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Questions for Bill Clinton

At the end of NBC's Meet the Press last Sunday, all the panelists were asked to state a question they would like to ask a Presidential candidate. The rest of us can play the game too. Here are some questions I would like to ask Bill Clinton.

Why should we elect a man who has been on the payroll of the taxpayers for all of his adult life? Those whose income comes out of other people's pockets, and can spend money that is not their own, always seem to have a primary urge to increase their own power, pay and perks at any cost to the rest of us in the real world.

Is your vision of America's future based on higher taxes, bigger government, and. the elite running our lives? What is your answer to the assertion by one Washington editor that 39 of the 49 specific proposals in your national economic strategy are virtually identical to policies proposed by Michael Dukakis in l988?

How do you rationalize your own unwillingness to serve in the military with your current support of the assignment of women to military combat?

What kind of a commander-in-chief would you make when your record is that, in 1969 while brave young Americans were dying in Vietnam and you had a draft deferment to study at Oxford, you helped to organize antiwar demonstrations in London and made an expedition to the Soviet Union with a "peace" group?

Do you think that the nickname "slick Willie" is typified by your series of devious responses to questions about your use of marijuana? Why did you tell the MTV (Music Television) audience of impressionable young people that, if you "had it to do over again," you would indeed inhale that mind-altering drug?

Since, in the 12 years you have been Governor of Arkansas you have raised taxes every year so that your state's budget and state taxes have doubled, will you continue the same pattern if you are in the White House?

will Hillary Clinton have a say in selecting Federal judges appointed during your Administration similar to her role in passing on state judges while you were Governor of Arkansas?

How do you reconcile your criticism of Clarence Thomas for having only one year of judicial experience with your short list of Supreme Court nominees -- Mario Cuomo, Eleanor Holmes Norton, Marian Wright Edelman, Susan Estrich, and Anita Hill -- none of whom has any judicial experience?

Do you agree with Hillary's characterization of marriage as a "dependency relationship" for women comparable to "slavery and the Indian reservation system"? Do you agree with her written views that minor children should have the same legal rights as their parents, and therefore be able to sue with the assistance of government lawyers?

What was the real reason why you suddenly backed out, at the last minute, from running for president in 1988?

Since you admitted the authenticity of the Gennifer Flowers' telephone tapes, why do you think the media have not questioned you about your tape-recorded statement telling her to lie if she was ever questioned about you?

Since the big teachers' union, the National Education Association (NEA), enthusiastically endorsed you at its 1992 national convention, do you endorse all the radical resolutions passed by the NEA at that same convention, including prohibiting all parents' choice about schools and curriculum, wiping out homeschooling unless parents are licensed by NEA-approved regulators, and forcing children to submit to NEA-selected courses on sex and lifestyles?

When exactly did you switch your position on abortion from 1986 (when you told the Arkansas Right to Life, "I am opposed to abortion and to government funding of abortions") to 1992 when you warmly endorsed the Freedom of Choice Act (which would codify Roe v. Wade, legalize abortion throughout nine months of pregnancy, and prohibit state regulations such as those contained in the Pennsylvania law upheld in the recent Casey decision)?

How much have you received in contributions from the trial lawyers? Do you agree with the fundraiser sent out by the former president of the American Trial Lawyers Association in your behalf that said, "I happen to know that Bill Clinton is against tort reform of any kind"? Do you agree with the fundraiser sent out by the president of the Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association which said, "I can never remember an occasion where he [Clinton] failed to do the right thing where we trial lawyers were concerned"?

Why did you select a phrase with strong religious connotations, “New Covenant,” to describe your campaign's ideology? Is it a call to a new religion that exalts Big Government and rejects family values? How does your New Covenant religion interact with AI Gore's new Mother Earth religion to make the environment “the central organizing principle of civilization"?