



Preliminary Results of Poll Performed by the Constitutional Review Committee As of 11/4/02 9 P.M. MST

The following are the results of a poll of Congressional Candidates regarding their willingness to protect American's rights as guaranteed by the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights. With this questionnaire, we included 12 pages of research on the subject with possible solutions to the issue (see end to obtain a copy). The following is the question as posed:

“Americans are worried about their rights and the fact that public officials constantly whittle away at those guaranteed to them. I would like to know if you would be willing to sponsor or support a bill or amendment increasing the penalties for public officials who violate their Oath to support, protect and defend the Constitution?”

Due to the unavoidable late date of the mailing, we were limited to the following states and the number of attempted contacts:

State Field	Number of Candidates Attempted
Alabama	21
Alaska	9
Arizona	26
Arkansas	9
California	158
Colorado	37
Connecticut	16
Delaware	8
Florida	56
Georgia	30
Hawaii	7
Idaho	9
Illinois	45
Indiana	31
Iowa	19
Kansas	15
Kentucky	19
Louisiana	35
Maine	6
Maryland	20

State Field	Number of Candidates Attempted
Michigan	55
Minnesota	26
Mississippi	19
Missouri	32
Montana	7
Nebraska	12
New Jersey	54
New Mexico	9
North Carolina	39
Ohio	42
Oklahoma	15
Oregon	20
Rhode Island	10
South Carolina	22
South Dakota	6
Tennessee	39
Texas	96
Utah	10
Virginia	22
West Virginia	7
Wyoming	5

Total number of Candidates we attempted to contact: 1,124

Total number of Candidate replies: 142 (21% of those we attempted to contact)

Total number of failed messages (bad address etc...): 104 (.092% of Candidates could not be reached whatsoever)

Total number of Candidates supporting increasing the penalties for violating the Oath of Office: 107 (75% of those Candidates who responded)

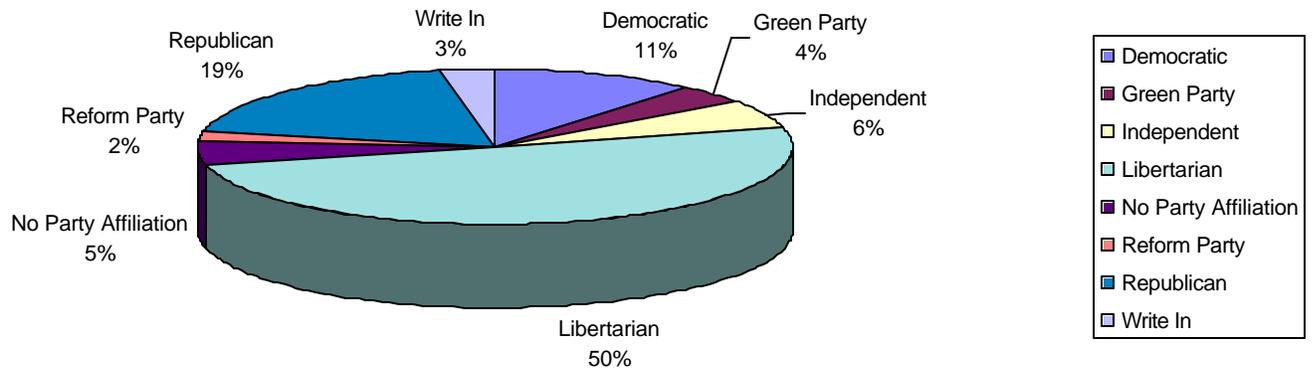
Total number of Candidates against increasing the penalties for violating the Oath of Office: 14 (.098% of Candidates who responded would definitely not support such an increase in penalties)

Total number of Candidates Not-Committing either way to increase the penalties for violating the Oath of Office: 10 (.07% of Candidates would not commit to action one way or the other)

The breakout for supporters and non-supporters (excluding non-committal) by party follows:

	Total	Concerns of People	Const.	Democ.	Green Party	Indep.	Libert.	Natural Law	No Party	One Earth	Reform	Repub	United Citizens	Write In
Support	108	1	4	11	4	7	50		5	1	2	19	1	3
Non-Support	10			2	2	1	2					3		

Candidates Supporting Increasing the Penalties for Violating the Oath of Office by Public Officials



Candidates Supporting Increased Penalties

State	House - District	Senate - District	Candidate	Party
Alabama	US-House District: 4		Tony McLendon	Libertarian
	US-House District: 6		James Holden McAllister	Libertarian
Alaska	US-House District:		Russell deForest	Green Party
		US-Senate	Leonard Kapinski	Libertarian
Arizona	US-House District: 8		James Dorrance	Write-In
	US-House District: 7		John Nemeth	Libertarian
	US-House District: 5		Warren Severin	Libertarian
California	US-House District: 46		Keith Gann	Libertarian
	US-House District: 14		Joe Nixon	Republican
	US-House District: 6		Jeff Rainforth	Reform Party
	US-House District: 28		Kelley Ross	Libertarian
	US-House District: 39		Tim Escobar	Republican
	US-House District: 25		Bob Conaway	Democrat
	US-House District: 2		Charles Martin	Libertarian
	US-House District: 48		Don Graham	Democratic
	US-House District: 42		Donald Yee	Libertarian
	US-House District: 19		Patrick L. Mchague	Libertarian
	US-House District: 38		Representative Grace	Democrat
	US-House District: 6		Paul Erikson	Republican

State	House - District	Senate - District	Candidate	Party
	US-House District: 22		Jaime A. Corvera	Democrat
	US-House District: 13		Mark W. Stroberg	Libertarian
	US-House District: 15		Jeff Landauer	Libertarian
	US-House District: 35		Ross Moen	Republican
	US-House District: 32		Emma E. Fischbeck	Republican
	US-House District: 39		Richard D. Newhouse	Libertarian
	US-House District: 45		Ellie K. Kurpiewski	Democrat
	US-House District: 48		Joe Michael Cobb	Libertarian
	US-House District: 29		Jim Scileppi	Republican
	US-House District: 5		Richard Frankhuizen	Republican
	US-House District: 28		David R. Hernandez Jr.	Republican
Colorado				
	US-House District: 2		Sandy Hume	Republican
	US-House District: 6		Adam D. Katz	Libertarian
		US-Senate	Rick Stanley	Libertarian
	US-House District: 2		Norm Olsen	Libertarian
		U.S. Senate	John Heckman	Concerns of People
	US-House District: 2		Erik J. Brauer	American Constitution
		US-Senate	Douglas "Dayhorse"	American Const itution
	US-House District: 7		Mike Feeley	Democrat
	US-House District: 7		Bud Martin	Libertarian
Connecticut				
	US-House District: 4		Carl Vassar	Write In
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Delaware				
		US-Senate	Raymond Buranello	Libertarian
Florida				
	US-House District: 18		Orin Richard Opperman	No Party Affiliation
	US-House District: 6		David E. Bruderly, PE	Democrat
	US-House District: 9		Chuck Kalogianis	Democratic
Georgia				
	US-House District: 7		Al Herman	Write In
		US-Senate	Claude 'Sandy' Thomas	Libertarian
Idaho				
	US-House District: 1		Steve Gothard	Libertarian
Illinois				
	US-House District: 5		Frank Gonzalez	Libertarian
	US-House District: 12		David Sadler	Republican
		US-Senate	James Durkin	Republican
	US-House District: 1		Dorothy Tsatsos	Libertarian
Indiana				
	US-House District: 1		Timothy Brennan	Libertarian
Iowa				
	US-House District: 4		Terry Wilson	Libertarian
	US-House District: 3		Jeffrey Smith	Libertarian
	US-House District: 4		Jim Hennager	One Earth Party

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Kansas	US-House District: 4		Maika Warren	Libertarian
		US-Senate	George Cook	Reform Party
	US-House District: 3		Adam Taff	Republican
Kentucky	US-House District: 5		Sidney Jane Bailey	Democratic
Louisiana	US-House District: 4		William 'Bill' A. Jacobs	No Party Affiliation
		U.S. Senate	Patrick Landry	No affiliation
		US-Senate	James Lemann	No Party Affiliation
		U.S. Senate	Gary Robbins	Libertarian
	US-House District: 7		Roberto Valletta	No Party Affiliation
	US-House District: 5		Vinson Mouser	no affiliation
	US-House District: 5		Rodney Alexander	Democrat
	US-House District: 2		Wayne Clement	No Party Affiliation
Maryland	US-House District: 5		Joe Crawford	Republican
Michigan	US-House District: 7		Ken Proctor	Libertarian
	US-House District: 12		Dick Gach	Libertarian
	US-House District: 6		Richard Overton	Reform Party
	US-House District: 4		Lawrence D. Hollenbeck	Democrat
	US-House District: 1		John W. Loosemore	Libertarian
	US-House District: 14		Dave Stone	Republican
	US-House District: 5		Clint Foster	Libertarian
Minnesota	US-House District: 5		Daniel Mathias	Republican
	US-House District: 5		Tim Davis	Green Party
Mississippi	US-House District: 4		Karl Mertz	Libertarian
	US-House District: 3		Brad A. McDonald	Libertarian
	US-House District: 4		Wayne Parker	Libertarian
Missouri	US-House District: 9		John Mruzik	Libertarian
	US-House District: 2		Darla Maloney	Libertarian
Nebraska		US-Senate	John "Jack" Graziano	Libertarian
Nevada	US-House District 2		Janine Hansen	Independent American
New Jersey		US-Senate	Ted Glick	Green Party
	US-House District: 10		Andrew Wirtz	Republican
	US-House District: 3		Raymond Byrne	Libertarian
	US-House District: 6		Richard D. Strong	Green Party
New Mexico	US-House District: 2		George L. Dewey	Write-In (Green Party)

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North Carolina	US-House District: 4		Ken Nelson	Libertarian
	US-House District: 8		Mark Johnson	Libertarian
		US-Senate	Sean Haugh	Libertarian
	US-House District: 7		David Michael Brooks	Libertarian
	US-House District: 2		Joseph L. Ellen	Republican
	US-House District: 4		Tuan Nguyen	Republican
		US-Senate	Paul DeLaney	Write In
	US-House District: 1		Mike Ruff	Libertarian
Oklahoma	US-House District: 1		Doug Dodd	Democrat
Oregon	US-House District: 5		Brian J. Boquist	Republican
	US-Senate		Dan Fitzgerald	Libertarian
	US-House District: 2		Peter Buckley	Democrat
	US-House District: 3		David Brownlow	Constitution
Rhode Island		U.S.Senate	Bob Tingle	Republican
South Carolina	US-House District: 1		Joseph Innella	Nat ural Law Party
	US-House District: 1		Dr. James E. Dunn	United Citizens
	US-House District: 6		Craig Augenstein	Libertarian
	US-House District: 4		Peter Ashy	Democrat, United
	US-House District: 5		Doug Kendall	Libertarian
	US-House District: 2		James Legg	Libertarian
		US-Senate	Victor Kocher	Libertarian
Tennessee		US-Senate	Connie Gammon	Independent
	US-House District: 7		Rick Patterson	Independent
	US-House District: 8		Mat McClain	Republican
	US-House District: 2		Joshua Williamson	Independent
	US-House District: 3		Timothy A. Sevier	Independent
	US-House District: 4		Ed Wellmann	Independent
	US-House District: 6		Robert L. Garrison	Republican
Texas	US-House District: 17		Fred Jones	Libertarian
	US-House District: 1		John Lawrence	Republican
		U.S. Senate	Scott Jameson	Libertarian
	US-House District: 27		Pat Ahumada	Republican
	US-House District: 18		Brent Sullivan	Libertarian
	US-House District: 32		Pauline Dixon	Democrat
	US-House District: 12		Ed Hanson	Libertarian
	US-House District: 22		Joel West	Green Party
	US-House District: 5		Tom Kemper	Green Party
	US-House District: 31		Russell C. Crawford	Independent
	US-House District: 17		Fred Jones	Libertarian
	US-House District: 5		Dan Michalski	Libertarian
	US-House District: 9		Rev. Dean Tucker	Libertarian

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Utah	US-House District: 2		Patrick Diehl	Green Party
	US-House District: 2		Ron Copier	Libertarian
	US-House District: 1		Craig Axford	Green Party
Virginia	US-House District: 10		John Stevens	Democrat
		U.S. Senate	Jacob Hornberger	Independent
	US-House District: 11		Frank Creel	Constitution Party
		US-Senate	Nancy Spannaus	Independent
Wyoming		US-Senate	Joyce Ann Jansa	Democrat

Conclusions

Note: Remember these are preliminary results

Due to the late start and the timing just prior to the election, we did not expect a huge response rate. We fully expect to get more responses over the next week after the hectic election when both Candidates and our new Congressmen will have time to reply.

Another factor for a slow response could very well be the research done which was included. That research was specifically done regarding the question of whether it was actually “treasonous” for a public official to violate his Oath to support the Constitution. Obviously, the average reader, and even some candidates that replied, automatically assume treason is always punishable by death. This is not the case.

This fact *could* very well skew the results, but we were aware of that issue prior to sending this out. Based on our own local surveys, we believe the degree of variance to be between 5 - 10%. We wanted to get this research into the hands of our new congressmen and women for reference anyway.

Strictly based on the data so far, it appears that there would definitely be support for a bill or amendment to increase the penalties for public officials who violate their Oath to “preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States”.

Our take on the statistics so far and what these figures and the resulting replies we received mean, we offer the following opinions:

- 1. The greatest percentage of positive response was, of course, from Libertarians. We fully expected this response.**
- 2. The percentage of positive responses/negative responses from the larger Democratic and Republican parties indicates that a great deal of support could be had which crosses party boundaries. This is also as we expected as this is a “rights” and accountability issue which at present is high on everyone’s minds due to media exposure.**
- 3. We have noticed that a number of positive responses (from most parties) mention that they are ex-military. This makes sense as our military swears the same oath and most military regard the Oath as sacred (as it should be). Anyone who would die for his country rather than break that Oath must feel a little disgusted when faced with blatant violations of it.**

4. Although it is too early to tell, it is encouraging to note that we see no major variance in support based on gender or ethnicity. (Using sophisticated data mining we will be able to provide the full demographic details in the final report.)

We will send out our questionnaire to the last nine states on Wednesday and allow two weeks for all the possible replies to come in. We believe this to be a reasonable period to allow for further responses. We will then re-distribute the results with significantly more detail.

If you would like a copy of the research on this issue, or to be added to our mailing list, please e-mail your request to: constitutioncommittee@hotmail.com. Please allow us a few days, as we will be processing a great many replies in addition to further correspondence with interested individuals. In addition, we are always looking for responsible individuals to assist in researching Constitutional legislation currently in place and those pending in the next session. We would like to have contributors/researchers from each state that can provide scholarly, well-documented research into these critical issues. Our new website and domain should be up in the next few weeks but we will review any submissions sent to us via e-mail.

Sincerely,
Gerry Donaldson