



Ballot on America's Future

VOTE ON AMERICA'S FUTURE

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1. General George Washington, our first US President, said, "***We need a Department of Peace. If we develop expertise only in war, that is what we shall have.***"

Should the US have a cabinet level Dept. of Peace? Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

2. The US has over 850 overseas military bases in countries around the world (and an estimated 6000+ in the U.S. and its territories), at incalculable cost (in part since the Defense Dept. is unable to, and never fully, accounts for where it spends taxpayer funds unlike every other Federal agency.)

a. Should the number of these bases be significantly reduced? Yes _____ No _____

How should the savings be spent? (check your priorities) Education _____ Job training _____ Affordable housing _____ Lower taxes on the 99% _____ Health care _____ Other _____

b. More jobs are created in the U.S. when funds are spent on education, infrastructure and health than on military items. Is it time to reorder our national priorities and increase jobs? Yes _____ No _____

c. Over the last ten years, the U.S. Military Budget has more than doubled (\$290 billion to \$695 billion) despite no meaningful increase in foreign threats to U.S. citizens. This year's proposed budget is \$675 billion with some experts indicating the true figure to be close to \$1.2 trillion.

Do you think it is time to significantly cut the defense budget?

Yes _____ How much? _____ 50% or _____ % (you fill in a percent); or No _____

3. Dr. Chalmers Johnson established that a country must choose whether it will be a Democracy or an Empire, **it can not be both**. In an Empire, the government tells the citizens; in a Democracy, the citizens tell the government. Do you choose Democracy _____ or Empire _____ for us?

Dr. Johnson concluded that the U.S. has already chosen "Empire". Do you agree? Yes _____ No _____

4. In the 1944 Presidential State of the Union Address, FDR called for a second "Bill of Rights"--an "economic bill of rights" which included the right of every American to "Employment with a living wage". It also guaranteed freedom from monopolies, as well as a guarantee to medical care, education, social security, and housing, observing that the 'political rights' guaranteed by the constitution and the Bill of Rights had "proved inadequate to assure [the 99%] equality in the pursuit of happiness."

Do you agree with Roosevelt's "economic bill of rights" which would guarantee every American:

1) Employment, with a living wage? Yes _____ No _____

2) Freedom from unfair competition and monopolies? Yes _____ No _____

3) Housing? Yes _____ No _____

4) Medical Care? Yes _____ No _____

5) Education? Yes _____ No _____

6) Social Security? Yes _____ No _____

5. The Occupy movement is focusing on the excessive influence the richest 1% in this country have over the financial system and governmental process; and how their influence is used to adopt social and economic policy to directly benefit themselves or their beliefs regardless of the interests of or impact on the other 99% of our population. What do you think are the root causes of economic inequality in the U.S.? Please circle your top two: A) polarized politics B) failed economic strategies C) federal reserve (private bank controlling public money) D) government spending greater than its income E) the top 1% having disproportionate control and power on public issues F) all of the above G) none of the above

Your own answer: _____

Do you believe the richest 1% are entitled to adopt social and economic policies perpetuating their personal interests and profits before the needs and interests of the other 99%? Yes _____ No _____