

School Board 2024

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Questionnaire: Please share your understanding of the US Constitution.

- 1) Does the Federal or State government have the "right" or the "authority" to take away your individual rights? YES or NO. Explain.**

Yes, they do. Under the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, no State shall deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law.

Therefore, a State does have the "right" or "authority" to take away an individual's rights, so long as due process is followed.

- 2) Where do your individual rights come from? Explain**

As stated in the Declaration of Independence, an individual's rights are granted to us by our Creator: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

- 3) Does your Oath of Office pertain only to School Board issues? Explain.**

No, it does not. Article 6 of the The United States Constitution states that: The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the Members of the several State Legislatures, and all executive and judicial Officers, both of the United States and of the several States, shall be bound by Oath or Affirmation, to support this Constitution.

There is no mention of supporting the Constitution only in regard to the specific office one holds. When one takes their Oath of Office, they swear to support the Constitution period.

- 4) What is the legal compact (contract) between the 13 "Independent Nation States" that created the Federal Government?**



The Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union

5) Does the Supremacy Clause in Article VI of the US Constitution give the Federal Government and the Supreme Court the ultimate power to determine the constitutionality of any law passed by Congress?

This is controversial. It is my understanding that the Supremacy Clause in Article 6 was instituted to allow the federal government to become party to international treaties without the states' overruling them. However, Amendment 10 to the U.S. Constitution states that "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

Article 1, section 8 of the US Constitution describes the enumerated powers of the Federal government as follows: "The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States".

Therefore, the interpretation of the Supremacy Clause that allows the Federal powers to be supreme in all matters and rulings is antithetical to our Bill of Rights and is a demonstration of federal overreach in our nation.

6) What are the basic differences between Keynesian economic theory and Austrian economic theory? How has/will this affect your county school board role? What is your basic economic philosophy?

Keynesian theory places the solutions to market instability and crises in the hands of government. It espouses that government policies are the solution to the problems inherent in free markets.

Austrian economic theory says that there are natural cycles of positive economic growth versus economic downturn and that the free market must be allowed to play out and allow these problems to resolve and rebalance. Those who espouse Austrian economic theory believe that government interference in the free market only worsens economic instability and leads to a more severe, unavoidable crisis than if the markets had been allowed to stabilize freely.

I stand on the side of Austrian economic theory and reject Keynesian theory. I do believe, however, that there must be limited regulation in place to provide protections against monopolies and to provide worker and environmental safeguards. But these should be minimal and not in any way excessively prohibitive.

My economic philosophy will affect several of the decisions I make on school board.

7) Do the States have the authority to limit the federal government to its constitutional boundaries? Why or Why not?

Yes, they do. This authority is granted to them in the 10th Amendment.

8) Would you support a US congressional law that defines the General Welfare Clause based on the "Original Intent of our Founders?" YES or NO.

Yes.

9) Why does the Bill of Rights include the 9th and 10th Amendments? Explain each and why they are both part of the US Constitution.

The 9th and 10th Amendments outline the rights of American citizens versus the rights of government, both at the federal and state levels.

The 9th Amendment means that, just because a certain right is not specifically enumerated in the Constitution, does not mean a person does not have it.

The 10th Amendment means that the powers not given to the federal government, and not prohibited to the States, belong to the States or to the People.

10) What does "shall not be infringed" in the US 2nd Amendment mean?

will not be limited, encroached upon, violated

In other words, the right of the People to keep and bear Arms shall not be limited, encroached upon, or violated.

11) In your opinion, what are 2 current examples of the most egregious Federal overreach to its Constitutional powers that affect the County School Boards in Florida and what is your proposed remedy to each?

1. The U.S. Department of Education is the largest example of Federal overreach that affects County School Boards. My remedy is to abolish the Department.
2. A second example of Federal overreach that affects County School Boards are recent court rulings, particularly by the 4th Circuit, that allow a child of one sex to use the bathroom of the opposite sex based on their "gender identity".

Ultimately the solution to this is:

- a. for the citizens to take a stand against it; to reaffirm that there are two sexes within the human species: male and female
- b. to teach our children the fundamental truth stated in letter a.
- c. for the State and local governments, as well as private entities, to continue to fight this battle in the courts.
- d. to engage in civil disobedience if the federal government continues to ignore We the People

12) Do you support the use of Public Private Partnerships as a viable concept?

Public Private Partnerships may be "viable" in certain circumstances. For example, the outsourcing of part of a Constitutionally mandated role of government to private business may be acceptable if this allows costs to decrease and efficiency to be maximized. However, often these partnerships become more expensive as the private companies charge the government more than they would charge other payers. Also, the risk of corruption is high.

13) Many believe the US Constitution is a living, breathing document. What is your view and why?

In the sense that the U.S. Constitution can be amended, it is a "living" document. However, the statement should not be taken to mean that interpretation of the U.S. Constitution is flexible and should be based on societal and cultural norms and

mores of the times. The Constitution should always be interpreted with Original Intent.

14) When State and Local Laws and rules conflict with US Constitution, what is your first responsibility?

After God's law, the United States' Constitution is and should always be the supreme law of our land.

15) Describe what guides your moral compass.

God, Family, Country

16) Name three primary principles from the US Constitution and Declaration of Independence that will guide you as an elected School Board member? Explain.

1. ...That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed...
 - a. Government is instituted to secure the rights of the People. The power of the government comes from the consent of the Governed.
2. Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.
 - a. We have seen attempts by our elected officials to strip citizens of our First Amendment Rights. I stand fully against these attempts and stand strongly for all 5 protections enumerated in the First Amendment.
3. The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.
 - a. I am a strong believer in States' rights and of rights' of the individual. The federal government has taken too much of a role in education. We must work to reassert the role of local school boards, as they are most accountable to local residents and are most aware of what issues are important to their communities.

17) In your opinion what is the most important clause in the Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights?

Declaration of Independence:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.--Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

U.S. Constitution:

I cannot choose a "most important clause". It is too important in its totality.

Bill of Rights:

Again, I cannot choose here. Each Amendment in our Bill of Rights is crucial.

18) Would you support eliminating the Electoral College in favor of the popular vote? Why or Why not?


No, I would not support eliminating the Electoral College because it is in place to secure the liberties of all Americans.


19) Have you read these primary source documents from our nation's founding?

1100 Charter of Liberties ☒, Magna Carta ☒, The Petition of Right of 1628 ☐
The Grand Remonstrance ☐, Bill of Rights of 1689 ☐, US Declaration and Constitution ☒
The Original Federalists Papers ☐ The Original Anti-Federalist Papers ☐

20) Do you agree to have your answers published for public review?

Yes, I do.

 Your signature validated by a Notary Public attests to you personally answering these questions and that they accurately portray your personal views to the best of your ability. Date signed 4/22/2024

 Seal and Signature of Notary

