

The War Path

Endless war is our energy policy; war, to conquer countries with oil and gas reserves; war against nature from the Gulf of Mexico to the Arctic Circle, to suck out every drop from our own oil and gas fields; war, to keep the economy growing.

Our dependence on fossil fuels has put us in a hole. Attempting to solve the problem by finding more energy is digging the hole deeper. Pollution and climate change are penalties of burning so much fossil fuel. Using alternative fuels to extend the fossil fuel economy makes the penalties heavier.

The war path is as futile as Lee's defense of the Richmond-Petersburg line. Every battle drains our resources faster than we can replenish them. We are making enemies faster than we can kill them. Our individual rights, the foundation of democracy, are being destroyed by the new American police state.

Our economy is failing us. Good jobs have been disappearing, sometimes replaced by low-wage service jobs and sometimes not at all. The middle class is vanishing. Too many are living off loans secured by housing equity, and the real estate bubble is deflating.

Our social and economic collapse, which is coming if we stay on the war path, will be worse than the collapse of the Soviet Union, because we have further to fall.

A Better World

Democrats and Republicans contend with each other to lead us on the war path. We do not have to follow. We can replace secrecy in government with democracy.

We can create an economy that helps people economize, to replace the one that encourages spending on ever-increasing consumption. We can create a government that provides services to people instead of providing people to serve the needs of corporate profits.

We can create livable cities with walkable neighborhoods and functioning public transportation. We won't need to make cars or drive them in order to live well.

We can create rural areas populated by family and cooperative farms. We don't need agribusiness and migrant labor to grow our food.

We can live in this world without exhausting natural resources and without wrecking the environment. We cannot do these things by making gasoline and other fuels cheap. Cheap gasoline in the past decades has encouraged us to use it in stupidly wasteful ways.

We should have instead a hefty carbon tax on all types of fuel, including gasoline, to encourage conservation while addressing carbon emissions and global warming. We should also remove all subsidies for energy - tax breaks for ethanol production, depletion allowances for oil and gas

wells, and the cap on liability for nuclear power, to name a few - to allow the true cost of different forms of energy to show up in the market price.

We can't have job security, or retirement security or national security with an unsustainable economy. Democrats and Republicans alike tell us their economy will provide us with jobs, income, health insurance and all the rest of the American Dream. They would have us believe in this as though it is a national religion. They are preaching a false religion.

We can have universal health care and real social security if we throw out the office holders who are steering our government in the wrong direction. Still, it will take more than just electing me and a few other Green candidates to accomplish the real change needed in our society.

What I can do, if elected, is make this agenda a prominent part of the public debate. I can be sand in the gears of a corrupt machine, and an organizer for the movement to make energy conservation prevail over waste, to make social justice prevail over savage inequalities, to make peace prevail over war.

There are hundreds of ways we can actively work to save our neighborhoods and the planet. If you are not doing the work in your neighborhood or at your job or your school, then perhaps nobody is. If you do your part, then together, we can change the world.

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Biography

I'm 62 years old, a Vietnam veteran, married for 35 years and counting, the father of two sons (both deceased), a resident of Michigan since 1972 and of Pleasant Ridge since 1978.

I'm a member of the Union of Concerned Scientists, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Sierra Club and the Friends of the Ferndale Library. By profession, I'm an engineer. I've worked manufacturing solar electrical panels for some years. I'm certainly not a professional politician.

I'm running for U. S. Representative on the Green Party ticket, not because I now want to make a career of politics, but because I cannot go along with "business as usual" where Republican and Democratic candidates sell themselves with ads as false as those for painless penis enhancement pills.

Spoiling

The accusation that a Green candidate will "spoil" an election is simply an argument to vote for the Democrat in that election. Used against a Libertarian candidate, it is an argument to vote for the Republican. In either case, the underlying idea is that Democrats and Republicans between them should own the government.

In practical terms, Democrats and Republicans do own the government, with terrible results, including but not limited to our wars of conquest and the abandonment of the idea that government should serve the people. I want to break that bi-partisan monopoly on political power.

Art Myatt

Green Party
candidate for
United States
Representative
Michigan's 12th District



**Impeach
Bush**

**Bring the
troops home
now**

**Revive
Democracy in
America**

**Rebuild our social safety net,
our cities, our local
economies**

**Remove all subsidies for
energy**

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**Let Washington know you're
through being screwed by
the two-party system**