



U.S. SENATE • SIX-YEAR TERM



Misty K. Snow
DEMOCRAT

Opposed by Mike Lee, REPUBLICAN
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QUESTION 1

Please describe your qualifications for the office you seek.

First and foremost, I am a Utah native and a working class person raised in a lower income, working class family. I have the personal experience and knowledge of the needs and struggles for the majority of the American people. I understand what it's like to be poor and having to live paycheck to paycheck. I don't feel that Mike Lee has been a good advocate for the working class or the poor in this country because he has never had to live it. I believe that my experiences as a working

class person will allow me to be a much better, more informed voice for working class people and their families of Utah and this country. Washington definitely does not need another lawyer or another entitled individual legislating for the needs of our middle class and ever growing lower class citizens. I will bring a much needed new outlook to Washington, one with fresh ideas, experience and wisdom from someone who has actually lived the life that the majority of Americans live.

QUESTION 2

The economy in Utah has been resilient since the depths of the recession, outpacing many other places in the country. What is the biggest threat to the economy nearly a decade after the recession? Please outline one economic initiative you would propose during the next congressional session that would ensure continued growth in the state.

I think the biggest threat to our economy is our continuing failure to do something about the air pollution problem that plagues our state. Utah is a popular destination for winter sports enthusiasts from all over the world; yet when people arrive here in the winter time they are far too often greeted by thick blankets

of smog that obscure our beautiful mountains and landscapes. The site of this can be very off-putting for many tourists and could make them consider going elsewhere in the future. In addition to impacting tourism, the air pollution problem has negative effects on the health of our citizens which creates negative economic

consequences. One economic initiative is the need to start making investments into cleaner energy such as solar and wind; as well as more investments into greener transportation infrastructure; these investments would also create new jobs which would bring economic growth and opportunities.

QUESTION 3

The nation continues to fight terrorism more than 15 years after the Sept. 11 attacks even as the strategies have evolved to meet the challenges. Please outline one change to the country's anti-terrorism program you consider to be vital in the efforts. Please also describe a plan to address the so-called homegrown terrorism threat.

We must move away from military action and move toward a policy of a diplomatic approach, ensuring that going to war is the absolute last resort. We must defend our Country both at home and abroad, but war and military muscle must be used only when there is an imminent threat to our Country. Our current program of the U.S. backed droning missions is only creating more enemies due to innocent men, women, and children being killed and wounded. Is it important

to rid the world of ISIS? Absolutely! But that's not done by random, inaccurate bombings. Home-grown terrorism from American citizens and permanent legal residents have been responsible for all attacks since 9/11 (gun violence in America, killing more people than terrorist attacks; they are of themselves acts of terror) The best way to begin to ensure safety is through our communities. They are our best line of defense.

QUESTION 5

Many American have long been displeased with the tone in Washington, D.C., and worry that partisanship has trumped the desire to compromise on an agenda that would move the nation forward. Please describe how you would combat partisanship from the Capitol to the constituent level. Also, please describe one legislative agenda item from the other side of the aisle you pledge to support.

Many factors contribute to partisanship in Washington, from partisan gerrymandering to exclusionary party primaries. Republicans have used the filibusters more frequently than ever before to stall legislation, presidential appointments, and even closing down the government. This obstruction must end. We need a non-partisan redistricting delegation to redraw lines to make House members more accountable to the people rather than the extremes of the parties. We need to adopt nonpartisan, open elec-

tions. The election system leaves out most Independent voters who are now the majority of registered voters. The disastrous Citizens United ruling, which allows the huge influence of wealthy donors from large corporations and billionaires is out of control. I believe Parties would work together more fairly and for the good of the people, instead of the powerful influence of a dollar that is caused by Citizens United. We must overturn Citizens United and adopt public financing of all elections.

QUESTION 4

Large swaths of land in the Wasatch Mountain region are under the control of the federal government, an ownership situation that has long been controversial in the state. Please outline an overall plan for the federal lands in the region that properly weighs the desires of the conservation movement against those wishing for wider uses of the publicly owned lands. Please also identify one change in use you foresee, if any, on a parcel of federal land in Summit County.

I do not believe that the great public lands of Utah should be given over to state control. My concern with that, is the selling or leasing of our lands to corporate and private entities that have interest to mine, frack or drill our open landscapes and mountains for profit; therefore destroying the very thing that Utah is well loved and known for. Summit County has a proposal that would expand wilderness and create watershed and special management areas under the Public Lands

Initiative. Congressional Republicans have been pushing for a lands initiative that would largely ignore the provisions drafted by Summit County. The Summit County proposal is better at properly weighing the desires and interests of its residents than the bill put forth by congressional Republicans. The PLI as it is currently drafted amounts to a land grab that would likely lead to the privatization of previously public land.

QUESTION 6

Please differentiate yourself from your opponent.

When it comes to issues, Mike Lee and I disagree on many things. One of the biggest differences between my opponent and I is that he is too far out of touch with the needs and daily struggles of the working class people; not only in Utah but all of America. For instance, I believe anyone who works in America should be paid a living wage. This is a highly critical issue and it isn't even on Mike Lee's agenda. Mike Lee cost the taxpayers millions of dollars, hurting the economy, including Utah families, when he led the 2013 government shut-down with Senator

Cruz. He also tried to block and eventually voted against financial aid for the Flint water crisis; I believe it's important for our Government to ensure that all of our citizens have access to clean, safe, drinkable water. Mike Lee had also voted against renewing the violence against women act, as well as against the opioids bill earlier this year. I would have absolutely voted different on each of these bills, just to mention a few. Congress is supposed to be there to work for the betterment of the people, not against them.



U.S. HOUSE, DISTRICT 1 • TWO-YEAR TERM

Rob Bishop REPUBLICAN



Peter Clemens DEMOCRAT

QUESTION 1

Please describe your qualifications for the office you seek.

With my 28 years as a high school government teacher and state legislative service, including serving as speaker of the house, has taught me the value of federalism. That constitutional principle is the solution to our nation's problems. As a leader on the Armed Services Committee, I am in a unique position to protect Hill Air Force Base and other installations in Utah significant to

our military and national defense. My chairmanship of the Resources Committee ensures Utah's voice is heard on public lands, water development, and economic growth issues. I am honored that my peers have chosen me to lead the western states coalition, speaker Ryan's Article 1 initiative, the RSC's 10th amendment task force, and the western caucus.

I am a physician and have practiced medicine for more than 30 years. I am a veteran, having served as a Captain in the U.S. Army Reserves. During my time as a Reservist I treated both active duty members and their families. I also was a member of the U.S. Public Health service working in rural North Carolina, and was appointed a faculty member at the Medical College of Ohio. I have a

unique perspective that will allow me to sponsor legislation that will make health care affordable for all Americans. Listening skills developed over a lifetime, will carry over to Congress ensuring that I do not lose touch with my constituents in the 1st District. As a physician I am trained to seek out answers and to solve problems, and I will work for solutions regardless of who receives credit.

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America's economic growth has been anemic over the past decade. Utah's growth has been better because it was based on the principles the nation should have employed. US growth will be better if we modify our tax policies to let people keep more of their hard-earned incomes, control our mandatory spending, and decrease the regulatory burden that has been imposed by executive fiat. And, although overall spending has de-

creased in the last 3 years, we still must prioritize our budget to bring it into balance. Failure to balance our budget will put future prosperity in jeopardy. My work on Speaker Ryan's Article 1 task force is to bring the regulatory process under control. The task force is specifically designed to control regulatory policy by giving people a voice to ensure that regulations do not kill jobs or shrink salaries.

Utah's economy faces both its biggest challenge and asset in rapid growth. According to polling data, infrastructure investment is a top priority for Utah voters. This will also be a priority for me and I will sponsor or cosponsor legislation that will provide funding for roads, bridges, high speed rural internet, improvement of the power grid, high speed rail and mass transit. According to the American Society of Civil Engineers, the United States is \$1.44 trillion

in arrears in infrastructure spending. Addressing this deficit will immediately boost our economy by providing jobs that can support Utah families. In order for Utah to attract the highly educated and skilled work force that we desire, Utah needs to make a greater commitment to clean air and to the education of our workforce. A stronger commitment to renewable energy will create high paying jobs for our young people now and into the future.

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Our foreign policy must shift, and put the defense of American lives as its number 1 priority. A properly funded military can reassure our allies and put fear into the hearts of those that would do us ill. We can't do that if we follow the pattern of major military funding cuts of the past

decade. That was reversed in this year's Defense Authorization Act, which the President needs to support. One specific mistake we have learned is that ISIS cannot be defeated by airpower alone. Our foreign policy must reflect this reality.

The United States must continue to work with our allies to combat terrorism. We must work closely with those that can help us identify and stop terrorist acts here at home before they occur, by building trust and understanding in our immigrant communities. Working to bring their youth

economic prosperity will help them understand that they have a future in the U.S. and thereby encourage building rather than destroying what makes America special. Poverty and hopelessness breed extremism.

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Rep. Chaffetz and I are the sponsors of the Public Lands Initiative, which is a grassroots effort to end the litigation and controversy over public lands in Utah. PLI was drafted after years of deliberation with groups who have never compromised before or who feel deceived by government's past policies. It is a difficult, but correct, process that needs to continue. The bill

will ensure 4.3 million acres of conservation and provide 1.05 million acres for economic growth and recreation. Responsible voices are comfortable with that ratio. The Summit County portion would include High Uinta wilderness areas, grazing solutions, and continue a successful pattern of land transfers to Park City.

The Central Wasatch Conservation and Recreation Area Act was developed from the consensus forged in Mountain Accord. This plan included stakeholders from transportation, water and natural resources, development planning, ski resorts, conservation groups, back country outdoorsmen as well as Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County. The plan was developed through the collaboration and com-

promise of these stakeholders, and in good faith. It would be presumptuous of me to suggest changes for land use in Summit County. This needs to be decided through the same collaborative process which created this legislation in the first place, that is stakeholders coming together with their city and county elected leaders in a transparent and representative fashion.

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If we truly practice federalism, and more decisions were made at the state and local level, there would less partisan reaction in Washington. That's why I support our efforts at empowering states and people. However, in fairness, history shows us there have been period of far greater rancor than we find in Washington today. My efforts, alongside my democratic counterpart to craft a Puerto Rico debt relief bill and a National

Parks Centennial bill to provide new funding, illustrates that despite the rhetoric, we can work together in a bipartisan manner.

When elected to Congress, I will reach out to Republican and Independent members of Congress, which I have already identified in both the House and Senate, who are capable of reaching across the aisle to solve problems. Americans are tired of partisan politics getting in the way of Congress doing its job. I will work with such pragmatic individuals to sponsor trade legislation that will level the playing field for U.S.

workers, who will always succeed when the game isn't rigged against them. Most economists recognize that our tax code is far too complex and I would similarly work hand in hand with anyone willing to help create a simpler and fairer tax system. Five thousand IRS jobs in our district should never be sacrificed, as has been proposed by my opponent, on the altar of a regressive flat tax and national sales tax.

QUESTION 6

Please differentiate yourself from your opponent.

Elections in the US are too negative. This question asks that I participate in some type of negative analysis. I choose not to. Instead, let me just say that I am a Utah conservative in the mainstream of my district's political thought. I am a former high school teacher who happens to be serving in Congress. I represent northern Utah values and am honored to have the support of my friends and neighbors in Utah's first congressional district.

As a veteran, I find it unfathomable that Mr. Bishop would vote against funding for suicide prevention for veterans, when the veteran suicide rate is escalating rapidly. Mr. Bishop has set new records in Congress for fundraising from outside his district. Congressman Bishop receives almost all of his funding from gas and big oil companies and casinos. His latest report listed only 26 donors from Utah. By contrast, I have received donations to date from over 500 individuals, almost all of whom reside in Utah's first district. Mr. Bishop votes against incentives and tax breaks for renew-

able energy, that oil and gas companies have enjoyed for years. Mr. Bishop has been a climate science denier, until he recently changed his stance. As a physician, I have a plan to help make health care affordable. Mr. Bishop has voted against the ACA at least 56 times, but never suggested a remedy. As I travel around the district I have heard the same thing again and again, "I have tried to talk to Rob Bishop, but he is not interested in what I have to say". I have spent my life listening and will continue to utilize those skills when in Congress.