

HinduPACT Ohio – Congressional Questionnaire – A. P. Godfrey

Domestic Issues

- 1.) To the best of my ability.
- 2.) A.) Yes. I am a strong proponent of the freedom of religion, and wish all faiths (and non-religious folks) to be treated equally.
B.) Yes, to the best of my ability (though it should be noted, school textbooks and education in general is largely an issue left to state governments)
C.) Yes, with the clear disclaimer that “hinduphobia” should be absolutely clear and obvious in the curricula, as supported by students and faculty members. Defunding an entire University for claims of religious discrimination without any clear evidence of such is an extreme measure I would not be willing to take.
- 3.) The processing times for Green Cards has been a problem for this country for a long time, and one that has only been worsened in these hyperpartisan, xenophobic times. I would seek to reform the immigration system to make sure that highly skilled workers, regardless of their faith, are allowed to work and live in the US.

Global Issues

- 1.) Yes
- 2.) I would do what I could to ensure that anyone being unfairly oppressed or persecuted could take refuge in the United States, including followers of Dharmic faiths
- 3.) I would encourage any free nation to help provide a safe haven to religious minorities being persecuted in other countries. However, I am familiar with Prime Minister Modi’s questionable actions towards religious minorities in India. While I am happy that he would take in Dharmic refugees, but he must stop persecuting India’s minorities himself.
- 4.) The more nations we have working together towards a common goal and a common good, the better off all citizens of the world would be. I would not want to turn away any nation that is acting in good faith; however, again, the actions PM Modi has taken towards religious minorities sparks serious concern for me, and I would like to see him address these concerns.