

30 Questions

The following pages have a list of thirty questions that citizens are presently not allowed to vote on during the decision making process.

How these questions are answered largely determines the outcome of most Americans' lives and the lives of their families....and also the integrity of our government.

The primary goal of leveling the playing field for the citizens is to allow them, by way of the (proposed) 21st Century Bill of Rights Amendments (see following these questions), to participate along with the members of Congress in coming up with answers to questions like these. Answers that not only satisfy the wealthy campaign contributors, but that satisfy the average income citizens as well.

The wealthiest among us represent approximately .000009 % of our combined population. The rest of us represent approximately 99.999991 % of our combined population.

Presently the country is, with the help of our politicians, being primarily governed by and for the .000009 %.

If the 99.99991 % want to have an even chance at success, they will need to change the present balance points of power between them and their government.

The 30 Questions

1. **What kind(s) of federal tax system(s) should we have and should it be equal for all or "Progressive"?**
2. **What percent of the nations total income (the GDP) should the government be allowed to take for its own uses?** In 1950 it was 15%. Today it is between 30% and 40%.
3. **What percent of incoming tax receipts coming in to the government should be allocated to each function, (healthcare, military, infrastructure, homeless, retirement, education, welfare, etc.) each year?**
4. **Who should decide when we authorize military actions, who should decide and control the budget for such military actions?**
5. **How much money should American citizens be forced to pay out to other countries in foreign aid and should our government be allowed to first borrow the money that is being given away?**
6. **How much should the government be allowed to inflate(grow) the money supply to pay their own bills or bail out privately owned commercial businesses that are failing due to mismanagement?**

- 7. Should Congress be allowed to pass laws that treat some citizens better than other citizens?**
- 8. Should citizens have a decision making say in approving the content of new foreign trade policies prior to their implementation, and /or to be able to revise ones already in effect?**
- 9. Should the federal government be allowed to intervene in disputes between labor and management of private companies?**
- 10. Should America have a universal healthcare system and if so what form should it take?**
- 11. How much DEBT should the government be able to assume on behalf of the citizens? It will have to be repaid.**
- 12. Should citizens be allowed to vote for Supreme Court nominees?**
- 13. What should our immigration policy be for visitors, refugees, and others who want to take up permanent residence in America?**
- 14. Should citizens have a definitive say in allowing mergers for profit only between already gigantic companies? Mergers DO contribute to job losses.**
- 15. Should any government in America have the authority to decide questions of religion or morality like whether a woman can abort a pregnancy? And if so, should the mother and/or father be sterilized to avoid future unwanted pregnancies?**
- 16. Should the federal government be involved in education in private schools, and if so, at what level(s)?**

- 17. Should proposed federal legislation be allowed to take more than one side of an 8.5" x 11" page of 12 point or larger text to define?**
- 18. Should there be a minimum wage, and if so, what should it be?**
- 19. Should government be allowed to capture or record private conversations of citizens without a court order?**
- 20. Should any police, military, or paramilitary force be held to the same standards of justice as ordinary citizens when charged with a crime, and if the case goes to trial, tried in a civilian court?**
- 21. Should presidential elections be decided by an "electoral college" vote of "electors" chosen by political parties or by the a majority of individual votes cast by citizens?**
- 22. What should the punishment be for knowingly violating any article or amendment of the Constitution?**
- 23. Should there be term limits for some or all elected and appointed offices in the federal government?**
- 24. Should all elected and appointed government officials be paid the established minimum wage during their terms in office?**

25. **Should states that “gerrymander” election districts for purposes of favoring one political party over another, be allowed to participate in national elections?**
26. **Should all elective offices be publicly financed with each candidate given the same amount of money to spend (overall) in their campaigns....with proven violators removed from office and precluded from holding office in the federal government in the future?**
27. **Should all elective office holders be required to file an audited financial statement every year?**
28. **Should all elected office holders be required to have their federal tax returns disclosed every year?**
29. **Should Congress be allowed to set its own pay levels and benefits, without prior approval from a majority of citizens voting on a referendum on the subject?**
30. **Should the constitution be amended to allow all lawful citizens with 15 or more years of continuous residence in America to run for, and hold, all elective offices? (We are after all a nation of immigrants).**