

Oregon Progressive Party  
2021-22 Federal Level Candidate Questions.  
Candidate name:  
Office for which candidate is running:

1. The US has entered a new security pact with Australia and the UK, the AUKUS Pact. It will provide Australia with nuclear technology with the purpose of building an Australian nuclear submarine force. This is seen as a major aggressive action by the US and provocation of China.

Should the Senate hold hearings on this “pact”, treating it as a treaty? Should the US Senate hold hearings on this “pact” even if it is not a treaty?

2. How would you describe the US military budget? What changes would you make to it?

3. The US military is the largest institutional user of fossil fuels in the world. What should be done to reduce that level of use?

4. Do you support restrictions on the President’s ability to make war? What might those restrictions look like? How might restrictions be instituted?

5. Is the American use of economic sanctions a form of war?

6. What wars that the US is currently engaged in should we continue being engaged in?

7. Should the United States be engaged in nation building efforts such as we have been in Afghanistan and Iraq?

8. How welcoming of refugees should the United States be?

9. Should refugees be allowed into the United States while their refugee status is being determined?

10. How can the federal government address the homeless crisis, or is that just a local issue?

11. Attacks on Social Security continue. What steps would you take to secure the financial future and security of America’s retirees and the long term viability of the program?

12. Medicare falls short of covering the needs of senior citizens as well as the rest of the American population. What changes would you support to strengthen and expand the program?

13. The income and wealth gap between the rich and poor is now worse than during the Gilded Age. What would you support to lessen that gap?

14. Should strengthening the union movement be an objective of the federal government?  
Why/Why not? How, if Yes?

14.a. I would sign onto as new co-sponsor of the "Protecting the Right to Organize Act"

14.b. Should state enacted Right to Work laws be overturned by federal law?

15. Will you support moving marijuana to schedule 3?"

16. Should the US recreate the Postal Banking System? Such a system is proposed in Senate Bill #S3571 - The Banking for all Postal Bank

17. We need to stop cutting our forests for use as paper products. Would you support programs to encourage the planting of hemp and bamboo while imposing restrictions on how soon forests can be cut? What might such a program look like?

18. Should there be lengthy restrictions on the revolving door in Washington that allows former congress people and their staff to take jobs in the industries they regulate?

19. How do we address the climate crisis? Green New Deal?

20. After many changes to the national health care system via Obamacare, there are still major gaps in coverage and for many who have coverage, and the co-pays/deductibles still do not allow individuals to use coverage. What changes do you support to make health care affordable and universal?

21. Should the US Constitution be amended to state that "money is not speech and that corporations are not people", or should it just be amended to say "money is not speech"?

22. Should the US Constitution be amended to state a specific right to vote to all citizens and/or residents of the United States and to have all votes counted accurately?

23. How should Congress reform the US Supreme Court? How and what would the reforms look like?

24. Please go to <http://progpary.org/vppr18.pdf> and examine the table of issues, comparing the positions of the Oregon Progressive Party with the Democratic and Republican parties. Please identify any of the positions of the Oregon Progressive Party you disagree with and briefly state why.

25. Should it be the policy of the US government to ban all new gas and oil drilling leases on federal lands?

25. What role should nuclear power play in a clean energy future”

26. COP26 identified methane gas for worldwide 30% reductions over the next decade. The Biden released a plan for achieving this goal but did not include animal agriculture, the single largest source of U.S. methane emissions: Would you support a plan to include animal agriculture and would that plan include methane capture devices and digesters ?

27. How would you respond If the supreme court limits Roe vs Wade?”

28. Do you support the John L. Lewis Voting Rights Act (S.4) in the US Senate? This act has already been enacted by the US House.