

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2008

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

Open to Public Inspection

For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning, 2008, and ending

Form 990 header section containing B (Check if applicable), C (Name of organization: AMERICAN CONSERVATIVE UNION FOUNDATION), D (Employer Identification Number: 52-1294680), E (Telephone number: (703) 836-8602), F (Name and address of principal officer: DENNIS WHITFIELD), G (Gross receipts: \$1,253,499), H(a) and H(b) (Affiliates), I (Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3)), J (Website: N/A), K (Type of organization: Trust), L (Year of Formation: 1973), M (State of legal domicile: VA).

Part I Summary

Summary table with columns for Prior Year and Current Year. Rows include: 1. Mission: PUBLIC EDUCATION; 2. Check this box; 3-6. Membership and employee/volunteer counts; 7a-b. Revenue and net income; 8-12. Revenue breakdown; 13-19. Expenses breakdown; 20-22. Net assets or fund balances.

Part II Signature Block

Signature block section with declaration: 'Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return...' and signatures of Dennis E. Whitfield (11-12-09) and Dennis R. Whitfield (Ex Vice-President).

Paid Preparer's Use Only section containing Preparer's signature (John W. Holsinger), Firm's name (JOHN W. HOLSINGER PC), Address (1519 KING STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314), Date (10/23/09), EIN, and Phone number ((703) 549-2686).

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) [X] Yes [] No

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see instructions)

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

PUBLIC EDUCATION

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

Yes No

If 'Yes,' describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

Yes No

If 'Yes,' describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ 1,213,449. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 0.)

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4b (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses \$ 1,213,449. (Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B))

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule A	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II		X
5 Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part III		
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part I		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part III		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part IV		X
10 Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part V		X
11 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		X
12 Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U S ?		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U S ? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part I		X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part II		X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part III		X
17 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part I		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part II		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part III		X
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule H		X
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
23 Did the organization answer 'Yes' to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J		X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, and that was issued after December 31, 2002? If 'Yes,' answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K If 'No,' go to question 25		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an 'on behalf of' issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I		X
b Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I		X
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part III		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
28 During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee		
a Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
b Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
c Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M</i>		X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M</i>		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>		X
35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		X
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		X

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1 a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U S Information Returns Enter -0- if not applicable		
1 a	0		
1 b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable		
1 b	0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	
1 c			
2 a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
2 a	0		
2 b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to <i>e-file</i> this return (see instructions)		
2 b			
3 a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		X
3 a			
3 b	If 'Yes' has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O		
3 b			
4 a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
4 a			
b	If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1 , Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts		
4 b			
5 a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
5 a			
5 b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
5 b			
5 c	If 'Yes,' to question 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?		
5 c			
6 a	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		X
6 a			
6 b	If 'Yes,' did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not deductible?		
6 b			
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
7 a	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of more than \$75?		X
7 a			
7 b	If 'Yes,' did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
7 b			
7 c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
7 c			
7 d	If 'Yes,' indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
7 d			
7 e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
7 e			
7 f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
7 f			
7 g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
7 g			
7 h	For all contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?		
7 h			
8	Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		X
8			
9	Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9 a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		X
9 a			
9 b	Did the organization make any distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		X
9 b			
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
10 a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
10 a			
10 b	Gross Receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
10 b			
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
11 a	Gross income from other members or shareholders		
11 a			
11 b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)		
11 b			
12 a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
12 a			
b	If 'Yes,' enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		
12 b			

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Part VI Governance, Management and Disclosure (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Section A. Governing Body and Management

For each 'Yes' response to lines 2-7b below, and for a 'No' response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

		Yes	No
1 a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body		
1 b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee or key employee?		X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7 a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		X
7 b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?		X
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?		X
9 a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
9 b	If 'Yes,' does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?		
10	Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990		X
11	Is there any officer, director or trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If 'Yes,' provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		X

Section B. Policies

		Yes	No
12 a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If 'No,' go to line 13		X
12 b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
12 c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If 'Yes,' describe in Schedule O how this is done	X	
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?		X
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?		X
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision:		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official?		X
b	Other officers of key employees of the organization? Describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)		X
16 a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
16 b	If 'Yes,' has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosures

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶ Virginia
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public
- 20** State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization
 ▶ THE TAXPAYER 1007 CAMERON STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314 (703) 836-8602

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1 a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) or more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons

Check this box if the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee, or key employee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
NO COMPENSATION PAID										
CLETA MITCHELL CHAIRMAN	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
DAVID A. KEANE EX-OFFICIO	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
TOM TRIPP TREASURER	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
MILLIE HALLOW DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
RICHARD H. COLLINS DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
THOMAS A. WINTER DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
VAN D. HIPPI, JR. DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (cont.)

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
1 b Total								0.	0.	0.

2 Total number of individuals (including those in 1a) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such individual		X
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If 'Yes' complete Schedule J for such individual		X
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such person		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of Services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including those in 1) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS, GRANTS AND OTHER SIMILAR AMOUNTS	1 a Federated campaigns	1 a				
	b Membership dues	1 b				
	c Fundraising events	1 c				
	d Related organizations	1 d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1 e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1 f 1,252,342.				
	g Noncash contribns included in lns 1a-1f	\$				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		1,252,342.			
PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE	2 a _____	Business Code				
	b _____					
	c _____					
	d _____					
	e _____					
	f All other program service revenue					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f					
OTHER REVENUE	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		1,157.	1,157.	0.	0.
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
	6 a Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
		b Less rental expenses				
		c Rental income or (loss)				
		d Net rental income or (loss)				
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
		b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses				
		c Gain or (loss)				
		d Net gain or (loss)				
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a				
		b Less direct expenses	b			
		c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events				
	9 a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a				
b Less direct expenses		b				
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a					
	b Less cost of goods sold	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11 a _____						
	b _____					
	c _____					
	d All other revenue					
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d					
12 Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e		1,253,499.	1,157.	0.	0.	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

<i>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U S See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	14,000.	0.	14,000.	0.
c Accounting	3,112.	0.	3,112.	0.
d Lobbying				
e Prof fundraising svcs See Part IV, ln 17	5,000.			5,000.
f Investment management fees				
g Other				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses				
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	60,445.	49,565.	9,067.	1,813.
17 Travel	18,872.	15,475.	2,831.	566.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	15,600.	12,792.	2,340.	468.
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below)				
a <u>COMPUTER SUPPORT</u>	1,406.	1,153.	211.	42.
b <u>CONSULTING</u>	72,000.	72,000.	0.	0.
c <u>EQUIPMENT RENTAL</u>	465.	381.	70.	14.
d <u>OFFICE SUPPLIES</u>	6,528.	5,353.	979.	196.
e <u>PRINTING & REPODUCTION</u>	6,959.	5,706.	1,044.	209.
f All other expenses	1,062,998.	1,051,023.	9,007.	2,968.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	1,267,385.	1,213,448.	42,661.	11,276.
26 Joint Costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
ASSETS	1	Cash – non-interest-bearing	46,416.	1	36,383.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	318,075.	2	226,403.
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, or other related parties Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost basis	482,582.		
	b	Less accumulated depreciation Complete Part VI of Schedule D	91,567.		
			406,614.	10c	391,015.
	11	Investments – publicly-traded securities		11	
	12	Investments – other securities See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13	Investments – program-related See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15		
16	Total assets Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	771,105.	16	653,801.	
LIABILITIES	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	486,404.	23	486,404.
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable		24	
	25	Other liabilities Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	-103,418.
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	486,404.	26	382,986.
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29 and lines 33 and 34.				
	27	Unrestricted net assets	284,701.	27	270,815.
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund		31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33	Total net assets or fund balances.	284,701.	33	270,815.
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	771,105.	34	653,801.

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?		X
c	If 'Yes' to 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?		
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
b	If 'Yes,' did the organization undergo the required audit or audits?		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

2008

To be completed by all section 501 (c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts.

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

Name of the organization AMERICAN CONSERVATIVE UNION FOUNDATION	Employer identification number 52-1294680
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) (see instructions)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (Please check only **one** organization)

- 1 A church, convention of churches or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E)
- 3 A hospital or cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. (Attach Schedule H)
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state _____
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II)
- 9 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33-1/3 % of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions – subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33-1/3 % of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4)**. (see instructions)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h
 - a Type I b Type II c Type III – Functionally integrated d Type III– Other
- e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

	Yes	No
(i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?		
(ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above?		
(iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?		

h Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports.

(i) Name of Supported Organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of Support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received (Do not include 'unusual grants')						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1-3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	

13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	%

16a 33-1/3 support test – 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and the line 14 is 33-1/3 % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.

b 33-1/3 support test – 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, or 16a, and line 15 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.

17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.

b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.

18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions.

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received (Do not include 'unusual grants'.)	751,838.					751,838.
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in a activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1-5	751,838.					751,838.
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, 3 received from disqualified persons	0.					0.
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000	0.					0.
c Add lines 7a and 7b	0.					0.
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						751,838.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	751,838.					751,838.
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	237.					237.
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	237.					237.
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
13 Total support. (add lns 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						752,075.

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	99.97%
16 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	16	99.98%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2008 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	0.03%
18 Investment income percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	18	0.02%

19a 33-1/3 support tests – 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.

b 33-1/3 support tests – 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or 19a, and line 16 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions.

Part VII Investments—Other Securities See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Financial derivatives and other financial products		
Closely-held equity interests		
Other		

Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990 Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶		

Part VIII Investments—Program Related (See Form 990, Part X, line 13)

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Total. Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, Col. (B) line 13.) ▶		

Part IX Other Assets (See Form 990, Part X, line 15)

(a) Description	(b) Book value
Total. Column (b) Total (should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B), line 15) ▶	

Part X Other Liabilities (See Form 990, Part X, line 25)

(a) Description of Liability	(b) Amount
Federal Income Taxes	
DUE TO/FROM	-103,418.
Total. Column (b) Total (should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25) ▶	-103,418.

In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48

Form **4562**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service (99)

**Depreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)**

▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to your tax return.

OMB No 1545-0172

2008

Attachment
Sequence No **67**

Name(s) shown on return

AMERICAN CONSERVATIVE UNION FOUNDATION

Identifying number

52-1294680

Business or activity to which this form relates

Form 990 / Form 990EZ

Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179

Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I

1	Maximum amount See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	\$250,000.
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	\$800,000.
4	Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2 If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1 If zero or less, enter -0- If married filing separately, see instructions	5	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2007 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instrs)	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2009 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13	

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property Instead, use Part V

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)

14	Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	2,945.

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)

Section A

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2008	17	12,655.
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		

Section B – Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only — see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27.5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs	MM	S/L	

Section C – Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (See instructions)

21	Listed property Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	Total Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21 Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return Partnerships and S corporations — see instructions	22	15,600.
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

Part V Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, cellular telephones, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement)

Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete **only** 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable

Section A – Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles)

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed?					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	24b If 'Yes,' is the evidence written?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/Convention	(h) Depreciation deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost		
25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions)								25		
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use										
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use										
28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27. Enter here and on line 21, page 1								28		
29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26. Enter here and on line 7, page 1								29		

Section B – Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other 'more than 5% owner,' or related person. If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles.

30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles)	(a)		(b)		(c)		(d)		(e)		(f)	
	Vehicle 1	Vehicle 2	Vehicle 3	Vehicle 4	Vehicle 5	Vehicle 6	Vehicle 1	Vehicle 2	Vehicle 3	Vehicle 4	Vehicle 5	Vehicle 6
31 Total commuting miles driven during the year												
32 Total other personal (noncommuting) miles driven												
33 Total miles driven during the year. Add lines 30 through 32												
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours?												
35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person?												
36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?												

Section C – Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who are not more than 5% owners or related persons (see instructions)

	Yes	No
37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees?		
38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners.		
39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?		
40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received?		
41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? (See instructions).		

Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is 'Yes,' do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles

Part VI Amortization

(a) Description of costs	(b) Date amortization begins	(c) Amortizable amount	(d) Code section	(e) Amortization period or percentage	(f) Amortization for this year
42 Amortization of costs that begins during your 2008 tax year (see instructions)					
					43
43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2008 tax year					43
44 Total. Add amounts in column (f). See the instructions for where to report					44

Miscellaneous Statement

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LIST OF STATES RECEIVING COPIES OF RETURNS:
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NJ, NY, NC, ND, OH, OR, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA
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