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EmpowerU 8th Congressional District Candidate Interview/forum

Format

Approximately two hours are planned for this forum: 90 minutes of question and answer, posed by the panel and 30 minutes of select questions from the audience. The forum opens with each candidate introduced by the moderator (EmpowerU is working to secure a professor of political science with knowledge of the 8th district to serve as moderator.)

Each participant is asked to provide a short bio/introduction (paragraph) to be read by the moderator. A three-minute closing opportunity will be afforded each candidate to offer any comments/qualifications and/or explain why they would be the best choice to represent the voters of the 8th district.

Questions will be posed by a panel consisting of three individuals—each versed in a specific area of government policy.

Candidates will have up to two minutes to answer each question. A timekeeper will use paddles to alert when 30 seconds remain (yellow) and when time expires (red). Note, this forum is not a debate, rather a candidate interview for the congressional seat.

The moderator has the discretion to ask the panelists if they have a follow-up to a candidate's answer. They may also comment or ask a question to clarify a response.

If an invite is issued, will you be able to participate in the candidate's forum at Lakota Freshman School on February 24? yes

Please sign, date and return the attached survey by 1/22 to acknowledge consent to inclusion of responses in the voter guide and agreement with the format of the forum.

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Ohio 8th Congressional District Candidate Survey

1. What federal government agency/department, if any, warrants elimination? Why?
2. The federal government is charged with protecting American's freedoms while also keeping America safe. Is it possible to keep America safe while protecting the privacy and freedom of the individual citizen in an increasingly dangerous world? If both freedom and safety are in conflict, what should be the top priority?
3. Should there be term limits in the House of Representatives? If yes, how many? If no, why not?
4. Should the U.S. create a path to citizenship for people who have entered the country illegally?
5. Can this be justified while avoiding unequal treatment of those pursuing citizenship or naturalization via the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service?
6. What is the proper role of the United States when it comes to the internal affairs of other countries? Should foreign policy serve the national interests of the United States or is there a role for nation building?
7. Do you support a voucher or tax credit program whereby parents are given the right to choose which school receives the tax dollars allocated for their child?
8. Do you support the common core standards mandated by the U.S. Department of Education? Should curriculum and standards be set at the federal level.
9. What is the proper role of the US Department of Education as it pertains to the individual state's ability to govern themselves and local control of education?

10. The recent Congressional omnibus bill funded organizations and programs that many Americans claim violates their core values and raised Constitutional issues. Is any item currently being funded in the federal budget that would require you to vote against a "must pass" budget even if in doing so, it forced a closure of some percentage of the federal government.
11. How would you avoid the necessity of passing last minute Omnibus bills?
Could/Should budget votes be separated so that controversial subject matter not be included in a must pass bill?
12. How would you describe the job of a U.S. Representative in the House?
13. Please Identify one **current** House and one Senate member who most closely aligns with your personal political ideology and/or view of governance.
Please explain why you have chosen these two people?

Please complete your responses on separate sheets and attach to this form.

Signed *Eric A. Hemenick* Date 1/20/16

Please return your responses to this survey by January 22, 2016



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1. The Department of Education warrants elimination. Education is not listed in the Constitution as a government function and is better off left at the local level.
2. The number one priority of the federal government is the safety and protection of the American people. Individual liberty can be protected if we have viable, well-funded intelligence agencies; (the CIA, FBI, and the INS). Law abiding citizens should have nothing to fear and the individuals that want to do us harm should face enhanced scrutiny.
3. No, there should not be term limits in the House of Representatives. This is the 114th Congress which means that the American people have had 114 opportunities to change their elected officials every two years. In that two-year cycle, one-third of the Senate is up for re-election as well. If any government entity should be subject to term limits it's the Judicial Branch.
4. I think that there should be a path to citizenship for individuals who are here and who are productive, law-abiding members of society. Illegal immigrants who have committed crimes and have been deported; should never have an opportunity to re-enter the United States.
5. There is a reason why it's called illegal immigration. The proper avenues need to be taken for legal citizen status. Proper vetting should be a part of the immigration process.
6. I don't believe that it's the job of the United States to nation build. Iraq taught us all a valuable lesson in world history. Nation building is the quickest way to get bogged down in a quagmire. We can protect and promote democracy around the world without becoming involved in a sustained conflict by occupying a nation and putting our military at risk.
7. I believe that parents should have the right to send their children to schools that succeed and to opt out of failing schools.
8. I do not support Common Core and it is an example of this administration's desire to create a national school board. Common Core has taken education to a confusing, often frustrating level for administrators, teachers, and parents. I will work to repeal Common Core, put autonomy back in the hands of teachers who are not beholden to state exams, and I will ensure that our schools have the necessary funding they need to succeed, and that decisions are made locally.

9. There is no proper role of the US Department of Education. Education should be left at the local level and the Department of Education at the federal level should be abolished.
10. I am not opposed to a government shutdown to control spending. The Republicans have a majority in the House and the Senate and in the process, are driving up unsustainable deficits. Ronald Reagan had 8 government shutdowns and created 16 million jobs. Bill Clinton had 2 government shutdowns and created 22 million jobs. It can be done. There has to be a method for the Republican majority to not allow for the blank check mentality that has been taking place for over 7 years.
11. The entire budget needs to be presented for a vote and there should be a full audit of discretionary spending as well as full transparency.
12. The job of a member of the House of Representatives is to listen to the issues and concerns of the constituents in the district. It is imperative that the Representative be one of the "folks back home" and maintain access and visibility. I believe that a member of Congress should never miss a vote in Washington, but should also be visible to the people of the district. A Representative should hold periodic town hall meetings throughout the district to hear the concerns to the constituents, and take these concerns back to Washington.
13. I'm going to keep it close to home and say that I admire and respect Brad Wenstrup in the House and Rob Portman in the Senate. I admire both for their conservative principles, they are both family oriented, both are closely connected to their constituents, and are both highly respected members of the Republican Party. Representative Wenstrup is also a veteran, which earns my immediate respect and admiration.

Eric J. Haemmerle

Republican Candidate – Ohio's 8th Congressional District