

Oregon Progressive Party

2019 Federal Level Candidate Questions.

Candidate name:

Office for which candidate is running:

1. What is your position on the Trump re-negotiated NAFTA “Free Trade” agreement with Mexico and Canada? Why would you vote Yes and why would you vote No? What would need to change to allow you to change your position?
2. How would you describe the US military budget? What changes would you make to it?
3. The US military is the largest institutional user of fossil fuels in the world. What should be done to reduce that level of use?
4. Do you support restrictions on the President’s ability to make war? What might those restrictions look like? How might restrictions be instituted?
5. Is the American use of economic sanctions a form of war?
6. What wars that the US is currently engaged in should we continue being engaged in?
7. The Trump admin has made threats of attacking both Iran and Venezuela? How do you respond to those threats?
8. How welcoming of refugees should the United States be?
9. Should refugees be allowed into the United States while their refugee status is being determined?
10. How can the federal government address the homeless crisis, or is that just a local issue?
11. Attacks on Social Security continue. What steps would you take to secure the financial future and security of America’s retirees?
12. The income and wealth gap between the rich and poor is now realized to be worse than during the Gilded Age. What would you support to trim that gap?
13. Should strengthening the union movement be an objective of the federal government? Why/Why not? How if Yes?
14. Should marijuana be legalized at the federal level?

15. We need to stop cutting our forests for use as paper products. Would you support programs to encourage the planting of hemp and bamboo while imposing restrictions on how soon forests can be cut? What might such a program look like?
16. Should there be lengthy restrictions on the revolving door in Washington that allows former congresspeople and their staff to take jobs in the industries they regulate?
17. How do we address the climate crisis? Green New Deal?
18. After many changes to the national health care system via Obamacare, there are still major gaps in coverage and for many who have coverage, and the co-pays/deductibles still do not allow individuals to use coverage. What changes do you support to make health care affordable and universal?
19. Should the US Constitution be amended to state that "money is not speech and that corporations are not people", or should it just be amended to say "money is not speech"?
20. In 1866 Congress reduced the number of justices on the United States Supreme Court from 10 to 7. Later Congress increased the number to 9. The U.S. Constitution does not specify the number of justices. Should Congress increase the number of justices to 11 in order to offset the "Merrick Garland" seat that the Republicans hijacked by refusing even to address his nomination?
21. Please go to <http://progparty.org/vppr18.pdf> and examine the table of issues, comparing the positions of the Oregon Progressive Party with the Democratic and Republican parties. Please identify any of the positions of the Oregon Progressive Party you disagree with and briefly state why.