



# Douglas Campbell for Governor

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## **Still Waiting for a *Real* Debate – Knock WOOD** **Green Candidate Campbell Ready to Talk Peace, Jobs, & Justice in GR**

**Dares DeVos Jr., Granholm to Join Three-Way Debate at CMN in Troy Oct. 18**

“Last Monday night at ‘KAR,  
You couldn’t see the big guy thar –  
Still, he’ll be there at WOOD tonight . . .  
Why does he give them such a fright?”

Douglas Campbell, two-time candidate for governor of the Green Party of Michigan (GPMI), will be at WOOD TV8 (120 College Avenue SE, Grand Rapids) tonight – ready to make a real debate out of what could otherwise be just another dull hour of seeing Dick and Jen reciting their TV Spots.

Campbell was turned away by WKAR-TV last Monday as he went to check in for their debate, which had been touted for its open format. Barred from the public airwaves by a public television station, Campbell spoke instead to the press and crowd outside the studio. Meanwhile, the two candidates aired, who rejected public financing of their campaigns in favor of big money from special interests, turned in performances that polls and pundits suggest lost both of them votes.

Campbell has two more TV debates scheduled. If his better-known but later-on-the-ballot challengers refuse to meet him in the town-hall forum 8pm Oct. 16 at WXYZ in Southfield, he dares them to join him, Libertarian Gregory Creswell, and Bhagwan Dashairya of the US Taxpayers Party in a mixed Q & A/moderated-forum debate to be taped at Community Media Network in Troy starting at 5:30pm Wednesday, Oct. 18.

The CMN debate – moderated by Charlie Langton, host of his own weekly current-events show on WXYT AM 1270 – will be offered to community-access stations across the state. Campbell hopes viewers will welcome a chance to hear a real debate about the real issues of “Peace, Jobs, & Justice” that Michigan is facing – but mainstream candidates aren’t.

Campbell has plenty of examples to offer. “The voters of Michigan need to know they can vote for a governor who understands that bringing Michigan National Guard troops home, and ending the ‘war’ in Iraq, can also bring home enough money to plug the SBT hole in our budget six times over. Dick and Jen can’t or won’t tell you what they’d do to rebuild the competitiveness of our auto industry and cut what our state spends on gasoline in half – no wonder they don’t want to let me tell you about my plans. And they can’t give you a good reason why they support shooting doves – Michigan’s bird of peace – because there isn’t one. That’s why most Michigan voters and I say no to Proposal 3.”

Campbell urges voters to join him, too, in thanking CMN for doing the job of the journalists. “And tell the rest of the media you want them to include everyone who’s **on** the ballot **in** their debates – and our positions in every article, and our names in every poll – from now on. You deserve to know about **all** the candidates you’ll face on the ballot.”

For information on Campbell, running mate David Skrbina, and their platform and views, visit [votecampbell2006.org](http://votecampbell2006.org).

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**from Doug Campbell's correspondence with WOOD TV8:**

Tuesday evening at 8:00 still works for me. I'll be at the WOOD-8 studio anyway; all you would need to do is to set out three more podiums and persuade Dick, Jr. and Jen to summon up the courage to debate me.

Or not. Maybe you could just announce that there's a last-minute change; all five candidates will debate. The public ought to know whether they're prepared to respond to an emergency, and how well they adapt to a sudden change of circumstances might be a good test. Who controls your studio and programming, anyway?

I'm sure the station management will "find" a policy paper which spells out reasons for colored (Green) candidates to be made to sit at the back of the bus. WKAR-TV "found" one, but frankly, it's horseshit. It's nothing more than a smokescreen for an a priori decision to exclude all but Republicans & Democrats, like literacy tests were a smokescreen contrived to exclude niggers from the ballot while maintaining the pretense of objectivity.

Frankly, I don't see why the station management doesn't embrace an inclusive event. A television station lives or dies on its ratings, and the existing format isn't much different than the mudslinging campaign commercials we're already fed up with seeing. It's a drug-free insomnia remedy & emetic.

Having five candidates presenting four different agendas would certainly make for livelier, less-predictable television. It couldn't hurt your ratings and there's little chance that either Dick, Jr. or Jen will blacklist you; they're just too close and too competitive to be vindictive at the expense of a major media market.

That said, I have a regular 9-5 day job which I'd like to avoid interfering with. Over lunch hour is a possibility as is after 5:00. If a Monday taping would air on Monday, I'd prefer Monday. Otherwise, Wednesday would be better for me. (Provided I'm not in jail, unless you have connections that would permit interviewing me from the Grand Rapids city jail.) Call me on my cell phone tomorrow morning to hammer out details. (313) 717-5715

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Almost all great changes in American politics and culture have come about because of small groups of people discovering that they are not alone. Part of the job of the Green Party is to introduce these people to each other and give them a home.  
- Sam Smith

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[The above e-mail responded to WOOD TV8's invitation for an interview. WOOD TV8 has not addressed this proposal yet.]

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**Doug Campbell accepts CMN debate 5:30pm Oct. 18:**

From: Linneamari@aol.com  
To: jay@cmntv.org  
Sent: Mon, 9 Oct 2006 2:49 PM  
Subject: Re: Debate invitation

Douglas Campbell will be there and wishes me to thank you for setting up the debate.

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-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Mon, 9 Oct 2006 2:20 PM  
Subject: Re: Debate invitation

Dear Candidates:

I believe we have a debate! The Libertarian, Green and US Taxpayer party candidates have returned a favorable response and I am suggesting Wednesday, October 18 at our studio here in Troy. Taping to start at 5:30pm. The format is likely to be similar to those which we have conducted in the past (typically, ½ hr. Q & A w/rebuttals, ½ hr. moderated open floor discussion). I will have our moderator, Charlie Langton, explain that in greater detail once we have confirmation. He will also begin contacting several news journalists to participate as panelists.

Please respond with your availability at your earliest convenience. 248-589-7778

Thank you very much.

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