

**United States Representative 2 Year Term – Vote for One (1)**

*Candidates were asked to summarize their backgrounds in 75 words and were allotted 75 words to answer each question. If the candidate did not reply by the required date for publication, the words, "Did not respond in time for publication" appear under the candidate's name.*

**QUESTION 1**  
**Are you concerned about the size of the federal deficit?**  
**Explain your answer.**

**QUESTION 2**  
**What government measures would you propose to improve access to affordable health care?**

**QUESTION 3**  
**The United States uses a great deal of fossil fuel for power generation and transportation. What measures would you support to tackle the ever increasing need for energy?**

★★★★★ **4th District** ★★★★★

**Dave Camp, Republican**

Elected to the House of Representatives, 1990, Congressman Camp made an "unusually rapid rise to prominence," according to the policy journal, Congressional Quarterly. A native of Midland, Camp pays close attention to the needs of his constituents. Congressional Committees: Ways and Means Committee; Chair of the Subcommittee on Select Revenue, responsible for tax policy; Ways and Means Health and Human Resources subcommittees having jurisdiction over tax and trade as well as Medicare and Social Security.

Yes, I am concerned about the federal deficit. I was part of the team that balanced the federal budget for the first time in a generation and I am committed to ensuring we get back to a balanced budget. I support the line item veto and the balanced budget amendment in order to protect taxpayers. We can balance the budget by controlling spending and growing the economy.

I worked to create Health Savings Accounts (HSAs), which allow individuals to have control over their health care decisions. Three million people have enrolled in HSAs, one million of which previously had no coverage. I support creation of Association Health Plans (AHPs) that provide a mechanism for small businesses to band together to buy health care insurance. AHPs give small businesses the same ability large corporations have to provide quality health plans to their employees.

I authored legislation, now law that provides consumers with a maximum \$3,400 tax credit for the purchase of a hybrid or other clean fuel vehicle. I also support tax incentives for alternative energy sources such as wind, biomass, solar, and landfill gas. I sponsored legislation that provides incentives for greater development and use of landfill gas. To address current energy needs, I support expanding offshore production of natural gas in the Outer Continental Shelf.

**Mike Huckleberry, Democrat**

I am a small businessman; own 2 businesses, married to Linda, 5 children, 3 grandchildren. Have been active in my community on the Chamber of Commerce and other committees. I took Business management at GRCC, and Davenport. I also ran in this campaign in 2004 and was successful in raising the vote totals for the Democratic ticket.

Yes, I am concerned about the size of the deficit. In just a few years we have experienced our debt ceiling being raised on at least 2 occasions. Giving large tax breaks to the wealthy and expecting the dwindling middle class to fill in the lost income. The deficit continues to rise because of the Iraq war, with no end in sight.

Access to affordable health care is a major issue and the numbers of adults and children without health care is growing. As an industrialized nation we owe our people a better system of health care. I would propose we institute a system, perhaps similar to Medicare, so that all Americans can have basic care. I would research other nations programs and devise a system that is uniquely ours and make affordable health care available for all.

We need to fund research into alternative fuels, such as corn, soy, hydrogen. In the recent past funding has been cut to research for hydrogen power and I think that was a grave error. We also need to raise the mileage standards for our trucks and automobiles. There are many options available and we need to be looking at all of them in order to cut our dependency on fossil fuels.

**John Emerick, US Taxpayers**

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Yes. I am very concerned. The Federal behemoth spends money it doesn't have on things we don't need. We are saddled with an enormous amount of debt run up to staggering levels by career politicians. If the Constitution was strictly adhered to, as I believe it should be, we would not be facing this problem. The FedGov should be run like a business—in the black with no red ink. I support passage of a ...

Without a doubt, excessive and burdensome government regulations have driven up health care costs. Getting the FedGov out of health care couldn't hurt. I would encourage the use of alternative/herbal treatments. Breaking the unholy alliance of the FDA and big pharmaceutical companies would be a huge step toward this end.

I would support entrepreneurial efforts of new (or forgotten) technologies and current ones such as nuclear, solar, wind, biomass and geothermal, and tax incentives and rebates. And most of all, fewer government regulations and meddling. Repealing the federal gas tax would help, also.

**Allitta Hren, Libertarian**

Born in Garden City, MI, Sept. 28, 1959. Married 26 years to Thomas, with one son, Nathaniel. Assoc. Degree in Bus., Muskegon Community College, 1980. Many years of experience in self-employed retail sales/home party plan businesses. Small business owner—owned and operated two motels in St. Ignace, 1989 to 1997. Currently a licensed Realtor with EXIT Northern Exposure Realty in Big Rapids since May 2002. Member/church board officeholder of Big Rapids Seventh-day Adventist Church ...



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