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A Challenge to the Republican Candidates US House (NC 12)



In the race for the Republican nomination for the 12th District US House seat, all of the candidates are claiming to be “conservative,” “pro-life,” and “pro-Second Amendment.” What do these terms mean? If you say you are more conservative than the incumbent, Representative Mel Watt, then you are among the vast majority of the population, but that will not define you as conservative. A stand against Partial-Birth-Abortion does not necessarily make you pro-life. To say that you hunt does not indicate that you know why we have a second-amendment.

Kozlowski For Congress will issue a challenge every day of the week, except Sunday, for the last three weeks of the campaign, leading up to the September 15th primary election. Each challenge will give the candidates an opportunity to back their claims. These challenges will be available on the **Kozlowski For Congress** web site www.Kozlowski.org. If any of the other candidates wish to respond to the challenges, their responses will be posted, unedited, on the web site.

Most "politicians" attempt to say as little concrete as possible to ensure they do not turn anyone off. I feel that I can gain supporters that are more avid by being specific, although I will take some positions that are either misunderstood, or not agreed with. I believe, that we are all better off if, after seeking wise counsel, I stand strongly on issues and gain the support of those that agree with me 70 to 90 percent of the time.

I understand that there will be those that will agree with me on gun rights, for example, and disagree with me on abortion. Therefore they will jump ship and support someone who is nebulous or no one at all. However, I am trusting that those who say "we finally have someone who will fight for our issue" will get behind me with their vote, their time, and their money, even without universal agreement on all issues. After all, if we agreed completely on all issues, one of us would probably be a "politician."

You can Email your questions and comments to all Republican candidates at the same time (no address available for Jim Cohen) by sending to Republicans@Kozlowski.org. John Kozlowski's email address is John@Kozlowski.org.

August 26 Challenge

Would you cosign and vote for House Resolution 304 directing the House Committee on the Judiciary to investigate whether grounds exist to impeach the president?

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION
H. RES. 304

Directing the Committee on the Judiciary to undertake an inquiry into whether grounds exist to impeach William Jefferson Clinton, the President of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 5, 1997

Mr. BARR of Georgia (for himself, Mr. STUMP, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. METCALF, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. PAUL, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. MICA, and Mr. KINGSTON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

Directing the Committee on the Judiciary to undertake an inquiry into whether grounds exist to impeach William Jefferson Clinton, the President of the United States.

Whereas considerable evidence has been developed from a broad array of credible sources that William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States, has engaged in a systemic effort to obstruct, undermine, and compromise the legitimate and proper functions and processes of the executive branch: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary is directed to investigate and report to the House whether grounds exist to impeach William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States. Upon completion of such investigation, that Committee shall report to the House its recommendations with respect thereto, including, if the Committee so determines, a resolution of impeachment.

John Kozlowski's response:

Yes. H.Res. 304 was introduced on November 5, 1997 and simply requires the House Committee on the Judiciary to investigate. Recent events have demonstrated that there are indeed reasons to investigate.

However, because of recent admissions by the president, it is now time for the US House to go further. They must take up their obligation to the citizens of this nation and start the impeachment process. It would then be the responsibility of the Senate to remove him from office.

During the Nixon era, Hillary Clinton was one of the many who argued from history that "high crimes and misdemeanors" did not just mean the violation of a written law, but the simple loss of credibility. President Nixon was accused of making "false or misleading public statements for the purpose of deceiving the people of the United States."

In an open letter on April 25, 1997, Representative Barr thanked Mrs. Clinton for her work in 1974 (http://www.house.gov/barr/i_ltrhill.htm). In it he states: "Even Alexander Hamilton finds a place in your research. You quote from his Federalist No. 65 that impeachment relates to "misconduct of public men, or, in other words, from the abuse or violation of some public trust" that is "of a nature . . . *political* [emphasis in original]" (page 13 of your report)."

Lying is a violation of a public trust. From Mrs. Clinton's research, Mr. Clinton has to go.

Tom Bush's response:

Huh? (from an August 27, 1998 email)

August 27 Challenge

What is your position on citizens carrying concealed weapons. Would you cosponsor any of the following:

A house version of S. 707 Concealed Weapons Prohibition Act of 1997.

H. R. 339 National standard for the carrying of certain concealed firearms by non-residents.

H. R. 2722 Reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents

John Kozlowski's response:

A criminal will carry a concealed weapon no matter what the law states. Law-abiding citizens are treated like criminals when they are restricted from having the ability to defend themselves. The Second-Amendment grants us a right, not a privilege, to possess firearms. Private citizens stop crimes over 2 1/2 million times a year with their own weapons. In most cases, they never fire a shot.

I have been the victim of an armed robbery and am more secure today as a concealed carry permit holder. I agree with Women Against Gun Control that "Guns are the great equalizer. Guns give women a fighting chance." Rapes and murders have decreased since the wide spread implementation of concealed carry permits.

I would vote against a house version of S. 707. I would not disarm citizens.

I would vote against H. R. 339 since it does not allow for "Vermont style" permits.

I would cosponsor and vote for H. R. 2722 as a rational step in restoring our second-amendment rights.

I would also endorse those in North Carolina who are attempting to implement "Vermont style" permits in our state.

August 28 Challenge

Would you support the Strategic Defense Initiative?

John Kozlowski's response:

Yes. I would support continued research and the immediate deployment of the Strategic Defense Initiative.

We watched the Argentines easily sink British ships in the Falklands War with French Exocet Missiles. Could the same happen to our fleets? It is not likely. Our naval fleet is protected with a variety of defensive missiles.

Our military personnel that we sent to the Persian Gulf were protected from incoming SCUD Missiles by our Patriot Missiles. The Patriots saved many lives by destroying the SCUD Missiles. The Patriots have had two generations of improvements since the Gulf War and will prove even more effective in future conflicts. We are now implementing the Theater High-Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system to augment the defense of our forces.

We rightfully protect our military personnel on the front lines as they protect our nation. However, our homes and our families are as unprotected as the British Navy in the Falklands War. This is a violation of the Constitutional mandate “to provide for the common defense.” Let us not forget the lessons of history when the British let down their defenses and trusted in written agreements with Hitler. Today we have witnessed the effects of small arms and munitions in the hands of Osama bin Ladin, or some other terrorist, in Kenya. What form of weaponry, nuclear perhaps, will we face tomorrow? It is the duty of Congress to be prepared!



August 29 Challenge

Should United States' soldiers be ordered to serve under the UN flag?

John Kozlowski's response:

NEVER!

When I served in the US Air Force, I took an oath to "...defend the Constitution of the United States." Soldiers are not required to obey an illegal order, such as to kill innocent civilians, or to wear the uniform and take commands from another military.

The United States is a sovereign nation. The United States Military is part of the government of the sovereign nation of the United States of America. The ultimate authority for the military in the United States is vested in the President and the Congress who in turn derive their powers from "We the People."

The United States Military is the most powerful military force on earth. It has the power and responsibility to defend the United States from all enemies, without the assistance of UN forces. We do not look to the UN to defend our shores.

At no time should command of any part of the United States Military be under the command of any foreign power, no matter how benevolent that power is.

I salute Army Specialist Michael New (<http://www.mikenew.com>) and all others who submitted to the oath they took to the United States and refused to wear a UN uniform. They have paid a high price and all respect is due them. **I believe that giving the command to our soldiers to wear the UN uniform is unlawful and an act of treason.**



Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen and his wife, Janet, pass through an honor cordon of U.S. troops at Task Force Able Sentry in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, on Dec. 24, 1997. Cohen and his wife are visiting U.S. troops stationed at the United Nations' base for the holidays. DoD photo by Sgt. James F. Thompson, U.S. Army.

These US soldiers are wearing blue UN caps and blue UN insignias on their uniforms.

August 31 Challenge

For the purposes of legal protection, when does life begin?

John Kozlowski's response:

Life begins at fertilization. Therefore, all rights, as a citizen, should begin at the same time.

Three ways to examine this question are scientifically, theologically, and legally.

From the scientific perspective, all that is necessary for a human being to survive is food, water, oxygen, and a hospitable environment. This is true for the first day after fertilization, the first day after birth, or the first day after turning eighty years old. Deny any of the four long enough and a person will die. All the mother is doing for her unborn child is providing those four things. The child is developing by itself. In-vitro fertilization has demonstrated that one can take an egg from woman A and fertilize it with sperm from man B in a dish, then implant the fertilized egg in woman C. Woman C will then give birth to a child that is in no way her own, but the child of woman A and man B. This new life started at fertilization.

From the theological perspective, Psalm 51:5 reads “*Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.*” Rocks do not sin. Tomatoes do not sin. People, and only people, sin. When I was born into the world, I was sinful. When I was conceived, when I was just a single cell, the union of two, I was sinful. I was sinful, because my life had begun.

From the legal perspective, it comes down to what the legislature decides to enact as law.

We have had two recent cases where a mom gave birth to a child then disposed of it in a trashcan at a prom or in a hotel dumpster. These women simply used a method of disposing of their child by giving birth, rather than a more expensive late term abortion, such as a Partial Birth Abortion. Those that believe in the right to Partial Birth Abortion should allow this form of infanticide since it is cheaper.



John Kozlowski, with his four children:
ErikaLeigh (left, 7), Joey (top, 5½)
Tirzah (right, 2¾), Julia (front, 4 weeks)
Picture taken on May 26, 1998, by Dorothy-Jane (Mommy)

However, I believe that when the Declaration of Independence says “...all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life...” it applies to all, not some. When the Supreme Court said in the Dred Scott decision that slavery was legal, they were wrong. It took a Constitutional Amendment to overturn the decision.

In 1973 the Supreme Court, ignored the separation of powers, and legislated a new right to kill by decreeing that you are not a person until you breathe your first breath. They were again wrong! **I will cosponsor and vote for Right to Life Act (H.R.641) so that “all” will be granted their unalienable right to life.**

September 1 Challenge

What is the purpose of the 2nd Amendment?

John Kozlowski's response:

The 2nd Amendment ensures that ultimate power remains with the people and not with the state. All infringements of the right to keep and bear arms are attempts to move power from the people to the state.

We must remember our history. Our nation's birth certificate, The Declaration of Independence, when referring to people and a tyrannical government, states that "it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government." This great document would have ended up on the scrap heap of history if our founders had not backed it up with the barrel of a gun. The citizens of this new nation fought for freedom and won.

From experience, it was fundamental to the framers of the Constitution that a government that did not fear its citizens was a government again bound for tyranny. Therefore, they ensured that all power rested with "We the People" and not with the government. They knew that power resided with those who held the strongest weapons. Those weapons must never be taken from the people.

We have an innate, God given right, to protect ourselves. When something is flung at your face, do you not react by defending yourself? If someone wants to hurt you or enslave you, your right to protect yourself still exists. That right to protect yourself, fundamentally from a tyrannical government, is the purpose of the 2nd Amendment.



We see repeatedly in history how disarming the citizen led to the deaths of millions. In this century alone, in Cambodia, China, Guatemala, Turkey, Uganda, the USSR, and Nazi Germany over fifty-five million people died at the hands of their own governments after the government disarmed its people. **Would disarming US Citizens result in anything different?**

To deny the right to bear arms is to say that the efforts of those that fought and died to form this nation were in vain. I will vote to eliminate all gun regulation. **The price to do otherwise is too great.**

"Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"
(Patrick Henry, March 23, 1775)

September 2 Challenge

What should be done about federal income taxes?

John Kozlowski's response:

Federal income taxes need to be abolished, and not replaced.

One of the driving forces that formed our nation was the protest over an unfair tax system. It was obvious to the founders that any involuntary tax was equivalent to forcing people to work as part-time slaves of the government. They developed a Constitution that allowed a free people to be free of taxes.

They set in place two principles to ensure the citizens were not enslaved to the government.

First, they limited the size and function of the federal government. Compassion comes from people. Commerce is a function of businesses. Local governments provide services. The federal government was to have **NO** role in these areas. With very little for the federal government to do, very few funds were needed.

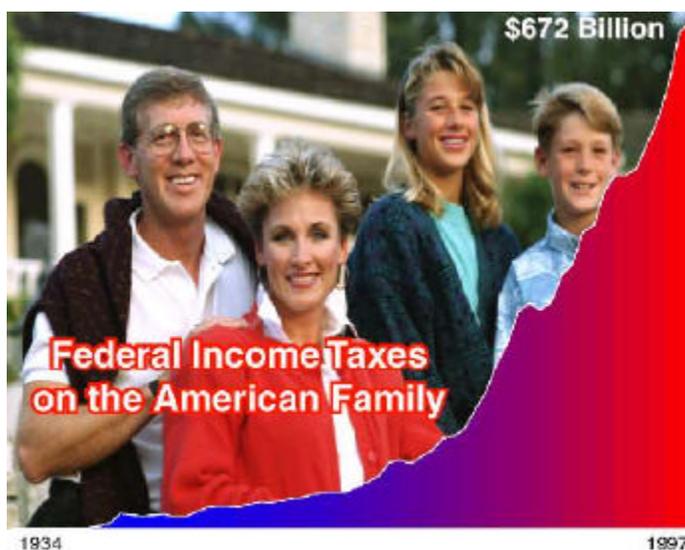
Second, they established very limited ways for the federal government to raise revenue. Funds would normally be provided by excise taxes and import duties. As is true today, those taxes alone could provide all that was necessary to fund a limited federal government. When necessary, such as occurred in the time of war, additional funds could be raised by sending a bill to each state in proportion to their population. Each state could choose its own method of raising the additional revenue for the federal government. These are the methods defined by the Constitution.

These were very wise policies. For most people there would be no need to deal with federal taxes. Once you owned something, it was yours. There were no continual taxes for owning property. The states were well motivated to ensure a limited federal government since they did not want revenue to leave the state.

It was the sixteenth amendment, in 1913, that made federal income taxes constitutional. From that point on, the federal government had the power to tax and grow into the monstrosity that it is today. **We abandoned the principles on which we were founded.**

The idea of abolishing the IRS may sound good, but if a flat tax or national sales tax still exists, we will still have 'IRS Lite.' The only reason we hear politicians make these suggestions is so they can sound like they are doing something. **Real reform will only come with the shrinking of government and the elimination of federal taxes.**

I will vote to repeal the sixteenth amendment and force the government to shrink to its constitutionally mandated role.



September 3 Challenge

What is the Constitutionally mandated role for the federal government in education?

John Kozlowski's response:

None!

The founders established the United States with the preeminent concern that centralized control, as was experienced with British rule, always led to tyranny. We were a nation of individual and sovereign states. The federal government's role in controlling the states was strictly limited.

In violation of those founding principles, federal control of education has led to poorer academic skills in students. Increasing the federal role will only move us more to "lowest common denominator" education. This will produce a generation more susceptible to the federal tyranny the founders feared.

The private education industry is flourishing in the post high school or post college arena. They will train for specific skills, such as computer operation, software development, and business skills. There are several factors involved. Private schools adapt quickly to changing market needs. They address many of the skills the market place demands and generalized education does not provide. They are flexible enough to adopt new techniques and technologies in education.

Private schools and homeschools consistently outperform government schools. These schools can customize their programs to fit the needs of individual students as they are unencumbered by the policies and regulations imposed on government schools. **It is unconscionable that we impose these limitations on government school students and the educators that teach them.**

I will vote to eliminate the federal role in education.



Which picture is not part of this set?

September 4 Challenge

What should be done with Social Security?

John Kozlowski's response:

First, and always, when the government makes a commitment, it must fulfill it. Those that have become dependent on Social Security have the right to receive the full benefits they were promised.

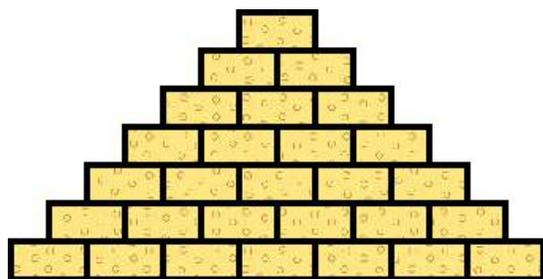
However, we must reexamine Social Security for the future. If a corporation attempted to introduce a program, structured like our current Social Security program, it would be called a “pyramid scheme,” and therefore illegal. Social Security, like any other pyramid scheme, works only when the population in the program grows perpetually. With the dramatic reduction in the birth rate, the weight of Social Security on the taxpayer is crushing.

Social Security has had a history of problems. There are the infamous “notch years” between 1917 and 1926. Those born at the wrong time receive reduced benefits. There are the numerous cases of a husband “contributing” into the program all his working years and then dying at 65 years of age. After a lifetime of his support, his widow receives nothing. If he had invested the money, instead of having it taken from him, his widow would have a significant fund from which to draw in her latter years. Where are the Social Security funds? The federal government borrowed them, and they will tax us, yet again, to pay them back.

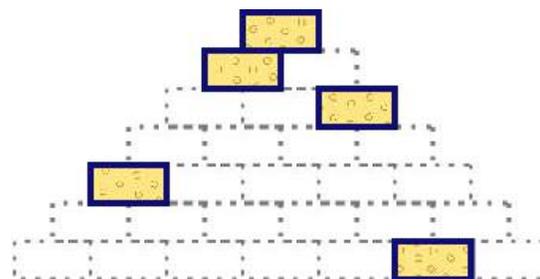
Life insurance and other investment programs are a better value for the vast majority of taxpayers. Then, when retirement comes for those with investments, there is no continuous burden on the next generation.

I will vote for:

1. Elimination of the “notch year” penalty.
2. Elimination of penalties on retired workers’ income.
3. A rational approach to making Social Security private and voluntary.



At its inception, the pyramid of Social Security had a large foundation to support each retiree.



With the change in population, the foundation for each retiree has disappeared.

September 5 Challenge

What should be the Republican response to Rep. Dan Burton's admission of an affair and an out of wedlock child?

John Kozlowski's response:

Rep. Dan Burton of Indiana has admitted to an extramarital affair and to fathering a child in that relationship. It is time for him to resign from office.

The Republican Party will have no right to criticize the President, or anyone else, if it cannot speak against one of its own when that one brings discredit to his office, his party, and his nation. The party, and the voters, must never promote anyone who has a major, demonstrable character flaw, irrespective of their popularity, fundraising ability, legislative history, or any other factor. We must stand for principle over politics, or we dishonor the history of those that valiantly formed the Republican Party.

For those who serve in office, it is not whether they are liberal or conservative that makes them fit to lead. The impact is in portraying a role model. Vice President Gore is not a good role model for compassion when he gives a paltry \$300 to charity, but gives billions from the taxpayers' pockets. President Clinton is not a good role model against drug use when he can joke about "I didn't inhale." Rep. Burton, despite any wonderful legislation you have been involved with, you are not a good role model for faithfulness in marriage.

As a man, I commend Rep. Burton, for the supportive role he has taken concerning his out of wedlock child. Those actions on his part are admirable. However, doing what is right, after a major failing of character, does not qualify him for leadership.

The Bible sets out several requirements to be a leader in the church. None concern whether you are liberal or conservative. All concern your personal character, how you live your personal life. The Creator of all mankind knows that your personal life demonstrates your character. Your personal life is the role model you will be to others. If the standards for leadership are this high in the local church, we should also expect at least that of our national leaders.

We remember President George Washington for his integrity. We do not remember the bills he signed, but we do remember the cherry tree, and those famous words, "I cannot tell a lie." Should we expect anything less from our leaders today? Rarely do we find someone present day, or in recent history, who has left his mark with that kind of reputation.

Thankfully, there is at least one. We are marking the first anniversary of the death of Mother Teresa of Calcutta. She demonstrated an unwavering compassion for the poor by giving of herself, not the tax dollars of others. She spoke out boldly against the slaughter of innocents, the holocaust of abortion. No one else could speak at the National Prayer Breakfast on February 3, 1994, and say so frankly that abortion is "a war against the child."

Mother Teresa said, "God has not called us to be successful, but to be faithful." Rep. Burton, we have now forgotten how you served in Congress. Apparently, you have served your out of wedlock son, and his mother, well. However, you have not been faithful to you wife, and your marriage vows. Now it is time to serve your nation by resigning from office.

September 7 Challenge

What is your general view of federal regulations?

John Kozlowski's response:

Regulations are in essence laws. The Constitution established the legislative branch of government to enact laws. Congress fails in its responsibility when it delegates that authority to another agency, especially when that agency is not part of the legislative branch of government.

Most regulation plays into the hands of the larger players, such as large corporations, dominant political parties, etc. Virtually all regulations need to be reduced, simplified, or eliminated.

There is need to ensure that a belligerent party does not harm another party. An obvious example is dumping hazardous chemicals into a stream thereby destroying the environment for those downstream. However, for small businesses, mom and pop operations, the regulation load and reporting requirements can be prohibitive.

The larger players in any particular field enhance their competitive advantage by endorsing complicated regulations and reporting requirements. It is simple for them to add the staff to deal with the regulations.

For a smaller player, with a small number of employees, the amount of resources spent on dealing with OSHA, IRS, EPA, and the rest of the alphabet soup of federal agencies is staggering. Additionally, the agencies that formulate and administer regulations tend to grow into monarchies. It becomes difficult or impossible for a small player to understand or negotiate with these agencies.

We need to abolish many of the regulatory agencies. Why do we have a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms when all three products are legal? Should a benevolent employer be shackled with OSHA requirements, perhaps forcing it to move overseas? Belligerent employers simply need to be libel for their actions.

I would vote to return the legislative process to the legislature. If Congress itself had to enact each regulation, the number of regulations in existence would be drastically reduced.

September 8 Challenge

What is the federal government's role in homosexuality?

John Kozlowski's response:

The federal government should not permit, promote, or regulate homosexual conduct. The traditional family, consisting of a husband and a wife and the children born to them, or adopted by them, is the only family unit that is, and should be, protected by the federal government.

It is the state's option, as many states do, to regulate sodomy or other homosexual acts. The federal government must not attempt to override those laws. New York has chosen to allow homosexual parades. In these parades, naked men commit lewd acts of sodomy in full view of the public. The federal government must not dictate that these types of acts be exported to the streets of North Carolina, or any other state.



The Traditional Family

There is an effort underway to first recognize homosexual "marriages" in one or more states, and then use the "full faith and credit" clause in Article IV of the Constitution to force other states to recognize those "marriages." A marriage, by definition, is between a man and a woman. I would implore all states to resist any effort to redefine marriage.

It is a distortion of "full faith and credit" to redefine the term "marriage." Would North Carolina want to recognize a marriage from another state between a man and a man, or a man and two women, simply because that other state redefined marriage? I will fight any effort to redefine marriage at the federal level.

After years of hearing the cry that AIDS is spreading into the heterosexual community, the leading method of transmitting AIDS remains anal intercourse. It is not fair, kind, open-minded, or compassionate to endorse this kind of behavior when the price of the act is often death. To protect citizens, especially the young, we must abhor this type of behavior, not offer it as a valid lifestyle option.



The Distortion of a Family

It is unconscionable that federal funds are being used to indoctrinate younger generations into accepting homosexual acts as normal behavior. Using federal education dollars to contribute to the moral crisis in our nation is wholly unacceptable.

I would not vote for any bill that permits, promotes, or regulates homosexual conduct by the federal government. I would remove any connection between homosexual indoctrination and federal education dollars. I would not vote to offer any special privileges to the homosexual community. I would fully endorse state laws regulating sodomy and other lewd acts. I will stand firmly behind the sanctity of the traditional family.

September 9 Challenge

Does Character Matter?

John Kozlowski's response:

As a servant of the people, character is as important as positions taken on various issues. Violation of good character traits sets a precedence that can be as destructive as bad laws. We cannot separate personal lifestyle from policy positions in determining leadership qualities.

No one is faultless. However, there are qualities necessary for leadership that requires a history of no gross violations. Personal history must be free of a pattern of violations, such as drunkenness, or in most cases a single violation of good character, such as adultery.

A leader is a role model, how he leads his personal life gives license to others. If a leader commits adultery, he gives license to others to say, "If he can do it, than it must be fine for me too." If a leader demonstrates faithfulness to his spouse, then others are encouraged to say, "That is the way I want to be." Do we want our kids to emulate George Washington, or Bill Clinton?

The marriage commitment is essential. How can you trust someone to be a leader, if he cannot be trusted to keep his marriage vows? Adultery, children out of wedlock, aborted children, and the like are all acts that cannot be tolerated in leadership. Although these acts are forgivable, they have consequences that cannot be escaped.

Illicit drug use and drunkenness demonstrate that a leader may not be available when a time of crisis suddenly arrives. Leaders must be available! Additionally, a leader cannot be a creditable advocate of laws when he violates those very same laws, or other laws that he chooses.

If a leader claims to be a part of a particular faith or denomination, yet violates the tenants of that faith, how can he be trusted to be a man of faith? He is no different from someone who uses an alleged faith for political gain.

Failings of character can also lead to bad decisions by leaders. A threat of exposure, or an effort to cover-up an act could lead to a high price paid by others. If character is the first issue, then cover-up is a non-issue.

Apathy concerning these character issues has led to the moral crisis in our nation. However, these standards are lived by many and they are worthy of leadership. Our nation will be better off with leaders whose lifestyle is worth emulating. These standards may require the removal of many from office. If so, our nation would be well served by their replacement.

As I entered the race for US House in 1997, I put in writing a list of "Absolute Commitments." If I violate any of those commitments, past, present, or future, I will leave office. Those commitments include remaining faithful to my wife and living my faith. If I cannot live my commitments, then I cannot be trusted. We should expect the same of anyone in leadership.

September 10 Challenge

What should be the U.S. policy towards China?

John Kozlowski's response:

Our number one export should be freedom.

In 1987, President Reagan stood at the Brandenburg Gate of the Berlin Wall and demanded “Mr. Gorbachev, Tear Down This Wall.” Today, you can buy pieces of it as souvenirs. President Clinton’s policy of “constructive engagement” allows China to export billions of dollars to the United States. They have no motivation to reform.

In exchange for cheap toys with our Happy Meals, we are exporting American jobs. We see a potential market of a billion cola drinkers, and CD listeners but are turning a deaf ear to the cry for freedom. **We need a principled relationship, not a “cash register” foreign policy.**

Shortsightedness has sold technology to China to ensure that their missiles will not just land near the White House, but right in the Oval Office. They claim that their missiles are no longer targeted at the United States. However, changing that targeting back is as quick as changing channels on your television with your remote control that was made in China.

The Nazi concentration camps are now museums, the Soviet Gulags seem to be closed, but in China, there are 1,200 documented Laogai, present day gulags, with millions of prisoners. At the Auschwitz concentration camp, it was "Arbeit Macht Frei," “work makes free.” In China, it is Laogai, "reform through labor." How little has changed! Laogai are prison camps that frequently bring in entire families to perform forced labor, and be “re-educated.”

From industrial equipment to clothing, much of the output from these camps is sold in the United States. Most American’s would find it repugnant to learn that the raincoat they bought at Kmart was one of 73 tons of raincoats made by slave labor and sold in the US. Since China is such a closed society, how do we know what is and what is not made from slave labor when it is stamped “Made in China?”

Abandoning Chairman Mao’s policy of population growth, the Chinese government now forcibly limits the size of families through “pregnancy certificates,” forced abortion, IUDs, and sterilization. This callousness for life has now developed a market for human organs. Organs are harvested from as many as 17 prisoners a day. Some, perhaps, before the prisoner is executed. Free societies do not offer organs on demand.

The Chinese people have a rich history, a fascinating culture, and a great deal to offer. I welcome those who have come to the United States to be a part of this great “Melting Pot.” However, doing business with a Communist Regime only strengthens the regime’s power over its people. We can never accept this kind of abusive regime as a trading partner! There must be a heavy price to pay for the atrocities they commit.

I personally avoid the purchase of Chinese-made products out of respect for the Chinese people. I will vote against Most Favored Nation status for China, or any other policy that promotes the multi-billion dollar trade deficit with China. I will stand against the exportation of American jobs, especially to slave labor camps. I will stand against any technology transfers to China, especially those that can be used for military purposes. **I will be an advocate for the people of China who are yearning to be free.**

September 11 Challenge

Should English be our official language?

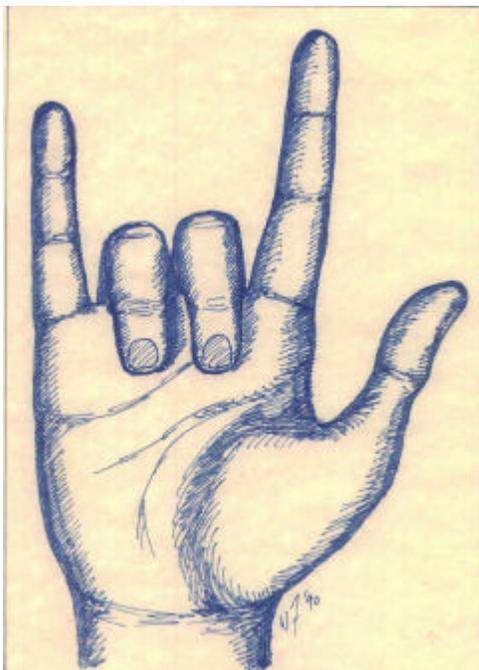
John Kozlowski's response:

Ja, Oui, Sí, and definitely yes.

We rarely hear the term “melting pot” anymore in reference to our nation, but that is what we were, and what we should remain. People came from around the world to the “New World” to be an American. They brought their culture and language with them, but blended in with the others that were here. They took on our language and did not become an island.

The tendency towards multiculturalism will turn our nation into a fragmented society. As these fragments solidify, the tensions between the cultures will grow. Eventually, this could lead to similar circumstances to those we see in Yugoslavia. We see the language differences within our northern neighbor, Canada, as the prime motivator in the recent attempt to break up the nation.

We have immense freedom in our country to move freely between the states, to interact with people, engage in commerce, find new places to live and work, and deal with local governments. If our language fractures, that freedom will be gone.



Not all Americans can share the spoken word. Above: The universal sign for “I love you!”

The federal government must not impose the language on a free people. However, it must set the model by ensuring that all government business and all citizens’ interaction with government is in a unified language.

All written and oral communications of the United States Government must remain in English. There are some clear exceptions, mostly as we deal with foreign nations. The only group of Americans that needs to have an additional language recognized would be the deaf community. In written documents, we share the English language. However, the deaf community must be allowed to use American Sign Language or another language they choose for themselves.

I would cosponsor H.R. 123, the English Language Empowerment Act, with an appropriate amendment for the deaf community.

September 12 Challenge

Which candidate has the best chance to beat Mel Watt?

John Kozlowski's response:

This may seem like an important question to the Republican establishment in Washington DC, but it remains a moot point with principled voters. There is no point in replacing Mel Watt, unless we can replace his far-left philosophy with true conservative values, the values that founded this nation and made it great. Replacing Mel Watt with a conservative in name only would actually be more destructive than reelecting him.

Recent polling has confirmed that the combination of the redrawn district, Mel Watt's liberal voting record, and the Clinton Administration's demoralization of the Democratic Party will result in a victory for whichever candidate wins the Republican nomination.

If we elect a representative that is a conservative in name only, we will only slow our continual decay. **We will remain bogged down on the peripheral issues, and not counterattack on the fundamental issues.** We will focus on de-funding the National Endowment for the Arts, while ignoring the larger issue of the destructive federal education establishment (September 3 Challenge). We will salve our conscience by standing against partial birth abortion, while millions more are sucked out of their mothers through a plastic tube (August 31 Challenge). We will fight a good fight for tax reform, but still send just as many tax dollars to Washington (September 2 Challenge). We will talk about our right to have a gun to hunt with or protect ourselves from crime, but ignore the purpose of the Second Amendment (September 1 Challenge).

We must elect someone who will stand for the principles that were important enough for us to separate ourselves from Britain, and fight a war over. Our representative must be someone who lives the family values that are the fundamental building blocks of a strong nation. We must have someone who served in our military to know the value of dedication to country and the need for a strong defense. We must have someone who has been in the business world and has felt the destructive power of government on free enterprise.

Therefore, the question is not who can beat Mel Watt, but with whom do we want to replace him? Do we replace him with someone who is conservative in name only, or can we do better? I have been the only candidate who had the fortitude and conviction to challenge the other candidates and define the debate for this election. At the same time, I have offered sound reasoning to you, the voter, on the issues, so you would know exactly where I stand.

September 14 Challenge

If you win Tuesday, to what would you attribute your victory?

John Kozlowski's response:

I would attribute my victory to several things.

My message has content. Others have been sending flyers saying, "I am concerned," and "I am qualified," never naming a single issue for which they will stand. Instead, I have offered substance. These challenges and my web site are an indication of that. Others subscribe to the philosophy of "say as little as possible and this way more people will agree with you." I believe that I must state issues clearly, offer rational solutions, and back them up with reasoned arguments. People want a real fighter, not another compromising politician.

I have been able to back my message with history. Many candidates have said that they are pro-life, but their only justification is, "I have written checks for years," or "I have carried a sign." I have experience with a frontline ministry, serving women one-on-one. As another example, all have said that they support the Second Amendment, justifying it by saying they hunt, or "because it is important." Several times, at gun shows, someone has asked, "How can I believe that you will be any different once you are in Washington?" My answer has been, "I carry a gun." The typical response was a smile of satisfaction.

I have revolutionized the campaign process by the use of email and the web, while some of the candidates have tried to buy this election with \$7,000, or even \$71,000, of their own money. They litter public right-of-ways with campaign signs, to show that they can spend their money. I have a multitude of billboards that demonstrate a personal commitment by those who paid to put them up.

I have been promoting fundamental issues, not peripheral ones. I have offered real solutions to reduce the size of government, and eliminate federal income taxes (September 2 challenge), rather than taking bows for being against the marriage tax penalty. I have discussed the Life issue in detail (August 31 challenge) and supported the Right to Life Act, rather than just simply taking the easy way by standing against partial birth abortion. I have argued for impeachment (August 26 challenge), rather than jumping on the bandwagon of asking for the President's resignation. I have also argued the Second Amendment from the foundational reason for its existence (September 1 challenge), rather than just supporting those who want to hunt.

Finally, and most importantly, for more than a year many people within the district, around the state, and across the nation, have been in prayer for this election. Their prayers have deeply humbled me. **To God be the glory!**

September 15 Challenge

What bills would you introduce in Congress?

John Kozlowski's response:

I would introduce, or cosponsor, literally hundreds of individual bills to reduce or eliminate federal agencies. I would offer all other members of Congress the opportunity to cosponsor each one. Most of these bills would probably never see the light of day, but every member of Congress would be on record as to either wanting the federal government to shrink or wanting it to remain the monstrosity it is today. This simple concept could become a decisive tool in the hands of the voters in the 2000 elections.

Many criticize the National Endowment for the Arts for supporting blasphemy, pornography, and homosexual "art." Even if most people considered all the art funded by the NEA wholesome, it is not a function of the federal government. The government may commission art for a federal building, a government seal, and the like, but it has no constitutional mandate to entertain any segment of the public.

The Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms became infamous at Waco. Think about these three, alcohol, tobacco, and firearms - all three products are legal. Why do we have such a heavily armed government agency regulating legal products? The abuse of power shown by this agency, that is ultimately accountable to the President, is legendary. I want to stop it.

Years ago we had National Educational Television (NET). Like most federal agencies, they evolved and grew into the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Sesame Street and Barney are just two of the very successful programs they produce. There is no need for an agency that has such profit making ability to receive yet more funds from the taxpayers. They could be privatized and continue to be a success. The profit motive would enhance their ability to provide even better programming.

There is a litany of alphabet soup agencies that need to be reduced, privatized, or eliminated. OSHA, LSC, FEC, FEMA, EPA, DOE, etc. are all functions that the federal government has no constitutional mandate to perform, and can all be performed more efficiently by the private sector, if they are truly needed.

If the taxpayers were to receive an itemized bill showing what they pay for each of these agencies, they would be shocked. We need to remove the government's power to enslave the taxpayer in order to pay for their atrocities. I will build a coalition that will put every member of Congress on record as to whether they support this slavery, or want to stop it by reducing the size of government.

Other bills involving the Second Amendment, Right to Life, and taxation have been covered in depth in previous challenges. Please visit my web site for information on these.