

Mark Loewe's responses to League of Women Voters questions, 31 August 2020

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1. Background: (175 character limit)

Physics researcher. Did microelectronics R&D. Devised progressive school choice. Proposed 4 Texas House bills to let kids permanently keep low cost math and science textbooks.

2. Education: (175 character limit)

PhD Physics, UT Austin. BS Chemistry, BS Physics, UC Irvine. Taught physics at UT and Texas State U. Coauthored a graduate-level quantum mechanics textbook used worldwide.

3. What actions, if any, would you take to ensure that all eligible voters have equal access to safe and fair elections? (400 character limit)

To ease access, I favor making federal election days holidays. For elections with more than two candidates, I favor instant-runoff voting. To promote accurate results and deter fraud in federal elections, I favor photo IDs, recountable ballots, public access to photos of cast ballots and chain-of-custody records, federal rules and payment for mandatory recounts, and severe penalties for fraud.

4. What legislation would you support to address the health and economic impact caused by COVID-19? (400 character limit)

Except to vet aliens for dangerous communicable diseases, I oppose health limits on liberty without proof that a person is dangerous. To improve health care and lower costs, I favor unlimited competition, with public access to track-record and cost statistics of treatments and practitioners. I oppose bailouts that would reward lavish spending, poor planning, and mismanagement by state governments.

5. What criminal justice reform policies do you recommend, if any? (400 character limit)

I devised progressive school choice to empower parents, especially poor parents, to reject mediocre schools and choose safe schools that better serve the individual needs, abilities, and interests of their children. Such choice would greatly improve education and job skills, reduce disruptive behavior and numbers of children who turn to drugs and crime, and is essential to criminal justice reform.

6. What other issue is your highest legislative priority and what legislation would you introduce or support to address it? (400 character limit)

Congress should eliminate federal debt, on which it gave away \$574 billion of interest in 2019. I would introduce a bill to direct the US Treasury to issue money to pay for all goods and services Congress acquires and to pay down the current debt by at least \$2 trillion per year. I would introduce a Constitutional amendment to prohibit Congress from incurring debt on which interest is given away.