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BIO QUESTIONS

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Family:

How long have you lived in Arizona? Born in Phoenix, and will have lived in Arizona half a century by election time.

In what district are you running? 2

How long have you lived in your district? Never and I don't. I have plenty of good friends who live in Dist. 2, who need someone to honorably represent their property interests and their liberties, since Mr. Franks has abdicated this representation.

What is your party registration? Libertarian

How long have you been registered as a member of that party? A decade or so after Sen. McCain served up yet another unacceptable piece of totalitarian crud that went without Republican criticism; I finally left the Repulsive Party for more honest pastures.

Previous public offices you've sought/held: U.S. Congressional (AZ – 2) ([candidate](#) – 2004), [Presidential Elector](#) - 2004

Civic organizations in which you've been active: [FreedomsPhoenix.com](#), [WesternLibertarian.org](#), [theLfactor.org](#), [AZLP.org](#), [FFF.org](#), [AntiWar.org](#), [RationalReview.com](#), [ISIL.org](#), [Reason.com](#), [Lew Rockwell.com](#), [FEE.org](#), [JPFO.org](#)

Do you have any sort of a criminal record or any outstanding civil judgments? Please be specific. No. But since 1 in 5 Americans either goes to prison, or one of their family members does in their lifetime, I am sure it will be my turn to be involuntarily interned in a government re-education camp at some point in my life. Whether I will ever know the charges made against me, be allowed to contact a lawyer or be subjected to torture by the government has sadly become a real possibility since I ran two years ago. Perhaps this is what they meant by honesty in government.

BREAKING THE ICE

1. Why are you running for office?

Because no one else seems interested in pointing fingers at the Washington Party, that sent our nation into war without the required congressional declaration of war. A premeditated invasion that occurred with assurances from those responsible that we would be greeted in the streets by cheering flower throwing grateful populace, that Iraq's oil would pay for all the costs, and that we would be in and out of Iraq before you knew it.

Well, three years later, no weapons of mass destruction, no cheering mobs, our blood and economy spent in the Middle East where we have a permanent occupation ongoing, and a civil war breaking out. The region is much more destabilized than it had been. And we continue to threaten more pre-emptive strikes, invasions, economic sanctions, and blockades on surrounding nations, indeed, in nations on all continents of the globe who fail to bend to our will. Bush has greatly increased our chances of being struck by terrorists and destabilized the world ... but that was the plan.

We have arrested American's as terrorists, have the military incarcerate them *incommunicado*, denying them all of their fundamental Rights that precede this nation, including the right to know what they have been charged with, to confront their accusers and the evidence, to judicial due process, to speak with an attorney and to a trial by jury.

We have had our e-mail, Internet usage, phone calls, mail and bank records spied upon by the Executive Branch – under the NSA and newly created cabinet level Department of Homeland Security – without any judicial or congressional input or complaint.

These records have been seized under secret summonses issued by bureaucrats, not judges, under the PATRIOT Act, for your personal and business records, heck even your library card usage, with those subpoenaed under threat of secret arrest and prison if they disclose that the request for information was made.

We have seen thousands of people detained without charge to languish for years in prison as “material witnesses.” Witnesses against what is not specified, though demand for their submission and cooperation against others should they ever wish to speak to the outside world again.

The torture and denial of Rights to those detained, abducted and captured during the Afghan campaign, and Iraqi invasion and occupation in places around the world, including the US naval base in Guantánamo base in Cuba. The vast majority of whom it is now acknowledged posed no threat to the USA.

You should read the Declaration of Independence again, and compare the list of grievances to the situation we find ourselves in today. You may agree we need a new Declaration.

2. What is the best piece of political advice you have ever received?

‘Don’t vote. Voting is two wolves and a sheep getting together at the table to decide on dinner. Voting is where the majority imposes its will on the minority by force. People who vote and lose have no right to complain about the outcome. They voluntarily participated in a process they knew ahead of time would result in mob rule.

Complaining because they later discovered they were in the minority is just sour grapes.

Only those who **do not** vote have a right to complain because they did not consent to allowing the majority to make decisions over their property.’ — Marc Victor, [Arizona’s Top Criminal Defense Attorney](#)

3. Which current or living political figure do you most admire, and why?

U.S. Representative Ron Paul, M.D. (R-Texas) [<http://www.house.gov/paul/>] who is called “Dr. No,” for his constantly being the sole “No” vote on much of the otherwise unanimously passed abuse coming out of our federal legislature. He may not always be correct in his votes, in my not so humble opinion, but he is closer than anyone else in Congress to just saying no.

ARIZONA

1. What are the three most important Congressional priorities you see for Arizona and how would you work to accomplish them?

With a \$30 trillion dollar national debt, and half-a-trillion dollar deficit budgets passed by Congress every year, it is time to begin to shut down the federal government, before our impending economic collapse shuts it down for us:

1. Permanently discharge virtually ALL federal employees over 2 to 3 years time, with the bulk leaving the first year.
2. Auction off ALL federal lands, buildings and assets to pay off some of our national debt. The US Constitution forbids the federal government from owning any lands beyond that necessary for federal buildings anyway. Regrettably, the [Goldwater Institute](#) estimates this would only bring in \$5 trillion.
3. Eliminate ALL taxation of individuals, property, manufacture and services. Government can be allowed to collect a flat tariff rate on all property at the point of import into the country as its sole revenue source. Any budget deficits should be made **the personal liability** of the national elected officials.

2. Some Arizona members of Congress hate pork, love pork. What are your views on earmarks, and would you reject such funding for your district?

Don't cast pearls before swine. Obviously I oppose congressional spending for specific as opposed to national items, but then I oppose spending in general anyway. It is spending stolen money literally robbed at gunpoint from the workers.

The only way to reduce your debt is to make more revenue or reduce your spending, or both. America's economy is an amazingly powerful engine cranking out high quality products and services at a good price. But the vast percentage of taxes applied throughout production inhibits demand for these goods and services, making alternate foreign sources desirable from a consumer standpoint.

Congress has been spending like there is no tomorrow, while somewhat lowering taxes (A good thing, but unless done with the biggest percentage taxpayers in mind, creates huge deficits that are only somewhat offset by increased business productivity.). So soon or sooner your creditors (in this case foreign bond buyers) will cut off our nation's credit, and our economy will collapse (And our dollar will be worth very little – to perhaps nothing if the Fed Chair Ben Bernanke has his way with the printing presses.).

IMMIGRATION

1. Are undocumented immigrants a net benefit or detriment to Arizona?

They are an incredible benefit. Look at the rotting oranges in Florida where growers are afraid to hire possible illegals. When there are no barriers to people coming to the US to

offer their services, you get the best service at the lowest price your dollar can obtain. Artificially restrict that trade by imposing government restrictions and the price of labor increases, and the value of your dollar's purchasing power diminishes. And in the latter case you additionally have to pay for the government programs.

2. What do you see as the primary solutions to gaining control of the border? A guest worker program? Tougher enforcement of the workplace? More Border Patrol agents? Building a fence?

Eliminate **all** welfare for **everyone**. Such redistribution of labor is theft.

Private property is being damaged by the massive horde of immigrants sneaking through their property. Both the property owner and the immigrants would much rather immigrants come through at public entry points. The US government has closed these points to all but a select few. They do this because they can. Instead of these property owners having the option of profitably providing shelter, food, supplies and transportation for the visitors making their way into our nation, they instead find an ecological disaster on their land. Open the borders. The immigrants will keep coming because the demand for their labor is here.

But fear not. The President has a plan. When our economy collapses, the dollar will be worth less than the peso, and the Mexicans will stop coming. Then the wall at the border will be manned by Mexicans keeping us out.

3. What would be the estimated cost of your solution? How would you pay for it?

My solution is a money maker. No more damage to property. Potential revenue for property owners. And the cost of labor reflecting the true lowest cost for labor rather than an artificially inflated labor cost that deflates our currency. [see: <http://tinyurl.com/fg22m>] Also the cost of government is lowered since we need few, if any, agents at the border.

DOMESTIC POLICY

1. How should the government restore the Medicare and Social Security programs to long-term financial stability?

\$30 trillion dollars in debt. Forget it. No way with the baby boomers retiring and the young workers expected to slave for these geezer's loot. [see: <http://tinyurl.com/kyb2n>] It is not going to happen. The Congress will raise the age, raise the qualifications, whatever it takes to keep from paying out money they do not have to Social Security and Medicare recipients, because the workers would otherwise revolt. In actual practice,

Congress will simply keep putting off today by adding more charges to the nation's credit card, what balking foreign creditors and our collapsing economy will do tomorrow. No money = no checks in the mail.

2. To what extent, if any, does global warming pose a threat to lives, property and the economy? What should the federal government do about it, if anything?

This assumes there is global warming, for which the evidence contrary to scientists who benefit from global warming grants might say, is still not convincing. Warming of the oceans, however, is demonstrable. Yet, no mechanism has been demonstrated to explain this phenomenon. But Luddites are quick to blame human activity. Specifically carbon dioxide, CO₂, is blamed for atmospheric warming – that may or may not actually be occurring. Combustion converts all fuel into almost equal parts water and CO₂. As you can imagine all the oil, gas and coal, wood, etc. that is burned by man **and nature** every year, this amounts to a lot of CO₂ released into the atmosphere. Plants take this CO₂ and recycle it back into combustible material.

So, one result of increased CO₂ is increased number and growth of plants. Another result of warming oceans is a rise in the water tables with coastal land being submerged and lost. Weather patterns will also change with warming oceans.

In truth, it is far more likely that global warming, if it is occurring, is a natural phenomenon. It seems to happen in 11,000 year cycles and we are in the beginning of the peak. The result will be drastic changes in area ecologies, in which some major species will die off or become minor species, while some minor species will flourish. In effect it will often appear that major species have shifted to other geographic regions.

Change scares people. Scares them into giving up their labor and liberty. What is the federal government to do? Can they hold back the tide of a tidal wave? This is assuredly a natural phenomenon. But the interesting question is, could we do anything to stop it, if we chose to stop it?

Mankind's contribution to CO₂ emissions is less than 1% of what the Earth itself releases. This has led environmental scientists to propose that Earth's atmosphere is in some delicate balance always on the verge of rapidly shifting in one direction or the other. And that our small contribution has tipped the balance. Since this is untestable, it is not a valid assertion. But based on precedents, it is unlikely that Earth is delicately balanced in much of anything. There always seems to be feedback mechanisms that keep things *status quo ante* despite perturbations.

Pollution is a state's issue, and should be handled as a trespass with property damage to be handled by the tort courts and insurance companies. Ironically governments are frequently the worst polluters, and set themselves above being sued or regulated.

3. What specific cuts in spending or tax increases would you recommend to bring the federal budget into balance?

As I said earlier, you get rid of the employees and the infrastructure, and you get rid of the budget. You would have to guard against “privatization” of government. Until you are ready to kill the beast, the beast will continue to feed upon you. The Washington Party has survived over two centuries feeding at your trough. They have no intention of ceasing and going away so long as you continue filling the furrow.

4. Do you support the proposed same-sex marriage amendment to the state constitution? Do you support the proposed federal amendment?

Marriage licensing, which is nothing more than a tax, is a state’s issue not a federal one. A state can decide whom to tax within its borders. The U.S. Constitution created the federal government and explicitly spelled out 18 powers and duties within. It explicitly limits the federal government to those powers, and if that was not clear, the Tenth Amendment was added explicitly reserving all other powers for either the states or the people. The Constitution is about limiting and restraining the federal government, not people. The one exception later created where the power of the people was limited was later repealed after much death, injury, increase in organized crime, official corruption and loss of labor productivity. I would oppose **any** federal amendment to the U.S. Constitution that restricts the people.

FOREIGN POLICY

1. Do you support the decision to topple Saddam Hussein regime in Iraq? What should the United States do differently in Iraq now, if anything?

Hours after the 9/11 horror began, people at the highest levels had very good reason to believe Osama bin Laden was responsible. He quickly confirmed his organization, *al-Qaeda* was behind the attack. Our well motivated troops sent into Afghanistan chased and ultimately penned *al-Qaeda* down at Tora Bora. Eager to immediately go in and kill them all, the troops were called off by the Office of the Vice President. Osama bin Laden and *al-Qaeda* were **allowed** to escape into Pakistan. Now why would the Bush Administration allow a sworn and active enemy of the USA, who had just attacked our country, and was poised to be obliterated by angry, well motivated US troops?

Because, Cheney, Rumsfeld, and their whole gang of power hungry reprobates were using the mass murder of thousands of Americans, and the destruction of billions of dollars in property as an excuse to invade Iraq. Iraq’s President (dictator) had been installed into power by the CIA. Indeed, Saddam Hussein was praised and his rule preserved in the 1980’s literally by the very same people now trying to invade Iraq. He was no longer their poodle. His subservience to the US had of late ceased. And Cheney and the boys wanted new air bases in Iraq to continue controlling the Middle Eastern

oil, as the Saudi's were tossing the US out of the Saudi Arabian bases. Big fat, no-bid contracts for the Vice President's defense companies wouldn't hurt either.

The White House was busy spinning one lie after another as to why the US needed to preemptively invade Iraq. Yet the polls showed the American public was not buying each *casus belli* being spewed out, and a spineless Congress was unwilling to back an invasion. The Bush Administration could not afford the celebrations that would take place with al-Qaeda being wiped out only months after 9/11, and the subsequent quelling of the public's blood lust cry for vengeance.

The lie that Saddam Hussein was behind the 9/11 attacks didn't stick, because al-Qaeda had already taken responsibility for 9/11. The lie that Hussein was responsible for supporting these terrorists didn't stick because they were known enemies. The lie that we needed to attack because Hussein was violating the no-fly zone imposed by the first Bush. That as the sole remaining superpower, the US must, if need be, unilaterally and preemptively police the world of evil repressive governments. Which described just about most of the planet. Lie, lie, lie. None were taking root.

Then, weapons of mass destruction (WMD's) finally resonated with the public. FEAR. The public fear, just like after 9/11, that would allow the Bush Administration to literally do whatever it pleased. Go to war, strip the nation of it's liberties, spend without restriction on its friends, control the media ... Despite the fact that the "evidence" being produced was dubious and sparse, old and unreliable. That Hussein was desperately cooperating with the UN WMD search teams in Iraq, in an effort to keep his power. Bush finally invaded a nation that posed no threat to the US or its people, without cause, and three years later we occupy Iraq still. We have built our permanent air bases. We have built the largest embassy in the world, as large as Vatican City. We have installed a puppet government, that must still seek permission to run and travel in their own nation.

Instead of being welcomed as liberators we are despised as murderous oppressors, who have destroyed Iraqi infrastructure, control travel, speech and governance. Instead of Iraq's oil paying for our invasion and temporary occupation, we are pouring massive amounts of our earnings and our children's blood into *Iraquagmire*. It is clear to the populace that we are clearly there to stay. We have destabilized the nation, and the region worse than it was, at a time when peace was breaking out and Islamic fundamentalists were losing ground. Now with the unprovoked invasion and occupation that fundamentalism has not only reestablished its roots and flourished, but is spreading even outside the region. Iraq is now a training ground for terrorists wishing to confront the USA. And for every "terrorist" we kill five more take their place for revenge over a loved one we have killed as "collateral damage" in killing the terrorists.

Civil war has broken out in Iraq between three separate regions, with our troops caught in the middle. Events with Israel threaten to pull Iran and Syria into a regional conflict. And despite what you may believe with chest pounding "Bring 'em ON!"

boisterous *bravado*, our entire forces in Iraq could literally be completely wiped out by a much, much larger angered populace.

Makes sure the entire Iraqi nation is well armed and well supplied with ammo. Then we leave, 100% pullout. Followed by pulling all of our troops out of the region. Let the Iraqis defend themselves and they will work it out. The Iraqis will have to settle things amongst themselves as to whether they wish to live as Iraqis or parts of Iran and Syria (with a new Kurdistan – sorry, Turkey). Allow claims against the US to be decided in federal court. Impeach the President and Vice President. Transfer all current and former government officials responsible for our unprovoked invasion and occupation of Iraq to be extradited to Iraq for trial upon request. Seize by RICO, all assets of those officials to help pay off Iraqi claims.

2. What should the United States do about Iran's nuclear ambitions?

Iran is a sovereign nation. They can do as they please within their borders, spend their labor and services however they please. They are signatories to the Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT). According to the [IAEA](#), Iran has completely complied with this treaty, passing every inspection and being open to inspection. It is the US government that has been the *provocateur* in this confrontation, because they wish to go to war with Iran. Iran has every right under the NPT to reprocess and enrich uranium. As long as they permit inspections as required by the NPT how can we continue to attack them? Their plans are not our business, only their actions which **directly** affect us are. Our private industry should be selling them reactors, not having our government bomb them.

3. What, if anything, would you propose that the United States do to reduce the threat of terrorist attacks?

Pull all of our military out of every nation on the planet, and bring them and their equipment home. Permanently cease **all** foreign aid. Mind our own business. Stop interfering in American business' abroad or at home. Stop electing thieving morons to office.

“It is our true policy to steer clear of entangling alliances with any portion of the foreign world.” – President [George Washington](#).

“America does not go abroad in search of monsters to destroy.” – President [John Quincy Adams](#).

My how my nation has changed. We have gone from a nation of commerce to a nation of terror, conquest and thievery. Spending our children's blood and inheritance along the way.

LAST LAME QUESTION

1. Polls show that Americans are dissatisfied with the performance of the president and Congress. Are you pleased or displeased with the performance of your political party's leaders in Washington?

I am very disappointed with the Libertarian Party leader's performance in Washington.

First, if it were up to me we would not have renewed our suite at the Watergate. And instead moved our "headquarters" to some 'stay at home' libertarian mom's closet in Somewhere USA. There in her (or his) spare time she could respond to questions and requests questions that came in on either the answering machine or e-mail, re-direct messages to other LP officials, do mailings as appropriate in exchange for compensation from our treasury. A one person paid staff.

In my opinion, the leaders have used parliamentary procedure to bully **their** desires into reality. Certainly like real political thugs, but not very libertarian.

The leaders have spent the Party into a state not unlike the federal budget ... overspent and bankrupt, after promising Party members the world and delivering staff raises.

The Party leaders have abandoned party principles for "pragmatism," ending any claim to libertarianism along the way. This "big tent" philosophy is necessary to increase the number of potential financial donors. But it waters down our party's core beliefs, and renders the Libertarian Party without meaning.

The Party leaders have centralized power to the national party at the expense of the state parties and their county and local brethren. Ignored and marginalized individuals. Behaving just like the other guys at a time when if one major party or the other collapses, our principles would have been there to attract disgruntled voters and separate us from the Washington Party.

I suspect my counterparts in the Washington Party will not have a similar outlook on their leadership. But I would like to point out that my leadership is not responsible for the murder of people by the hundreds of thousands, of torture, of casually squandering the lives of young Americans who have volunteered to defend this nation, of spending our nation into over \$9 trillion in debt and another \$21 trillion in encumbrances, of threatening the entire planet with death should they not bend to our leaderships every whim, of spying into every facet of our private lives, of looting an ever increasing amount of our labors, of ignoring their Constitutional limitation on their powers and trampling upon **all** of our Rights as heedlessly as stepping on ants.

If voting could make a difference, it would be illegal.