

The **National Taxpayer Union** sent me the following survey. Since I refuse to answer these check 'for or against' surveys that provide no place to comment, I chose to respond by writing my own comments. These were the answers I mailed to NTU. If they claim I refused to answer, why that would be ... a fib. As I told many a NTU supporter who called me in 2004, not only how worthless such surveys were, but they only exist to either provide a vehicle to let incumbent politicians know the importance of certain issues to NTU, or as a money solicitation ['See we are doing something with your money. Send more'] mailing to its members.

This will be prominently posted on my campaign site for your NTU members to read for themselves. I would be happy to post any response from NTU, unedited, as well.

The National Taxpayer Union 2006 Survey Questions for Congressional Candidates

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Seeking: U.S. Representative in Congressional District 2 (Arizona)

Libertarian

1. Tax Limitation Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

Before I proceed, I strongly suggest you watch a short movie that will tell you everything you need to know about me, and about how you should live your life, and expect, nay demand, others live their lives. It takes only 8 minutes of your life. Is that too much to ask? <http://isil.org/resources/introduction.swf> [audio on; *The Philosophy of Liberty*]

Now that you have watched that, you really don't need to know me any further, as I agree with everything in that movie, and have nothing more to contribute. But for those who won't give me 8 short minutes, I will answer NTU's questions thus:

You own yourself. No one has claim to your life but you. Your time, efforts are yours to do with as you please. No one has a claim to your services, labor or the things you have created without your uncoerced consent. Nor do you have claim on anyone else's life or property. All taxation is theft, taken at the point of a gun. This nonsense put forward by well meaning ostensibly "anti-tax" groups serves nothing more than to legitimize this theft.

I have no interest in slowing down tax confiscation, or preserving taxation at its current level. I demand the elimination of **ALL** forms of taxation, period. If government wants money, let them hold a bake sale. And if you think this is unrealistic, consider this, ultimately taxes are never reduced. They may be shifted for a time, but eventually they

return with a vengeance. As long as people with fine hats and nice suits are permitted to seize your property and your labor at gunpoint without fearing for their health, they will continue to steal your property. I see no reason to be polite about such theft.

2. Balanced Budget Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

To heck with this. Why should government be permitted to spend any more than it has? Why should government be permitted to borrow? Legislators should be personally responsible for any deficit of government. Instead of focusing on enabling legislation that gives tacit permission for government to do these activities, I would rather spend my time getting the mob downright angry with government theft and government largess. Pitchforks and torches angry.

3. Social Security Choice

Social Security is a prime example of why 'if voting could make a difference it would be illegal.' [Kudos to Bush for even pushing this, but the outcome was not unexpected.] So when you asked humbly, hat in hand, 'Oh please, Mr. Legiscritter, can I please shift a measly 2% of my Social Security tax into a private savings account apparently of your choosing?' And the answer was a swift, NO! You were surprised at the outcome? Why do you continue to think you will ever be able to peacefully get ANY of your liberty and possession of you or your property back?

4. Spending Restraint

How about instead I will vote to zero budget well over 95% of the government in my first year, and let the surviving 5% of government justify its survival the second year?

5. No Tax Increase

Where the heck is the call for a tax decrease? My god, you already have three-quarters of your labor sucked away by government in the form of taxes, indirect taxes, passed along taxes, fees, fines, regulatory burdens ... isn't it about time to kill the beast, not try to live with it!?

6. Major Tax Reform

Why would I want to replace what I have just killed in your scenario? And please remember, when the government tax was first put into place we were assured it would only apply to the filthy rich. Why would you think any "reform" would prove less onerous over time?

7. Tax Reform Choice

No sales tax, no flat tax, no tax. That is what I would support.

8. Permanent Tax Relief

I believe I just supported real tax relief ... not the favoritism of a select few wealthy people who bribed Congress for moving the 2001 “tax cuts” into place for themselves, at the expense of everyone else. Zero taxes. Any call for anything else, is **to advocate theft**.

9. Pro-Growth Tax Relief

Imaging how much less everything you buy today (goods and services) would cost, if there were no federal taxes involved? Every dollar you earned would be much, much more valuable. [In fact, since there wouldn't be a central bank, your currency would actually have to be backed by something more than a politician's promise of perceived worth.] You would sell many more of whatever goods and services you provide, as more people would be interested in your goods or services, because you could offer them for much less than you currently do. Think of all the paperwork you no longer needed to fret over. The states would be under intense pressure from the mob to reduce their own size and taxes as well. This is hardly a dream. Most of the history of our nation existed under the system I am describing. It has only been the last hundred years or so that this socialist state has existed. It only needs opposition to put it in the ground where it belongs.

10. Oppose Internet Taxation

How could anyone consider placing a tax on the people's printing press? Well, I guess incumbents would consider it.

11. Responsible Bill Sponsorship

Count on it. I want to be the one to turn the light out as I am leaving Congress after a brief and unpleasant tenure.