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David Macko (OH)

Office Seeking: State House (Won, Primary)
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Party: Libertarian

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Ohio Congressional Election 2008 Political Courage Test

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Abortion Issues
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Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding abortion.

- a) Abortions should always be illegal.
- b) Abortions should always be legal.
- c) Abortions should be legal only within the first trimester.
- d) Abortions should be legal when the pregnancy resulted from incest or rape.
- e) Abortions should be legal when the life of the woman is endangered.
- f) Dilation and extraction or "partial-birth" abortion procedures should be legal.

g) Medicare, Medicaid, and federal subsidies should be prohibited from being used on abortion procedures.

h) Other or expanded principles.

I support Congressman Ron Paul's Sanctity of Life Act to remove abortion from the jurisdiction of federal courts so that Roe vs. Wade can be nullified and the states can punish abortionists. I believe that abortion is murder. Mothers should have the right to have whatever surgical or medical procedure is necessary to save their lives or prevent permanent injuries. Abortion is against Christian principles and L/libertarian principles properly understood. For more information see Libertarians for Life www.l4l.org. I believe that abortion is murder but punishment for that crime should be administered by the states.

Budgetary, Spending, and Tax Issues

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Indicate what federal funding levels (#1-6) you support for the following general categories. Select one number per category, you can use a number more than once.

1) Budget Priorities

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| Eliminate | a) Agriculture |
| Eliminate | b) Arts |
| Greatly Decrease | c) Defense |
| Eliminate | d) Education |
| Eliminate | e) Environment |
| Eliminate | f) FEMA |
| Eliminate | g) Homeland security |
| Eliminate | h) International aid |
| Greatly Decrease | i) Law enforcement (Federal) |
| Eliminate | j) Law enforcement (State) |
| Eliminate | k) Medical research |
| Eliminate | l) National parks |
| Eliminate | m) Public health services |
| Eliminate | n) Scientific research |
| Eliminate | o) Space exploration programs |
| Eliminate | p) Transportation and highway infrastructure |
| Eliminate | q) United Nations |
| Eliminate | r) Welfare |
| | s) Other or expanded categories |

Only research which is necessary to defend our country should be financed by the fedgov. I support the Liberty Amendment to sell all nonconstitutionally held federal businesses and lands and end the personal income, gift and death taxes. National parks should be sold to the states or private entities with restrictive covenants.

Regarding the Homeland Security Department, we already have one, the Defense Department. The United States should get out of the UN and restore our national sovereignty. There may have been a defense reason to build interstate highways in the '50s but the states can handle them now.

2) Defense Spending

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| Maintain Status | a) Armed forces personnel training |
| Slightly Decrease | b) Intelligence operations |
| Slightly Decrease | c) Military hardware |
| Maintain Status | d) Modernization of weaponry and equipment |
| Greatly Decrease | e) National missile defense |
| Slightly Increase | f) Pay for active duty personnel |
| Greatly Increase | g) Programs to improve troop retention rates |
| Maintain Status | h) Research and development of new weapons |
| Maintain Status | i) Troop and equipment readiness |
| | j) Other or expanded categories |

Regarding e) I agree with the late Harry Browne's proposal to offer a \$25 billion reward to anyone who develops a successful missile defense.

We can defend the United States for much less than is currently being spent. To do this, we should bring all of our troops home safely now from Iraq, Afghanistan, Germany, Japan, South Korea and everywhere else in the world and put them on the southern border where they are needed.

Besides saving a lot of money, this proposal will prevent World War III.

3) Taxes

Indicate what federal tax levels (#1-6) you support for the following general categories. Select one number per category, you can use a number more than once.

Family Income Taxes

| | |
|-----------|------------------------|
| Eliminate | a) Less than \$12,000 |
| Eliminate | b) \$12,001-\$40,000 |
| Eliminate | c) \$40,001-\$100,000 |
| Eliminate | d) \$100,001-\$180,000 |
| Eliminate | e) \$180,001-\$350,000 |
| Eliminate | f) \$350,001 and above |

g) Other or expanded categories

The income tax was proposed by Karl Marx as one of the ten planks of the Communist Manifesto. If the fedgov were limited to its Constitutional functions, we could drastically reduce taxes and stimulate our economy enough to avoid the Depression which the failed Republican/Democrat policies are threatening to cause very soon.

Other Taxes

- Greatly Decrease a) Alcohol taxes
- Eliminate b) Capital gains taxes
- Greatly Decrease c) Cigarette taxes
- Greatly Decrease d) Corporate taxes
- Greatly Decrease e) Gasoline taxes
- Eliminate f) Inheritance taxes
- g) Other or expanded categories

Actually, corporations and other businesses do not pay taxes. They pass them along to customers or go out of business. Although tariffs are still taxes, I support the late Harry Browne's proposal for a two to three percent tariff as the only tax which is necessary for the legitimate functions of the federal government, to protect the lives, liberty and property of citizens from foreigners, operate federal courts and make sure that federal elections are honest.

Deductions/Credits

- Greatly Increase a) Charitable contribution deduction
- Greatly Increase b) Child tax credit
- Eliminate c) Earned income tax credit
- Greatly Increase d) Medical expense deduction
- Greatly Increase e) Mortgage deduction
- Greatly Increase f) Student loan credit
- g) Other or expanded categories

These increases would be temporary, pending the repeal of the Sixteenth Amendment and the end of federal personal income taxes.

- Yes 4) Do you support the permanent repeal of the federal estate tax?
- Yes 5) Do you support requiring the federal budget to be balanced each year?
- 6) Other or expanded principles

5) Only by spending reduction to the Constitutionally authorized functions of the fedgov and never by any increase in taxes, fees or other payments. I promise never to vote to increase taxes or to impose new ones.

Campaign Finance and Government Reform Issues

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Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding campaign finance and government reform.

- X a) Support increasing the amount individuals are permitted to contribute to federal campaigns.
- b) Prohibit Political Action Committee (PAC) contributions to candidates for federal office.
- X c) Allow unregulated soft money campaign contributions to political parties or committees.
- X d) Remove all contribution limits on federal campaigns and parties.
- e) Support prohibiting ads containing candidates' name that are paid for by third parties from airing 60 days before a primary and 30 days before a general federal election.
- X f) Support instant run-off voting (IRV).
- g) Support designating Election Day as a national holiday.
- h) Support giving the President the power of the line item veto for items concerning appropriations.
- X i) Support limiting the President's use of signing statements in order to prevent an alternative interpretation of the bill.
- j) Support a federal shield law to protect reporter-source privilege.
- k) Other or expanded principles

I believe that all federal campaign laws are a violation of the Constitution, especially the First Amendment, and should be repealed.

I support Instant Runoff Voting since it would end the myth about throwing your vote away and strengthen our republican form of government by making it easier for alternate parties and independent candidates to compete. For more information see <http://instantrunoff.com/>

Crime Issues

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Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding crime.

- X a) Support the use of the death penalty for federal crimes.
- b) Eliminate the use of the death penalty for federal crimes.
- c) Support programs to provide prison inmates with vocational and job-related skills and job-placement assistance when released.
- d) Support programs to provide prison inmates with drug and alcohol addiction treatment.
- e) Reduce prison sentences for those who commit non-violent crimes.
- f) Support mandatory jail sentences for selling illegal drugs.
- g) Support strict penalties for internet crime (e.g. hacking, identity theft, worms/viruses).

h) Require that crimes based on sexual orientation be prosecuted as federal hate crimes.

i) Other or expanded principles

To prevent injustices I favor requiring all federal judges to inform all jurors that they have the right to judge the law as well as the case.
 Hacking, identity theft and spreading of worms and viruses are real crimes. However, I oppose giving the fedgov more power to prosecute them, since it is important to maintain internet freedom. A constitutional solution would be to have Congress approve interstate compacts to prosecute these crimes which sometimes cross state lines.
 Drug laws, prostitution laws, gun laws and all other victimless "crime" laws should be repealed and prisons should be used for criminals.

Education Issues

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Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding education.

- a) Support the federal government funding universal pre-K programs.
- b) Allow parents to use vouchers to send their children to any public school.
- c) Allow parents to use vouchers to send their children to any private or religious school.
- d) Allow teachers and professionals to receive federal funding to establish charter or magnet schools.
- e) Increase funding for the Pell Grant program.
- f) Decrease interest rates of Stafford Loans.
- g) Support federal tax incentives to help families save for college.
- h) Ban university financial aid officers from owning stock in or accepting gifts from student loan lenders.
- i) Require universities to disclose financial relationships with lenders.
- j) Support federal education standards and testing requirements for K-12 students (No Child Left Behind).
- k) Eliminate all federal education standards and testing requirements for K-12 students (No Child Left Behind).
- l) Other or expanded principles

The best way to improve education is to repeal the Department of Education. The fedgov has no authority over education except for military personnel. Vouchers always pose the threat of federal control and should be phased out when the Income Tax is repealed, along with the tax incentives for college education. Tax credits are a better alternative than vouchers.

Employment Issues

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Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding employment.

- a) Increase funding for national job-training programs that retrain displaced workers or teach skills needed in today's job market.
- b) Reduce government regulation of the private sector.
- c) Encourage employers to offer child care services, flex-time scheduling, comp-time, and unpaid leave for family emergencies.
- d) Increase the federal minimum wage.
- e) Support the right of workers to unionize.
- f) Eliminate all federal programs designed to reduce unemployment.
- g) Include sexual orientation in federal anti-discrimination laws.
- h) Include gender identity in federal anti-discrimination laws.
- i) Other or expanded principles

I would abolish the Departments of Commerce and Labor and repeal the federal minimum wage to increase jobs. The organization of unions should be an issue to be decided by employers and employees without government interference.

The best ways to improve the economy are to repeal the Federal Income Tax and the Federal Reserve System and replace it with an honest money system which is based on gold, silver, platinum or something else of substance. In a free country the government should not try to regulate the economy. This is a communist or fascist concept.

Environment and Energy Issues

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Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding the environment and energy.

- a) Strengthen the regulation and enforcement of the Clean Water Act.
- b) Strengthen the regulation and enforcement of the Clean Air Act.
- c) Support increased development of traditional energy resources (e.g. coal, natural gas, oil).
- d) Strengthen emission controls on all gasoline and diesel-powered engines, including cars, trucks, and sport utility vehicles.
- e) Strengthen fuel efficiency standards on all gasoline and diesel-powered engines, including cars, trucks, and sport utility vehicles.
- f) Support domestic oil exploration in areas that are currently restricted.
- g) Encourage further development and use of alternative fuels.
- h) Support the use of ethanol as an alternative fuel.
- i) Support research and development of nuclear reactors as an alternative energy source.

j) Allow energy producers to trade pollution credits under "cap and trade" laws.

k) Support international mandatory emission targets to limit global warming.

l) Support international voluntary emission targets to limit global warming.

m) Other or expanded principles

When I use the words 'support' or 'encourage' in c) f) g) and i) I do not intend to do so by use of tax money. I believe that the best way to support and encourage production of more energy is to repeal all taxes on the location, discovery, development and transmission of all forms of energy whether oil, coal, nuclear or the inefficient methods of wind and solar power. The energy crisis is a myth. See <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=3340274697167011147> which proves that there is a 200 year supply of oil on Gull Island, Alaska. Global warming is a nonmanmade natural cycle.

Gun Issues

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Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding guns.

a) Allow individuals to carry concealed guns.

b) Ban the sale, ownership or possession of handguns except by law enforcement and other government officials.

On (c) and (d), indicate what levels (#1-6) you support for the following categories.

Eliminate c) Enforcement of existing restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns.

Eliminate d) Restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns.

e) Other or expanded principles

The right of the people to keep and bear arms is the last barrier preventing the establishment of a police state. It is a God-given right, not something which is 'allowed' by a government in a free society. Never give up your guns. The only gun law which we need is the Second Amendment. The difference between a free man and a subject is the right to keep and bear arms.

Health Issues

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Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding health.

a) Implement a universal healthcare program to guarantee coverage to all Americans, regardless of income.

b) Expand eligibility for tax-free medical savings accounts.

c) Allow the importation of prescription drugs into the United States.

d) Support expanding prescription drug coverage under Medicare.

e) Offer tax credits to individuals and small businesses to offset the cost of insurance coverage.

f) Support expanding child healthcare programs.

g) Providing healthcare is not a responsibility of the federal government.

h) Other or expanded principles

The healthcare problem began during the Second World War when wages were limited and employers were given tax incentives to provide health insurance for employees. This results in some people not having insurance when they are not employed. In the 1960s Medicare and Medicaid raised the price of health care. Health insurance should be separated from employment and government programs should be phased out. If the American people allow the government to take over health care completely, you will be regulated from morning until night in your eating habits and other behavior, just like livestock.

Immigration Issues

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a) Decrease the number of legal immigrants allowed into the country.

b) Establish English as the official national language.

c) Support a temporary worker program.

d) Support harsher financial punishments for those who knowingly employ illegal immigrants.

e) Support amnesty for illegal immigrants already working in the United States.

f) Illegal immigrants should have to return to their countries of origin before being considered for citizenship.

g) Illegal immigrants should be given a pathway to citizenship.

h) Support merit-based visas over family-based visas.

i) Other or expanded principles

The United States does not have an immigration problem. We have an invasion problem. I favor putting troops on our southern border, building a fence or wall if necessary and whatever other measures are needed, but I oppose any action which will restrict the rights of Americans. We should not allow the government to use the invasion crisis which it has created to rob us of our liberties.

Establishment of English as an official language will save money by not requiring ballots and other government papers to be printed in dozens of different languages.

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International Aid

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International Aid

Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding international aid.

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| | a) Support the United States granting aid to countries when extraordinary circumstances cause disaster and threaten civilian lives. |
| | b) Support the United States granting aid to countries when it is in the security interests of the United States. |
| X | c) Eliminate United States aid for any nation with documented human rights abuses. |
| X | d) Aid granted by the United States should be scaled back and eventually eliminated. |
| | e) Other or expanded principles |

Foreign aid is not authorized by the Constitution. It should be ended immediately. Often, the fedgov gives aid to both sides in conflicts, causing us to be hated by everyone. Foreign aid has been described as tax money taken from poor people in rich countries, us, and given to rich bureaucrats in poor countries. Furthermore, we are \$9 trillion in debt. We are broke.

International Policy

Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding international policy.

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| No | a) Should the United States continue to provide leadership in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process? |
| No | b) Should the United States support the creation of a Palestinian state? |
| No | c) Should the United States impose greater international sanctions on Iran if it continues to defy United Nations mandates? |
| No | d) Should the United States support the Lebanese government against insurgent forces? |
| No | e) Should the United States maintain its troop levels in Iraq? |
| Yes | f) Should the United States withdraw its troops from Iraq? |

g) Discuss your proposals for Iraq.

We invaded Iraq in less than 90 days. We can safely get out likewise. It would be tempting to say that we should fix Iraq but government is not capable of fixing places and the American people should not be punished for the actions of their leaders by higher taxes.

For the sake of justice as well as to discourage future leaders from conducting disastrous policies, Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld, Rice, Gates and the rest of them should be tried as war criminals for lying us into the Iraq war, murdering hundreds of thousands, bankrupting this country and making us hated.

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| No | h) Should the United States apply greater economic and diplomatic sanctions against North Korea if it fails to abide by its agreement to suspend its nuclear program? |
| No | i) Should the United States increase financial support for Afghanistan? |
| No | j) Should the United States increase military support for Afghanistan? |
| Yes | k) Should the United States trade nuclear fuel to India for civilian purposes? |
| Yes | l) Should the United States decrease financial support for Pakistan? |
| Yes | m) Should the United States decrease military support for Pakistan? |
| No | n) Should the United States be involved in bringing an end to the violence in Darfur, Sudan? |
| No | o) Should the United States be involved in bringing an end to the violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo? |
| No | p) Should the United States provide economic and military support to the Transitional Government of Somalia? |
| No | q) Should the United States use sanctions to encourage the government of Zimbabwe to end its human rights abuses? |
| No | r) Should the United States support the creation of an independent nation of Kosovo? |
| | s) Other or expanded principles |

The United States should end all foreign aid for reasons which I stated previously. We must stop our meddling and return to the principles of the Founding Fathers; peace, commerce and honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none. Otherwise we face World War III, depression and a possible police state here.

The world is a dangerous place, partly due to the treasonous policies of our government for almost 100 years. Our interference in World War I caused World War II, which caused the Cold War. Then our misleaders threw away their opportunity and meddled in the Middle East.

International Trade

Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding international trade.

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| No | a) Do you support the United States imposing economic sanctions on China? |
| No | b) Do you support the United States imposing trade sanctions on Venezuela? |
| No | c) Do you support the United States involvement in free trade agreements? |
| No | d) Do you support the United States involvement in intergovernmental organizations dedicated to trade? |
| | e) Other or expanded principles |

Regarding c) I support real free trade, not multi-thousand page treaties such as the WTO, the FTAA, NAFTA, the North American Union and other underhanded deals which are designed to dilute and eventually abolish our national sovereignty and the God-given rights which are guaranteed by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. If we end the excessive regulations on our businesses, we should be able to compete with the rest of the world. The only area where I would not trade freely is regarding those items which we need to defend ourselves. We need to make those.

National Security Issues

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Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding national security.

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| No | a) Do you support using military tribunals to try suspected terrorists when ordinary civilian courts are deemed inappropriate or impractical? |
| No | b) Should law enforcement agencies have greater discretion to monitor domestic communications, to prevent future terrorist attacks? |
| No | c) Should the United States hold foreign states accountable for terrorists who operate in their country? |
| No | d) Should the federal government increase funding to states and cities for homeland security? |
| No | e) Do you support pre-emptive military strikes against countries deemed to be a threat to United States national security? |
| No | f) Do you support the creation of a federal identification card system? |
| No | g) Do you support long-term use of National Guard troops to supplement the armed forces in assignments overseas? |
| Yes | h) Should the United States expand its missile defense shield? |
| | i) Other or expanded principles |

h) See above my \$25 billion prize offer. I oppose the USA PATRIOT Act, the Military Commissions Act, the John Warner "Defense" Act, the Real ID Act and all of the police state measures which the Bush and also the Clinton administrations scared the Congress into supporting. Although I cannot defend the theory in 100 words I believe that 9/11 was an inside job designed to create a police state. For further information see www.infowars.com and www.prisonplanet.com.

Social Issues

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Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding social issues.

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| No | a) Should same-sex couples be allowed to marry? |
| No | b) Do you support a federal constitutional amendment defining marriage as between a man and a woman? |
| No | c) Do you support federal funding for research on existing embryonic stem cell lines? |
| No | d) Do you support federal funding to create lines of stem cells from new embryos? |
| No | e) Should the federal government consider race and gender in government contracting decisions? |
| No | f) Should the federal government continue affirmative action programs? |
| No | g) Should the federal government regulate internet gambling? |
| | h) Other or expanded principles |

a) Same-sex couples should be allowed to contract and should have the same rights as everyone else but marriage, by definition, is a relationship among men and women. Use of embryonic stem cells is the moral equivalent of cannibalism. Fortunately, adult stem cells offer much more hope of curing medical conditions. All government contracts should be awarded to those who can perform most efficiently and at least expense to the taxpayer.

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Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding Social Security.

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| X | a) Allow workers to invest a portion of their payroll tax in private accounts that they manage themselves. |
| | b) Ensure the viability of Social Security by increasing the payroll tax. |
| | c) Decrease benefits paid to retirees. |
| X | d) Support proportionaa' increases of Social Security benefits based on the cost of living index. |
| | e) Raise the retirement age for individual eligibility to receive full Social Security benefits. |
| | f) Other or expanded principles |

With passage of the Liberty Amendment the money earned from the sale of federal businesses and lands should be used to pay Social Security to those who were impoverished by high taxes and excessive regulations. The program should be phased out gradually, since it was never a proper function of government. With the replacement of the Federal Reserve System by honest gold, platinum or silver money, people will be able to save for their own retirement.

Welfare and Poverty Issues

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Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding welfare and poverty.

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| | a) Require welfare recipients to spend at least 40 hours a week in a combination of work and training programs. |
| | b) Continue to give states and local governments flexibility in and responsibility for welfare programs through federal block grants. |
| | c) Support housing assistance for welfare recipients. |
| X | d) Abolish all federal welfare programs. |
| | e) Other or expanded principles |

I believe that corporate welfare should also be abolished. With very limited government, low taxes and honest money, poverty in America will be greatly reduced and prosperous people will be able to help those in genuine need even more than they do now.

Legislative Priorities

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Please explain in a total of 100 words or less, your top two or three priorities if elected. If they require additional funding for implementation, please explain how you would obtain this funding.

My priorities are to prevent World War III, a depression and a police state. We should bring all of our troops home from everywhere and return to the noninterventionist principles of the Founding Fathers. Repeal of the Income Tax and the Federal Reserve System, together with an end to all taxes and regulations on energy, will restore real, lasting prosperity. Repeal of all of the police state measures of the Bush, Clinton and previous administrations, gun and drug laws will restore liberty. Abolition of most other government departments and restoration of the right to life will restore the American ideal.

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