



# CAMPAIGN FOR LIBERTY 2016 FEDERAL CANDIDATE SURVEY

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#	Question (Please answer all questions)	YES	NO
1	Will you cosponsor and support efforts for roll call votes on Ron Paul's Audit the Fed bill, designed to bring transparency to the Federal Reserve (H.R. 24/S. 264 in the 114 <sup>th</sup> Congress)?		
2	Will you vote to oppose any legislation that allows the federal government to prohibit the sale, use, or carrying of firearms?		
3	Will you oppose the "Restoration of America's Wire Act", which would completely ban online gambling and is being pushed by one billionaire Las Vegas casino owner?		
4	Will you support legislation to improve airport security by closing the dysfunctional Transportation Security Administration and place airport security back into private hands?		
5	Will you oppose using military action without a declaration of war?		
6	Will you support and cast every vote for legislation that will repeal or defund ObamaCare?		
7	Will you oppose any legislation that will force online businesses to collect sales taxes across state lines and increase costs on the American consumer, whether it is the so-called "Marketplace Fairness Act", the "Remote Transactions Parity Act", or any other Internet sales tax scheme?		
8	Will you oppose federal power grabs like roving wiretaps and warrantless searches and oppose Patriot Act renewal that includes such items, including the NSA's unconstitutional spying program?		
9	Will you oppose any legislation that requires states and citizens to participate in a National Identification program, including mandatory E-Verify?		
10	Will you support keeping our Internet free from government control and intrusion, including opposing power grabs such as SOPA, CISA, or any other bill that mandates more government intervention in the Internet?		
11	Will you oppose all tax increases?		
12	Indicate the tax cuts you are willing to vote for: <input type="checkbox"/> Across-the-Board Income Tax Cut <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Gains Tax Cut <input type="checkbox"/> Business Tax Cut <input type="checkbox"/> Estate Tax Cut	←	←

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General Comment: Most of these questions deal with complex issues of public policy and cannot honestly be answered with a simple YES or NO answer. Any candidate answering all but a few with a simple yes or no is either pandering to you or a simpleton. I will answer each of these questions honestly and to the best of my knowledge and ability.

# Question (Please answer all questions)

Will you cosponsor and support efforts for roll call votes on Ron Paul's Audit the Fed bill, designed to bring transparency to the Federal Reserve (H.R. 24/S. 264 in the 114th Congress)?

1 NO. While I believe that the Federal Reserve needs proper oversight, and do not oppose the concept of Auditing the Fed, it is not an issue I can strongly enough about to either cosponsor or support the present bill.

Will you vote to oppose any legislation that allows the federal government to prohibit the sale, use, or carrying of firearms?

2 NO. As the U.S. Supreme Court said in the case of District of Columbia v. Heller, "Like most rights, the right secured by the Second Amendment is not unlimited. From Blackstone through the 19th-century cases, commentators and courts routinely explained that the right was not a right to keep and carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose." I do not oppose reasonable restrictions of firearms, and I believe that is fully consistent with the provisions of the Second Amendment.

Will you oppose the "Restoration of America's Wire Act", which would completely ban online gambling and is being pushed by one billionaire Las Vegas casino owner?

3 Probably, though I do not have enough information about this issue to make a fully informed decision.

Will you support legislation to improve airport security by closing the dysfunctional Transportation Security Administration and place airport security back into private hands?

4 I support improving airport security, but I do not believe that closing the TSA is the best solution. The TSA, like every human organization, is imperfect. Steps should be taken to improve the system. I do oppose privatizing public safety programs, like the TSA.

Will you oppose using military action without a declaration of war?

5 I believe that the military should only be used for large scale and long running operations when Congress declares war. There are many smaller operations, however, that the President, as Commander in Chief, has the authority to authorize without the involvement of Congress. I realize that there are situations where it is difficult to determine the actual line between

Will you support and cast every vote for legislation that will repeal or defund ObamaCare?

6 No, absolutely not.

Will you oppose any legislation that will force online businesses to collect sales taxes across state lines and increase costs on the American consumer, whether it is the so-called "Marketplace Fairness Act", the "Remote Transactions Parity Act", or any other Internet sales tax scheme?

7 No. Believe it or not, with modern computer technology, a web site can collect sales tax with a simple program. These programs can easily be integrated with the business accounting

software, and can actually be integrated with state and federal taxing authorizes. States are losing a massive amount of revenue in sales tax due to the shift to on-line shopping. The fact that many of these websites do not charge sales tax creates an unfair situation, and works to the disadvantage of brick and mortar stores, which do pay sales tax.

Will you oppose federal power grabs like roving wiretaps and warrantless searches and oppose Patriot Act renewal that includes such items, including the NSA's unconstitutional spying program?

- 8 I oppose a number of the programs under the Patriot Act. I believe that a number of them do exceed Constitutional authority. But I will need to evaluate them point by point and not make a blanket statement of support or opposition.

Will you oppose any legislation that requires states and citizens to participate in a National Identification program, including mandatory E-Verify?

- 9 I've always found it amusing that Conservatives want to require photo ID at the polls, and want to have a system to track illegal immigrants in the country, then oppose the simplest solution to those problems. I support E-Verify. I believe that employers should only hire US citizens and those in this country legally.

Will you support keeping our Internet free from government control and intrusion, including opposing power grabs such as SOPA, CISA, or any other bill that mandates more government intervention in the Internet?

- 10 I oppose SOPA, though it is now a dead letter. I do not oppose many of the provisions of CISA dealing with national security.  
I support a free and open internet. The problem is that the "internet" is actually an amalgamation of servers and communication equipment owned and operated by private entities. I support Net Neutrality and would support regulating aspects of the internet as a public utility.

Will you oppose all tax increases?

11. NO. I believe we need to operate our government in a fiscally prudent manner. We are currently running massive yearly deficits, which add year after year to the overall national debt. The main reason we have these massive debts is because we have cut taxes without concern for government expenditures. This has got to stop.

12. Indicate the tax cuts you are willing to vote for: D Across-the-Board Income Tax Cut

XD Capital Gains Tax Cut

XD Business Tax Cut

XD Estate Tax Cut

I do not oppose reasonable tax reductions or modifications.