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1. How do you define the responsibilities of:

a. Federal government

The federal government has the first and foremost responsibility to conform to and enforce the legal construct of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights; second, to provide for the common defense; and last is to promote the general welfare (not *provide* the general welfare) as our U.S. Constitution clearly outlined. To that end, this administration has violated the first and foremost responsibility, and that is to adhere to and comply and enforce the supreme law of the land, our U.S. Constitution, as demanded by Article VI. Specific duties, responsibilities and powers are outlined for the federal government: the Senate, the House of Representatives, the Presidency and the Judiciary. The largest violation by this federal government is the taking of powers NOT relegated to it, or approved to it through state ratification by our Article V amendment processes. Violations of the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 14th and 27th amendments, as well as Article I, Article V, and Article VI, are this government's stamp of corruption, not just by the Executive Branch; these violations are being committed and supported by every branch of the government. The current and most pressing duty of our federal government is to return to lawful constitutional compliance--immediately. After lawful cleaning of house is done (a huge, long and painful process), then we need to make provisions, including constitutional amendments with the states, to ensure these current abuses never happen again. My first proposed amendment is to make violations of the U.S. Constitution or constitutional processes a felony crime.

b. State government

All of the remaining rights and powers not delegated to the federal government are reserved to the states and the people. The states are the place for the construct of moral regulations, civil and orderly conduct of the citizenry as well as providing for local safety of the populace. The states are best suited to manage their own resources, educate and train their own people, promote their own industry, generate their own economic growth and manage the shape and form of the general society within their borders. The federal government should negotiate with foreign countries on behalf of the states for their best interest to ensure open and free market trading with other nations and states while protecting our proprietary technologies. Our federal government today has intentionally hurt our state by regulating our agriculture, our lands and our oil and gas, and has taken the prosperity of our cities away from us with the outlandish, unscientific and idiotic destruction of our industry by the EPA. Our cities are nodes of industrial commerce and the EPA and the federal government are intentionally using bad strip mall science to justify hurting the people of our state for the leftist political and social change agenda. This has to stop, and we in Texas need to lead the nation in nullification of illegal and unconstitutional acts--and throw the NSA out of our state.

c. Local government

The job of local government is to ensure the face-to-face people-building and -protecting of our communities. PhD level research for the last 20 years shows that state and federal governments can only solve about 15% of the poverty, drugs, mental health and violence issues. The local community-driven solutions are what is required to take our country back to prosperity. At all possible nodes of power divestment, the federal government and state governments should empower the local government to be the feet on the street to our people; this is where our hands need to get dirty. I also believe that the local governments should take over education--controlled by the community and not the state. Any downward dictatorial flow of control kills creativity, curiosity, innovation and determination. Control kills the foundations of our national success our education and our economy. In education, 50% of all teachers quit in five years, disgusted with the system, even when they are the highest paid teachers in the world. If needed, the resources should be provided to the local government, the local principal and the PTA, for the community surrounded by faith-based solutions is the solution for helping our people. I have worked with crisis pregnancy centers and the homeless for years, and know that government solutions do little to help. People must be assisted and held accountable by people they know. Life is about relationships, not government programs, and local control ensures local solutions. Local control is the model of military success. Our military divests power and control to the lowest level and we let the young Captain in the field make empowered decisions within the scope of the intention of the leader. It is also the model of success in our charter schools, private schools and home-school groups. We need to help reinvigorate our vibrant community.

What does the 9th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution mean to you?

The 9th Amendment is a check on evil. What it says is that just because we the framers of the U.S. Constitution did not list every human right here in this document, it does not limit the rights of people. That humanity has other rights, many other rights are retained by the people and it is not a list of limits on the rights of our citizens. This administration has assumed they can take what they want, when they want. That is really what the "Affordable Care Act" says; it is legalized communism. It says that the federal government may do whatever they want to do, whenever they want to do it in the name of health care. It is intentionally written with several dozen ambiguous references to regulations that do not exist, or paragraphs to other regulations that are not written. Worse, it gives an unlimited power to the Health and Human Services secretary, Kathleen "Some people die" Sebelius, as the ACA is written, "at the discretion of the HHS secretary." The ACA is an example of how the federal government has violated the 9th Amendment (as well as the 1st, 4th, 8th, 10th and Article V).

How would you protect States against Federal encroachment?

The very first thing we need to do is force federal legal construct and obedience.

They have illegally taken what they have no power to take and we currently do not have a functioning 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th or 10th Amendment of the U.S Constitution--our inalienable Bill of Rights. Our three-point plan is to first force federal constitutional crisis and ensure our Supreme Court gets off the fence and into ruling on this administration's abuses by Adjutant General arrests, based on illegal congressional actions; second, get congress to impeach low-hanging fruit like Lois Lerner and others at the IRS and DOJ; and third, state nullification of unconstitutional actions. Our state needs to nullify the NSA spying that violates the 4th Amendment and throw these clowns out of our state, or arrest them if they persist and try them for crimes. There are illegal fusion centers in Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, Houston, Arlington, Fort Worth and others. To that end, the state needs five very powerful, very conservative and very courageous leaders in these specific races:

1. The Agriculture Commissioner – protects our water and our food and fiber growing capacity and trade, as well as our local gardening rights, and they fight the EPA and the USDA.
2. The Land Commissioner – protects our state lands and resources, and fights the U.S Department of the Interior, the EPA and the U.N. and their Agenda 21.
3. Railroad Commissioner – protects our oil and gas production and expands our state revenue base so we can fight the EPA the DOE and the leftist agenda.
4. Attorney General – find the person who will lead the others in organizing nullification. In the history of the world, no government has EVER willingly given back rights and powers they have taken from their people without huge pressure from the people. Our state needs to lead the nation in legal moral guts to be THE nullification state and THE constitutionally compliant state.
5. U.S. Senator – we need a sell-out for the supreme law of the land, our U.S. Constitution; no compromises, no “differences in tactics,” just a solid moral and legal battle--and an ideological battle over what and how the left thinks and the policies they have enacted over the last 50 years that have generated poverty and failure.

What would be your top three considerations in evaluating any proposed legislation, or considering taking any legislative action?

The first is if the legislation violates the U.S Constitution and the Bill of Rights, including any processes or powers hidden within it, the legislation needs to be stopped. Second, is if it takes or encroaches on any powers reserved for the states and the people, or if it centralizes control over any aspect of anyone's life it should be opposed. Third, if it does not conform to the plan for balancing the budget and reducing the debt, or increases taxes, it should be opposed. Additionally, each bill needs to be vetted against the ideology of the initiators; what is the intention of the legislation, and who authorized it for what purpose and ideology. If the bill is intended to either increase control over people, or reduce the ability of people to stand on their own (such as the EPA shutting down 60,000 factories in the last eight years), then the effort should be opposed. Most evil does not come in ugly packages, so the intention of the end state of every bill must be vetted, and time must be taken to process through the human impact of each legislative

action. An example of federal insanity is the EPA shutting down factories and forcing these industries to go overseas; the overseas factories pollute far worse than we ever did (China has 20 of the 30 worst polluted cities in the world and CO2 emissions are way off the charts); then we borrow money from them to pay for the unemployment and welfare here, thereby increasing our government dependency and our debt load while the federal reserve takes the interest paid and shuffles it to the banks. I am a believer in a global banking mafia wanting control, and watchful eyes need to tirelessly read and dismantle the control mechanisms in our government.

16. If granted the authority, what Government Agency would you dissolve and why?

U.S. Department of Education – There are three areas of unrestrained corruption in our country: government, media and academia. The U.S. Department of Education is one of the most dishonest, most corrupt organizations. Education should be state equipped and locally controlled. Central control kills education; it kills creativity, curiosity, innovation and determination--we have gone from the best in the world to the worst, while spending the most. American teachers are the highest paid teachers in the world, but 50% of all new teachers quit in five years, sick of the control from the system.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security needs to become a subset of the Department of Defense. The military equipping and force projection of the DHS is a violation of the Posse Comitatus Act. The congress equips, trains and supervises the armed forces; the president is not allowed to have his own domestic force.

The Environmental Protection Agency will change and become the Environmental Management Agency, with a new mission to ASSIST and help businesses be successful, by providing research and development funds, as well as equipment for clean operations, not a punitive agency.

The Elections Assistance Commission.

Corporation for Public Broadcasting (all PBS).

There are at least 12 more that could have their functions eliminated or consolidated.

17. If granted the same authority, how would you change the process by which our Federal Government calculates its annual budget, or would you keep it as-is?

The current budget cycle is a complex five-year process that is initiated by the president in programming priorities of the nation and the agencies of the government. The president outlines from the Pentagon and each federal agency their projected costs against what the projected mission and responsibilities are going to be. These projections are often very inflated against what the current missions are and more of a wish list of hopeful funding. This budget cycle is then sent to the House for vetting and voting, and projections against the economic progress of the nation, and then the budget cycle reaches the Senate for any changes and voting, then to a conference committee for

reconciliation. The budget is usually then a calculated amount it can spend (not should spend), based on the projection of the economic income and the priorities of the president.

To change this process, the House should do their job. By law, revenue bills must originate in the House, so the representatives should be the ones to set the spending priorities against the projected revenue. The president should not be the one who initiates the budget cycle. In reality, the economic destruction and dependency that our federal government has caused in the last six years has put us on a path that we may not be able to financially recover from without a huge change in course. We need to have a six-year goal to unleash and deregulate our economy and recharge our industry to move people from dependency into community-based, solid-paying jobs. The economy needs to grow over 5% for the next six years while we hold federal spending at the current level or less every year until we balance the budget. Then, with the economy able to support our expenses, a balanced-budget amendment needs to be ratified while we pay off our principal and reduce the total debt. Financial collapse, debt and currency decay have always been used to destabilize a country and force revolution.

18. What are your thoughts on the Supreme Courts ruling on "Separation of Church and State"?

The Declaration of Independence states that we are endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights. The first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution enumerated some of those rights.

The first line of the First Amendment says "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

"Separation of Church and State" is not in the U.S. Constitution, nor in any founding document, nor is even mentioned in any of the Federalist Papers.

It is the U.S. Supreme Court that manufactured the term against 157 legal precedents that were presented that outlined the religious freedoms prior rulings. The court ignored the legality of the previous precedents and resurrected the term in 1963 from Thomas Jefferson's obscure private, nonlegal, nonfederal government letter that he wrote to the Danbury Baptists to assure them that a rival faith was not going to be named a national religion.

The court just made it up and got it wrong, as Jefferson wrote assurances that "there is an inseparable wall between church and state."

Today, college professors have more freedom than our churches. The IRS needs to get off the back of the churches, and remove the ridiculous provision that ANY political activity of the church will result in being taxed out of existence. The civil rights movement would not have happened with the IRS punitive actions of today.

19. What are your thoughts on legalizing of gay marriage?

No gay marriage. What two consenting adults do in the privacy of their own home is their own business. When that narrative moves outside of the bedroom and starts to impact other people, their laws, their education, their institutions and their lives, then that action is immoral and should be illegal. Legislating morality is what the states do, and always have done by restricting access of sexual relations with minors, stopping sexual relations between family members and restricting public displays of sexual material. The LGBT agenda is to gain access legally, against the parent's wishes, to recruit and take our kids. I have researched this completely in the academic database, and there is no gay gene, no gay birth and no gay orientation that is natural, and all credible research continues to say we are born solidly gendered. "Evolution" (DNA and microbiology, as well as cancer research, have destroyed the 1885 theory of evolution) has selected that lifestyle for extinction, and God says not to do it. As a victim myself of LGBT recruitment and subversion at an early age, I can tell you exactly how the LGBT community promulgates: recruitment and sexual activation at a young age by the same sex. I turned away from the lifestyle in elementary school; my daughter also had a lesbian recruitment attempt at an early age.

Marriage is a 6,000 year old religious institution; the state only got involved when unscrupulous people took liberties with kids, property and resources against their mates.

The LGBT agenda is to destroy the institution of marriage, not join it. We need to oppose every level of historical and misleading research from the left. Evil seldom ever comes packaged ugly.

20. What are your thoughts on abortion?

I believe that the human soul exists in an unborn child well prior to birth, as documented in Psalm 139. We need to address what abortion really is ... power. Women who do not want to have unscrupulous men have power over them might choose to have an abortion to remove that power.

Abortions should be banned for every case that uses blood for politics and power. Abortions should only be allowed for rape, incest and threat to the mother (as defined by the doctor, not the mother). I also would add adultery, abandonment and abuse of the mother, only when there is no heartbeat in the unborn child.

Federal funding of death should stop ... fund life and fund adoption.

We should support and fund life, and I have worked with crisis pregnancy centers and have invited several unwed mothers into our home, to provide them a place to live. As we have funded death, we should fund life. I also support the Texas sonogram bill, requiring every mother to look at and be educated about the child they are about to abort.

21. Let's get down to brass tacks: it costs a tremendous amount of money to run for the United States Congress or Senate. If a PAC (or a Super-PAC) were to approach you (a candidate needing campaign contributions), would you accept contributions from them--knowing in your heart that this PAC did not adhere to your core beliefs? Why or why not?

I do not and will not take any funding from corporate, PAC or super-PAC or out-of-state funds. I believe that we have to live by example in our turning away from the moneychangers. If we are to be honorable, we need to gain control of both the House and the Senate, and then hit solid, huge, campaign finance reform with amendments that outlaw the contribution of corporations, PACs, super-PACs, foreigners or any influence outside of their constituency for every level of government. This includes the local sheriff or city council; no contributions other from than their area of influence, from the people they serve.

22. Do you feel America is headed in a good or a bad direction, in terms of her heritage and value system? Please elaborate. Also, what you feel you could do to alter it?

I strongly believe that our economy, our debt, our culture war, our failed education and inner-city poverty combined with federal lawlessness has us on a course for intentionally caused revolution. I believe our own federal government is behind the manufactured social narrative in trying to replicate the conditions for a violent, communist-style overthrow of our republic. At this point, even IF we educated every single person in America about how we are really doing, it will take a huge redirection and effort from the people to restrain the government, redirect our attention and rebuild our country.

Conditions for the Puritan, American, French, and Russian and Communist Revolutions (Brinton, C, 2008)

1. Economic and social soaring, then crashing; bringing about a dissatisfied state of mind;
2. Class warfare; where the upper class has broken faith with the others and prey on them;
3. Disaffected intellectuals; make a common cause with lower classes – provide the driving philosophy;
4. Incompetent government; government malfeasance;
5. Inept leadership; missing the changes in the world and keeping the status quo and old value systems;
6. Government fiscal irresponsibility; indebtedness, bankruptcy, and currency collapse; and
7. Inept and inconsistent use of force; not fair, or not applied consistently.

What is the trigger? Hopelessness and hate.

“Those who make peaceful evolution impossible make violent revolution inevitable.”

— John F. Kennedy