

Questions for Political Candidates

1. *Do you believe that changes in the law must come from the elected branches rather than judges? Please explain your answer.*

Clearly, Judges are there to determine how the evidence/arguments in a legal case corresponds to the law. It seems Judges now feel they can ‘tweak/throw out’ the standing law – that should be the very, very rare exception and not the rule.

Perhaps, a good fix: The moment a Judge attempts to re-write a law/declare it void. It triggers an “AUTOMATIC” appeal to the higher appellate court AND the Judge’s decision is automatically STAYED pending that review.

2. *Please state your interpretation of the Second Amendment.*

Citizens have the right to own weapons.

3. *Please state your understanding of the Supreme Court’s Heller decision and its implications for gun owners.*

They made it very clear, you have the right to own a weapon, independent of any ‘militia’.

4. *Gun violence has been called a “public health crisis” in the US due to the “nearly 40,000 deaths annually associated with guns”. Given that the 40,000 figure represents only 1.4% of total US deaths in 2019, please tell why, in your opinion, so much legislation is focused on gun violence.*

I’m 65 years old. 50 years ago the ‘gun laws’ were MUCH LAXER than they are now, but we had very little school/mass shootings. Yes, there is a public health crisis, but the real question is “Why do so many people that hate their lives and want to go out by taking other people with them? What’s changed in our society in the last 50 years?”

If you want to follow THE SCIENCE, focus on that question. But the people that voted for laws/payouts that replaced “family” with a “government check” and “personal responsibility” with “we’ll give you money” don’t want to admit that. They are just looking at a symptom and not the disease. Why do people want to kill others?

What comes after ‘guns’, how about ‘knives’. It’s hard to believe that’s the next step, lookup ‘england violence limit knife purchases’ on Google

It’s also illegal to: bring into the UK, sell, hire, lend or give someone a banned knife or weapon. **carry any knife in public without good reason, unless it has a manual folding blade less than 3 inches long.** sell a knife to anyone under the age of 18, unless it has a manual folding blade less than 3 inches long.

5. *What is your understanding of “red flag” or ERPO laws and their implications for the constitutional rights of gun owners, particularly with respect to due process rights?*

It lets people accuse you of being a threat and ask your weapons be taken (just as a precaution, in the name of safety). It is absolutely WRONG.

6. *How do you define “assault weapon”?*

Something used by the military in combat... a “machine gun”.... **you pull the trigger once** and it keeps firing at a rapid rate. You want to lay down a barrage of bullets quickly, without accurate aim.

7. *Promoters of “safe gun storage” legislation argue that “13 children are killed each day by guns”. Given that this statistic includes “children” to age 19 or 24 (depending on the source), please explain how you would balance the need for timely and effective home defense with “safe” storage demands.*

Let the owner decide what is appropriate within their home environment to balance quick access vs. safety. It would be fine to require a “class” in home weapon storage, educate people on best practices, show them how children have been killed in the past, then let them decide.

8. *How widespread do you consider the purchase of guns by criminals to be at gun stores and gun shows? Please explain your answer in light of gun purchase regulations.*

Again, my same argument from #4. There should be no ‘audit trail’ for the purchase of a weapon. A ‘background’ check to see if a legal process was followed and this person shouldn’t own a weapon – fine. But no linking a specific sale to a person or if one occurred.

9. *Please describe the current political environment for gun owners in this country/ state/community and suggest two ways our members can influence legislation and enforcement.*

The media ‘scares’ people and presents a stereotype.

1) DO NOT PLAY TO THAT. I see stickers like “You’ll take my gun from my cold, dead hands”.... that doesn’t help!

2) I’m a member of the Rod & Gun Club in Lyons, emphasize the charitable work a lot of gun clubs do.

3) Show kids getting involved in the sport. Focus on the question “what’s changed in our society?”

10. Upon a review of proposed “gun control” legislation and keeping in mind that the party proposing this legislation is welcoming covid infected illegal aliens into our country, how, if enacted, in your opinion...does this ensure domestic tranquility, or, promote the general Welfare, as referred to in the Preamble to the Constitution?

Clearly not.

Suggested 11th question: As a first-time Candidate, you don’t have any voting record on gun issues. Anyone can say the words. Please tell us what items from your past have demonstrated your commitment?

1. As a USAF Academy graduate I was taught about honesty, honor, and integrity – and firmly believe in those values.
2. As a senior software engineer responsible for testing the fire control system of a nuclear attack submarine – I realized false results were being submitted to the Navy. Tried every way I could to get them to clean up the reports. They would not

I had just bought a new home, new child, big payments. I told them to clean up or I would report them to the DoD. Fired the next day. DoD investigated, confirmed my claims.

3. Went thru a terrible divorce. I was unjustly denied equal contact with my son whom I loved very, very much. Engaged in peaceful demonstrations for Family Rights and was willing to risk arrest to quietly stand up for my beliefs, actual video → <https://youtu.be/MKYlYfTgrOk>
4. I have never done a violent act in my life. Never been accused of a violent act. Former Air Force Pilot, marksmanship ribbon, active at my local Church/community. Had a real drug problem on my street in Lyons. Applied for a pistol permit. Sheriff approved. Judge denied the permit because of my peaceful protest activity.

I got Jim Ostrowski to represent me, and we took it as far as we could in Court.

5. If I ‘Say it’, that means ‘I believe it’, and ‘I will stand up for it.’

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