



Congressman Ben Cardin

Maryland's Third District



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Dear Friends,

I want to thank all of you who took the time to respond to my 2005 Online Questionnaire. In addition to meeting with constituents at Town Hall meetings and at community events throughout the year, my annual Questionnaire is an enormous help in keeping me informed about your views on many issues that face our nation.

This E-Newsletter contains the results of the 16 questions included in this year's Annual Questionnaire. It's clear that many of you have strong opinions and I think you will find many of the results interesting.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to complete my 2005 Online Questionnaire.

Sincerely,

Benjamin L. Cardin

Member of Congress

Congressman Cardin's 2005 Online Questionnaire Results

1- Should working Americans under the age of 55 be permitted to divert one-third of their Social Security payroll taxes into private accounts?

Answer	Percent
Yes	42.95%
No	57.05%
Total	100%

2- Do you believe the federal government should continue to fund the Perkins Loan program, which provides low-interest loans to students with exceptional financial need?

Answer	Percent
Yes	88.88%
No	11.12%
Total	100%

3- Ongoing U.S. commitments in Iraq, Afghanistan and other foreign nations are putting a large burden on Reservists and the National Guard. Do you believe we should increase the size of our full-time military?

Answer	Percent
Yes	56.14%
No	43.86%
Total	100%

4- Should members of the National Guard and Reserves who do not have health insurance through their civilian employers be guaranteed coverage through the military health care system?

Answer	Percent
Yes	90.18%
No	9.82%
Total	100%

5- President Bush has proposed building the largest U.S. embassy abroad in Iraq. Do you support such a large, permanent U.S. presence in that nation?

Answer	Percent
Yes	21.31%
No	78.69%
Total	100%

6- Should the U.S. adopt the Kyoto Protocol and be subject to international environmental standards?

Answer	Percent
Yes	68.78%
No	31.22%
Total	100%

7- Do you think the U.S. should insist in negotiating free trade agreements that require foreign companies to comply with international labor and environmental standards?

Answer	Percent
Yes	85.73%
No	14.27%
Total	100%

8- Should the government increase incentives and impose stricter regulations on conservation programs in an effort to reduce nutrients from entering the Chesapeake Bay?

Answer	Percent
Yes	88.86%
No	11.14%
Total	100%

9- Should Congress provide tax or Medicare incentives to encourage Americans to complete living wills?

Answer	Percent
Yes	43.77%
No	56.23%
Total	100%

10- Should doctors be allowed to prescribe marijuana to patients with severe illnesses to alleviate pain?

Answer	Percent
Yes	83.77%
No	16.23%
Total	100%

11- Should Congress require stricter security measures for passenger rail transportation, such as requiring selected bags and passengers to go through metal detectors and scanners?

Answer	Percent
Yes	73.26%
No	26.74%
Total	100%

12- Should Congress reauthorize the ban on assault weapons?

Answer	Percent
Yes	79.00%
No	21.00%
Total	100%

13- Should the United Nations authorize the use of force to stop the genocide in Sudan?

Answer	Percent
Yes	84.76%
No	15.24%
Total	100%

14- Should the U.S. insist allies such as Saudi Arabia and Pakistan institute democratic reforms?

Answer	Percent
Yes	41.35%
No	58.65%
Total	100%

15- Should the detainees at Guantanamo Bay have the right to a lawyer and a hearing before an impartial judge?

Answer	Percent
Yes	66.62%
No	33.38%
Total	100%

16- Should legal immigrants working in this nation be permitted to receive public benefits that U.S. citizens are entitled to under the law?

Answer	Percent
Yes	55.99%
No	44.01%
Total	100%

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New Survey Question

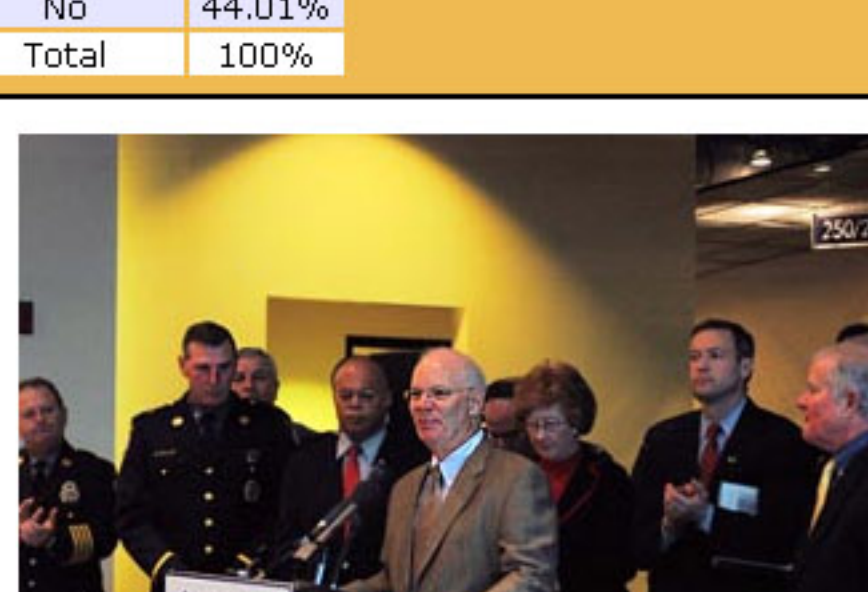
Do you support closing military bases, including those in the United States, as a way to streamline the U.S. military into a more effective force?

Yes

No

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CONGRESSMAN CARDIN SAYS NEW COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM WILL AID HOMELAND SECURITY

At a recent press conference, Rep. Cardin stresses that U.S. Department of Homeland Security funds made it possible to purchase the new Central Maryland Area Radio Communications System. This new interoperable communications system will allow first responders to communicate more effectively in the event of an emergency. While a member of the Select Committee on Homeland Security, the Congressman fought for increased funding to improve communications among first responders.

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