



iVoter Guide Survey

Right to Life

Under what circumstances should abortion be allowed?

Only when the life of the mother is at risk

Abortion providers, including Planned Parenthood, should not receive funds from federal, state, or local governments (including Title X grants).

I agree

I support 'aid in dying' laws which legalize assisted suicide and euthanasia.

I support the idea in certain circumstances when there is zero likelihood of recovery and suffering is unbearable.

Economy

What changes, if any, should be made to the tax code?

The best fix is to abolish the 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment

What government spending would you reduce in order to balance the budget?

Any and all spending for any and all things that are not enumerated in the Constitution as specific grants of authorities to the Federal Government

Taxpayer-funded public education should be guaranteed through college.

No! If 12 years of taxpayer funded education is insufficient to prepare a child to be a productive member of society, what benefit would 4 more years provide? The focus should be on reforming the curriculum in K-12 such that each High School Graduate has the necessary skillsets to be self-sufficient. This means teaching life skills, nutrition, health, finance, basic law, crafts, trades, etc. and not using public education as an indoctrination center.

### Religious Liberty

Individuals and businesses should be required to provide services even if it would violate their moral and/or religious beliefs.

No. Free will, Right of Conscience, and freedom of association are a few of the foundations of American values that the courts vigorously upheld prior to the Marxist infiltration of our institutions.

Under what circumstances can government close churches?

None, zero, nada.

### Healthcare

What most closely matches your view on healthcare: A) Healthcare for all should be guaranteed and funded by the government with no private healthcare option. (includes "universal healthcare," "medicare for all," etc.) B) Healthcare insurance funded by the government should be available for all who want it, along with private healthcare options. C) Medicaid and Medicare should remain available, but no other taxpayer-funded programs are necessary. D) Tax-payer funded health care should be abolished in all forms, and Medicaid and Medicare should be de-funded.

I am somewhere between C and D. We don't have a healthcare system, we have a sickcare system. Since government got involved (unconstitutionally) in it, the costs have escalated at an accelerated pace and skyrocketed with the passage of the Affordable Care Act which created an additional 159 entities that "oversee" the administration of services with the outcome of increased cost and decreased quality of care, and vastly inflated costs of compliance, reporting, and protocols which effectively have turned healthcare workers into drones. I believe that if we were taught good skills in maintaining our health, had access to chemical and pesticide-free food, clean water and air, and taught natural remedies for common ailments, our need for healthcare would diminish. Medicare should be available for those that have paid into the system, but phased out over time. Medicaid may remain a necessity as long as poverty persists. Otherwise, I believe we all have the right to pay for our own healthcare, but healthcare is not a right and government has no Constitutional authority to intercede.

Under what circumstances (if any) should a government, school, or employer be allowed to require vaccinations?

Only under a totalitarian dictatorship where the people are enslaved and have surrendered their God given rights to self-ownership, otherwise, absolutely none.

## National Security

What should the United States do to help eradicate the threat of Islamic terrorism?

If the CIA hadn't meddled in Iran in the 1950's we may not have ever had this problem in the first place. But, the problem in the middle east is the same problem that led to the Crusades and may not have a solution so long as there are Islamic religious teachings proscribing death to the infidels. It may be a help if the US would stop dropping bombs and using drones resulting in civilian casualties. It may also help, as long as we continue foreign interventionist policies, to help build an economy to provide jobs and prosperity to them, and to develop media channels and distribution to influence public opinion away from jihad, in the same way the US media controls the narrative to brainwash us.

I support the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) movement to pressure Israel to withdraw from occupied territories, remove the separation barrier in the West Bank, allow full equality for Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel, and promote the rights of Palestinian refugees.

I am 100% for peace and equal rights when it comes to occupation of traditional territories. Did Israel learn annexation and expansion from the history of the US displacing America's indigenous people? Human nature is hard to extinguish.

## Immigration

The U.S. should do more to physically secure the southern border.

Absolutely yes

Who should be allowed to immigrate to the U.S. and under what circumstances?

Anyone who is verifiably able to be self-sufficient, willing to abide by the traditions and values upon which the US was founded, who will obey the laws, who can add to American greatness should be free to come and join us. The exceptions for those suffering political or religious persecution should be allowed to seek sanctuary. Those that come to escape poverty and oppressive government should stay in their country and work to improve it. Taxpayer money should not be used to harbor freeloaders.

## Education

I support school choice, including voucher programs, tax credits, charter schools, private schools, and home schools.

Yes, I do.

Values

Judeo-Christian values established a framework of morality which is necessary for our system of limited government.

And it is a pity that values and morality have been debased and derided and are seemingly no longer a subject taught to our progeny.

I support adding gender identity as a specially protected class in non-discrimination laws.

I do not. We already have equal protection under the law as well as the freedom of association. Any such legislation, in my opinion, is prohibited as a grant of special privilege and would be a furtherance of the Marxist plank to destroy the family.

Marriage is a God-ordained, sacred and legal union of one man and one woman. No government has the authority to alter this definition

Not that I disagree with this statement, but freedom of association trumps government, and government has no Constitutional authority to legislate regarding marriage.

I agree with Critical Race Theory (CRT) which asserts that the institutions in the United States are fundamentally racist.

Heck no!

Briefly describe your spiritual beliefs and values.

I serve the Kingdom of God following the examples and teachings of Christ.

Elections and Voting

People should be able to vote without photo identification.

Sure, if we used a thumb print instead, otherwise no government issued photo ID, no ballot.

What laws would you propose to change present voting practices?

Georgia's voting laws are among the best in the US, however it is the computers and electronic tabulation that needs to be scrapped in favor of hand counting ballots at the precinct level. I would strengthen requirements for absentee ballot requests and signature verification, get us out of the ERIC system, and enact better practices to ensure clean voter rolls, withdraw from Motor Voter registration, and scrutinize groups and organizations funded to push voter registration drives as their main mission. I would push legislation to ensure that any company or organization that contracts with the state, counties, or municipalities, must provide public access to background checks of their employees. And if possible, make election day a holiday and limit voting to only a few days prior.

## Race Relations

Is racism a threat to domestic security in the United States? Why or why not?

The problem is the narrative pushed by politicians, influence and grievance groups, and the media to divide and distract us away from seeing that they are destroying the country for their own gain. The powers that be foment racism and it is a pity that some people fall for it. Most Americans are not racist, but labeled racist in an attempt to force acquiescence to the benefit of those that push this agenda.

Reparations should be given to people on the basis of race.

That boat sailed after the Civil War. No person should be held liable for the sins of their forefathers. The Islamic slave traders and English Law in the Colonial Period requiring slave ownership is not the fault of anyone born after 1779.

## Energy & Environment

Which comes closest to your view? A) Stricter environmental laws and regulations cost too many jobs and hurt the economy. B) Stricter environmental laws and regulations are worth the cost.

A

I support the use of hydraulic fracking to extract oil and natural gas resources.

Somewhat, there are environmental consequences inherent in fracking, mostly involving the contamination of the water table. If the Federal Government allowed oil and natural gas extraction in areas where fracking was not preamble to the US constitution necessary, I would be fine with a fracking ban. Save fracking when it becomes a last resort for supplying energy.

## Qualifications

What do you think is the general purpose of government?

To protect our rights and like it says in the Preamble – “...establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity”

When you consider your views on a wide range of issues from economic and social matters to foreign policy and religious liberty, which of the following best describes you overall?

I am an a proponent of the Austrian school of Laissez Faire economics, an original intent Constitutional conservative with Madisonian/Jeffersonian non-interventionist perspective, strong supporter of the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment’s guarantee of religious freedom.

Please provide publicly available information, including interviews and media reports, validating your answer to the previous question (other than your website).

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Have you ever been convicted of a felony or been penalized in either civil or criminal court for sexual misconduct? If so, please explain.

No

What else would you like voters to know about you, including your legislative priorities?

I have been a volunteer with VoterGA for over eight years and I’ve learned everything about the vulnerabilities and shortcomings of computerized voting; the lack of security, transparency, and verifiability. I’ve spent eight years lobbying at the Capitol for a system that is secure, transparent, and verifiable. Running for Secretary of State is the best next step for me to escalate ending the electronic/computerized voting in order to restore election fidelity so that each voter can trust their vote is recorded for their candidate. Voting is the foundation of our Representative Republic and therefore must be honest, accurate and verifiable.

Criminal Justice

Police officers should be personally immune from prosecution for conduct consistent with departmental policy (qualified immunity) while on duty.

Sure, but they should be held criminally liable for actions and conduct not consistent with their lawful authority.

I support redirecting funds from police departments to mental health and community programs.

No but I do support funding to integrate mental health and community programs with police policy. I have been involved with the Cobb County Crisis Intervention program for years now and was happy that this program was incorporated into HB 1013 to be implemented state-wide.

## 2nd Amendment

What restrictions on gun ownership are needed to protect public safety?

People proven in court to be violent with no regard for human life should be and are banned from gun ownership. People suffering mental illness or in mental crisis likely to lead to violence should be restricted from accessing guns, but only after a jury verdict. Red Flag laws are just a way to disarm any person that holds a view not acceptable to the complaining party.

Victims of gun violence should be able to sue firearms dealers and manufacturers.

Absolutely not. Murder and violence is in the hearts of men, not in their weapon of choice. Did Abel's family sue God for making rocks?

## Background

### Education

College Grad – Georgia State University, DeKalb College, University of Georgia, Naval Aviation Technical Training Center

(Candidate did not provide)

### Work & Military

Retired from a career in Insurance, Financial Services, Science and Computer Science and now I volunteer IT infrastructure and support to many Non-profit organizations

US Navy 1979-1982

(Candidate did not provide)

### Affiliations

Libertarian Party of Georgia

GHI

VoterGA

GACIA

GCOP

AOT

And others

Offices

I have not held public office