

# Survey of St. Louis, MO Candidates for Local, State, and Federal Office

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Victims of Communism  
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The Victims of Communism – St. Louis Commission (VOC-STL) is affiliated with the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation (VOC), an educational, research, and human rights nonprofit devoted to educating future generations about the ideology, history, and legacy of communism.

VOC-STL conducted a survey with all candidates for local, state, and federal office in the St. Louis, MO area. The goal of the survey is to address candidate views on communism, and how they would be willing to recognize individual victims of communist regimes.

Along with our leadership, supporters, and volunteers, there are many individuals who are very passionate about this important topic. This includes the large number of immigrants who fled communist countries for a better life in St. Louis.

If you would like to hear from any of the candidates who did not complete the survey, please contact them directly and refer them to [stl@victimsofcommunism.org](mailto:stl@victimsofcommunism.org) or 314-282-7069. The survey will remain open for additional responses.

Findings reflect the responses of 53 candidates.

The survey was conducted between June 12<sup>th</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.



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Office	Number of Survey Responses
Attorney General	1
Circuit Attorney	1
City Treasurer	3
Committeeman/Committeewoman – St. Louis city	13
Committeeman/Committeewoman – St. Louis county	9
Governor	4
Lieutenant Governor	2
Sheriff	0
St. Louis County Executive	1
Secretary of State	2
State Representative	7
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State Treasurer	1
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# PARTICIPANTS

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

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DANIEL ZDRODOWSKI

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# KEY INSIGHTS

## **Do you believe there are victims of communism?**

- Forty-nine (49) candidates stated that they believe there are victims of communism.

## **Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced? Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?**

- Fifty (50) candidates believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced; and are also concerned about the spread of communist ideology.

## **In various open-ended questions, candidates also shared their personal experiences and perspectives on communism and its victims.**

See below for individual responses, listed in alphabetical order by office and by candidates' last name.

# SURVEY RESULTS

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### ELAD GROSS

What is your name?	Elad Gross
For what office are you running?	Attorney General
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	Millions of people have been oppressed, lost civil liberties, and even lost their lives due to autocratic communist regimes.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	We need to support refugees. As Attorney General, I will protect all of our civil liberties, and I will start a Civil Rights Division at the Attorney General's Office. I will also advocate to reduce bureaucracy in our government and make it easier for residents to access important services. As Attorney General, I will be the public's advocate, and I will travel to visit with all of our state's communities, protect Missourians' from scams, improve our health care systems, reimagine our justice system, enforce equity of opportunity, and make our government more accessible to We the People. We need to make sure our democracy works.

<p>Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?</p>	<p>One of the best ways to ensure folks do not surrender their rights to autocratic regimes is to ensure our democracy works and is a model government for others. Right now, our democracy is broken. I have fought very hard to protect our democracy from monopolists and corrupt officials. As an Assistant Attorney General of Missouri, I improved the efficiency of the office and saved taxpayer money. As a volunteer Special Public Defender and as a civil rights attorney, I improved our justice system and forced needed reforms to protect our civil rights. As an advocate for transparency in our government, I have won a landmark ruling to protect Missouri's Sunshine Law. I've exposed corruption in our Attorney General's Office, written ethics legislation, and have fought my entire career for our state's children to have real opportunity in our education system.</p> <p>Many Americans are losing faith in our system of government because of the corruption, because the American dream seems more distant by the day. We need an Attorney General who will bring accountability back to Missouri and bring integrity back to our national political system.</p>
<p>Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.</p>	<p>In any form of government, folks with unchecked power will take advantage of We the People. Monopolists are buying our democracy from under us, and, if we do not fight back, we risk losing our country. We need to take back Missouri first. And as</p>

Attorney General, I'll be able to unravel the national network of corruption that is selling our state to the highest bidder. This is an extremely important office that can do so much for Missouri and for our country, and we all need to rise to the moment.

## CIRCUIT ATTORNEY

### DANIEL ZDRODOWSKI

What is your name?	Daniel Zdrodowski
For what office are you running?	Circuit Attorney
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	Between direct killings and failed economic policies, well over 30 million innocent people have died from from communist "revolutions" during the past 80 years.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	I do whatever I can to raise awareness of the immeasurable suffering caused around the world by Communism, so as to decrease the likelihood that it will spread here.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes

What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?

Whenever I hear pro-communism rhetoric, I am quick to remind those who have forgotten about the tens of millions of innocent people who have died as a direct result of failed communist policies.

Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.

## CITY TREASURER

### JEFFREY BOYD

What is your name?	Jeffrey Boyd
For what office are you running?	City Treasurer
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	I don't know
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	I didn't have enough information about this subject matter
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	I will support them within the scope of my authority to ensure their rights are protected
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	I have not had any conversations with anyone in reference to people living on the City of St Louis being oppressed by communism

Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.

N/A



## DON DE VIVO

What is your name?	Don De Vivo
For what office are you running?	City Treasurer
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	All communism turns into dictatorship
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	Work to put America on the right track on Human rights
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	I run for an elected office in a almost Democratic country
Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.	I am unhappy with the current state of our Government

## ROBERT VROMAN

What is your name?	Robert Vroman
For what office are you running?	City Treasurer
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	Its impossible to hide the deaths of millions.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	I support open immigration to St. Louis for people fleeing oppressive regimes. We are severely underpopulated.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	I have been heavily involved in electoral politics supporting free-market candidates at every level since 2007.
Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.	

## COMMITTEEMAN/COMMITTEEWOMAN – ST. LOUIS CITY

### NANA AGYEMAN-GRAHAM

What is your name?	Nana Agyeman-Graham
For what office are you running?	Committeeman/Committeewoman - St. Louis city
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	Lots of research and personal experience...
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	More billboards and awareness in HIGH Schools and colleges...
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	Speak out against whenever there's a teachable moment...
Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.	

## MARK COMFORT

What is your name?	Mark Comfort
For what office are you running?	Committeeman/Committeewoman - St. Louis city
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	Evident from any review of history
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	Communicate and educate. Assist them tangibly if they are refugees
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	I've been active in politics since learning initially from Barry Goldwater and Phyllis Schlafly - over 55 years ago
Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.	

## MARY ENTRUP

What is your name?	Mary Entrup
For what office are you running?	Committeeman/Committeewoman - St. Louis city
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	Communist countries jail dissidents, limit free speech, control the wealth and limit individual ingenuity.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	Whatever I can.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	Advocate wherever and whenever possible to friends, family. I am a lifelong Democrat and NOT a Socialist Democrat. I also incorporate Democratic ideology in both my personal and professional life.

Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.

I am a Democrat. I run as a Democratic candidate and I vote for Democratic candidates. I believe that if you run as a "Socialist Democrat" then establish your own organization expose your ideals. Don't pretend you are a full fledge Democrat, yet expose socialist/communist ideals. Be who you are.

## JACQUELINE GONZALES

What is your name?	Jacqueline Gonzales
For what office are you running?	Committeeman/Committeewoman - St. Louis city
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	I have listened to the stories of people who have immigrated to Saint Louis from communist countries and they are heartbreaking, Those have been living examples of the disasters of communist regimes.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	I will continue to fight against communist and socialist ideals. I will do whatever is necessary to fight for the freedoms that our refugees have sought out here throughout our city.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	I have spoken truths of the dangers of communist ideology and the history of disgusting practices forced upon of citizens living within communist countries while also supporting candidates who do not bow down and accept this theory.

Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.



## JOE HODES

What is your name?	Joe Hodes
For what office are you running?	Committeeman/Committeewoman - St. Louis city
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	The obvious historical record.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	I would assist in educating them about the availability of public and private resources available to them if they are recent immigrant or refugees. I would also encourage them to become involved in their communities.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes

What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?

I have tried to spread the message that communism is still, sadly, a force to be reckoned with. I have also tried to help differentiate between liberal Democrats, progressives, socialists and communists and how communism is not just a flavor of liberalism but a totalitarian ideology that needs to be stopped.

Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.

## MARY ANN JACKSON

What is your name?	Mary Ann Jackson
For what office are you running?	Committeeman/Committeewoman - St. Louis city
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	People is not doing their Job in office and destroy our community and Job ,home family , school. people not holing the elected official accountable
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	I will find resources for each victim/ward/ district we are lack of police presence in the community and residents have learned to trust police again. residents have engaged in their community more with each other. resident scare to set on their front and late their children play outside. because of shooting and drugs, GANGS activity in the Neighborhood they have taken over the Neighborhood.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes

<p>What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?</p>	<p>I have been a victim of my self and been calling the police for help and try to find the resource to help me out inn the community .but there is no resource available in our community. I try to trust in the police its not working the way it should. when you have the police serve you and no resource to help out. where you God from their beside call on God.</p>
<p>Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.</p>	<p>We the people have to come together and work together an make the change and this my reason to run for 27 ward committeewoman in the 27 wards its time for new leadership with the people and the power need to be back in the people hand 27 wards community been taking over by drugs, Gangs we want our Neighborhood back and we can do it, God, we trust</p>

## BYRON KEELIN

What is your name?	Byron Keelin
For what office are you running?	Committeeman/Committeewoman - St. Louis city
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	One only needs to read history to understand the brutality and cruelty committed by communism.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	Help them achieve their citizenship so they register to vote.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	Involved in local politics to work for candidates that support the Constitution.
Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.	

## MARY THERESA MCLEAN

What is your name?	Mary Theresa McLean
For what office are you running?	Committeeman/Committeewoman - St. Louis city
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	After hearing a presentation to our STL City GOP Committee, I was shocked at how communism has infiltrated our city, below the radar.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	support the organization through social media.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	No
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	Told family members who paid attention to what I was telling them, but sadly they did not believe me. Hopefully, I have planted a seed so that if they hear it from another source, they'll feel that it exists.
Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.	

## IAN MCVEY

What is your name?	Ian McVey
For what office are you running?	Committeeman/Committeewoman - St. Louis city
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	The history is pretty clear.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	Hear their concerns, and provide any assistance personal or political, that I could.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	Campaigned against the president of the Missouri/Kansas Communist party in the previous election.
Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.	

## JOE PALM

What is your name?	Joe Palm
For what office are you running?	Committeeman/Committeewoman - St. Louis city
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	I've seen it every day.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	I have refugees in my ward and we do whatever we can to support them. It varies depending on the support needed including resources in different languages and other types of support. This could include personal items, groceries, etc. I would hear their stories, help them understand the differences between their home countries and the United States in terms of rights and freedoms. Sometimes it takes awhile for them to get acclimated and get comfortable.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes



Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	I help a lot of people in the neighborhood and in the community.
Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.	

## TERI POWERS

What is your name?	Teri Powers
For what office are you running?	Committeeman/Committeewoman - St. Louis city
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	Have known some who fled Communist countries during the Cold War; have personally witnessed attempts by elected officials who call themselves "socialists" and yet support documented communists in City elections.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	I work for social and criminal justice reform and out candidates who are communists to the voting public
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes

What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	Called out electeds and candidates on their communist ideologies and provided education to voters
Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.	

## CYNTHIA RICE

What is your name?	Cynthia Rice
For what office are you running?	Committeeman/Committeewoman - St. Louis city
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	History is replete with many examples of executions, religious persecutions, and imprisonments of dissidents by Communist regimes. In addition, there are many in the present time who suffer economic deprivation and political repression by their Communist governments. China and Venezuela are clear cut examples.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	As a Committeewoman, I am essentially a volunteer activist. As such, I do not command any substantial political and economic resources to help victims. However, I can certainly educate and enlighten my fellow citizens about the dangers of Communism and financially support any charitable organizations that assist victims.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes

What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?

I have been involved in political activism that supports the rights and freedoms of the American people as guaranteed by the Constitution. That would include belonging to organizations promoting freedom, speaking to different groups, peaceful protest on Life issues, supporting candidates for political office, supporting ballots issues aligned with freedom and liberty, and opposing ballot issues that seek to diminish freedom and liberty.

Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.

## WILLIAM SUGGS

What is your name?	William Suggs
For what office are you running?	Committeeman/Committeewoman - St. Louis city
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	No
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	Communism, like capitalism, is an economic political theory incapable of killing anyone.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	No
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	No
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	I'd do the same for them as I would for any other Democrat in the ward.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	No
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	No

What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	Nothing
Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.	I identify as a socialist and intend to build political support for such an economic system here at the local level. I am not a communist.

## COMMITTEEMAN/COMMITTEEWOMAN – ST. LOUIS COUNTY

ADAM BOHN

What is your name?	Adam Bohn
For what office are you running?	Committeeman/Committeewoman - St. Louis county
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	I think the millions of deaths at the hands of Stalin, Mao, Pol Pot, etc. speak for itself.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	As committeemen serve to promote the party/work to get members of their party elected, and, as the Democrat Party has been overtaken by the evils of communism, socialism, and the like, I would work to educate victims of communism about the Republican Party's stance on individual liberty and capitalism and invite them to join our party in working to oppose the communist policies of the Democrat Party. Additionally, absent direct interaction with victims of communism, I would also continue to advocate for Republican candidates who are steadfast opponents of communism and its evil ideology.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes



<p>Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?</p>	<p>I have worked to oppose any creeping authoritarian ideologies of candidates in both the democrat party and my own party. I work for and support candidates who promote liberty, of which communism is an enemy. I speak out in social media when people, whether knowingly or without familiarity, promote authoritarianism and denigrate capitalism.</p>
<p>Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.</p>	

## MARJORIE DAHMER

What is your name?	Marjorie Dahmer
For what office are you running?	Committeeman/Committeewoman - St. Louis county
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	Communism is a governing g philosophy that requires force to subject it's citizens. Communist countries oppress their citizens using imprisonment, torture and murder.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	Economic assistance and English lessons so that they could get jobs and access fully the economic activity that our country offers.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	Volunteered for candidates for public office that cherish freedom and opportunity.
Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.	

## RUSSELL DAHMER

What is your name?	Russell Dahmer
For what office are you running?	Committeeman/Committeewoman - St. Louis county
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	Having studied some of the history of the Soviet Union , Cuba, and Red China, it is abundantly clear that through famine, work camps, secret police, and a host of other oppressive means that millions have been victimized by Communism.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	The best thing to do is support their continued success as free people through education in making their way in a free society and personal encouragement to do so.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	No
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	I have been supporting the campaigns of freedom supporting Republicans since 1994 with personal efforts, money, and teaming.

Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.

I am a constitutionalists, defending freedom, limited government, life, and the Second Amendment.

## TERESA DOUGLAS

What is your name?	Teresa Douglas
For what office are you running?	Committeeman/Committeewoman - St. Louis county
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	I have friends that were victims.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	Support them in getting their story out to the public.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes

What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?

In the past, I was an organizer with God and Country to present a symposium with people that escaped from Russia, Cuba, and Nazi Germany. They had the chance to tell their story to our new generation.

Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.

## LADONNA HIGGINS

What is your name?	LaDonna Higgins
For what office are you running?	Committeeman/Committeewoman - St. Louis county
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	My next door neighbors came to the US from Belarus. They have not told me specific stories about their lives there, but they do say they are very glad to be in America. I also worked with a young man whose family left Moscow when he was a young boy. He wanted to return to visit his grandmother, but couldn't because if he did he would have immediately been inducted into the Army. Forced conscription is not an indication of a country that values personal freedom.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	The Libertarian Party does not believe government is the proper avenue for charity. Private organizations provide better service without the high overhead associated with bureaucrats. The International Institute in St. Louis is a wonderful organization that assists immigrants, and I would recommend that they contact that organization.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	No

<p>Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?</p>	<p>The Libertarian Party values individual freedom, and advocates personal responsibility. Communism is the direct opposite of what Libertarians stand for.</p>
<p>Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.</p>	<p>The Libertarian Party has been an established party in the state of Missouri since 1992. I am running for Libertarian committeewoman in Creve Coeur township in St. Louis county.</p>



## ANDY HOUGH

What is your name?	Andy Hough
For what office are you running?	Wild Horse Township Committeeman
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	About 100 million killed last century.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	Support them in an effort to share their experiences with others who don't understand the hell of living under a communist regime.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	Preach to everyone I have a chance to discuss our current trend toward global communism.
Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.	The BLM movement and ANTIFA are using tactics similar to leftists at the beginning of the Chinese Cultural Revolution.

## LISA KALISKI

What is your name?	Lisa Kaliski
For what office are you running?	Committeeman/Committeewoman - St. Louis county
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	My family history. My father's birthplace of Estonia was occupied by for about 50 years by a communist country, which forcibly imposed its laws on Estonia.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	Ensure they have the resources they need to be able to be successful citizens of the St. Louis area and the USA.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	No
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	To be honest, nothing other than voicing my opinion about many things on social media. But that doesn't mean I don't care. Communism is a serious threat.

Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.

My father and grandparents fled Estonia in 1944 when the Russians returned to occupy the country. It was years later before my grandmother was able to communicate with her mother, who she never saw again. My great-grandmother lived long enough to know she had a great-grandchild, my sister.

**JAMES S. ROWE**

What is your name?	James S. Rowe
For what office are you running?	Committeeman/Committeewoman - St. Louis county
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	There is no private property under communism, which is a loss of a God granted liberty. This is a violation of the tenth Commandment, you shall not steal, which assumes private property.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	Listen to their concerns and see if I could provide assistance.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	No
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	Not a lot. I helped victims of the fall of South Vietnam through the church (Hope Church) I attended
Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.	

## TOM WILSDON

What is your name?	Tom Wilsdon
For what office are you running?	Committeeman/Committeewoman - St. Louis county
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	Freedom is essential for mankind to flourish
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	Elect more Conservative Republicans with an active Foreign Policy
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	Elected 5/6 Republicans to statewide office, re-elected US Senator Roy Blunt in 2016, elected US Senator Josh Hawley & re-elected Congresswoman Ann Wagner in 2018. Elected super majorities to the Missouri State House & Missouri State Senate.

Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.

Chair Grassroots Subcommittee STL County Republican Central Committee  
Chair 24th Senate Dist  
Founder City of Maryland Heights 1984-85  
Police Commissioner 1086-1994

## JUDY ZAKIBE

What is your name?	Judy Zakibe
For what office are you running?	Committeeman/Committeewoman - St. Louis county
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	I have seen a little about it but confess I am ignorant to most of it. I will need to do some research.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	I don't know
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	No

What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	Hmmm, other than speak against it, not much
Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.	I would be glad to speak about it if I knew about it, hence the no answer to speaking.



# GOVERNOR

## RIK COMBS

What is your name?	Rik Combs
For what office are you running?	Governor
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	Hundreds of millions of victims of communism over the years are a testament to communism's brutality.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	We must band together to educate and fight the thrust of modern communism. A never-ending struggle, the battle continues and I'm glad to oppose communist ideologies.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	Daily efforts over the past 40 years plus a career in the USAF dedicated to eradicating communism from the planet.

Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.

Hate communism--will oppose and fight all the days of my life.

## SAUNDRA MCDOWELL

What is your name?	Saundra McDowell
For what office are you running?	Governor
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	Communism is taking over our country. Soros and other funders are destroying our country. They are here in Missouri and trying to take over Missouri. We must fight against this. It's a battle of good vs. evil.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	I would like to discuss solutions with you all and speak with these victims about what they need.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	I've been speaking out about this domestic terrorism and making plans to combat it once in office.

Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.

I'd love to meet with you all to discuss ways I can help in your efforts as the Governor of Missouri.

## JAMES W. (JIM) NEELY

What is your name?	James W. (Jim) Neely
For what office are you running?	Governor
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	Communism is an oppressive form of government.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	Promote individual freedoms.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	Promoted liberty and freedom as an 8-year member of the Missouri State Legislature.
Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.	

## RALEIGH RITTER

What is your name?	Raleigh Ritter
For what office are you running?	Governor
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	Communism has destroyed countless lives.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	I would uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Missouri Constitution.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	I've been involved in constant ideological debate with those that support Marxism.
Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.	

# LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

## KELLY DRAGOO

What is your name?	Kelley Dragoo
For what office are you running?	Lieutenant Governor
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	Innumerable atrocities have been perpetrated under the name of communism.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	No
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	No
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	Missouri should be open to helping all who need refuge from oppression. I believe in, and would seek through legislation, more public funding towards vocational training, small businesses, and housing to help those who are forced to flee their native countries.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	No

<p>What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?</p>	<p>I have, for the last decade, identified as a Green Communist with the understanding that all work is work and should be valued as such. My understanding of communism is theoretical and academic, as I have not ever lived in a communist country. Having said that, I know there are victims of communism and that to those people, nothing is theory. I will reconsider my own political ideology/nomer.</p>
<p>Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.</p>	<p>5. Communism is an ideal to move towards, how it plays out is not the fault of the words on the page. Authoritarian and dictatorial regimes which use the guise of communism to commit genocide and war upon their own people are not what I am referring to when I speak of communism.</p> <p>9. That does not seem like a place I should be speaking, but rather a place I should be listening.</p>



## GREGORY A UPCHURCH

What is your name?	Gregory A Upchurch
For what office are you running?	Lieutenant Governor
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	By definition, repressive regimes tend to create victims.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	The path to citizenship is the way forward. We need better mental health services in Missouri to help cope, energize and reinvigorate OUR collective society, expressly promoting all citizens as equals.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes

<p>What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?</p>	<p>I have educated myself toward the evils of oppressive governments through the acquisition of my Masters Degree in Public Administration and my extensive travel throughout North and Central America, Europe, Asia and Australia.</p>
<p>Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.</p>	<p>Thank you for the opportunity. #Missouriisforeveryone <a href="http://www.Upchurch4MO.com">www.Upchurch4MO.com</a></p>

# ST. LOUIS COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## JAMIE TOLLIVER

What is your name?	Jamie Tolliver
For what office are you running?	St Louis County Executive
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	I am unsure
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	I say that I am unsure if there are victims of communism because I cannot say that the 'victims of communism' as you have presented them is all inclusive. As a person of color in this country, the historical associations with communism and persons like myself make it harder for it to be viewed in the same way in its entirety.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	No
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	No
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	Education and communication are the pillars of my political platform. It is my belief that being willing to hear the stories and histories of all people, allow us to understand each other more and have a deeper respect for each others collective history. It is not a secret especially in this current climate that the perceptions of some if not the reality for us all. I checked that I am not concerned with the spread of the communist ideology because I do not seek to conceal any part of history. I believe all parts of our history should be recognized, taught and understood. Perhaps, the wording of the question (use of the word 'spread') does not effectively communicate what was meant by the group.

<p>Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?</p>	<p>I cannot say that I have personally worked in any regard as it relates to communist ideology .</p>
<p>Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.</p>	<p>I answered 'No' in response to the question : "Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?" not because I do not believe it is in part responsible or because I do not believe there are indeed victims of communism in communist countries, but rather I am unsure If I possess enough information to say that communism is indeed "directly related" to the political oppression of a group. It is my knowledge and belief that leadership is directly responsible for oppression in what we know to be communist countries. I can't say that these leaders believe at all in the communist ideology as it is defined: 'a philosophical, social, political, economic ideology and movement whose ultimate goal is the establishment of a communist society, namely a socioeconomic order structured upon the ideas of common ownership of the means of production and the</p>

absence of social classes, money, and the state' as evident in their acts of dictatorship. I am open to discussion and sharing thoughts and ideas that exceed my education and current knowledge of how the communities I move within view communism and how it has had an effect here in America and especially St. Louis.

## SECRETARY OF STATE

### PAUL LEHMAN

What is your name?	Paul Lehman (Did not complete survey online. Emailed responses below.)
For what office are you running?	Missouri Secretary of State
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	n/a
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	n/a
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	n/a
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	n/a
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	n/a
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	n/a
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	n/a
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	n/a

Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.

(Comments sent via email)

Communist Countries have varying degrees of oppression just as is true in capitalist democratic societies. There are dictator fascist countries that are as bad and worse than some "communist" countries. Therefore, "communist" countries should not be painted with the same brush as if oppressive capitalism is absolutely superior in nature! Cuba is a good example of a "communist" country that got rid of fascist capitalism and replaced that, for a time, with totalitarian communism, and the poor were lifted up out of economic desperation and the wealthy were stripped of their wealth. Through evolution, controls over public lives have been relaxed while private wealth remains controlled.

I am a candidate for Secretary of State in Missouri on the Green Party ticket. My platform is to remove all obstacles to voting. Voting is a democratic right and responsibility. Every citizen would be registered to vote at the age of 18 or upon naturalization of citizenship. In each election, the county clerk would mail out a coded ballot by priority mail to every citizen in that area, who would mark their ballot and mail it back to be postmarked by election day to be counted. No more registration deadlines, or absentee ballots, or notarized signatures, or suppression of the vote efforts. After 230 years of the evolution of voting rights, true democracy will be the fully realized.

## PAUL VENABLE

What is your name?	Paul Venable
For what office are you running?	Missouri Secretary of State
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	This is an odd question. It really doesn't matter whether or not one believes it. History is filled with the results of communism and it leaves countless victims in its wake. It continues to plague nations by other euphemistic names like, socialism and globalism, but the end result is the same.
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	See the answer to Question 3 above.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	I would use the power and structure of government to empower the people to be productive and free to make choices regarding their economic pursuits for their benefit. It is imperative that government works in such a way that it strengthens and empowers families.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes



What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?

I have taught the principles of liberty for years and continue to do so. It is indeed an important work to remember and educate regarding the excesses and detriments of communism, but in America, we have a solution and it is enshrined in our founding documents, The Declaration of Independence and The Constitution for the United States of America. I teach courses on these and the underlying principles of Liberty as a personal mission. It is just as important and possibly more so, to promote the solutions as it is to denounce the problem.

Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.

America has the answer to communism. However, it will fall to communism itself if it doesn't do two things right away:

First...all communist regimes have rejected God and His will. If we are to survive in America, as Americans, we need to have a spiritual revival on a mass scale. George Washington had this to say in that regard:

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens."

- George Washington Farewell Address 19 September 1796  
(<https://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?flash=false&doc=15&page=transcript>)

Then we have from John Adams, signer of The Declaration of Independence and second President of the United States,

"We have no Government armed with Power capable of contending with human Passions unbridled by ... morality and Religion. Avarice, Ambition, Revenge or Galantry, would break

the strongest Cords of our Constitution as a Whale goes through a Net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious People. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."  
- John Adams to the Massachusetts Militia - 11 October 1798  
(<https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Adams/99-02-02-3102>)

It is alarming to see the troubles we are having in America without addressing the source of the problems. The first is that We the People must return to God.

The second thing that must be done is for the people to awaken and learn of the power we already have to be certain that our government at every level is the servant and not the master. Learn the Constitution and its principles and then promote and teach them. Please join me in this mission to restore Liberty to our communities and to America! Go to [youwin.paulvenable.org](http://youwin.paulvenable.org) to learn more.

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE

### LUKE BARBER

What is your name?	Luke Barber
For what office are you running?	State Representative
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	Some past stories of concentration camps and prisoners of war
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	Help them pursue the American Dream. Focus on Getting rid of oppression and focus on. Economic opportunity and recovery.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes

Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	Educated self on some issues of communism.
Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.	

## ROBERT CRUMP

What is your name?	Robert Crump
For what office are you running?	State Representative, District 82 and Committeeman St. Louis city
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	There are religious persecutions in communist (or dictatorial) countries. The fact that you have defectors from these countries is testament to these realities. Karl Marx's philosophy is a godless philosophy.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	If I was a state representative, I'd have to find out where these individuals are and if possible I'd invite them to come to Jefferson city and tell their story. Much of the St. Louis media isn't talking about this. But there are alot of people who've survived these regimes and I'd like to share their stories. I would work to share their stories whether through newsletter or other means for those living in the 82nd district. Public or virtual meetings could help with this.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes

<p>Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?</p>	<p>I'm concerned about this in terms of property. I've stood up for the free enterprise system, which provides so much good for so many people and is an antidote for communism. I've advocated for lower taxes, and always take a no tax pledge.</p>
<p>Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.</p>	<p>I think that there's actually only 2-3 democrats at city hall who might agree that there are victims of communism. I understand this is intended to be a bipartisan group, but I will say is that if victims of communism want to improve their situation they need to vote Republican as this party will support you. President Trump and Josh Hawley are anti-communists and I'm glad we still have people in this country standing up against communism. I hope to be one of the people working towards this important effort.</p>

## TIMOTHY GARTIN

What is your name?	Timothy Gartin
For what office are you running?	State Representative
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	Communism is an oppressive system of government that hurts all its citizens.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	I would be pleased to learn more about their individual issues as they integrate into the United States.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	I voice my opinion frequently on the dangers of communism.
Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.	

## WILLIAM HEISSE

What is your name?	William Heisse
For what office are you running?	State Representative
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	The communist system that has or is being practiced in some countries restrict individual rights and civil liberties. It is an oppressive system of government that has created hardship for the citizens.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	Provide resources for social and economic well being, assist with job placement and address any additional concerns that the residents of my district would have.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	I served my country for six years in the United States Marine Corps.
Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.	



## STEPHEN R JOHNSON

What is your name?	Stephen R Johnson
For what office are you running?	State Representative
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	Holodomor among other things.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	Attempt to remove government impediment to economic opportunity.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	No
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	As a libertarian, everything I do is to spread ideas of individualism, the true antithesis to communism.
Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.	I'm not studied enough in specifics to speak at an event.

## GABRIEL JONES

What is your name?	Gabriel Jones
For what office are you running?	State Representative
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	100+ million have been killed by communist regimes in the last century, and millions more have been jailed or displaced.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	I recently spoke with someone in my district who fled Vietnam ten years ago to escape the Communist Party there. He was so glad to be here in the US and was adamant about supporting Republicans because he recognized that the Democrat party supports communist policies. As a candidate for office, I would support victims of communism in my district by standing firmly in opposition to communist policies. I think we could probably do more to help these victims adapt to American life through things like helping them with access to ESL classes and job training.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes

What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?

I'm running for office.

Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.

## JEAN PRETTO

What is your name?	Jean Pretto
For what office are you running?	State Representative
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	I have close personal friends who came to America to escape the evils of a communist regime.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	Include them. Recognize the hardships they have had to undergo and help them to enjoy their freedom in America.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	As a former educator, I feel as though my strength was in promoting democracy.
Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.	

## STATE SENATE

### WILLIAM C (BILL) HAAS

What is your name?	William C (Bill) Haas
For what office are you running?	State Senate
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	sure, but you should define communism and victims
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	people living under totalitarian regimes with civil rights abuses; communism is usually state ownership of property with dictatorship government or oligarchy?
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	No
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	No
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	All peoples should have supportive services they need to thrive and be well.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes

What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?

You never define communist ideology and that's a fault of your survey. Are you concerned with totalitarian regimes that aren't communist? Shouldn't we all be? I think some aspect of socialism, more fair distribution of wealth, have merit. Communism seems more of a political ideology than an economic one.

Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.

## MICHAEL HEBRON

What is your name?	Michael Hebron
For what office are you running?	State Senate
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	Of course I believe there is victims of communism. I would be an idiot to think otherwise. Why else would so many people flee to the USA from their homes in other countries.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	My Tag line for my campaign is "A VOICE FOR ALL". For some reason the local refugees do not like republicans from what I was told. I am here to change that. I believe that current events are backed by the big presence of socialist groups that that are in turn are backed by the underground Communist. I was also told that many of the democrats are getting big money for their campaigns by pacs that are for the socialist/communist movements. I also have not seen one person in any campaign in the city of St. Louis back any group outside the African -American community (maybe a little for the LGBTQ+), but no other groups/communities-- Please do not get me wrong, I am for equal rights and equal treatment for all people no matter the the color of their skin. I am a REALTOR and I am very much in line with the code of ethics they have and think all people and businesses should have the same code of ethics. There is many others that live in the city limits of all different cultures and all voices need to be heard and helped. I am here to help keep the

	<p>the vision of what the country was built on with the constitution and bill of rights. I would love to be some help.</p>
<p>Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?</p>	<p>To be honest, at this point I have done nothing besides saying in public that I do not care for the communist ideology. I am just an ordinary citizen, that is just getting into politics. I am scared of the future for my children and grandkids that they will not have the freedoms we in the United States have today.</p>
<p>Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.</p>	<p>I would need the help of the members of this group to fight against the current candidates that seem to be leaning towards this fast moving movement that was started and lead by self acclaimed Marxist. They would like nothing less than to be in a communist state or a close form of it.</p>



## MITCHELL KOHLBERG

What is your name?	Mitchell Kohlberg
For what office are you running?	State Senate
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	Because it is an ideology that eliminates private property and leads the way to to totalitarianism and restrictions in human rights.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	By reducing the bureaucracy in regards to regulations and restrictions for the individual and small businesses, many will be able to thrive and achieve self sustainability.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes

<p>What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?</p>	<p>As a law enforcement officer I uphold my oath as a defender of the United States Constitution and Missouri's Constitution. By doing so, this allows every individual in my city to go about their day without fear of someone violating their rights.</p>
<p>Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.</p>	<p>I value the United States Constitution and Missouri's Constitution. I believe we all have the inalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It is the duty of state government to secure such rights for all individuals.</p>

## DAVID LENIHAN

What is your name?	David Lenihan
For what office are you running?	State Senate
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	We see this daily from Venezuela and Hong Kong (today) to the revolution in el Salvador (2005) and the refugees in the US. I also know several people from Venezuela and the effect the Maduro government has on their families.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	Yes, 100% Support in the Senate and from a psychology perspective. These individuals need support in the form of group therapy and mental health care. These services should be provided as part of an asylum program and covered under our medicaid services. These scars can never be erased but support can ensure that the victim knows there are people who care.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes

<p>What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?</p>	<p>I wish I could say I have done a significant amount, but I have not. What I have done is to listen to people from Hungary (family friends) and their difficult escape after the wall was constructed to friends from Venezuela talk about what their parents are going through to friends from Israel who escaped the USSR. From the ideology, I speak about the need to evoke free market principles to provide opportunities to people. The major failing of communism is that it takes away an individual right to opportunities and thus their ability to make life better for themselves and their family.</p>
<p>Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.</p>	<p>Communism occurs when you forget or disregard the past. On the face, communism can look enticing but in practice it is one of the most dangerous ideas to our prosperity and security. The best way to fight communism is to ensure that we are all given an opportunity to succeed and to ensure that we continue our right to live free from oppression and excessive governmental control. Victims of torture and communism leave life long scars that can last generations. We need to provide psychological services, support and fight against this ideology to ensure that America is here in the future.</p>

## STEVEN ROBERTS

What is your name?	Steven Roberts
For what office are you running?	State Senate
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	While I was a law student at Pepperdine University, I worked at a clinic where we helped refugees fleeing persecution in their home country obtain asylum in the United States. One of the clients I worked with sought asylum after being tortured and faced religious persecution.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	I would connect them with any resources I could find to help them obtain asylum.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	I have taken an oath to uphold our constitutional values and ideals not only as an elected official, but as a member of the Armed Forces as well. To defend against our nations enemies, both foreign and domestic.

Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.

## STATE TREASURER

### VICKI LORENZ ENGLUND

What is your name?	Vicki Lorenz Englund
For what office are you running?	State Treasurer
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	I represented a large Bosnian Community when I was a State Representative and know about their history of treachery
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	We need to make sure all ethnic communities have access to capital to keep small businesses flourishing all around Missouri
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	I presented a courtesy resolution honoring the victims of Genocide in Srebrenica
Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.	

## U.S. CONGRESS

### DR. WINNIE HEARTSTRONG

What is your name?	Dr. Winnie Heartstrong
For what office are you running?	U.S. Congress
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	Evidence from around the world.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	As you Congresswoman, I will propose bills that protect all Americans including victims of communism. More specifically, I will provide avenues for these victims to share their experiences without fear of reprisal.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	I continue to speak out against the spread of communist ideology as I talk to people on the campaign trail while running for Congress.



Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.

I strongly believe that communism in all its forms should be condemned, including the so-called "Democratic Socialism."

## MARTIN SCHULTE

What is your name?	Martin Schulte
For what office are you running?	U.S. Congress
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	The number of refugees and expatriates that have come from these countries speaks volumes.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	I would be a listening ear and voice on the victim's behalf. I oppose legislation that takes away the freedoms that are often suppressed by totalitarian communist regimes.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	I served in the United States Navy for nearly 24 years and support local non-profit organizations that support refugees.
Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.	

## OTHER (ST. LOUIS CITY COUNCIL)

### MARK BEHLMANN

What is your name?	Mark Behlmann
For what office are you running?	St Louis County Council District 4
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	I have seen the youth of today lacking respect, and feeling a sense of entitlement, out raged to the point of destroying public and private property, with no expectation of consequence. A free world can only exist with rules and regulations to be followed by everyone equitably.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	I believe many people are being taken advantage of. I believe it starts with education And having a proper education related to our history and the majority of the believes. Too many college professors take a liberal approach which I believe needs to be changed.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	Yes

<p>What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?</p>	<p>As a elected official to the Board of Education of the Hazelwood School District I have The opportunity to speak with many high school students. Holding a equitable conversation With providing examples quickly can open the eyes and minds of our youth to start them Thinking on their own.</p>
<p>Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.</p>	<p>Many of our school children, K-12, are suffering from a lacking family environment and are forced being raised with out a authority figure in the household. This phenomenon allows a child to grow not understanding, - respect, accountability, morale's, ethics, confidence, rules, and consequences, to name a few values desperately needed in a child's development. I am not strictly blaming parents, but I believe these values are taught at home.</p>

## ARNOLD TREMBLEY

What is your name?	Arnold Trembley
For what office are you running?	St. Louis County Council district 2
Do you believe there are victims of communism?	Yes
Why or why not do you believe there are victims of communism?	The victims of communism are a historical fact.
Do you believe that communism, as an economic and government system, is directly responsible for the political oppression that individuals in communist countries experienced?	Yes
Are you concerned about the spread of communist ideology?	Yes
What would you do to support people in your district/ward/city that were victims of communist regimes, including those who are citizens now, and recent refugees?	I support free association, private enterprise, and religious charities. I do not support government intervention in civil society.
Would you be willing to meet with individuals who identify as victims of communism and hear their concerns?	Yes
Would you be willing to speak at a Victims of Communism St. Louis Commission event addressing the concerns of the victims of communist regimes, or honoring those who stood up against communist regimes?	No
What have you personally done to help stop the spread of communist ideology?	I support libertarian organizations because they oppose communism.
Please provide any further explanation you have to any of the above questions.	