

2006 Candidate's Questionnaire Page

This section lists questions for all political candidates to answer. Please respond to these questions and email them to questionnaire@pinkpistols.org. All answers will be made publicly available at www.pinkpistols.com.

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Candidates please note: All answers must be directed to the question asked. Answers that fail to answer the question will not be counted.

There are 10 questions with 10 points per question.

Candidate's Name : Powell Gammill

Political Party: Libertarian

Office you are running for: U.S. Congressional

State: Arizona

County:

District: 2

1) Do you believe that the Second Amendment confirms the individual right of every American citizen to possess and use (update of keep and bear) militia/military weapons for individual self-defense, as well as for the defense of the State / National defense?

I am so glad you said "confirms." So many people believe the Bill of Rights conferred the many enumerated Rights we possess. Nothing could be further from the truth. Those Rights pre-existed the Constitution. They are human Rights. They are a birthright. Even if the Second Amendment were repealed. Even if an amendment were put in its place prohibiting the possession of any and all weapons, including firearms and its requisite ammunition, the people residing within the United States would still have the Right to own, possess and carry arms without legal restriction. Period.

Arms, especially referred to militarily useful arms. All powers possessed by the government is derived from the people. Any power the people lack, the government lacks. All powers people possess are individual powers. No collection of people are imbued with special or cumulative power the individual lacks. So, as a branch of government, any arm the military possesses by definition is either held in violation of its restricted power by the government, or any individual has the Right to possess, own and carry that arm as well.

[My position on Firearms](#)

<http://isil.org/resources/introduction.html>

[Gun Owners of America 2006 survey \(PDF\)](#)

[Pink Pistol's 2004 survey \(PDF\)](#)

2) If elected would you support legislation for the removal of firearm laws and regulations? If your answer is yes, and if you are elected, what specific legislation would you propose/support to ensure that this individual right is protected? Which current laws which infringe upon this individual right would you seek to repeal?

Support and **sponsor** the removal of ALL firearms laws and regulations. Block the passage of any future such laws. What do the words, "**shall not** be infringed," mean than Congress lacks the power to pass ANY laws or permit the Executive Branch to pass regulations that restrict anyone from keeping or carrying arms, especially militarily useful arms. Eliminate the BATF.

3) What do you consider are "legitimate" reasons to own a firearm?

Check as many as apply:

- Personal Defense
- Home Defense
- Defense of your country (Unorganized Militia)
- Hunting
- Farm Use
- Competitive Shooting
- Informal Sport Shooting
- Informal Target Practice and/or Plinking

- Collecting
- Constitutional Rights
- Just because. No reason is necessary.
- Other _____
- All of the above
- None of the above

4) Would you support the banning of some firearms or ammunition? (IE: Saturday night specials, "assault weapons", Hollow points, and "Safety Slugs") Why and to what extent?

No.

5) Do you believe that firearm owners should be required to have licenses or permits to own or carry firearms? Do you believe training for such licenses should be mandatory? Why?

No to all.

6) Do you believe that firearms and/or firearm owners should be registered? Which ones and why?

No.

7) Do you support equal rights for all citizens of the United States regardless of the person's sexuality / orientation and / or gender identity/expression?

Yes.

8) Which of the following would you be willing to support in regards to same-gender and/or polyamorous marriages and/or civil unions?

Check as many as apply:

- Domestic partnerships for same-sex couples

Domestic partnerships for opposite-sex couples

Domestic partnerships for polyamorous (more than two consenting adults)

Same-sex marriages

Opposite sex marriages (What we have now)

Polyamorous marriages (between more than two consenting adults)

All of the above. Everyone should have equal rights under the law.

None of the above. Government has no role in defining a marriage. Leave it to the church, or private contracts.

Other _____

9) Do you support the right for people to act as they wish in a private setting, with other consenting adults?

Absolutely. We are supposed to be living in the 'land of do as you please.'

10) A number of states are currently in the process of enacting DOMA (Defense Of Marriage Act) type laws. Do you support or oppose limits on the marriage laws that would further restrict who may and may not marry? Why?

Oppose. Marriage in the eyes of the government is a license and a tax (fee). I do not support taxes. I do not support licenses. However, those are state's issues, not federal. The federal government must stay out of states issues since they lack the authorization to interfere (see the Tenth Amendment). Not that government pays attention to any aspect of the Constitution when it doesn't suit them. And it rarely suits them. I believe answer 8 above tells my belief that such relationships should be contracts between individuals, not government permits. The states have signed uniform agreements amongst each other respecting the permits, licenses and contracts in one state as binding in all. Disputes are handled in federal courts. Therein lies the area Congress can cause mischief in.

Do you have an additional statement to make that is not covered by this questionnaire? Use as much space as you wish.

Freedom's the answer. What's the question?