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Duh!!!

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Have you ever struggled with a problem for a considerable period of time, when, all of a sudden, the answer dawns on you, like a light bulb lighting up? And the answer is so obvious, that the only way you can describe your long struggle is — Duh!!!

Recently, while watching a debate between local candidates, sponsored by the League of Women Voters on public access TV, it became obvious to me that the candidates did not know the actual authority for, nor the limits of, the office they are seeking. That's when it dawned on me that we Constitutional Patriots have overlooked an obvious way to force politicians to recognize these authorities and limits — and hopefully helping to turn them into statesmen — while educating the public at the same time.

For years — probably since the election of the seditionist tyrant Abraham Lincoln — Patriots have expended literally millions of dollars trying to stop the demagogues who use emotional issues to expand the limits of both the federal and state governments, and thus centralize their power. But until the development of the Internet, there was no real progress, due mainly to the dominance of the establishment media and the revisionist historians in the public school system.

The governmental principles of the Founders were gradually and systematically exchanged for the principles found in Karl Marx's Manifesto. But now, with the Internet exposing the dire financial condition our nation is in as a result of 79 years of ever-expanding socialist government programs, as well as the Federal Reserve Bank's fraudulent conspiracy, Americans are finally starting to wake up and are becoming more interested in listening to the Patriot message.

However, there is still, and always will be, the problem of narcissistic and corrupt politicians enriching themselves by the expansion of government. But even more dangerous are the well-meaning politicians who, through ignorance of the actual lawful limits to their powers, implement what they believe to be good and benevolent humanitarian ideas into "law." Experience has shown that trying to teach citizens — Joe six-pack and Patriots alike — Constitutional republican governmental structure and law is like herding cats, practically impossible. As a result, a lot of Patriot effort and money has been spent fighting brush fires set by pretend laws, with miserable results.

Add to that more than a century of public education, and many, indeed most candidates do not fully understand the government structure established by the Founding Fathers. Sure, they all give lip service to the Constitution, but with very little knowledge of it. I know this to be true, because I've spent the last fifty years actively trying to change this situation, and the last thirty years teaching the government described in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitutional application of it.

This is why, as I sat watching the debate sponsored by the League of Women Voters, with the candidates rehashing the same tired subject matter — "how can government solve everybody's problems" — I started thinking of how to end this vicious cycle. And that's when I came up with an idea that would create a positive effect on both the voters and the candidates. When it finally came to me, I thought "Duh! Why didn't I think of this years ago?!!"

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For way too many years, we have given the obviously left-wing League of Women Voters free

rein, allowing their liberal propaganda to go unopposed. But no longer! I am herewith announcing the introduction of:



The League of Informed Voters

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Purpose

The purpose of the League is to survey candidates seeking public office in order to determine:

- whether they understand the lawful functions of the office they seek, and the legal limits to those functions;
- whether they understand the United States Constitution, the Constitution of the State in which they seek public office, and the laws made in conformance to them; and
- their attitude towards the unalienable Rights of Citizens, and ultimately their dedication to securing those Rights.

Use of information obtained by survey or questionnaire

The information received by the League from the candidates by the cut-off date:

- will be published on *The League of Informed Voters* website upon receipt of each candidate's questionnaire; and
- will be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the election district of the public office sought.

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It is self-evident that with the implementation of the League's program, candidates will be forced to investigate the law which authorizes the elective office they seek, and so be exposed to the limits on that office. If the candidate has less than honorable intentions, he will be very hesitant in carrying them out, and if he does, his published response to the questionnaire would reveal his criminal intent.

It is also evident that by publishing the completed questionnaire just before the election in a newspaper of general circulation in the election district, we will

educate the public, and help to offset the effects of groups like the socialist-leaning League of Women Voters. No matter how you look at it, you have to come to the conclusion that it is a win-win situation. What's more, affiliate League chapters across these States united will go a long way in correcting the problem of run-away government. It is to the advantage of every Patriot to join the League of Informed Voters, support it, and start a local chapter in your area.

Duh! It's a no-brainer!!!



Sample Questionnaire for Sheriff Candidates

Candidate's Questionnaire — 2014 Primary Election
For: Office of Sheriff _____ County, _____ State

Candidates please answer the following questions, and return this Questionnaire to: *The League of Informed Voters*, 5 Center Street, (Alley Building), Suite 1100, Westminster, Maryland 21157, in the envelope provided:

Please print:

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Street: _____, City: _____

Tel. No.: _____ e-mail: _____

Political party: _____ Website: _____

Please answer all of the following questions in 500 words total, or less, on a separate paper, and supply a head and shoulder picture of yourself. Warning: if your answer to any question is legally incorrect, the proper legal answer will be included when the Questionnaire is published:

Question #1:

Explain the significance of Article 4, section 4 of the United States Constitution as it relates to the Office of Sheriff that it has for no other law enforcement agency, State or federal?

Question #2:

Do laws passed by Congress supercede laws passed by State legislatures? (Please answer yes or no, and cite the authority for your answer.)

Question #3:

Are Sheriffs duty bound by law to take orders from the Governor of the State? (Please answer yes or no, and cite the authority for your answer.)

Question #4:

Is the Sheriff subject to orders from the President of the United States? (Please answer yes or no, and cite the authority for your answer.)

Question #5:

Are the Opinions of the United States Supreme Court the Law of the Land? (Please answer yes or no, and cite the authority for your answer.)

Question #6:

What significance, if any, does the *vagueness doctrine* have in the performance of the duties of the Office of Sheriff?

Question #7:

As Sheriff, are you duty bound to enforce all court orders?

Question #8:

What is the purpose of government according to the Declaration of Independence?

Question #9:

Are federal agents authorized to enforce the common law? (Please answer yes or no, and cite the authority for your answer if any.)

Question #10:

What is the main element needed to charge a citizen with a crime?

Question #11:

Cite the authority for malum prohibitum statutes?

Question #12:

Cite the authority for malum in se statutes?

I, _____, have attached my answers to the above questions, and enclosed a picture of myself ____, did not enclose ____, a picture of myself, and I do give permission to publish all of the same.

Signature of Candidate

Note: Questions should be directed to **The League of Informed Voters**: Tel: 410-857-4441.

