

Ohio Liberty Council Tea Party PAC Survey Questions

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7. I support cuts in spending to correct budget shortfalls in lieu of tax increases, even when faced with financial crisis.

With a 50% budget deficit the last 2 years, spending cuts are required to fix the problem as a first line of attack. By eliminating unconstitutional programs and departments, cutting budgets across the board and killing the earmarks process, we can close the gap. Right sizing or ending some military operations will also alleviate budget shortfalls. More importantly we need tax cuts to drive private sector economic growth, which creates more tax revenue and top line growth to balance the budget.

8. I oppose the use of federal funds to patch budget shortfalls.

The 50 states are responsible for their own budgets, departments and services. This responsibility is what gives them the free reign to operate within the federal constitutional guidelines as they see fit and remain a sovereign entity. There are no constitutional provisions for the other states to prop up services and programs of deficient states financially. There are a few exceptions that relate to regulating commerce, borders, immigration and implementing the infrastructure to do so.

9. I support a balanced budget amendment.

Although I believe in balanced budgets, I understand the need for the sometimes unbalanced spending requirements due to war, large scale natural disasters & pandemics, economic cycles or investments in our future. Over a ten-year period, I would expect our nation to have an equal number of years with balanced budgets, surplus budgets and deficit spending years. Overall, the surplus and deficit years should balance out, without our nation continuing to accumulate an ever-larger national debt.

10. I support efforts to eliminate the Estate Tax.

The estate tax is an affront to the very rights esteemed by our founding fathers above all others. They surely respected life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness (property) and considered these intrinsic God-given rights. To pay taxes at every level of your life in nearly all transactions of time, finances and property and then have the government confiscate your remaining property upon your death is unconscionable. We all need to work towards the goal of eliminating estate taxes at a state & federal level.

11. I would support a "flat" tax or a "fair" tax in lieu of the current tax code.

I support the FairTax, which makes taxation more controllable for the individual, eliminates the invasion of privacy into our financial matters and provides for a poverty offset. The flat tax doesn't provide these same benefits and still requires the IRS. The 16th amendment needs to be repealed and the tax code eliminated. This code is about 65,000 pages long and changes constantly so that nobody fully understands it. It is simply a system to reward and punish at the discretion of congress.

12. I support "sunset" provisions for every spending program passed and every agency created.

Agencies and programs not critical to the operation of our nation should be reauthorized every 10 years and their budgets right-sized every 5 years. Critical agencies and programs should still have their budgets reviewed at the same frequency. All agencies and programs should be evaluated as to their effectiveness in accomplishing their stated goals. I also believe that all laws from the various departments be recommendations only and that they only become law upon a passing vote by congress.

13. I oppose government bailouts for corporations.

I oppose our federal government playing favoritism amongst U.S. Industries and interfering with free markets by bailing out failing companies. Non-competitive businesses should be allowed to fail regardless of their size or footprint in their respective segment of industry. With existing monopoly laws no business should ever be "too big to fail."

I recognize exceptions for eminent national economic collapse or when bankruptcies will destroy our nation's ability to defend itself.

14. I oppose government subsidies.

In general government subsidies interfere with capitalism, free markets and the competition that made the American way so great. When attempting to establish new technology or industries in our country, the government can help the private sector get started. Where subsidies are strategically granted, there should always be a payback planned for the tax payers from the very companies receiving the aid. In other words, the tax payer dollars should always have "strings attached."

15. I do not believe the Federal Reserve's ability to adjust interest rates has been a stabling force in the economy.

The Federal Reserve isn't federal nor does it hold a reserve. It's a privately chartered bank that's nearly unaccountable to the nation whose banking system it controls. It has caused so much inflation since its inception that this has truly become the largest form of tax on Americans. The fractional reserve system inherently breeds inflation, which isn't required for a healthy economy. Controlling interest rates simply sets the profit margin for the banking system to rob America blind.

16. I would support health care freedom by taking measures to nullify or repeal the Healthcare Bill and replace with things like making [individual insurance](#) tax

deductible, expanding Health [Savings Accounts](#), and reducing bureaucratic regulations on providers.

I support repealing the entire healthcare law. The American way should be the solution to our healthcare dilemma. This means govt. deregulation of the healthcare and insurance industries to allow for competition and increased efficiency all taking place in a capitalistic free market system. We should buy our health insurance directly the same way we purchase our home, auto and life policies. In this way we could purchase the plan that best fits our needs or simply pay out of pocket directly.

17. I would support limits on excessive agency rule making by requiring a legislative vote to approve all major new rules.

All laws currently written into the code of federal regulations as laws by faceless bureaucrats who are unelected, should require the vote of congress to make them positive law. I will support legislation to make this the way all laws are passed so that elected officials are directly accountable to the voters on election day for their actions.

18. I believe the current level of state and federal agency regulation is harmful to business development.

We absolutely have too many local, state and federal regulations, taxes and processes to follow to make for a fertile business environment. It's imperative that we stop hampering our native businesses with crippling taxes, environmental regulations and government mandates that make them uncompetitive on an international level. Our native free markets should always be assured and fair trade agreements should be in place with our trading partners to ensure a level trading field for all.

19. I believe publicly elected officials should abide by the principle that any law that does not apply to them or their staff does not apply to the American people.

This is the case for the most part already. I have heard a lot of complaints from the general public about this, but have found very few instances of special applications of the law to congress. I do fully support the same types of benefits for federal elected officials that the rest of the federal workers receive. Our elected officials should never be considered above the law.

20. I oppose the use of unmanned devices being used for law enforcement and given the power to fine citizens.

I don't support the use of red light cameras or speed monitors to ticket anybody. When prosecuted for these crimes they are suddenly a different class of crime when without a witness as they are when there is a witness. If it is the same crime, then it should be the same penalty. It isn't because the legal system already knows there is a problem with the application and prosecution of the law for these unmanned devices.

21. I agree that nullification of federal laws by the state governments is a rightful remedy when the federal government exceeds its Constitutional authority.

This is necessary for all states to protect their sovereignty under the 10th amendment. It is also their duty to protect their citizens from these same laws. I support and have signed both the health care petition and the state sovereignty amendment circulating in Ohio. I

intend to fight for the repeal of the 17th amendment, which will help restore state sovereignty across our nation.

22. I oppose all government spying and collection of private information on individuals without a search warrant issued by an independent judge.

I fully support the legal process outlined in the U.S. Constitution, which protects citizens from warrantless searches and seizures. The Constitution also guarantees us a fair trial by a jury of our peers and requires it be within a reasonable time frame. I find the Patriot Act offensive to the Bill of Rights and to the American justice system. I don't feel so strongly about spying on non-citizens for reasons vital to our national security and feel the Patriot Act is a viable tool for that.

23. I believe that governing bodies should demonstrate transparency, and would support making bills available online for 5 business days prior to vote including any resolutions and conference reports.

Transparency and sunshine laws are required for us to successfully maintain our Constitutional Republic and the inherent democratic process built into it. Depending upon the type and magnitude of legislation the 5 day availability may not be long enough. I suggest that bills which create new agencies or national programs or that will have budget impacts of over 5% should be available for review for 20 days prior to a vote. I also promise to never vote for a bill I don't fully understand.

24. I believe the Second Amendment guarantees the inherent right of individuals to possess firearms, and will oppose any legislation that infringes on this right.

I understand the meaning of the word infringed and will work to invalidate all laws that currently do so. The 2nd Amendment doesn't just protect our right to own firearms, but instead protects our God-given right to defend our lives by any means possible. The word arms could mean a club, knife or a gun and wasn't limited by the technology of the day. We have a responsibility with this right to own and be willing to take up these arms to protect our nation from invasion or tyranny from within.

25. I support the Healthcare Freedom Amendment to the Ohio Constitution that would overturn the recently passed federal health care mandate.

The recently passed healthcare legislation is an unconstitutional mandate and our sovereign state need not participate in it. I have signed the petition personally and also support repealing the entire law at a federal level. I intend to work for more competition and freer markets in the insurance and healthcare industries.

26. I will support laws that defend the rights of parents to school their children as they see fit including the right to send their children to their school of choice or [homeschool](#).

I am an ardent supporter of school vouchers and home schooling in Ohio. My family has had our children in Dayton Christian for a few years and they are in public schools currently. We saw firsthand the better education they received in the private school and they are still benefiting from that experience. We also home schooled one child for the 1st grade and found the program excellent in preparing him for the next grade. He is

doing well even though he's the youngest in his class.

27. Provide a few philosophers, economists or authors who you feel most influence your decisions:

I consider myself a student of history and a collector of facts. The truth and facts of our nation's history and human nature aren't attributable to a specific person, but do lead wise individuals to sound policies and solutions. I'm thankful for Reaganomics which showed lower taxes create economic growth that actually increases federal revenues.

28. Government's primary role is to:

Natural law dictates that humans are engrained by their creator with certain inalienable rights for simply being born in his image and that men institute governments strictly to protect these rights. A good govt. will be balanced and centered between tyranny and anarchy and be big enough to protect our rights and not so big it can take them away.

29. The worst thing ever to happen as a result of legislation at the Federal level is:

The 17th amendment, which made senators elected rather than appointed by their states, has caused massive damage to our nation. This made our country more of a democracy, which ultimately means mob rule and a slide to socialism and eventual tyranny. This destroyed state sovereignty and nullified the effect of the 10th amendment. We must repeal it!

30. The worst thing ever to happen as a result of legislation at the state level in Ohio is:

The implementation of property and income taxes has destroyed our property rights, which were supposed to be guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. The God-given right to own property of a physical, intellectual and financial nature are attacked by these tax systems. Natural law dictates that private property is the foundation of order for humanity.

31. The sole purpose of my time in office will be

I will serve my state to protect its sovereignty amongst the 50 states and my nation to protect our national sovereignty in the world. I will always be cognizant of the fact that I'll one day answer to God for my actions and will strive to keep my oath of office to uphold the U.S. Constitution. For 1 term I'll carry out my duties the best I can.

32. If I had a [magic wand](#) to change anything with regards to government, society or culture - I would:

To change our govt. I'd add term limits to the Constitution to eliminate lifelong corruption and limit influence peddling.

To change society/culture I'd make all humans want to work harder and smarter to control their own destinies and leave the world a better place. This means an end to those with their hands out & voting from the public trust!

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