

**PROPOSAL NO. 0101**

**AUTHOR:** Kathryn Schuster, St. Mary Cathedral

**TITLE:**

A proposal to permit homosexuals to be open about their sexual orientation while in the military without discrimination.

**MAJOR AREAS TO BE AFFECTED:**

This proposal shall affect all military units of the United States.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

justification

**PROPOSAL FOR ACTION:**

The current policy in the United States that regulates homosexuality in the military is known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue, Don't Harass." According to this policy members of the military can be discharged if they reveal their homosexuality, participate in sexual activity with someone of the same sex, or marry or attempt to marry someone of the same sex. I propose a law to be passed that will allow homosexuals to be a part of the military without having to hide their sexualities.

All military commanders or officials will no longer be permitted to discharge soldiers for the reason of being homosexual or bisexual. Homosexuals and bisexuals will be permitted to express their sexual orientations without punishment as long as they refrain from forceful sexual activities with fellow soldiers.

**RESULTS TO BE EXPECTED:**

After this proposal is put into action I expect to see an increase in enlistment numbers in the military. It will also be looked upon as another step towards eliminating discrimination against the gay community in our country and possibly show people that gays, lesbians, and bisexuals are no different than a straight individual.

**PROPOSAL NO. 0102**

**AUTHOR:** Aaron Balowski, Bronson High School

**TITLE:**

Including home schooled students within the No-Child-Left-Behind Act.

**MAJOR AREAS TO BE AFFECTED:**

Home-schooled students, their parents, and future employers.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

justification

**PROPOSAL FOR ACTION:**

Congress will propose an amendment to the "No Child Left Behind Act" in which home schooled students would be held to the same standards in which all other entities of the act expected to meet.

**RESULTS TO BE EXPECTED:**

Due to a greater level of accountability home school environments will become more rigorous and will better prepare students for the work force and life. We will end up with a more educated country with: productivity increasing as a result of more mentally fit employees and a country deter adapted to compete in the global market that is today's world.

**PROPOSAL NO. 0103**

**AUTHOR:** Alex Moore, Portage Northern H.S.

**TITLE:**

To set a limit of up to three appeals per death row inmate before they are executed

**MAJOR AREAS TO BE AFFECTED:**

1 death row inmates; 2 United States correctional facilities; 3 appellate courts

**JUSTIFICATION:**

justification

**PROPOSAL FOR ACTION:**

Set a limit of three appeals for any inmate on death row.

**RESULTS TO BE EXPECTED:**

This will conserve the appellate courts' time and money, reduce the population of prisons, and increase the rate of executions.

**PROPOSAL NO. 0104**

**AUTHOR:** Kaitlyn Olson, Onsted High School

**TITLE:**

A proposal to implement the FairTax Plan (HR 25/S 1025), thus abolishing the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and instating a federal sales tax.

**MAJOR AREAS TO BE AFFECTED:**

All taxpayers, businesses, and the IRS.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

justification

**PROPOSAL FOR ACTION:**

To implement the FairTax Plan which would abolish all federal income, gift, estate, capital gain, alternative minimum, Social Security, Medicare, and self-employment taxes. Those taxes shall be replaced with a federal retail sales tax of 23%. The IRS would serve no purpose and therefore be abolished.

**RESULTS TO BE EXPECTED:**

Americans would take home 100% of their paychecks, and be taxed only on new goods and services they choose to purchase rather than being taxed on what they earn. The tax system will be more fair since it's based on the consumption of each individual. There will mostly likely be an initial shock and negative feeling toward a 23% sales tax.

**PROPOSAL NO. 0201**

**AUTHOR:** Elizabeth Cloos, Stoney Creek High School

**TITLE:**

Amend the Consitution to instate a single 6-year Presidential instead of a possible two 4-year terms.

**MAJOR AREAS TO BE AFFECTED:**

United States Constitution and the Office of the President

**JUSTIFICATION:**

justification

**PROPOSAL FOR ACTION:**

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**RESULTS TO BE EXPECTED:**

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**PROPOSAL NO. 0202**

**AUTHOR:** Kun-Peng Xiang, Portage Northern H.S.

**TITLE:**

Banning smoking in all Restaurants and Bars

**MAJOR AREAS TO BE AFFECTED:**

Lung cancer victim

Heart disease

Air quality

Human health

**JUSTIFICATION:**

justification

**PROPOSAL FOR ACTION:**

All restaurant and Bars must all become smoke free, there will be a fine/punishment put on smoking in restaurants and bars same as drinking and driving, this includes not only cigarettes but, smokeless tobacco, and other forms as well

**RESULTS TO BE EXPECTED:**

Less victim of lung cancer, better air quality, and less heart attack for people to get from second hand smoke

**PROPOSAL NO. 0203**

**AUTHOR:** Emmalee Diaz, Portage Northern H.S.

**TITLE:**

A proposal on the banning of national prostitution

**MAJOR AREAS TO BE AFFECTED:**

Regulation of prostitution, prostitution penalties and major consequences

**JUSTIFICATION:**

justification

**PROPOSAL FOR ACTION:**

To enact national legislation to set a national ban on prostitution, mandate a minimum jail time of three months and a fine of 1,000 dollars of convicted prostitution. And establish and fund an agency for these convicted prostitutes for career training.

**RESULTS TO BE EXPECTED:**

Decrease in prostitution within the United States and its borders.

**PROPOSAL NO. 0204**

**AUTHOR:** Derek Pasco, Portage Northern H.S.

**TITLE:**

To abolish the U.S. Department of Education and restore public education management to the local level.

**MAJOR AREAS TO BE AFFECTED:**

U.S. Department of Education, State Departments of Education, all local boards of Education.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

justification

**PROPOSAL FOR ACTION:**

Abolishing the U.S. Department of Education

A. All located funds disturbed to State Boards of Education

B. Federal Government employee positions a abolished

C. Federal educational standards are repealed

2 Duties of the State Board of Education

A. Each state will set standards of Education

B. Local school boards given more discretion in the all location of funds and expenditures

C. Federal oversight of special education programs is transferred to the state level

**RESULTS TO BE EXPECTED:**

A reduction in government work force, an increase in responsibility of the local school boards to provide for the education of their students, a decrease in administrative cost, and an increased competition for the betterment of schools systems. An increase in the economy is expected as local schools have greater impact on the education of citizens.

**PROPOSAL NO. 0301**

**AUTHOR:** Kristine Burch, Sturgis High School

**TITLE:**

A proposal to legalize euthanasia also known as assisted suicide to terminally ill citizens

**MAJOR AREAS TO BE AFFECTED:**

People who have been determined terminally ill. Physicians and psychiatrists who work with terminally ill patients

**JUSTIFICATION:**

justification

**PROPOSAL FOR ACTION:**

To allow a law to be passed that allows people who are of sound mind, and have seen at least 3 doctors that verify they have a year or less to live. The patients would also be seen by a certified psychiatrist. They would also have to go to a court hearing allowing them with approval to end their life through lethal injection.

**RESULTS TO BE EXPECTED:**

People who are terminally ill and of sound mind can choose to end their lives when they want to do so.

**PROPOSAL NO. 0302**

**AUTHOR:** Danielle Layne, Eaton Rapids HS

**TITLE:**

A proposal to withdraw any restrictions placed upon organizations regarding the wearing of uniforms during public demonstrations.

**MAJOR AREAS TO BE AFFECTED:**

Any member within the organization.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

justification

**PROPOSAL FOR ACTION:**

Cities will be forbidden to place laws and/or restrictions upon Organization's apparel during public demonstrations.

**RESULTS TO BE EXPECTED:**

Organizations will be allowed to freely express themselves without restrictions upon their apparel.

**PROPOSAL NO. 0303**

**AUTHOR:** Adam Tibble, Portage Northern H.S.

**TITLE:**

A proposal to eliminate all federal farm subsidies, price controls, and barriers of trade.

**MAJOR AREAS TO BE AFFECTED:**

United States agricultural industry, United States consumers, United States Department of Agriculture, Consumer Price Index, Inflation

**JUSTIFICATION:**

justification

**PROPOSAL FOR ACTION:**

Congress will immediately eliminate any legislation or articles that establish federal subsidies, control over agricultural prices, and set quotas or tariffs on imported agricultural products.

**RESULTS TO BE EXPECTED:**

Prices of agricultural staples will decrease by an average of 45%, immediately reducing consumer food prices. The federal government shall be relieved of \$35 billion annual budget consideration.

**PROPOSAL NO. 0304**

**AUTHOR:** Melissa Seelye, Boyne City High School

**TITLE:**

Requiring adoption agencies/caseworkers to disclose any and all pertinent information regarding the medical or family history of an adoptee to potential adoptive parents.

**MAJOR AREAS TO BE AFFECTED:**

Adoption agencies/caseworkers, adoptive families, adopted children

**JUSTIFICATION:**

justification

**PROPOSAL FOR ACTION:**

The federal government will decree a detailed list of requirements that an adoption agency or caseworker must fulfill prior to finalizing an adoption. These requirements must clearly declare that all details of an adoptee's past which would be likely to result in future medical or psychological problems, as deemed by a professional child psychologist or medical doctor, must be disclosed to potential adoptive parents. Such information may include but will not be limited to: a child's history of physical and/or sexual abuse, time spent in hospitals or psychiatric institutions, past experiences in adoptive homes or foster care, and any known hereditary diseases in the child's family. Regardless of the implications of the disclosure of such information, with regards to the privacy rights of a child's biological parents, such information will not be withheld or misinterpreted. Although all precautions will be taken to ensure the anonymity of biological parents, the welfare of the child and of their relationship with an adoptive family will be of the utmost importance.

**RESULTS TO BE EXPECTED:**

By requiring an adoption agency/caseworker to inform potential adoptive parents of the risks, both emotional and financial, that they would likely encounter as a result of adopting, the parents in question will be more prepared to do so. This communication between the two parties involved will ensure not only that the adoptive parents are willing to accept these risks, but also that they will be able to assume the monetary consequences. Ultimately, this proposal will result in fewer dissolved adoptions and persecutions of adoption agencies for alleged fraud. Finally, it will hopefully restore some degree of confidence in the parties responsible for adoptions, which could perhaps even result in more transnational, as opposed to worldwide, adoptions.

**PROPOSAL NO. 0401**

**AUTHOR:** Michael Williams, Jackson High School

**TITLE:**

A proposal to cut-off all economic and military funding to Israel

**MAJOR AREAS TO BE AFFECTED:**

United States economy and United States relations with the Middle East

**JUSTIFICATION:**

justification

**PROPOSAL FOR ACTION:**

Through federal legislation, the United States will deny Israel all economic and military funds.

**RESULTS TO BE EXPECTED:**

the United States will benefit immediately from doing this. We will only improve relations with major Middle Eastern countries and our economy will quickly improve.

**PROPOSAL NO. 0402**

**AUTHOR:** Gabe Aschbacher, Gladstone High School

**TITLE:**

Abolishing term limits for the United States Senate and House

**MAJOR AREAS TO BE AFFECTED:**

United States Senators and Representatives

**JUSTIFICATION:**

justification

**PROPOSAL FOR ACTION:**

The Federal Government will authorize legislation which will totally abolish all term limits for the United States Senate and United States House of Representatives.

**RESULTS TO BE EXPECTED:**

Senators and Representatives who are doing a good job will be able to stay in office for as long as the voters of their state see fit.

**PROPOSAL NO. 0403**

**AUTHOR:** Andrea Marsh, Onsted High School

**TITLE:**

By the year 2020, all road vehicles must have the capability of 30 MPG.

**MAJOR AREAS TO BE AFFECTED:**

Auto Manufactures

Consumers (Oil & Auto)

Air Quality

Environment

**JUSTIFICATION:**

justification

**PROPOSAL FOR ACTION:**

All auto manufactures must have all models of motor transportation to be fuel efficient, low pollution vehicles. Auto manufactures will receive tax reductions for abiding.

**RESULTS TO BE EXPECTED:**

Cleaner air quality

Less dependency on foreign oil

Lower levels of air pollution

Maintain stable fuel prices