

<p>Background</p>	<p>1) For over 20 years, Presidents conducting military operations have relied on the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force which was hastily passed after 9/11 to go after those responsible for the attacks on New York and Washington. It was never intended as an open-ended "war on terrorism" without borders or constraints. A number of groups from around the state of Oregon have been urging successive Governors of this state to Keep Oregon's Guard in Oregon, from Gov. Kulongoski in 2008 to Gov. Kitzhaber in 2012 and Gov. Brown since 2015.*-2 *2- <a href="https://www.pjw.info/troopshomecampaign.html">https://www.pjw.info/troopshomecampaign.html</a></p>	<p>2) The State of Oregon is suffering from a lack of funding for basic services. Just a fraction of the Pentagon's \$780 Billion a year budget could provide housing, education, health care and infrastructure needs. In 2008 and 2012, respectively, the City Councils of Albany and Portland passed "war dollars home" resolutions calling for the money being spent on the military actions in Iraq and Afghanistan to be used instead for human needs.*-3 *3- Albany resolution minutes at <a href="https://www.cityofalbany.net/council/materials?filter=2008&amp;showonly=-">https://www.cityofalbany.net/council/materials?filter=2008&amp;showonly=-</a> Portland resolution at <a href="https://www.pjw.info/wardollars_city_final.html">https://www.pjw.info/wardollars_city_final.html</a></p>
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<p>No responses from:</p>	<p>David Beem, George L Carrillo, Peter W Hall, Dave Lavinsky, Genevieve Wilson H, Peter Winter, Dave W Stauffer</p>	<p>Wilson R Bright, Michael Cross, Ifeanyiichukwu C Diru, Michael Trimble, Tina Kotek, Tobias Read</p>
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<p>Keisha Lanell Merchant (Coach Kay)</p>	<p>Absolutely. I believe in mediation, interactive conflict resolution management systems. We are a wealthy and a portfolio of diversity that we should be able to create nonviolence strategies that exceed the historical hostilities and injustices through war and military campaigns. We can have better use of the military serving as service professionals as good Stewardship commitments.</p>	<p>Absolutely. We are an intelligent and very powerful country. I am sure we can create, innovate cutting edge technologies that can resolve our need for war and military campaigns but provide housing, humanitarian infrastructure to our Oregonians as well as our national needs to be interdependent relationships.</p>
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Patrick E Starnes	<p>Yes, I am willing to pledge to challenge Presidential requests to send Oregonians into unauthorized wars. Oregonians deserve to have the National Guard at home to assist in ongoing medical or natural disaster needs. I hope to influence the Federal Government to find nonviolent resolutions to international conflicts.</p>	<p>Yes, I will commit to urging the Legislature to cut military spending so that it can be spent on human needs. The Federal Government continues to increase military spending, while refusing to spend money on US Citizens and Residents at home. Citizens deserve to have their tax dollars spent on efforts that benefit them such as education, healthcare, pandemic aid, and more. The military does not need increasing funding to use on unauthorized or unnecessary wars.</p>

John Sweeney	<p>We need to clean house in the fedarl bovernment [sic] in 2022 &amp; 2024.</p>	<p>(only response posted in question 1)</p>
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Julian Bell	<p>Absolutely.</p>	<p>Happy to. Please remind me of this promise if you do not feel the process is moving quickly enough.</p>
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No responses from:	<p>John G Presco, Stefan G Streck (Stregoi), David A Burch, Bridget Barton, Nick Hess, Kerry McQuisten, Amber R Richardson</p>	<p>Reed Christensen, Bill Sizemore, Christine Drazan, Jessica Gomez, Bud Pierce, Stan Pulliam, Bob Tiernan, Court Boice</p>
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Brandon C Merritt	<p>Yes, with the important tasks we have given the Oregon National Guard, like airspace defense for the entire west coast up to Alaska, as well as disaster response, we must not leave ourselves understaffed.</p>	<p>No, a "fraction of the Pentagon budget" would not satisfy those needs. Domestic spending, especially on health care and education, are more than an order of magnitude larger than the defense budget. Even so, we need to be cutting federal spending, not merely re-allocating it.</p>
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Marc Thielman	<p>Yes, I am willing to pledge to challenge Presidential requests to send Oregonians into unauthorized wars, especially if they don't present a clear threat or challenge to our National Security. Endless "wars" have not brought about world peace and should be heavily scrutinized. The precious lives of our military personnel should not be committed to any action that is not directly in our national interest as consented by the people through our elected representatives.</p>	<p>Oregon is home to many veterans and multigenerational military families. Their service and sacrifices contribute to the safety and security of our State and Nation. I do not believe a blanket policy calling for cuts to the military budget in order to spend that money on human needs instead of war, or readiness for war, is an effective policy. Safety and security include military strength and readiness as the current war in Ukraine and the potential threats to peace and stability in Europe demonstrate. Upsizing or downsizing military spending should be done in relation to world events and the potential for global threats to our peace, security and a healthy economy. The facts are very clear, currently, the United States is spending record amounts of money on the military, AND on housing, education, and most notably healthcare as well as 1.2 Trillion on infrastructure. All these programs combined with entitlement programs &lt;truncated for length&gt;</p>
Tim McCloud	<p>Yes: war on behalf of the United States must be authorized through Congress.</p>	<p>Oregon has a right to reclaim monies which are not being used to protect and defend U.S. citizens in crisis at home. Oregon does not and cannot endorse any war conducted on behalf of the United States, without congressional approval.</p>

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<p>Raymond Baldwin</p>	<p>Oregon National Guard to me, has always meant OREGON'S National Guard, not the United States military. It is my position that the Oregon National Guard should always stay inside Oregon. And only be mobilized outside of Oregon to assist other states within our country. And not for foreign conflict. Neither the Oregon Guard nor our U.S. military should go into unauthorized wars.</p>	<p>As Governor, I would lobby Congress for cuts in the U.S. military budget for the reallocation of monetary resources for human needs, as it's needed for human rights. I would lobby for more funds for Oregon's National Guard, thereby increasing our national security.</p>

<p>Background</p>	<p>3) Analysts say that the US military is the single largest entity that is not a country in terms of its carbon footprint.*-4                  *4- Though only roughly 50 countries use more fossil fuels than the US military:  <a href="https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/06/190620100005.htm">https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/06/190620100005.htm</a></p>	<p>4) In 2019, Portland City Council voted for the second time*-5 to pull its officers from ongoing participation in the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). Part of the reason is the FBI's low threshold to conduct investigations on people, which conflict with ORS 181A.250. That statute prohibits law enforcement from collecting or maintaining information on people's social, political or religious affiliation with no reasonable suspicion of criminal conduct. The FBI has a long history of disrupting and harassing people of color, immigrants, Muslims and social change activists.                  *5- the first time being in 2005</p>
<p>Question</p>	<p>3) Given this connection between militarism and climate change, what steps will you take to influence US military policies in order to meet the state's climate goals?</p>	<p>4) What measures do you intend to take to either remove the Oregon State Police from the JTTF, or at least to ensure those given clearance to work with the FBI are following all appropriate rules and state laws?</p>

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<p>Keisha Lanell Merchant (Coach Kay)</p>	<p>The first largest entity that is not a country is human trafficking which includes slavery and free labor or under privileged labor that increases injustice and perils to our environmental justice efforts to be a green zone world and lifestyle. It is evident to wean our country off the breasts of war, violence, free labor, and injustice will start from getting more communities equipped, coached, mentored, resources, trained, and unification as an operation to be responsible of good Stewardship as a campus and not as a caste system.</p>	<p>It is time to appoint and give authority to more populations, communities to build new agencies that become checks and balances to all our entities as quality assurance standards to an egalitarian humanitarian society in Oregon and if possible Influence national transformation. It begins with innovation, inventing and the invitation of more communities at the table of resources, decision making and providing the support that will build an empowerment culture to be successful. Creating green zone conduct, societies are the common ground goals. We are all in need of Environmental Justice, good Stewardship commitments, and healthy and fitness for interdependency with the environment and with each other.</p>
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Patrick E Starnes	First and foremost I would implore the Federal Government to cut back military spending so that the military has fewer resources that increase their carbon footprint. Secondly, I would influence the Federal Government to craft more detailed policies that would provide a specific justification necessary and further approval to go to war. The US has been disrupting the autonomy of other countries and cultures by continuing to go into war abroad. Much of the produced carbon emissions from the military come from the movement of troops and equipment into other countries unnecessarily. Having a policy that restricts the ability to conduct military operations under heavily scrutinized circumstances would decrease the amount of operations necessary, therefore decreasing their carbon footprint.	I would remove the Oregon State Police from the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). The city of Portland was correct when they determined that the JTTF,Âs policies are against Oregon State law. The FBI has an institutional history of violating Oregon,Âs strong civil rights statutes. It is not constrained by state law, and can therefore gather information which would be illegal for Oregon law enforcement to gather and then share it with state police. As was demonstrated in the racial equity protests that took place throughout the summer of 2020, federal law enforcement collected information on, and targeted individuals based upon their political and social views as well as their associations with or targeted groups.

John Sweeney	(only response posted in question 1)	(only response posted in question 1)
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Julian Bell	Advocate for curtailment of pentagon spending.	I will work to ensure the State Police are occupied with other duties and not available for participation with JTTF activities.
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Brandon C Merritt	This is a federal issue, and not a state-level issue. The governor can do little more than virtue signal on this issue.	I will strictly hold the FBI accountable for following Oregon state laws.
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Marc Thielman	<p>The conflation of "militarism" to climate change is not rational. Human activity on the whole and it's connection to climate change is the only scientific way of assessing anthropogenic influences on earth temperatures. As for Oregon, the military presence in our state is much smaller than that of Washington and California. I believe that the military footprint and its contribution to carbon emissions in Oregon pales in comparison to those produced by the Portland Metro Area, and annual catastrophic forest fires fueled by bad Federal and State management policies.</p> <p>This being said my answer is NO steps should be taken to influence US military policies in order to meet the state's climate goals.</p>	<p>I would work to strengthen the partnership between the Oregon State Police, other law enforcement agencies and the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force. I watched for over 100 days as the terrorist organization of Antifah burned our Portland City streets and buildings, assaulted Oregon citizens, police officers, and private businesses. This being said, we have much bigger issues of concern than any alleged conduct from the FBI. We need to get our own house in order first, so we can then have the moral and ethical authority to call out the FBI and Federal Government. As for ORS 181, all State Police Officers are obligated to follow the law. If one is found to have violated this statute, processes exist to hold said officer accountable. Reasonable and appropriate accountability should be applied to all those who violate the law. Without agreed upon limitations, boundaries, and consequences we cannot maintain a civil society.</p>
Tim McCloud	<p>None; as Governor of Oregon, my focus will be on Oregon's environmental policies and ensuring that we have a green, clean, and beautiful state to live in. This means directing resources to meet individual climate needs at a community level.</p>	<p>As Oregonians, we call on Oregon law enforcement agencies to practice accountability and public stewardship; in accordance with all civil rights laws of the Unites States of America. Aggregate, non-identifying investigatory case data must be reported to ODOJ for periodic activity review and case-by-case constitutional analysis.</p>

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<p>Raymond Baldwin</p>	<p>I'm not convinced of this analysis of the U.S. military's carbon footprint; or for that matter, just what Oregon's climate goals are. However, I know the quality of the water in Oregon has been, and is, poorly managed. Especially in Canby, where fungus crops up yearly in our drinking water, during summer. Canby is not the only city with major potable water issues.                  Much of our air pollution comes from China. Our current president has done little in climate talks to persuade China to clean up their environment. I would lobby Congress and the president to increase efforts to clean up our military carbon emissions.                  Furthermore, as Governor I would lobby state legislation for hybrid hydrogen/electric buses in order to reduce the carbon footprint here in Oregon.                  My Grandfather, Edward Baldwin, operated the Council Crest Trolley, of which was electric.</p>	<p>In 2017 I sued Governor Brown in Federal Court, (case # 16;CV00109PK), for Title 18 Section 4 violation of the First Amendment (Access to The Record).                  I believe Gov. Brown used her authoritative position to send State Police officer "Diamond", who was in charge of the Joint Terrorism Task Force, along with an unnamed FBI agent, to my home, my sons home, and a friends house, looking for my chief legal assistant.                  Later when officer Diamond called and asked me what kind of person he was, I replied "ask your commandant, he knows him."                  At which point, he promptly hung up on me.                  As Governor, I would never abuse the authority of the office of governor by using law enforcement to hinder or interfere with investigations, civil or criminal, in order to cover up a crime. Kate Brown, in her whistle-blower retaliation and hate crime, violated ORS 181A.250</p>