

Concern over Govt. class

Tue, Sep 10, 2024 at 6:12 PM

To: [REDACTED]

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From: Scott Upp <supp@lpcsc.k12.in.us>

Date: Tue, Sep 10, 2024 at 9:29AM

Subject: Re: Concern over Govt. class

To: [REDACTED]

Thank you Mr. [REDACTED] ...I will address this as well. Have a good day!

On Tue, Sep 10, 2024 at 9:10AM [REDACTED] wrote:

Mr. Upp,

Thank you for your response. Part of our concern was that after your email to the staff [REDACTED] said he told the class that someone was talking to the principal and telling what was going on in his class. Mr. DeMass then said he was going to find out who. Seems kind of like a threat and as we are sure you can understand it is an uncomfortable feeling.

Thank You,

Mr and Mrs [REDACTED]

On Tue, Sep 10, 2024 at 8:29AM Scott Upp <supp@lpcsc.k12.in.us> wrote:

Good morning Mr. [REDACTED]

I appreciate your email regarding the current situation in your student's government class. I did send out an email to staff about being careful when discussing politics. However, teachers were asked to review their curriculums and make sure that they are staying within the guidelines of their academic standards. I have copied the Government standard to help explain the assignment Mr. DeMass has assigned to his students:

USG.5.6 Explain how citizens in the United States participate in public elections as voters and supporters of candidates for public office. (E)

I have also spoken with Mr. DeMass (yesterday), as well as a few students in his classes, about making sure that there is not any one sided discussion or any "campaigning" for one side of the other. The students I spoke with have felt that Mr. DeMass is giving all students the same opportunity to share their viewpoints on these issues and does so without bias. In speaking with Mr. DeMass, he feels as if he is giving students opportunities to voice their opinions freely. Mr. DeMass and I also spoke about treading lightly on political views and conspiracy theories.

If you feel that this assignment is detrimental to your student's overall academic progress, we can alter the assignment in a way that can still meet the standard without infringing on her personal and political viewpoints.

I would ask that you email or call Mr. DeMass as well to allow him to explain any questions you may have concerning his class. This may clear up some of your concerns about his class. Thank you again for your email.

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Scott Upp

LaPorte High School Principal

Head Baseball Coach

Scott Upp

LaPorte High School Principal



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2025 Political Quiz

Answer the following questions to see how your political beliefs match your political parties and candidates.

FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES

Should the government increase or decrease military spending?

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- Increase
- Decrease
- Other stances

Should the U.S. continue to support Israel?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

Should the U.S. remain in NATO?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

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Should the United States transition to a four-day workweek?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

Should the technology of our financial system transition to a decentralized protocol, that is not owned or controlled by any corporation, similar to the internet?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

Should the U.S. raise taxes on the rich?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

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Should the government increase environmental regulations to prevent climate change?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

Should the U.S. withdraw from the Paris Climate Agreement?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

Should the government stop construction of the Dakota Access pipeline?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

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CRIMINAL ISSUES

Should funding for local police departments be redirected to social and community based programs?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

Should police departments be allowed to use military grade equipment?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

Do you support mandatory minimum prison sentences for people charged with drug possession?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

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HEALTHCARE ISSUES

Do you support the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare)?

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- Yes

Should the federal government increase funding of health care for low income individuals (Medicaid)?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

Should the government require employees of large businesses to be vaccinated from COVID?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

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DOMESTIC POLICY ISSUES

Should internet service providers be allowed to speed up access to popular websites (that pay higher rates) at the expense of slowing down access to less popular websites (that pay lower rates)?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

Should there be more restrictions on the current process of purchasing a gun?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

Should teachers be allowed to carry guns at school?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

Should the government impose stricter fuel efficiency standards on vehicles?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

Should the government require all new cars to be electric or hybrid by a certain date?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

Should the government implement stricter emissions standards for diesel vehicles?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

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Should the government use facial recognition technology for mass surveillance to enhance public safety?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

Should the President be able to authorize military force against Al-Qaeda without Congressional approval?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

Should the US assassinate suspected terrorists in foreign countries?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

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EDUCATION ISSUES

Should critical race theory be taught in K-12 education?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

Should the federal government pay for tuition at four-year colleges and universities?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

Do you support increasing taxes for the rich in order to reduce interest rates for student loans?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

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SOCIAL ISSUES

Should companies be allowed to require mandatory diversity training for employees?

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- Yes

What is your stance on abortion?

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- Pro-life
- Pro-choice
- Other stances

Should the government continue to fund Planned Parenthood?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

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IMMIGRATION ISSUES

Should illegal immigrants have access to government-subsidized healthcare?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

Should sanctuary cities receive federal funding?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

Should the U.S. build a wall along the southern border?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

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Should the government implement rent control policies to limit the amount landlords can charge for rent?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

Should homeless individuals, that have refused available shelter or housing, be allowed to sleep or encamp on public property?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

Should the government incentivize the construction of affordable housing?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

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Should the government require children to be vaccinated for preventable diseases?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

Do you support the use of nuclear energy?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

Should the government allow the commercialization of lab-grown meat?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

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ELECTORAL ISSUES

Should the electoral college be abolished?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

Should a photo ID be required to vote?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

Should foreigners, currently residing in the United States, have the right to vote?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

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TECHNOLOGICAL ISSUES

Should the government mandate that large tech companies share their algorithms with regulators?

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- Yes

Should the government implement stricter regulations on the use of cryptocurrencies?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

Should artists be held to the same reporting and disclosure requirements as hedge funds, mutual funds, and public companies when selling their artwork?

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- Yes
- No
- Other stances

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TRENDING ISSUE

Which political party do you most identify with?

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<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Equality	<input type="checkbox"/> Peace and Freedom	<input type="checkbox"/> Green
<input type="checkbox"/> Socialist	<input type="checkbox"/> No Labels	<input type="checkbox"/> Democratic
<input type="checkbox"/> Republican	<input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian	<input type="checkbox"/> Constitution
<input type="checkbox"/> Progressive	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent	<input type="checkbox"/> Other stances

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LOCAL ISSUES

How would you rate your current U.S. Members of the Federal Maritime Commission's integrity and adherence to ethical standards?

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<input type="checkbox"/> Way above average	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Way below average
<input type="checkbox"/> Above average	<input type="checkbox"/> Below average	

How would you rate your current U.S. Members of the National Endowment for the Humanities' communication with you and the public?

How would you rate your current U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services' communication with you and the public?

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- Way above average
- Above average

- Average
- Below average

- Way below average

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What do you expect the cost of leasing a car to be in a year from now?

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- Much higher
- Higher

- Same
- Lower

- Much lower

How would you describe the cost of leasing a car compared to a year ago?

[DISCUSS](#)

- Much higher
- Higher

- Same
- Lower

- Much lower

How would you describe the cost of buying a new car compared to a year ago?

[DISCUSS](#)

- Much higher
- Higher

- Same
- Lower

- Much lower

What do you expect the cost of buying a new car to be in a year from now?

[DISCUSS](#)

- Much higher
- Higher

- Same
- Lower

- Much lower

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Which qualities are most important to you in a candidate?

Which qualities are most important to you in a candidate?

- Commitment
- Honesty
- Consistency
- Courage
- Morality

- Common Sense
- Integrity
- Transparency
- Vision
- Effectiveness

- Determination
- Diplomacy
- Intelligence
- Leadership
- Other stances

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