.m. Newburg Village Hall
 9:45 a.m. Fredonia Town & Village Hall
 10:30 a.m. Belgium Village Hall
 11:30 a.m. Saukville Village Hall
 1:15 p.m. River Hills Village Hall
 2:00 p.m. Fox Point Police Department
 2:45 p.m. Bayside Village Hall

Thursday, June 30

9:00 a.m. Kewaskum Village Hall
 10:00 a.m. Addison Town Hall
 10:45 a.m. Jackson Village Hall
 12:45 p.m. Sussex Village Hall
 1:30 p.m. Lannon Village Hall
 2:30 p.m. Butler Village Hall

Tuesday, July 5

7:00 p.m. Cedarburg Police Department

Sunday, July 10

7:00 p.m. Hartford City Hall

Sunday, July 17

7:00 p.m. Menomonee Falls Village Hall

Sunday, July 24

7:00 p.m. Whitefish Bay Village Hall

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