



International Law and the Next U.S. Presidency:

A Survey of the
Candidates by the
American Society of
International Law

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In this spirit, the Society is launching *International Law 2008*, an initiative to gather and disseminate information to the public and the news media about the U.S. presidential candidates' views on critical international legal issues that the next president will likely face.

ASIL has sent this survey to each of the Republican and Democratic presidential candidates, and all responses will be published on the Society's website..

Please send responses to these questions to: International Law 2008, c/o Andrew Solomon, Director of Programs, ASIL, 2223 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008; fax: (202) 797-7133; or asolomon@asil.org. Please feel free to include any *additional* materials to support the answers to the survey questions, including position papers, op-ed pieces, or other relevant documents, which give a clearer picture of the candidate's position with regard to international law.

We would appreciate a response by **November 15, 2007**, in order to post all the campaign responses simultaneously.

Intersection of International Law and U.S. Foreign Policy

1. What is your general view of the role of international law in U.S. foreign policy?

2. Please provide an example of how this general view might play out in a specific policy context.

International Legal Regimes

3. What priorities or goals would you establish for the development of existing or new international legal regimes?

4. What priorities would you set for Senate advice and consent on treaties currently lacking U.S. ratification?



International Trade Policy

5. What would be your administration's international trade policy?

6. Would you seek any modification of existing trade agreements?

7. What would be your approach to the WTO and future global trade talks?

International Criminal Court

8. What should be the U.S. policy toward the ICC?



Non-Proliferation

9. What would be your strategy for shoring up the Nuclear Non-Proliferation regime and regulation of other weapons of mass destruction?

Global Climate Change

10. What policies would you have toward global climate change regulation?

Laws of War and the Use of Force

11. What are your views regarding the role of international law and institutions in shaping international efforts to combat terrorism?

12. In this context, do you see a need to amend or modify the laws of war, including the Geneva Conventions?



13. What views do you have regarding any legal constraints on U.S. use of force?
14. What are your views of the doctrine of pre-emptive use of force?

International Law and the Next Presidency Response Form	
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I have read the attached questionnaire and the responses reflect my views.
Candidate Name:
Candidate Signature:

Please complete, sign and return the survey via fax or mail to the following address:

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