

Watchmen Voter Guide for United States Representative

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	Joe Evans	Russ Fulcher	Kaylee Peterson
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	Joe Evans and Idaho's 1st Congressional District	Russ Fulcher: I am running again for the seat I currently hold: US Representative – 01. I believe in the America that was founded on the Divinely inspired principles as outlined in the Constitution, and I want to help return the nation to that standard. I have the life experience and the drive to wisely pursue that objective.	Declined to Respond
2. What is the proper role of the federal government in the economy?	Prevent inappropriate influence of foreign nations on the commerce and Free Trade of the United States.	The purpose of government is to secure the rights and freedoms of individual citizens, using rule of law that protects life, the individual control of property, and the free exercise of conscience.	Declined to Respond
3. When do you believe life begins and how does this belief affect the legislation you support?	Life begins when the mother is ready to receive the spirit of the child. Because of the range of circumstances that may present from conception to birth, this is an issue between a woman, her child, and God. No earthly power shall be given a monopoly on violence with which to sway a woman's pact with God. Men have a responsibility to the welfare of children they help to conceive that has moral and ethical measures of the highest degree since every child is a child of God. We can not expect women to take on this burden alone and the culture of nurturing must not be replaced by legislation of violence against the mothers of the children of God, nor should we expect women to commit to the child of a man who does not respect his covenant with God.	Life begins at conception. Prior to being a Congressman, I served 10 years as Idaho State Senator. It is my understanding that during that time, I sponsored and passed more "pro-life" legislation (if not more), than any predecessor. I am continuing with adamant support for life in the US Congress.	Declined to Respond
4. Should the government fund Planned Parenthood?	No	Absolutely not.	Declined to Respond
5. How would you reduce the Federal deficit?	Eliminate the Executive Agencies operating outside the authority of the Constitution.	The national debt is so large now that it can only be reasonably reduced with a combination of spending cuts and economic	Declined to Respond

		<p>growth. Here are some of the actions that can be taken:</p> <p>Pass a Constitutional amendment for a balanced budget (with military/wartime exception). Limit future government budget growth no higher than the % of inflation. Institute Federal entitlement reform, putting the rights of citizens first. Reform Social Security (age eligibility), with grandfather-right provisions for current participants. Then to secure long-term employment and economic growth: Permanently lower the federal individual and corporate income rates.</p>	
<p>6. Do Americans pay too much, too little or just the right amount on Federal taxes? Would you change anything?</p>	Too Much	Too much – rates should be lowered to increase individual incentives, thereby securing long-term employment and economic growth.	Declined to Respond
<p>7. Should the Federal minimum wage be raised?</p>	Federal Minimum wage should be abandoned.	No. There are all kinds of flaws with this rationale. Federal minimum wages (ie: government wage manipulation), set unfair standards that do not take into consideration cost of living in various difference locations. It forces employers to pass along wage increases to consumers, and inherently damages small businesses the most.	Declined to Respond
<p>8. Should the Federal government do anything to support the value of the dollar on the world market? Why or why not?</p>	No. The US \$ is a fiat currency whose current value is managed by violence and violence alone since there is no commodity backing it. By the time the election is held, hyperinflation, because foreign countries will have decided submission to our valuation of the \$ is not worth the cost, and it will be up to localized communities to stabilize their economies.	Ideally there should be a return to a gold or silver standard – but admittedly that is probably not realistic. Other courses of action include reducing/eliminating debt, terminate the “printing” of money (ie: monetary delusion), and stop manipulation of interest rates and deficit spending as a matter of economic policy.	Declined to Respond

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9. Have you signed a “no new tax” pledge? Why or why not?	No. Tax reform is impossible without the concept of something to replace what was thrown out. A fair tax is still a new tax, even if it is the only tax.	No. Sometimes it is possible to implement a “net” tax reduction (overall), whereby a tax increase in one area is part of an overall tax reduction strategy. Also, states like Idaho with massive amounts of federal land could potentially gain tremendous economic growth if they had more say in how such land was managed. It may be worth a higher tax rate to get better access to the bountiful resource wealth that is under our feet.	Declined to Respond
10. Have you signed the Manhattan Declaration (which defines marriage as between one man and one woman) or the Families First pledge? Why or why not?	No. Civil unions should not be the realm of Caesar. That is an issue of religion and culture, not of law and legislation, and each creed should practice as it sees fit.	Not that I am aware of – as this is the first time I recall hearing of it. However, as a state senator in 2006, I did support passage of Idaho’s Constitutional amendment defining marriage as one man-one woman.	Declined to Respond
11. Do you believe immigration should be based on merit or a lottery system?	No. Freedom of movement is a human right. Joseph and Mary were refugees. Jesus himself was well traveled. Borders were meant to restrain the ambitions of Caesar, not limit the movement of people guided by the hand of God.	Merit.	Declined to Respond
12. Do you interpret the Constitution as a living document?	“But whether the Constitution really be one thing, or another, this much is certain – that it has either authorized such a government as we have had, or has been powerless to prevent it. In either case it is unfit to exist.” — Lysander Spooner, <u>No Treason: The Constitution of No Authority</u> The Constitution was written by the hand of men, however divinely inspired. The Spirit of the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, and Natural Law mean more to me than the letter of the law. That said, the Constitution is the Document we have, and restoring the limits on Caesar to his original boundaries is reasonable.	No. Words mean things. The language in the Constitution as written, mean the same things today as they did when the document was ratified.	Declined to Respond

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13. In recent years some groups have advocated for legalizing marijuana in our state, do you support or oppose the legalization of marijuana? Why or why not?	The criminalization of herbs and plants of the earth that God gave us to use in moderation to the benefit of mind, body, and soul was an overreach of the agents of greed and violence to take from us, medical choice, spiritual freedom, and healing of our minds from the traumas that we experienced at the hands of man and Caesar. Temperance is not abstinence, and the responsibility is ours as the Sons and Daughters of God to manage our own affairs without the will of Caesar interfering with the will of God or our covenants.	I do not support legalization of recreational marijuana. Look no further than our neighboring states that have taken that step – to see the social and criminal costs. I am open to discussing possible legality of non-hallucinogenic derivatives for non-recreational use.	Declined to Respond
14. What is your opinion regarding freedom of choice for parents for the education of their children, for example School choice?	Idaho is one of the most education freedom states in the United States. The liberty parents have to remove their children from the public education guaranteed by the State’s Constitution is unlimited. Curriculum of choice as long as they are working on the 3 Rs and a grasp of common knowledge. Having graduated 2 of my Children from High School under these policies, I see no reason to change them.	Parents should have bottom line authority over their children’s education. I have continually supported school choice through my service in the state senate and congress. As evidence of this: I was the primary sponsor of Idaho’s home school statute in 2009. This statute is now law – and a national model for other states.	Declined to Respond
15. The 10th amendment states: 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. What does this mean to you?	It means that as long as what happens in life is between consenting adults and their covenant with God, there should be no reason for Caesar to #FAFO.	That most governance should happen at the state and local level. Constitutionally, the main responsibilities of the federal government are to provide safety for citizens (including military and border security), and regulation of international commerce. Although there are a few other things, those are the main federal responsibilities. Everything else is supposed to be governed locally. The federal government has dramatically over-reached and need to be reigned in.	Declined to Respond

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16. What is your background and why do you believe it qualifies you for this position?	I am a combat Veteran with 3 tours in Afghanistan and 1 tour in Iraq. I have walked on Ground that Jesus had walked as he traveled the Levant with Joseph of Arimathea. This run is inspired in a pursuit of Peace and respect for the Sons and Daughters of God that have been brought into this world so that all may live in the Peace of God's dream for us.	I have three wonderful adult children. I am an Idaho native with a family history of more than 100 years. I was raised as a dairy farm kid, received post graduate education in business and engineering, worked for 24 years in the international tech business, 10 years as a state senator, and (simultaneously) 15 years as a RE broker. We are all products of our life experiences, and mine is quite rich and varied. I have a public political record that I am very proud of and believe I have something to offer the people of Idaho.	Declined to Respond