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2024 BCC Constitutional Survey

Questionnaire: Please share your understanding of the US Constitution.

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

No, with the exception of felons that violate federal laws and are found guilty by a jury of their peers.

- 2) **Where do our individual rights come from?**

God, our Creator.

- 3) **What is the role of government in the lives of “free citizens?”**

Protect life, liberty and property, while providing for the general (not individual) welfare of the community as a whole.

- 4) **What is the US Constitutional role of the County Commissioner?**

The Constitution is silent on the role of County Commission, therefore that is delegated to the state constitution, which creates the individual counties and their independent governing authority.

- 5) **What was the legal compact (contract) between the 13 “Independent Nation States” that created the Federal Government?**

The Articles of Confederation

- 6) **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?**

No. The Supremacy Clause has been misinterpreted and misused by liberal courts. The intent of the Supremacy Clause was to put a check on Federal power and gives authority to the sovereign states on issues where the Constitution is silent.

What are the basic differences between Keynesian economic theory and Austrian economic theory? How has this affected our country? What is your basic economic philosophy?

Keynesian theory provides that government knows best, while Austrian theory provides for a more natural course of events. Reliance on Keynesian theory has resulted in government overreach in our economy. I prefer the Austrian Theory and believe in allowing the free market to take its course based on supply and demand.

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

Yes. The 10th Amendment of the Constitution limits the federal government to the powers expressly listed, all others fall to the individual states. Those powers are delegated to the people and states.

8) Would you support a 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.

To enumerate all our natural rights would be impossible. The 9th, and the 10th delineated the separation of power between the federal gov. and the states granting the states authority over governance of what was not explicitly enumerated by the Constitution.

10) What does the "well-regulated militia" phrase mean in the Second Amendment?

It means that any free state has a need for an armed militia to protect against a tyrannical government.

11) What does "shall not be infringed" mean?

It means it may not be limited or restricted.

13) In your opinion, what are 2 current examples of the most egregious Federal overreach to Constitutional powers that effect you as a county Commissioner and what is your proposed remedy to each?

During covid, there were many overreaching rules, that infringed people's rights:

Mainly the mask mandates, and to a degree the vaccines.

I have always held to the right of the people to choose!

14) What formal training have you had to study the US Constitution?

I have taken on my education of the Constitution as a personal matter, and have been proud to take an oath to serve my community as County Commissioner.

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

The Constitution is not a "living and breathing document". That viewpoint allows progressives the argument that the Constitution naturally changes with time, which is absolutely not the case. The only thing that can change the Constitution is the people through the amendment process.

16) Do you support Article 1, section 8 of Florida's Constitution, including the exception that makes it unique to most of the 50 states? Explain.

Yes, I fully support and participate in our right to bear arms. Florida's Constitution specifies self-defense as a right.

17) Describe what guides your moral compass.

My faith in the Lord

18) Name three primary principles from the US Constitution that will guide you as our County Commissioner? Explain.

1. Limit of government
2. Consent of the governed
3. Insurance of domestic tranquility

19) What is your understanding of "State Sovereignty?"

It means the states are not subservient to the Federal government but instead the states through the will of the people created the federal government.

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

We the People!

21) Would you support the repeal of the 17th Amendment? Why or Why not?

No – Although I understand the founding principles behind states appointing their Senators, however I would not want to take that vote away from the people.

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

1100 Charter of Liberties____, Magna Carta _X_, The Petition of Right of 1628____,
The Grand Remonstrance____, Bill of Rights of 1689__X_, US Declaration and Constitution_x_,
The Original Federalists Papers_____ The Original Anti-Federalist Papers _____

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

Yes

_____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

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Bill McDaniel_____ Seal and Signature of Notary

