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In the American System of Government, a Constitutional Republic, it is a fundamental axiom that Congress is the legislative branch that has the power to make laws, but those powers are limited and enumerated. Accordingly, Congress does not have the right to pass laws outside of its expressly delegated powers.

What powers does Congress have?

The powers are spelled out in Article 1, Section 8.

The Congress shall have Power:

To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

To borrow money on the credit of the United States; To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes;

To establish an uniform Rule of Naturalization, and uniform Laws on the subject of Bankruptcies throughout the United States;

To coin Money, regulate the Value thereof, and of foreign Coin, and fix the Standard of Weights and Measures;

To provide for the Punishment of counterfeiting the Securities and current Coin of the United States;

To establish Post Offices and Post Roads;

To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries;

To constitute Tribunals inferior to the supreme Court;

To define and punish Piracies and Felonies committed on the high Seas, and Offenses against the Law of Nations;

To declare War, grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal, and make Rules concerning Captures on Land and Water;

To raise and support Armies, but no Appropriation of Money to that Use shall be for a longer Term than two Years;

Where in this section do we see power to take money from American citizens and give it to foreign oligarchs in the Ukraine? Or the United Nations?

Where do you see authority for a Department of Education or a Department of Energy?

The idea of the United States being a "world police" to send or bombs and soldiers off to foreign lands is a complete repudiation of the heritage of liberty and independence that our nation was founded upon.

Consider this proclamation from **John Quincy Adams**, perhaps the most experienced foreign policy president in the history of our nation. **On July 4, 1821 he delivered this message to the U.S. House of Representatives:**

AND NOW, FRIENDS AND COUNTRYMEN, if the wise and learned philosophers of the elder world, the first observers of nutation and aberration, the discoverers of maddening ether and invisible planets, the inventors of Congreve rockets and Shrapnel shells, should find their hearts disposed to enquire what has America done for the benefit of mankind?

Let our answer be this: America, with the same voice which spoke herself into existence as a nation, proclaimed to mankind the inextinguishable rights of human nature, and the only lawful foundations of government. America, in the assembly of nations, since her admission among them, has invariably, though often fruitlessly, held forth to them the hand of honest friendship, of equal freedom, of generous reciprocity.

She has uniformly spoken among them, though often to heedless and often to disdainful ears, the language of equal liberty, of equal justice, and of equal rights.

She has, in the lapse of nearly half a century, without a single exception, respected the independence of other nations while asserting and maintaining her own.

She has abstained from interference in the concerns of others, even when conflict has been for principles to which she clings, as to the last vital drop that visits the heart.

She has seen that probably for centuries to come, all the contests of that Aceldama the European world, will be contests of inveterate power, and emerging right.

Wherever the standard of freedom and Independence has been or shall be unfurled, there will her heart, her benedictions and her prayers be.

But she goes not abroad, in search of monsters to destroy.

She is the well-wisher to the freedom and independence of all.

She is the champion and vindicator only of her own.

She will commend the general cause by the countenance of her voice, and the benignant sympathy of her example.

She well knows that by once enlisting under other banners than her own, were they even the banners of foreign independence, she would involve herself beyond the power of extrication, in all the wars of interest and intrigue, of individual avarice, envy, and ambition, which assume the colors and usurp the standard of freedom.

The fundamental maxims of her policy would insensibly change from liberty to force....

She might become the dictatress of the world. She would be no longer the ruler of her own spirit....

[America's] glory is not dominion, but liberty. Her march is the march of the mind. She has a spear and a shield: but the motto upon her shield is, Freedom, Independence, Peace. This has been

her Declaration: this has been, as far as her necessary intercourse with the rest of mankind would permit, her practice.

We must understand that if we allow members of congress to violate their oath of office, it is up to us to take them out of office. Here are the worst offenders in Michigan. **All of these people completely fail to abide by the Constitution and must be replaced:**

“F” Graded Members of Congress from Michigan



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✗				No
2. Sen. Rand Paul's (R-Ky.) amendment to S 2226 Declaration of War (Rejected 16 to 83 on 7/19/2023, Roll Call 191). Recognizes that the North Atlantic Treaty "does not supersede the constitutional requirement that Congress declare war." See U.S. Const., Art. I, Sec. 8.				
★			\$13,314	Yes
3. HR 5860 Continuing Resolution (Passed 88 to 9 on 9/30/2023, Roll Call 247). Appropriates federal funding at bloated fiscal 2023 levels. See U.S. Const., Art. I, Sec. 8.				
★			\$2,405	Yes
4. HR 4366 Consolidated Appropriations Minibus (Passed 82 to 15 on 11/1/2023, Roll Call 284). Provides roughly \$279 billion in spending for three of the 12 fiscal 2024 appropriations bills. See U.S. Const., Art. I, Sec. 8.				
★			\$+1,187	No
5. S J Res 43 Student Loan Repayment Rule (Rejected 49 to 50 on 11/15/2023, Roll Call 310). Formally disapproves of an unconstitutional Department of Education rule to repay and forgive student loans. See U.S. Const., Art. I, Sec. 8.				
★			\$+1,131	No
6. Sen. Paul's (R-Ky.) amendment to HR 6363 Spending Reductions (Rejected 32 to 65 on 11/15/2023, Roll Call 311). Reduces funding in the bill for most federal agencies by 15 percent, and rescinds \$30 billion in IRS enforcement funds. See U.S. Const., Art. I, Sec. 8.				



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★	✗		\$+4	No
1. H J Res 44 ATF Firearm Brace Rule (Rejected 49 to 50 on 6/22/2023, Roll Call 171). Formally disapproves of an unconstitutional ATF rule expanding the definition of a "short-barreled rifle." See U.S. Const., amend. 2.				
✗				No
2. Sen. Rand Paul's (R-Ky.) amendment to S 2226 Declaration of War (Rejected 16 to 83 on 7/19/2023, Roll Call 191). Recognizes that the North Atlantic Treaty "does not supersede the constitutional requirement that Congress declare war." See U.S. Const., Art. I, Sec. 8.				
★			\$13,314	None
3. HR 5860 Continuing Resolution (Passed 88 to 9 on 9/30/2023, Roll Call 247). Appropriates federal funding at bloated fiscal 2023 levels. See U.S. Const., Art. I, Sec. 8.				
★			\$2,405	Yes
4. HR 4366 Consolidated Appropriations Minibus (Passed 82 to 15 on 11/1/2023, Roll Call 284). Provides roughly \$279 billion in spending for three of the 12 fiscal 2024 appropriations bills. See U.S. Const., Art. I, Sec. 8.				
★			\$+1,187	No
5. S J Res 43 Student Loan Repayment Rule (Rejected 49 to 50 on 11/15/2023, Roll Call 310). Formally disapproves of an unconstitutional Department of Education rule to repay and forgive student loans. See U.S. Const., Art. I, Sec. 8.				
★			\$+1,131	No
6. Sen. Paul's (R-Ky.) amendment to HR 6363 Spending Reductions (Rejected 32 to 65 on 11/15/2023, Roll Call 311). Reduces funding in the bill for most federal agencies by 15 percent, and rescinds \$30 billion in IRS enforcement funds. See U.S. Const., Art. I, Sec. 8.				



The Michigan Congressional Delegation STINKS!

Let's get organized and get serious.

The Reality is that it takes about 300 well trained, organized patriots to flip a congressional district from UGLY to:

Republican Leader in the Michigan Senate



Aric Nesbitt

Senate District SD-026
Republican



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This legislator voted constitutionally on **67%** of the votes shown below.

★ Pro-liberty	✘ Anti-liberty	? Did not Vote	Vote
1. SB34 Collective Bargaining (Passed 20 to 16 on 3/21/2023). Abolishes "right-to-work" provisions for private employees, eliminating their ability to refrain from labor organization and collective bargaining.			No ★
2. HB4032 Abortion (Passed 20 to 18 on 3/8/2023). Repeals criminal sentencing guidelines for administering an abortion.			No ★
3. SB50 Juneteenth (Passed 37 to 1 on 5/17/2023). Designates Juneteenth a public holiday on June 19th.			Yes ✘
4. HB4697 Drop Boxes (Passed 28 to 9 on 6/27/2023). Requires each city or township to have at least one absent voter ballot drop box that registered electors in that city or township may use to return voted absent voter ballots and completed absent voter ballot applications.			Yes ✘
5. SB303 Clean Energy (Passed 24 to 14 on 5/24/2023). Extends the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program to cover privately owned agricultural property, alongside existing commercial and industrial coverage.			No ★
6. SB83 Red Flag Law (Passed 20 to 17 on 4/19/2023). Enacts a red flag law known as the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act			No ★

Let's get to work!

How can we know who to work with and who we should stay away from?

Use these guiding principles to form your team:

We believe the American system of government, a constitutional Republic, is the finest ever developed by man.

We believe the traditional moral values of our Judeo-Christian heritage form the cornerstone of western civilization and that the family is the most vital unit of society.

We believe the free market system, competitive capitalism, and private enterprise afford the widest opportunity and highest standard of living for all.

We believe in the dignity of the individual. We welcome people from all ethnic racial and religious backgrounds judging others only by character and ability - as we wish to be judged ourselves - our common bond is a love for liberty and our rejection of totalitarianism under any label.

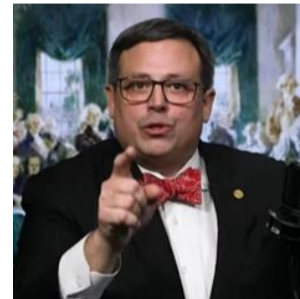
We believe that individual rights are endowed by our creator, not government; that the government's function should be limited to protecting our right to life, liberty, and property; and that individual rights are inseparably linked to individual responsibility.

If you agree with the above concepts, you are a "Bircher" so let's get organized in local chapters of the John Birch Society to start impacting your community. In this way we can still work as an organized team statewide without concern of interference from the political thugs that set out to lynch Kristina. Join here: [Join the John Birch Society : The John Birch Society \(jbs.org\)](http://Join the John Birch Society : The John Birch Society (jbs.org)). You can also reach Michigan JBS field officer Rhonda Miller at: rmiller@jbs.org

The fight continues!

If you have any comments or questions for MRP, please contact us at: info@puregrassroots.org.

Yours in Service,



R. Morris Owens, J.D.

Director of Communications for Michigan Republican Policy

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