

Watchmen Voter Guide for United States Representative

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	Russ Fulcher	Kaylee Peterson
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	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?	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 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?	Absolutely not.	Declined to Respond
5. How would you reduce the Federal deficit?	The national debt is so large now that it can only be reasonably reduced with a combination of spending cuts and economic growth. Here are some of the actions that can be taken: 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.	Declined to Respond
6. Do Americans pay too much, too little or just the right amount on Federal taxes? Would you change anything?	Too much – rates should be lowered to increase individual incentives, thereby securing long-term employment and economic growth.	Declined to Respond
7. Should the Federal minimum wage be raised?	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
8. Should the Federal government do anything to support the value of the dollar on the world market? Why or why not?	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. 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?	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?	Merit.	Declined to Respond
12. Do you interpret the Constitution as a living document?	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
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?	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?	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?	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 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