

Answers from Art Halvorson, Republican candidate for Congress, 9th District

1. Do you support the right of citizens to own firearms?

Absolutely I DO. The right of citizens to defend themselves against violence and tyrannical government is God-given and unalienable. For 29 years I served in the military under a sacred oath to protect the Constitution that enshrines this right. With every fiber of my being I, a concealed-carry permit holder and NRA Life member recommended to the voters by Firearm Owners Against Crime, will fight the effort of liberals to infringe on this right.

2. Do you support the actions of the EPA in trying to stop climate change?

NO. The EPA is breaking the backbone of our economy, including the coal industry and other important sectors here in our region, by imposing radical, unconstitutional regulations rooted in unscientific propaganda driven by our liberal President and his administration. Of course we must never wantonly inflict harm on our environment, but there must be a balanced, reasoned approach to environmental protection that is rooted in legitimate science and constitutional authority. Please visit RescueUSA.org

3. Do you believe the US Supreme Court ruling in Obergefell v. Hodges was constitutionally sound? Do you view it as the law of the land?

This ruling was activist, liberal, and WRONG. Marriage between one man and one woman is a centuries-old tradition at the very heart of our Judeo-Christian culture, and it must remain so. I agree with the dissenting Justices (Roberts, Scalia, Thomas, Alito) that the Court's liberal majority misapplied the Due Process and Equal Protection clauses of the 14th Amendment.

4. The Equality Act has been introduced in both the House and Senate. This bill would extend the same rights to gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders as afforded to other protected groups under the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Would you support this legislation?

NO. I believe that all human beings are God's children and must be loved equally by one another. However, the federal government should NOT paternalistically force us to have to compromise our own deeply held religious convictions toward matters of sexuality and the open expression thereof.

5.) Do you support increased federal prosecution of obscenity?

To the extent that the promotion or propagation of obscenity occurs in an arena under the purview of the federal government, such as peddling pornography across state lines, or broadcasting obscenity over federally regulated airwaves, then yes. We must have boundary lines for decency in the country.

6.) Do you support federal funding of organizations which provide abortions?

NO. It is not a constitutional role of government to subsidize abortion. Unlike Congressman Shuster, I will NEVER support any spending bill containing money for organizations that provide abortions. The House's strongest leverage is the "power of the purse." Cong. Shuster doesn't believe in using it for moral purposes; I will. Please visit RescueUSA.org

7.) Do you support overturning Roe v Wade?

YES. I am Pro Life and proudly recommended to the voters by LIFE PAC. I believe life begins at conception and that innocent human life should be protected from conception until natural death. Cong. Shuster has endorsed pro-abortion politicians like Arlen Specter, who blocked pro-life judges like Robert Bork. I will NEVER endorse an adversary to the unborn. We will never win the war against abortion when we have politicians like Bill Shuster helping the other side. Please visit RescueUSA.org

8.) Do you support efforts to cut federal spending?

YES. We are \$19.3 trillion in the hole. Congressman Shuster voted five times to raise the debt ceiling, by a total of \$3.4 TRILLION. He voted for the \$500 BILLION Wall Street Bailout, Cash for Clunkers, and numerous other wasteful, liberal spending initiatives. Please visit RescueUSA.org.

9.) Do you support efforts to repeal and replace Obamacare?

YES. Congressman Shuster was part of the Great Betrayal of 2014 when he and other Republican leaders broke their promise to "never give one dime" for Obamacare. Cong. Shuster fully funded Obamacare; I will never vote for any spending bill that contains money for Obamacare. I will keep the promise that Cong. Shuster broke. Please visit RescueUSA.org

10.) Has the federal government overreached its role in education?

The federal government began to overstep its role in the late 1970s when Pres. Carter and Congress created the federal Department of Education, which should be abolished. The federal government should have ZERO role in education. Cong. Shuster continually votes to expand funding for the Department of Education. Please visit RescueUSA.org

Respectfully submitted,

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