GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME TO A DEBATE BETWEEN THE THREE CANDIDATES RUNNING IN UTAH'S FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. MY NAME IS NATALIE GOUCHNER ASSOCIATE DEAN OF THE DAVID ECCLES SCHOOL OF BUSINESS. IT'S MY GREAT PLEASURE TO MODERATE TONIGHT'S DEBATE, SPONSORED BY THE UTAH DEBATE COMMISSION. CONGRESSMAN ROB BISHOP, LEE CASTILLO, AND ERIC ELIASON ARE HERE WITH US ON THE BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS OF UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY IN LOGAN, UTAH. THEY ARE COMPETING TO REPRESENT VOTERS IN THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. BY THE WAY, HAVING ALREADY USED THE POLITICAL TITLE I WILL OMIT THOSE TITLES FROM THIS POINT ON. DURING TONIGHT'S DEBATE, CANDIDATES WILL BE ANSWERING MY QUESTIONS AS WELL AS QUESTIONS FROM OUR COUNT. MICHAEL LYONS IS A POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR AND SAM JACKSON IS A UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT STUDYING POLITICAL SCIENCE. WELCOME. IF YOU ARE WATCHING OR LISTENING TO THIS DEBATE LIVE WE ENCOURAGE YOUR QUESTIONS ON SOCIAL MEDIA USING #UTDEBATE. THE UTAH DEBATE COMMISSION'S FORMAT INCLUDES ONE-MINUTE ANSWERS FROM EACH CANDIDATE ALONG WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO OFFER A 30-SECOND REBATE. A RANDOM DRAW BACK STAGE DETERMINED MR. BISHOP WILL GET THE INITIAL RESPONSE TO THE FIRST QUESTION, FOLLOWED BY MR. CASTILLO, AND THEN MR. ELIASON. WE'LL THEN ALTERNATE WHO ANSWERS FIRST ON REMAINING QUESTIONS THROUGHOUT THE DEBATE. LET'S GET STARTED. GENTLEMEN, WELCOME. PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW WHY YOU ARE RUNNING FOR CONGRESS. TELL THE VOTERS OF THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WHY YOU WANT THIS JOB. MR. BISHOP, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. REP. BISHOP: WELL THANK YOU. THIS ELECTION IS NOT ABOUT ME OR ANYONE ELSE WHO MAY BE ON THE BALLOT. IT'S ACTUALLY ABOUT YOU THE CONSTITUENT IT'S YOUR CONGRESS, YOUR GOVERNMENT, YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO DECIDE WHO WILL BEST REPRESENT YOU FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS IN CONGRESS. WHO, AMONGST US, HAS POSITIONS, THE EXPERIENCE, THE CONSTITUTIONAL UNDERSTANDING, EVEN THE VALUES TO ACTUALLY BE THE BEST REPRESENTATIVE FOR YOU.
LIKE I'M THE ONLY REPUBLICAN THAT'S IN THIS RACE, I'M THE ONLY CONSERVATIVE AND I'M PROUD OF THOSE TWO FACTS.

That political value served me well when I was in the state legislature and speaker of the house and those experiences plus those values have given me the ability to be more effective in Washington, D.C.

So I want people to know back in Washington that I stand for something. And therefore I think the things for which I stand are actually the same things for which the majority of people in the state of Utah also stand.

Appreciate the opportunity to be here.

>> GREAT.

MR. CASTILLO YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE.

MR. CASTILLO: I'D LIKE TO THANK THE UTAH DEBATE COMMISSION AND UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY FOR HOSTING AND WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY FOR DOING AN ON THE SPOT FACT CHECK.

I THANK MY OPPONENT FOR BEING HERE, SPECIAL THANKS TO ROB BISHOP FOR BEING WILLING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS HE DIDN'T HAVE PREAPPROVED.

I AM RUNNING FOR THIS JOB BECAUSE I THINK IT'S TIME THAT WE HAVE SOMEBODY IN CONGRESS WHO ACTUALLY REPRESENTS THE PEOPLE.

I AM RUNNING AS A GRASSROOTS CAMPAIGN.

I WAS NERVOUS COMING OUT HERE TONIGHT I HAVE AN OPPONENT WHO WAS ABLE TO SELF-FUND HIS CAMPAIGN TO THE TUNE OF $200,000.

True - “the United Utah Party candidate had roughly $200,000 in the bank, mostly from his own personal funds”


Another opponent who Congressman Bishop, who relies on super PACs counterare oil and gas and casino.

True – Rob Bishop received “47.56% with $519,500 from PACS, $10,000 from BP and $78,600 from Casinos/Gambling”


THOSE AREN'T UTAH VALUES.

I Want sure you have somebody in Congress that has the backbone enough to stand up to this administration and their own, and when things go wrong, and that person is me so I hope you vote for me.

>> MR. ELIASON, SAME QUESTION, WHY DO YOU WANT THIS JOB?

MR. ELIASON: FIRST OF ALL IT'S AM SON TO BE ON THE CAMPUS OF UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY.

A FEW BUILDING OVER FROM HERE I WAS TEACHING BUSINESS CLASS AND DECIDED TO RUN FOR OFFICE.
THOSE SEATS OUT THERE ARE BETTER THAN THIS SEAT IN CASE YOU WERE CURIOUS.
I’M GLAD TO HAVE MY FAMILY HERE, TORY, ANNISE, BRENDA, AND MY WIFE SHANNON WHO’S BEEN AN INCREDIBLE PARTNER.
THIS WEEK MY WIFE AND I FOUND OUT THAT WE’RE GOING TO BE FIRST-TIME GRANDPARENTS SO WE’RE IN AN EXCITING TIME.
I LIKE SO MANY OF YOU AM FRUSTRATED, AND THAT IS WHY I’M RUNNING FOR OFFICE.
I AM FRUSTRATED WITH POLITICIANS IN WASHINGTON WHO REFUSE TO DO THE WORK AND WHO REFUSE TO TACKLE THE TOUGH ISSUES.
THEY ARE KICKING THE CAN DOWN THE ROAD, AND POINTING FINGERS AT ONE ANOTHER.
WHY ARE THEY DOING THIS?
WE KNOW WHY THEY’RE DOING THIS--RE-ELECTION.
MR. BISHOP AND HIS COLLEAGUES ARE MORE WORRIED ABOUT RE-ELECTION THAN GETTING THE JOB DONE OF HANDLING THIS COUNTRY’S DIFFICULT PROBLEMS.
AND THEY’RE BEING FUNDED BY THE VERY INDUSTRY THAT THEY ARE BEING TASKED TO GOVERN.
OUR POLITICIANS ARE BOUGHT.
I BELIEVE IN ETHICS, COLLABORATION, INNOVATION, AND LISTENING, AND THAT’S WHAT I PLAN TO TAKE TO CONGRESS.
>> THANK YOU.
OUR NEXT QUESTION I’M GOING TO ACTUALLY GO TO SOCIAL MEDIA.
WE HAVE A QUESTION FROM CHRISTY PHILLIP.
CHRISTY ASKS, WHAT IS YOUR STANCE ON GUN CONTROL?
IF ELECTED, WHAT STEPS ARE YOU WILLING TO TAKE TO MAKE SURE WE ARE PROTECTING KIDS IN SCHOOLS AND ON OUR CAMPUSES?
AND BY THE RULES WE’LL GO TO MR. CASTILLO FIRST.
MR. CASTILLO: I AM A PRO SECOND AMENDMENT I WANT TO PROTECT EVERYBODY’S RIGHTS TO BEAR ARMS.
I COME FROM A FAMILY THAT TREASURES HUNTING, AND WE NEED A CONGRESSMAN WHO ACTUALLY NOT ONLY CHERISHES THE SECOND AMENDMENT BUT ALSO CHERISHES LIFE.
AND STUDENTS, AND PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY.
AND KEEPING THEM SAFE.
SO I WANT A BAN ON BUMP STOCKS.
I THINK THAT WE NEED INTENSIVE SCRUTINY AND BACKGROUND CHECK ON PURCHASES OF GUNS.
WE HAVE CONGRESSMAN BISHOP HAS BEEN IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR OVER 16 YEARS, AND HAS FAILED TO TAKE ANY ACTION ON THIS.
SO I, THE STORY IS, I' AM A MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST AND I WORK WITH A GENTLEMAN, HE HAS DEMENTIA. AND I SEE THE ONLY THINGS HE REMEMBERS THAT MAKE HIM HAPPY ARE STORIES, HE TELLS ME STORIES ABOUT HUNTING WITH HIS FAMILY AND HIS SONS, AND THOSE THINGS THAT HE CHERISHES SO MUCH, SO DO SO MANY OTHER FAMILIES HERE IN UTAH. SO I AM, I DO WANT TO PROTECT THE SECOND AMENDMENT. THANK YOU.

>> MR. ELIASON: YOU ARE NEXT ONE MINUTE.

MR. ELIASON: WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE THERE ARE MANY MORE RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNERS THAN IRRESPONSIBLE. AND I THINK THAT WE CAN USE THOSE GROUPS TO COME UP WITH SOUND GUN POLICY. I THINK THAT THERE ARE A FEW THINGS THAT WE CAN EXPLORE TOGETHER AMONG THOSE THAT WAS MENTIONED BUMP STOCKS WE COULD EXPLORE THE AGE ON BUYING ASSAULT RIFLES, AND THEN WE ALSO CAN IMPROVE ON OUR UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS. BUT AGAIN, I THINK WE CAN COLLABORATE WITH THOSE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNERS COMING UP WITH GOOD POLICY.

IF WE GO TO THE SCHOOLS THE BEST SOLUTION THERE IS THAT WE HAVE TRAINED PERSONNEL IN OUR SCHOOLS THAT ARE READY TO HANDLE THOSE ISSUES THERE ON THE SPOT.

>> MR. BISHOP, YOUR STANCE ON GUN CONTROL.

REP. BISHOP: IT’S OBVIOUS THE CONCEPT OF SOLVING GUN VIOLENCE IS NEVER GOING TO BE DONE BY ATTACKING THOSE WHO ARE LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS WITH THEIR GUNS. IT IS AS THE WEBER COUNTY SHERIFF USED TO TELL ME IT’S THE ILLEGAL GUNS THAT ARE GOING TO THEM NOT THE LEGAL ONES. WE HAVE TO REMIND THAT AND NOT ATTACK THE LEGAL RIGHTS THERE AND WE HAVE LAWS ON THE BOOKS TO ENFORCE THOSE PARTICULAR LAWS. AS WAS MENTIONED ALLOW EMPOWERING THE STATES TO COME UP WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS AND POLICIES THAT APPLY TO THOSE PARTICULAR AREAS IN WHICH THEY LIVE, THAT IS THE WISEST WAY OF DOING BE SOMETHING, RATHER THAN HAVING SOMETHING IMPOSED FROM CONGRESS UPON EVERY AREA OF THIS COUNTRY. SO THE IDEA OF FEDERALISM ACTUALLY WORKS AS A SOLUTION TO THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE. I’M DONE, I GAVE YOU 13 SECONDS LEFT.
I APPRECIATE IT.
WE’LL HAVE PLENTY OF QUESTIONS FOR YOU.
WE NOW HAVE, I WANT TO GO TO ONE OF OUR PANELISTS, MICHAEL LYONS HAS A QUESTION.

THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE ESTIMATES THAT THE 2019 FEDERAL DEFICIT WILL BE IN THE RANGE OF 1 TRILLION DOLLARS.
AND THE DEFICIT WILL CONTINUE TO RISE IN 2020 AND 2021.
BY SOME ESTIMATES THE DEFICIT WILL EXCEED THE DEFENSE BUDGET BY 2024.
SPECIFICALLY WHAT SHOULD THE UNITED STATES DO ABOUT THE FEDERAL DEFICIT AND THE FEDERAL DEBT?

MR. ELIASON LET’S GO TO YOU FIRST.
MR. ELIASON: WE NEED TO REALIZE WE ARE IN A VERY HOT ECONOMY AND WHEN WE’RE DOING THIS WELL WE SHOULD BE SEEING SURPLUSES NOT THE OPPOSITE.

> Not Verifiable “this combination carries unique risks…because these deficits provide unneeded stimulus, which can overheat an economy already operating near full capacity. And in the process, they drain away funding that might be better reserved for fighting off the next recession”

https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/the-economy-is-soaring-and-now-so-is-the-deficit-thats-a-bad-combination/

IF WE LOOK AT OUR PRESIDENT, HE IS NOTORIOUS FOR PUTTING A LOT OF DEBT ON HIS PROPERTIES, AND THEN HE HAS THE CHOICE OF EITHER BANKRUPTING THOSE, OR SOMETIMES THEY SUCCEED.
I DON’T THINK WE HAVE A CHOICE AS A COUNTRY TO DO BANKRUPTCY.
IT’S A LITTLE BIT LIKE RIGHT NOW IT’S A LITTLE BIT LIKE WE’RE A FAMILY, THINGS ARE GOING WELL, WHAT DO WE DO?
WE GO GET FOUR CREDIT CARDS AND WE’RE MAXING THOSE OUT.
I THINK THAT WE HAVE, EVERYBODY LOVES A TAX BREAK RIGHT?
AND WE GAVE EVERYBODY A TAX BREAK BUT ON TOP OF THAT WE WENT AND PASSED A $1.3 TRILLION SPENDING BILL,

> True, the bill is for $1.3 trillion in spending

WHICH I SHOULD NOTE THAT MR. BISHOP, HE SAID AT THE TIME THAT THE REASON HE DIDN’T VOTE FOR IT WAS BECAUSE HE DIDN’T GET A PROVISION IN IT.
WE CAN’T DO THIS TYPE OF SPENDING.
WE’VE GOT TO BE IN REVERSE THESE SHOULD BE SURPLUS TIMES NOT DEFICIT TIMES.

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING ON THE TIME AND LET’S GO TO MR. BISHOP.
REP. BISHOP: LOOK, THIS ANSWER IS GOING TO HAVE YOUR EYES GLAZE OVER BECAUSE IT ALWAYS DOES WITH STUDENTS. THE SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM IS STILL GK TO BE FEDERALISM. THE IDEA THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS TO FUN EVERYTHING AND RUN EVERYTHING AND REGULATED EVERYTHING IS THE EXTENSIVE COST WE ARE ACTUALLY HAVING.

IF WE COULD COME UP WITH THE SYSTEM SO THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS COULD ACTUALLY FUND THE PROGRAMS THEY CAN RUN BETTER, AND LEAVE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ONLY THOSE THINGS DESIGNED IN THE CONSTITUTION TO BE FUNDED WE COULD SOLVE THIS PROBLEM.

I VOTED AGAINST THE OMNIBUS BILL BUT SO DID EVERY OTHER MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION IN THE HOUSE FROM THE STATE OF UTAH. AND I VOTED AGAINST IT BECAUSE THAT COMPROMISE SPENT TOO MUCH MONEY. NOT JUST ON THE MILITARY, BECAUSE I THINK WE FINALLY REALIZED WHAT WE NEED TO DO WITH THE MILITARY.

Question from Facebook: Spending is causing the federal deficient? True or false?

“First, the attacks on 9/11 led to the War on Terror. That almost doubled annual military spending. It rose from $437.4 billion in 2003 to a peak of $855.1 billion in 2011.

“Second, mandatory spending has increased.”
https://www.thebalance.com/current-u-s-federal-budget...

But some of this mandatory spending increases is because of health care cost inflation -

“The future is a race between rising health care costs and economic growth, a race that the economy is losing. Each time health costs outpace the GDP, it creates what the CBO calls “excess cost growth,” which feeds the federal debt. If the government could close this gap, the long-term budget outlook would be a lot rosier. There are two ways to solve this issue: Either contain health care costs — say through price regulation or more competitive markets — or boost economic growth enough to pay for this expensive health care. Success on either front would make health care spending look more manageable over future decades and lighten the debt load. Per-person costs would likely still grow (maybe even faster, since Medicare is a relatively efficient program).

https://fivethirtyeight.com/.../to-cut-the-debt-the-gop.../

“Third, the Trump tax cut will reduce revenue. It's reducing the personal income tax rate, corporate taxes, and small business taxes. These cuts total $1.5 trillion over the next 10 years. But the Joint Committee on Taxation said the cuts will stimulate growth by 0.7 percent annually.
The increased growth will add revenue, offsetting some of the tax cuts. As a result, the deficit will increase $1 trillion over the next decade."

**https://www.thebalance.com/current-u-s-federal-budget...**

BUT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SPENDING IT WAS EXORBITANT. SO IT WASN’T BECAUSE THE FIRE FIX WASN’T THERE THOUGH IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE. IT’S BECAUSE IT SPENT TOO MUCH MONEY, FOR THAT REASON I VOTED KNOW AS WELL AS EVERY OTHER MEMBER OF THE HOUSE FROM THE STATE OF UTAH.

True. Bishop voted NO on H.R. 1625, which would increase spending on various departments of federal government, including the military.  
**https://ballotpedia.org/Key_votes:_115th_Congress,_2017-2018**

>> MR. CASTILLO, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
MR. CASTILLO: OUR PRESIDENT HAS MADE PROMISES, AND HE WAS RIGHT. HE GAVE 20 PERCENT OF THE TOP 1 PERCENT A HUGE TAX BREAK, AND CONGRESSMAN BISHOP SUPPORTED THAT TAX BREAK. NOW IT’S BEING WE’RE A STEAM VENT IN OUR BUDGET DEFICIT. YOU HAVE OUR REPRESENTATIVES TO BLAME FOR THAT. WE CANNOT CONTINUE BEAR THE BURDEN FOR OUR CHILDREN AND OUR CHILDREN’S CHILDREN BECAUSE THESE PEOPLE WANT TO GIVE THE TOP 1 PERCENT A TAX BREAK THAT DOESN’T EXPIRE BUT YOUR MIDDLE CLASS TAX BREAKS DO EXPIRE.
IT’S ALL GREAT TO GET TAX BREAKS BUT I’M ASHAMED TO SAY IT I’M CHRISTIAN AND JESUS CHRIST WAS A GREAT ECONOMIST HE ALWAYS SAID YOU KNOW IF YOU’RE RICH GIVE TO THE POOR. HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOUR SOULS, AND HE ALSO WAS WORRIED ABOUT THE IMPROVEMENT OF WELFARE OF THE POOR. SO I BELIEVE THAT WE NEED TO WRANGLE THAT BACK IN. AND THE TOP 1 PERCENT NEED TO PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE.

>> I’M HAPPY TO OFFER REBUTTAL IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO, WE’LL GO TO MR. ELIASON FIRST.
MR. ELIASON: WITH MITT ROMNEY LAST TIME WHEN HE WAS DEBATING HE BROUGHT UP THAT WE WENT TOO FAR PROBABLY WITH THE CORPORATE TAX RATE. I BELIEVE THAT’S THE CASE. WE ALSO GAVE HUGE TAX BREAKS TO THE WEALTHY. HE SAID YOU KNOW WE WENT TOO FAR THERE. I AGREE WITH BOTH OF THOSE POINTS. AND THAT WAS JUST VOTED BY MR. BISHOP TO EXTEND THAT POLICY.
IN ADDITION, 1.3 TRILLION, IF YOU LOOK AT THE SPENDING, THAT DAY IT WAS STATED THAT THAT WAS DONE BECAUSE OF HIS EAR MARK THAT WAS NOT INCLUDED.

>> THAT’S GREAT.
MR. BISHOP WOULD YOU LIKE 30 SECONDS?

REP. BISHOP: YEAH, THE TAX BREAKS THAT WENT TO EVERY AMERICAN IS NOT THE CAUSE OF THE DEFICIT GOING UP.

Inconclusive, the deficit has increased despite GOP promises that the tax cuts wouldn’t increase the deficit. However, experts do project that the increased spending for government programs also drives the deficit up. https://www.apnews.com/044c01a171894e74b8f1b327c6350961

IN FACT WE ARE ACTUALLY MORE MONEY COMING INTO THE SYSTEM AFTER THE TAX CUTS THAN WE DID BEFORE.
WHAT IS CAUSING IT TO GO FORWARD IS THE OVERARCHING SPENDING. THE SPENDING OMNIBUS BILL IN ORDER TO GET THE DEAL WITH THE SENATE DEMOCRATS RAISED OUR SPENDING TOO MUCH.
IT’S A SPENDING PROBLEM IT’S NOT A TAX CUT PROBLEM IT’S A SPENDING PROBLEM.

>> MR. CASTILLO 30 SECONDS.

MR. CASTILLO: WE SHOULD NOT BE CUTTING PROGRAMS BECAUSE THOSE ARE FOR PEOPLE.
JUST TO BENEFIT THE WEALTHY.
THE TOP 1 PERCENT.
SO I ABSOLUTELY DISAGREE.
I AM READY TO REPRESENT PEOPLE NOT THE TOP 1 PERCENT.
SHOOT THEY ALREADY HAVE REPRESENTATION IN THIS CONGRESSMAN.
I WANT TO REPRESENT NOT JUST THE DISADVANTAGED BUT EVERYBODY IN UTAH.
I WANT TO REPRESENT REPUBLICANS, DEMOCRATS, AND INDEPENDENTS ALIKE.
AND I ASSURE YOU THAT THEY'RE NOT IN THAT TOP 1 PERCENT THIS CONGRESSMAN IS SPEAKING ABOUT AND PROTECTING.
AND YOU KNOW WHAT ELSE HAPPENS IS WHEN YOU PROTECT THAT TOP 1 PERCENT LIKE HE HAS THEY CONTRIBUTE TO HIS CAMPAIGN.

>> OKAY, WE ARE ON THE UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS LET’S GO TO OUR STUDENT PANELIST SAM JACKSON.

>> WHAT IS YOUR STANCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE?
DO YOU THINK THIS IS AN ISSUE?
AND IF SO, HOW DO YOU PLAN TO ADDRESS IT IF ELECTED TO CONGRESS?

>> MR. BISHOP.
REP. BISHOP: CLIMATE CHANGE IS REAL, IT DOES HAPPEN, THERE ARE MULTIPLE REASONS FOR IT.
WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN IS TO ALLOW THE CREATIVITY OF AMERICANS TO REACH THAT PARTICULAR SITUATION AND ACTUALLY COME UP WITH CREATIVE NEW APPROACHES ON HOW WE CAN DO IT.
I HATE TO SAY THIS BUT THERE’S ONE THING NO ONE’S ACTUALLY LOOKING AT AND THAT’S CARBON SEQUESTRATION. I’M LOOKING AT PROGRAMS IN AUSTRALIA AND THE STATE OF UTAH IF YOU INCREASE GRAZING PATTERNS YOU CAN TAKE CARBON OUT OF THE AIR, SUCK IT INTO THE GROUND AND THE ROOT SYSTEM AND IF THE AUSTRALIAN DATA IS ACCURATE YOU CAN TAKE MOST OF THE CARBON OUT OF THE AIR SIMPLY BY GRAZING. NO ONE IS THINKING ABOUT THAT.

Not verifiable: Rob Bishop touched on carbon sequestration and other countries on that. Not enough research has been done on the issue to clearly verify the success of carbon sequestration in mitigating the effects of Climate Change.

THOSE ARE THE CREATIVE THINGS WE HAVE TO DO TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN THE FIRST. THERE IS NOT ONE CAUSE OF IT, THERE IS NOT ONE SOLUTION TO IT.

>> MR. CASTILLO YOU’RE NEXT ON CLIMATE CHANGE
>> WE ARE HERE IN LOGAN AND YOU HAVE HORRIBLE AIR QUALITY. I DON’T HAVE TO TELL YOU THIS.

Mostly True: Although it is a fact that the air quality in Logan, UT is bad, studies are reporting that air quality is actually improving within Logan.

OUR CONGRESSMAN HAS DONE NOTHING TO IMPROVE YOUR AIR QUALITY HERE AND THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF UTAH. IN FACT, HE WAS SUPPORTING EPA ROLLBACKS.

True: Lee Castillo was correct when he stated that Rob Bishop has in fact rolled back EPA regulations, as well as as voting no "to an amendment which would strike a rider in the underlying bill that prevents the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from implementing its recently finalized methane pollution standards, the first-ever limits on methane pollution from new and modified sources in the oil and gas industry."

I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE’RE PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT THAT OUR KIDS DON’T HAVE TO GO INSIDE FOR RECESS. AS YOUR CONGRESSMAN I WILL ENSURE THAT THOSE ROLL BACKS ARE PUT BACK IN PLACE BECAUSE WE NEED TO START FOCUSING ON CLEAN ENERGY. I WANT TO INCENTIVIZE THOSE OIL AND GAS ESTATE AND I WANT TO INCENTIVIZE THOSE AGENCIES TO START LOOKING TOWARDS GREEN AND PRODUCING GREEN. WE HAVE SOLAR, WE HAVE OTHER WAYS THAT WE CAN PROVIDE ENERGY AND IT’S ABOUT TIME THAT THIS CONGRESSMAN ACTUALLY SAYS HE IS LOOKING TO
SOMETHING BESIDES OIL AND GAS BECAUSE HE'S VOTED IN THE PAST AGAINST INCENTIVIZING ANYTHING GREEN.

Mostly True: Lee Castillo stated that Rob Bishop has voted against incentivizing "anything green." In 2008, Bishop co-sponsored a bill zeroing in on the American Energy Act. In recent years, Bishop has voted against all green technology legislation.

>> MR. ELIASON ON CLIMATE CHANGE DO YOU BELIEVE IT’S HAPPENING WHAT WOULD YOU DO ABOUT IT?
MR. ELIASON: I’M GLAD AS OF 2017 THAT MR. BISHOP HAS ACKNOWLEDGED CLIMATE CHANGE.
IT’S DIFFICULT FOR MAN TO UNDERSTAND SOMETHING WHEN HIS SALARY DEPENDS ON NOT UNDERSTANDING IT.
I’VE WONDERS, HE STATED THE ECONOMICS IS WE HAVE GOT TO BECOME SUCH THAT WHEN IT MAKES SENSE TO DO SOMETHING.
YOU KNOW WHEN OUR AIR IS FILLED WITH SMOKE FROM FORESTS THAT ARE 5 PERCENT MOISTURE LEVEL, IS THAT ECONOMICS ENOUGH?
YOU KNOW WHEN OUR FARMERS GET ONE CROP OF HAY INSTEAD OF THREE BECAUSE THEY RUN OUT OF WATER IN THE MONTH OF JUNE?
IS THAT ECONOMICS ENOUGH?

Farmers are negatively impacted by Trump Tariffs. True: Farmers have been hit with retaliatory tariffs that have negatively impacted farmers in Utah and all over the nation.

WHEN HALF THE STATE IS IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY BECAUSE OF LACK OF WATER, IS THAT ECONOMICS ENOUGH?

TRUE. Governor Herbert declared today. All of Utah's 29 counties are experiencing some level of drought, 16 of Utah's top 49 reservoirs are less than 20 percent full, 8 of Utah's top 49 reservoirs are less than 5% full. #MatterofFact #WeberFactCheck

WE MUST TAKE THE LEAD AS A STATE AND AS A COUNTRY ON GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE, AND WE ALSO NEEDS TO RECOGNIZE THAT IF WE TALK ABOUT NATURAL RESOURCES FOR UTAH, WATER IS NATURAL RESOURCE NUMBER ONE.

True: Eliason indicated that Utah is suffering from a drought and doesn't have enough water for it's agricultural industries. Utah is currently suffering from a drought due to a low snowfall winter and an lengthy hot summer, which could be raised to unprecedented levels if we have another low snowfall winter. This information was gathered via the Deseret News.
Lee Castillo touched on the fact that Utah's tourism could be in trouble due to Climate Change affecting Utah's snowfall, which is one of Utah's largest contributors to tourism. The EPA has indicated that increasing temperatures has shortened the snowfall season in Utah, which shortens one of Utah's main tourism attractions.

IT MAKES MORE MONEY THAN ANY OIL OR GAS PRODUCTION THAT THEY WANT. AND IT AFFECTS ALL OF OUR FAMILIES.

MR. ELIASON, DO YOU SEE CLIMATE CHANGE AS AN ECONOMIC ISSUE?

MR. ELIASON: ABSOLUTELY.
I THINK I ANSWERED A LITTLE OF THAT IN MY ANSWER.
I AM A SKIER, I LOVE TO GET UP IN THE MOUNTAINS.
THAT'S A DETRIMENT RIGHT?
BUT THAT'S NOT NEAR GOING TO BE THE COST THAT WE SUFFER IF WE DON'T HAVE WATER FOR OUR COMMUNITIES, IF WE DON'T HAVE WATER FOR OUR AGRICULTURE, AND IF WE DON'T HAVE WATER FOR OUR INDUSTRY.
SO ABSOLUTELY AN ECONOMIC ISSUE, AND SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED.

>> MR. BISHOP, A MINUTE ON THIS TOPIC.

REP. BISHOP: YEAH I'M KIND OF CONCERNED ON WHAT THE TOPIC ACTUALLY WAS. IF IT'S NOT CLIMATE CHANGE, YES, THERE IS CLIMATE CHANGE GOING ON. CLEAN AIR YOU CAN ASK A QUESTION ABOUT THAT LATER THERE IS A DIFFERENT ANSWER FOR WHAT HAPPENS AS FAR AS THE CLEAN AIR THE STATE OF UTAH HAS DONE A GREAT JOB IN SOLVING, EPA HASN'T DONE ANYTHING TO HELP THAT. THE AIR THAT YOU BREATHED THIS SUMMER THAT WAS SO BAD THAT'S COMING FROM THE FACT OUR FOREST WERE BURNING UP EVERYTHING WAS COMING FROM CALIFORNIA.

Mostly True: Adding to Logan's Air Quality, "Utah continues to make significant progress towards understanding and addressing the causes of seasonal air pollution. Increased public awareness and legislative funding for research have provided important support for DAQ in its ongoing efforts to reduce pollution, improve air quality, and protect public health." This is according to the Division of Air Quality 2017 State of the Environment Report on Utah.gov.

WE HAD A SOLUTION THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE AND UNFORTUNATELY IT WASN'T. WE'LL HAVE THAT SAME PROBLEM COMING BACK AND BACK AGAIN. WATER IS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPORTANT TO IT.

MY COMMITTEE ACTUALLY HAS JURISDICTION ON WATER PROJECTS. THAT'S A PRODUCT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS IN THE STATE OF UTAH - -

Bishop on Water and Climate change in 2014: oil and and gas production domestically should be the source of raised dollars. It could be state and local government that raise the money. He puts oil above water and land conservation. Rob Bishop has voted against every climate change and water conservation bill that has been proposed nationally since his career began

THERE ARE A WHOLE LOT OF DIFFERENT QUESTIONS. THE QUESTION WAS THE SAME.

A WHOLE LOT OF DIFFERENT ANSWERS THAT CAME OUT FOR THAT PARTICULAR QUESTIONS AND A WHOLE LOT OF DIFFERENT RESPONSES THAT COULD BE GIVEN FOR THE DIFFERENT APPEARES GIVEN FOR THAT ONE QUESTION.

I'M SORRY BUT THAT'S MUCH BROADER AND I APPRECIATE YOU GIVING THE ONE EXTRA MINUTE TO TRY AND GO THROUGH IT BUT THERE ARE STILL A WHOLE LOT OF DIFFERENT AREAS AND TANGENTS.

>> WOULD ANYBODY LIKE 30 MORE SECONDS ON THIS?

>> I'D LIKE TO SAY WATER IS LIFE.

MR. ELIASON IS RIGHT.
AND OUR CONGRESSMAN HAS BEEN CHAIR OF THAT NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE FOR YEARS NOW. HE COULD HAVE TAKEN ACTION. WE HAVE A BACKLOG, A BACKLOG THAT SHOULD NEVER HAVE TO HAPPEN. IF OUR REPRESENTATIVES WERE DOING THEIR JOBS, INSTEAD OF FOCUSING ON HOW TO DRILL, BABY, DRILL, YOU WOULDN’T HAVE A BACKLOG. SO WATER ABSOLUTELY IS IMPERATIVE TO LIFE, AND THINGS COULD HAVE BEEN DONE A LOT SOONER.

>> HAPPY TO GIVE 30 MORE SECONDS MR. ELIASON. OKAY, MR. BISHOP?

REP. BISHOP: WE HAVE DONE STUFF ON WATER AND RESOURCES HERE IN THE STATE AND OTHER STATES IN THE WEST. WE’RE DOING THAT. I TOOK FOUR SECONDS THAT’S IT.

True: Rob Bishop stated that Utah is making attempts at fixing their water shortage crisis. Governor Herbert issued an executive order declaring a state of emergency due to the drought so that we could begin processes to resolve water shortages within agricultural industries. This was as recent as two days ago.

>> FAIR ENOUGH.

WE ARE NEAR THE MIDPOINT OF OUR DEBATE FEATURING CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR UTAH’S FIRST DISTRICT SEAT IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. MR. BISHOP, MR. CASTILLO AND, I’M EMILY GOUCHNER FROM THE CAMPUS OF UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY. NOW BACK TO THE QUESTIONS.

I WANT TO GO TO ANOTHER SOCIAL MEDIA QUESTION I’VE GOT A SCREEN HERE THAT GIVES ME THAT. THIS ONE IS ON PUBLIC LANDS. SO IT’S COMING FROM NATHAN HULL WHO IS A WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT. HE ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTION SKW AND WE’RE GOING TO GO FIRST TO MR. ELIASON.

SEVERAL POLLS HAVE SHOWN THAT UTAHNS ARE ALMOST EVENLY SPLIT ON THE ISSUE OF BEARS EARS AND GRAND STAIRCASE ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT. PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR PLAN FOR BALANCING THE INTERESTS OF LOCAL BUSINESSES WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT OUR LANDS WILL BE PROTECTED AND PRESERVED FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

MR. ELIASON, ONE MINUTE.

MR. ELIASON: YOU KNOW, I WAS IN GRAND STAIRCASE ESCALANTE A YEAR AGO LAST MAY WITH MY DAUGHTER, SAM. AND WE CAMPED IN A GREAT LOCATION NEXT TO SOME CANYONS. BY THE FOLLOWING DECEMBER, THOSE GRAND ESCALANTE AS WELL AS BEARS EARS WERE SCALED BACK.
"Bears Ears is home to more than 100,000 Native American archaeological and cultural sites, considered sacred by many tribes."

MR. BISHOP GOT ON TV WITH DOUG WRIGHT AND HE SAID WE’RE GOING TO PASS LEGISLATION THAT’S GOING TO PROTECT THESE AREAS FROM EXTRACTION. I HAVE NOT SEEN ANY LEGISLATION PROPOSED, AND I HAVEN’T SEEN ANY LEGISLATION PASSED. WHY? FOLLOW THE MONEY. 90 PERCENT OF MR. BISHOP’S CAMPAIGN FINANCES COME FROM OUT OF THE STATE OF UTAH. I THINK IT’S AROUND 80 RIGHT NOW.

 Mostly True, 85.77% of Bishop’s campaign finances come from out of the state. https://www.opensecrets.org/members-of-congress/geography?cid=N00025292&cycle=2018

AND NUMBER ONE ON THE LIST OR NUMBER TWO, DEPENDING BE ON THE YEAR, IS OIL AND GAS. HIS COMMITTEE HAS RECEIVED $6 MILLION FROM THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY. I HAVE A HARD TIME SEEING HOW OUR CONGRESSMAN CAN BE OBJECTIVE WHEN THAT IS THE CASE.

 Eliason claim: Bishop has received $6 Million from Oil industries. NOT TRUE. Over his career, he has received $453,616 from Oil and Gas prices.

 Reply to post: Eliason claimed the natural resources committee as a whole received $6 million from oil and gas, not just Bishop.

HE SAYS HE HAS OUR BACK. I QUESTION THAT. UINTAH BASIN IS, THERE ARE PLACES FOR EXTRACTION, UINTAH BASIN IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF THAT. BUT WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL SOME OF THESE VISTAS AND SOME OF THESE PLANS ARE TAKEN CARE OF.

 >> MR. BISHOP YOU'RE WITH ONE MINUTE. REP. BISHOP: YOU WANT ME TO TALK ACTUALLY ABOUT THE STATEMENT OR ABOUT THE QUESTION OF BEARS EARS?

 >> I WILL LET YOU TAKE THE CHOICE BUT THE QUESTION IS ON BEARS EARS AND GRAND STAIRCASE ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT AND BALANCING THE INTERESTS OF LOCALS WITH PRESERVATION.
REP. BISHOP: THERE’S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LOCALS WHO DIDN’T WANT IT VERSUS PRESIDENT OBAMA AND PRESIDENT CLINTON WHO MADE THESE HUGE MONUMENTS.
WHAT PRESIDENT TRUMP DID IS ACTUALLY A COMPROMISE.
I THINK PEOPLE SHOULD LOOK AT THAT.
BY TAKING THE AREAS WHERE THEY HAD HISTORIC VALUE LEAVING THOSE AS MONUMENTS AND THE REST IS STILL LEFT TO BLM CONTROL SO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN DO IT.
THERE IS LEGISLATION THAT BANS EXTRACKS, MR. CURTIS’ BILL, IT’S OUD THERE WE’VE PASSED IT OUT OF COMMITTEE HE’S GOING THROUGH THE PROCESS.
WHEN WE SAID THERE’S NO EXTRACTION OPPORTUNITY THERE’S NOTHING THERE TO EXTRACT.
WE RECOGNIZED THAT AT THE SAME TIME.
BUT IN 10 SECONDS, NO ONE REALLY KNOWS IN MY HEARTY FIND IT UNFAIR AND OFFENSIVE WHEN PEOPLE SAY I DO THINGS BECAUSE OF MONEY.
I DO NOT SELL MY VOTE.
THAT IS SIMPLY IMPORTANT TO ME, I STAND FOR PRINCIPLES AND SOMETHING.
AND THAT’S HOW I VOTE.
AND I DON’T CARE WHO GIVES ME MONEY, THAT’S THE WAY I’M GOING TO BE VOTING IN THE FUTURE.
TO SAY OTHERWISE IS SIMPLY UNFAIR AND IT’S ALSO UNUNFROO.
>> MR. CASTILLO.
MR. CASTILLO: I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE BUT WITH REGARDS TO GRAND STAIRCASE ESCALANTE I THINK IT NEEDS TO BE REDESIGNATED AS IT WAS IN THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION.
I WANT TO SEE A BRIEF FACT THAT OUR CURRENT CONGRESSMAN VIOLATED THESE NATIVE AMERICANS’ FIRST AMENDMENT.
THIS LAND IS SACRED TO THEM.
HE DID NOT- -
I DON’T WANT ANYBODY INFRINGING ON MY FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS AND HE DID NOT ASK THESE PEOPLE, WHO HAVE PRIORITY OVER THOSE LANDS, AND THEY CLAIMED THEM TO BE SACRED.
HE HAS NO RIGHT TO SAY WHAT’S SACRED TO THEM AND WHAT’S NOT.
I BELIEVE THAT YOU KNOW KEEPING THEM THE SIZE THAT THEY ARE UNDER OBAMA, IT HELPS WITH OUR TOURISM INDUSTRY.
IF YOU SHRINK IT AND THROW IN OIL RIGHTS, YOU’RE GOING TO AFFECT MILLIONS OF AMERICANS, OR MILLIONS OF UTAHNS BECAUSE THAT’S HOW PEOPLE GET THEIR, THEY PAY THEIR BILLS THAT WAY.
THE TOURISM DOLLARS.
THEY EAT AT THE DINERS, GO TO OUR MOVIES.
THAT’S HOW THEY PAY THEIR MORTGAGES AND I’M NOT WILLING TO PUT UTAH FAMILIES AT RISK FOR OIL, FOR GAS, WITHOUT UTAHNS’ CONSENT, WITHOUT COMMUNICATION.
AND ESPECIALLY RESPECTING THE SOVEREIGNTY OF NATIVE AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS.
AND WE’VE ALREADY WITH REGARD TO CURTIS’ BILL, THEY ALSO FAILED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE NATIVE AMERICANS HAVE SOVEREIGNTY, AND THEY DON’T GET TO CHERRY PICK WHO THEY SPEAK TO. THEY NEED TO SPEAK TO THE CHIEFS AND THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN CHARGE OF THOSE TRIBES.
>> MR. CASTILLO, WE’RE 30 SECONDS OVER.
THANK YOU.
BUT LET’S START WITH- -
I APPRECIATE IT.
LET’S STAY WITH THE TOPIC FOR JUST A MINUTE.
I’M A TRAINED ECONOMIST AND DO A LOT OF WORK ON THE UTAH ECONOMY, THE UINTAH BASIN IS IN THIS DISTRICT, WE HAVE EIGHT RURAL COUNTIES THAT HAVE BEEN IN A LONG, PROLONGED RECESSION.
WE CALL IT UTAH’S SILENT RECESSION.
THREE OF THOSE COUNTIES ARE IN THIS DISTRICT.

Duchesne County, UT had a growth rate in 2017 of -0.26% #WeberFactCheck

SO I WANT TO GO TO, LET’S GO TO MR. BISHOP FIRST.
WHAT ARE YOU PREPARED TO DO TO HELP THESE COUNTIES IN YOUR DISTRICT THAT ARE ACTUALLY CONTRACTING WHILE THE REST OF THE STATD IS PROSPERING?
REP. BISHOP: IT GOES ONCE AGAIN INTO THOSE PARTICULAR LAND ISSUES. THE FIRST ISSUE PEOPLE HAVE TO REALIZE, BECAUSE I’VE HEARD A LOT OF THINGS TODAY THAT REALLY AREN’T ACCURATE.
BUT THE FIRST THING PEOPLE HAVE TO REALIZE IS THERE IS A LOT OF LAND OUT THERE, SO YOU CAN HAVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND RECREATION, WHICH IS A FORM OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND CONSERVATION AT THE SAME TIME. WHEN WE WERE TRYING TO COME UP WITH THE LOCAL PUBLIC LANDS INITIATIVE OUT THERE, FOR EVERY ONE ACRE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES, WE SET THREE ASIDE FOR CONSERVATION.
YOU CAN DO IT.
IT CAN BE A WIN-WIN SITUATION AND WE HAVE TO REALIZE THERE’S AN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY THERE.

Inconclusive, there are some counties in northern Utah that have contracted despite overall economic growth in the state. Whether or not that is a win win is a matter of opinion. https://www.deseretnews.com/article/900022346/time-for-the-northern-utah-economy-to-come-alive.html

Bishop voted against an economic recovery bill after the recession.
BUT IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT THOSE WHO ARE TRYING TO GET INTO THOSE RURAL AREAS HAVE SOME KIND OF CERTAINTY.
THERE’S ONE COMPANY THAT JUST PULLED OUT OF UINTAH BASIN BECAUSE IT TOOK THEM TEN YEARS AFTER THEY GOT THEIR LEASE TO TRY TO GET THE PERMIT TO START INTO PRODUCTION AND THEY WEREN’T WILLING TO DO THAT.
SO SOME OF THOSE ECONOMIC AREAS ARE GOING OUT TO STATES THAT HAVE STATE LAND AND PRIVATE LAND AND THEY’RE NOT COMING TO THE FEDERAL SIMPLY BECAUSE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TAKES TOO LONG TO ALLOW THEM TO BECOME PROFITABLE OUT THERE.
WE NEED TO WORK AT THAT.
THE ENERGY ACT THAT WE HAVE SITTING IN THE HOUSE RIGHT NOW TRIES TO ALLOW THE STATE TO HAVE A GREATER SAY IN HOW THAT HAPPENS AND THE PERMITTING PROCESS SO THAT CAN ACTUALLY HAPPEN.
IT’S A BIG QUESTION I WENT OVER I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT.
>> MR. CASTILLO, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THESE COUNTIES THAT ARE STRUGGLING?
MR. CASTILLO: I SAID IT THROUGHOUT MY CAMPAIGN I DO NOT WANT THESE PLACES TO BECOME GHOST TOWNS.
WHEN WE DON’T ALLOW THESE, UINTAH COUNTY, DUCHESNE COUNTY, THESE ARE PLACES THAT I ACTUALLY WORK, I WORK IN EVERY COUNTY AS A MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST SO I SEE THE BEAUTY OF IT.
AND WHEN BE WE DON’T ALLOW THESE PEOPLE AND THESE AGENCIES TO DEVELOP GREEN ENERGY SO THAT THEY HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE SOURCE FOR INCOME THAT IS A SHAME.
WE NEED TO INCENTIVIZE THESE COMPANIES TO CREATE GREEN ENERGY THERE. THERE’S SO MUCH MORE THAN JUST DRILLING.
THAT THESE COMMUNITIES CAN DO.
AND UNFORTUNATELY OUR CONGRESS MAN HAS NOT INCENTIVIZED THOSE COMPANIES TO DO THOSE THINGS.
OUR CONGRESSMAN MENTIONED ABOUT, YOU KNOW, MAKING SURE THAT THERE’S SOME LEFT OVER TO RECREATE ON.
AND THE SAD THING ABOUT THAT IS THAT THERE’S TRAILS THAT YOU KNOW, THAT LAKE THAT YOU KNOW, GO IT COULD OR COULD NOT BE AFFECTED.
BUT IF WE DO PUT AN OIL WELL THERE WE’LL MAKE SURE WE HAVE SOMEBODY ELSE TO GO.
I DON’T WANT TO COMPROMISE THAT FOR OUR UTAH FAMILIES.
>> LET’S GO TO MR. ELIASON.
MR. ELIASON: I THINK WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE THE RURAL PROBLEM IS BOTH A UTAH PROBLEM AND A NATIONWIDE PROBLEM. WE HAVE CONTRACTION OF ECONOMIES OF SCALES ON RANCHES AND THINGS CHANGE.
AND I THINK BE ONE THING THAT WE HAVE THE POTENTIAL OF MISSING OUT IS THE COMMUNITIES, THE COMMUNITY STRUCTURE THAT EXISTS IN THESE RURAL COMMUNITIES.
I REALLY AM INTERESTED IN SEEING THE DIVERSE IF I INDICATION WE CAN ACHIEVE IN PLACES LIKE THE UINTAH VALLEY AND IN DUCHESNE, AND IN RURAL BOX ELDER COUNTY.
I THINK IT’S IMPORTANT THAT WE PUT IN FRA STRUCTURE PUT INFRASTRUCTURE SO THERE’S THE DATA AND THE INTERNET AND EVERYTHING IS EQUAL WITH OUR BIGGER CITIES.
IN THE WAY OF DIVERSE IF I INDICATION, WE HAVE UINTAH ADVANTAGE WHICH IS A GROUP LOOKING AT A NUMBER OF THE COUNTIES LOOKING TO PUT MANUFACTURING OUT THERE IN THE UINTAH BASIN, SO UTILIZE SOME OF THE OIL AND GAS COMING OUT OF THAT AREA.
AND AS WELL, WE NEED TO SUPPORT THOSE FROM AN EDUCATIONAL STANDPOINT AS WELL.
>> I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT EVERYONE’S STAYING TO THEIR ONE MINUTE.
THANK YOU.
WE’RE GOING TO GO TO USU PROFESSOR MICHAEL LYONS.
>> GENTLEMEN, DO YOU SUPPORT OR DO YOU OPPOSE THE TARIFFS ON STEEL AND ON MANY OTHER IMPORTS IMPOSED BY PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP.
>> MR. CASTILLO YOU ARE UP FIRST.
MR. CASTILLO: I ABSOLUTELY OPPOSE THEM.
WE ARE ALIENATING OUR ALLIES.
WE ARE CREATING PROBLEMS WHERE THERE WERE NONE BEFORE.
WE’RE PUTTING AMERICAN PEOPLE, UTAH PEOPLE OUT OF WORK BY THESE TARIFFS.
AND YOU KNOW, AS YOUR CONGRESSMAN I KNOW THAT IT’S ONE VOTE, AND I ALSO HAVE A VOICE WE CAN USE TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST THESE ATROCITIES.
I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT TARIFFS IS ACTUALLY A JOB FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BUT OUR CONGRESSMAN HAS GIVEN TO TO THE PRESIDENT.
I WANT BE TO TAKE IT BACK AND MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE DOING THINGS RIGHT,
WE’RE ALLOWING OUR ALLIES TO REMAIN OUR ALLIES AND I DON’T AGREE WITH THEM AT ALL.

TRUE Article I Section 8 of the Constitution states: "The Congress shall have the Power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States."

THANK YOU.
>> MR. ELIASON.
MR. ELIASON: WE'RE BUILDING A WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT HERE IN LOGAN, AND IF YOU LOOK, THAT COST HAS GONE UP, ALONG WITH LABOR, BUT WITH THE STEEL INCLUDED IT'S GONE UP BY $25 MILLION.

Candidates Eliason and Castillo referred to the negative impact of steel tariffs on Utah industries, including raising the price of a wastewater treatment plant by $25 million. These claims are TRUE.

WHEN WE LOOK AT WHO PAYS THE TARIFFS, I TALKED TO A BUSINESS OWNER TODAY WHO INSTALLS- -

Note to readers: We had some issues with the transcription here.

Tariffs are affecting trade with manufacturers in Utah specifically dealing with trade "on the brink of extinction." - fox13now

utah business dealing with steel and aluminum must be careful due to the incoming tariffs - Salt Lake Tribune + Fox News 13

WE CAN DO THAT AT THE SAME TIME.
MR. BISHOP HOW ARE WE GOING TO FIX THE IMMIGRATION MESS?
>> OF HAVING ACCESS.
THERE ARE 17 LAWS THAT ARE BUILT ON FEDERAL LANDS AND 80 PERCENT OF THE SOUTHERN BORDER IS OWNED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.
THEY DON'T NEED MORE MONEY OR MANPOWER OR PERSONNEL THEY NEED TO HAVE EAST-WEST ACCESS.
IF WE GRANT THEM THAT ACCESS AND THE HOUSE HAS PASSED THAT FOUR DIFFERENT TIMES, IF WE GRANT THEM THAT ACCESS WE CAN LOOK AND SAY YES WE NOW HAVE CONTROL OF OUR BORDERS AND THEN YOU’LL BE ABLE TO SOLVE THOSE OTHER PROBLEMS BUT NOT UNTIL THEN.
FIRST THINGS FIRST.
>> MR. CASTILLO.
MR. CASTILLO: BUT I HAVE A BIG HEART, AND WE HAVE TO ACT HUMANELY.
CONGRESSMAN BISHOP TALKED ABOUT COMPASSION.
THAT'S REALLY WHAT WE HAVE TO DO FIRST AND FOREMOST IS TREAT PEOPLE HUMANELY.
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT OPEN BORDERS.
I WANT SECURE BORDERS JUST LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE.
BUT I WANT TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE WHO HAS A BACKBONE ENOUGH TO ACTUALLY STAND UP AND WHEN I SEE CHILDREN BEING PUT IN CAGES AND SEPARATED FROM THEIR FAMILY I WILL SAY SOMETHING.
THAT IS INHUMANE AND I THINK WE NEED TO ACT HUMANELY OUR CHILDREN ARE WATCHING OUR FAMILIES ARE WATCHING.
AND MY NIECES AND NEPHEWS ARE SEEING WHAT’S GOING ON AND OUR PRESIDENT IS THE PERSON WHO IS ACTUALLY THE ONE WHO’S INFLAMING THESE THE ANGER ON THESE BORDERS.
AND YOU KNOW IT GOES TO SHOW THAT YOU KNOW, THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS AN ISSUE, AND WE HAVE TO HAVE A CONGRESSMAN WHO IS NOT AFRAID TO STAND UP TO THIS ADMINISTRATION, AS WELL AS THEIR OWN PARTY, AND SPEAK OUT AGAINST THESE, AND ACT IN A HUMANE WAY.

>> I HAVE TWO FOLLOWUP QUESTIONS, BOTH RELATED TO THIS TOPIC OF IMMIGRATION.
THIS ONE’S A YES/NO, UP-DOWN, SO HOPE WE CAN DO IT VERY BRIEF ANSWER.
DO YOU SUPPORT A PATH TO CITIZENSHIP TO DREAMERS, MR. BISHOP?
REP. BISHOP: FIRST THINGS FIRST.
CONTROL THE BORDERS AND THEN YOU CAN EASILY SOLVE THEM.
FIRST YOU HAVE A PATHWAY TO MAKE IT LEGAL THEN THERE HAS TO BE A PATHWAY FOR CITIZENSHIP.
BUT IT DOESN’T MEAN THEY GET TO GO TO THE FRONT OF THE LINE.
IT HAS TO GO THROUGH THE REGULAR PROCESS.

Rep Bishop suggested DACA provides an unfair advantage to dreamers and puts them ahead of other immigrants. Mostly false: While DACA does provide protections against deportation and work visas it does not advance an immigrant on the path to citizenship.

>> MR. CASTILLO, DREAMERS CITIZENSHIP?
MR. CASTILLO: ABSOLUTELY.
I DON’T KNOW WHAT HE’S TALKING ABOUT GOING TO THE FRONT OF THE LINE.
THE DREAMERS HAVE BEEN HERE.
THEY’RE OUR NEIGHBORS OUR FRIENDS.
THEM ATTEND SCHOOLS.
THEY HAVE BEEN HERE.
THEY WERE BROUGHT HERE, THEY DIDN’T HAVE A CHOICE.
THEY WERE BROUGHT HERE AS CHILDREN.
SO I THINK THAT IT GIVES THEM PERMISSION TO BUTT IN FRONT OF THE LINE.
THEY’VE ALREADY BEEN HERE WAY BEFORE ANYBODY ELSE AND WE NEED TO ACT AS HUMANELY CREATE A PATHWAY TO CITIZENSHIP, GIVE THEM OPPORTUNITIES TO THRIVE BECAUSE THEY ARE IN OUR COMMUNITIES, THEY’RE OUR NEIGHBORS THEY’RE OUR FRIENDS THEY’RE IN OUR CHURCHES.
SO YES, I ABSOLUTELY BELIEVE IN A PATHWAY TO CITIZENSHIP FOR DACA.

(Lee Castillo) on dreamers and immigrants who have been here 20+ years remains consistent with his website and campaign.
MR. ELIASON, YES OR NO?
I'M KIDDING.
FEEL FREE TO TAKE THE 30 SECONDS YOU NEED.
MR. ELIASON: YES.
THE ANSWER IS YES.
WHEN WE LOOK AT FIRST THINGS FIRST, I'M GOING TO FIGURE OUT HOW THE BORDER ARE AND THE OTHER ISSUE.
WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS LOOK FOR COMMON GROUND WHEREVER WE HAVE COMMON GROUND AND GET THINGS DONE WHEN WE CAN GET THINGS DONE.
IF THAT MEANS WE ARE ABLE TO TACKLE SOMETHING ELSE FIRST LET'S GET IT TACKLED.
AND WE CAN ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE NECESSARY AND THEY'RE IMPORTANT THAT WE ADDRESS.
>> THE SECOND FOLLOWUP AGAIN HOPE YOU'LL BE BRIEF BUT WE HAVE A VERY LOW UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE STATE, LESS THAN 4 PERCENT.

The Debate moderator stated the employment rate in Utah is less than 4 percent. TRUE
According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, as of June 2018 Utah unemployment is at 3 percent.

THE QUESTION IS, HOW ARE WE GOING TO FIND THE LABOR WE NEED TO KEEP THIS ECONOMY GOING?
MR. BISHOP?
REP. BISHOP: YOU DON'T HAVE TO FIND OF DIFFERENT WAYS AND PROCESSES OF DOING THAT.
ONCE AGAIN IF THE IMPLICATION IS THAT PEOPLE COMING INTO THE COUNTRY ARE GOING TO BE SUPPLYING THAT LABOR THEN YOU HAVE TO DO FIRST THINGS FIRST, AGAIN, WHICH MEANS TELL PEOPLE WE HAVE ABSOLUTE CONTROL OF THE BORDER WHICH DOES MEAN HAVING THE BORDER PATROL ABLE TO DO THEIR JOB THEN THOSE THINGS CAN HAPPEN.

Mostly False: Bishop stated that labor needs stable borders before DACA for the economy. DACA isn't correlated with a secure border and DACA recipients will add $350 billion to the economy in the next 10 years

THOSE OTHER THINGS ARE ADDED TO.
THAT'S ONE OF THE SECOND THINGS.
IT'S TRUE I UNDERSTAND IT BUT IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THOSE PIECES THEY CAN BE SOLVED ONCE THE ANGER AND ANXIETY IS DOWN BECAUSE YOU CAN HONESTLY SAY WE HAVE CONTROL OF THE BORDER.
THAT IS FIRST THING AND NOTHING'S GOING TO HAPPEN UNTIL THAT HAPPENS.
Lee Castillo claims that many farmers in Utah have had to change crops due to immigration shortages. This is true according to an article released by the Salt Lake Tribune stating: "increasing immigration enforcement without also reforming or worker visa program will cost $60 billion in agricultural production."

EVERYBODY, THESE PEOPLE ARE HERE.
THEY'RE IN THE SHADOWS.
GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK.
THEY CONTRIBUTE TO OUR SOCIETY.
THOSE TAXES THAT THEY MAKE WHEN THEY WERE DOING THE JOBS THAT NOBODY ELSE WANTS TO.
I GREW UP IN THE ONION FIELDS I DIDN'T WANT TO DO IT.
IT'S A TOUGH GIG.
AND THESE PEOPLE WANT TO DO THAT JOB, AND THAT MONEY GOES INTO OUR SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM AND IT HELPS-- -

Not Verifiable- Bishop was one of 82 Congress members to sign a letter address to Secretary of Homeland Security Kristjen Nielsen in support of the H-2B visa program. The letter advocates the Department of Homeland Security to increase the amount of H-2B temporary work visas because it is good for American jobs. The H-2B visa program is for temporary guest workers who pay American taxes, don’t receive federal benefits and are not immigrants.

>> OKAY, GREAT.
MR. ELIASON WE'RE TRYING TO KEEP THIS TO 30 SECONDS.
MR. ELIASON: WHEN WE LOOK AT UNEMPLOYMENT, I THINK YES WE NEED BORDER SECURITY.
BUT IF WE'RE TRYING TO PUT ONE BEFORE THE OTHER THAT'S GOING AS TO MAKE IT REALLY TOUGH.
WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE LABOR ISSUES RIGHT NOW.
WE CAN LOOK FOR LEGAL, GOOD, LEGAL IMMIGRATION POLICIES TO GET PEOPLE IN HERE LEGALLY TO HELP WITH THE BUILDING THE BUILDINGS, TO WORKING IN THE
FIELDS, AND HOPEFULLY OVER TIME THAT TAKES CARE OF ITSELF, AND WE’RE ABLE TO MEET THOSE DEMANDS.

>> THANK YOU.
I’M GOING TO GO TO SOCIAL MEDIA AGAIN, JOSH HARDY WRITES THIS.
IT IS EXPECTED THAT SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE WILL RUN OUT OF FUNDS.
I AM 38, AND HAVE BEEN PAYING INTO THESE PROGRAMS.
WHAT WILL YOU DO TO ENSURE THAT SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE WILL BE AVAILABLE WHEN I RETIRE?
MR. CASTILLO?
MR. CASTILLO: I WANT TO PROTECT SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE.
I AM, I’M FOR ELDERLY, I WORK WITH OUR ELDERLY.
AND WITH REGARDS TO MR., I WILL REVERSE TRUMP’S TAX CUT TO THAT TOP 1 PERCENT AND HIS CORPORATIONS, AND IT WILL AUTOMATICALLY PUT MONEY INTO THOSE FUNDS.
WE SHOULD NOT BE COMPROMISING THESE PROGRAMS-
- THESE PROGRAMS THAT HAVE SAVED LIVES.
THAT’S HOW YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT IT.
THEY SAVE LIVES ON JUST SO THAT THE TOP 1 PERCENT CAN ADD TO THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS.

House Republicans offered a budget proposal on Tuesday that would cut mandatory spending by $5.4 trillion over a decade, including $537 billion in cuts to Medicare and $1.5 trillion in cuts to Medicaid and other health programs.

On Medicare, the budget would move towards a system of private health insurance plans competing with one other, rather than the current open-ended, government-provided Medicare system.

On Medicaid, the budget would impose new caps that could lead to cuts in payments over time.
https://www.thebalance.com/current-u-s-federal-budget...

THAT’S RIDICULOUS.
IT’S DISHEARTENING AND IT’S DISGUSTING.

>> MR. ELIASON, MEDICARE/SOCIAL SECURITY, THEIR STABILITY MOVING FORWARD.
MR. ELIASON: I THINK MEDICARE IS A DIFFERENT ISSUE.
WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM OVERALL IN ORDER TO, IF WE CAN ADDRESS HEALTH CARE AS A PROGRAM, THEN WE CAN LOWER THOSE COSTS OVERALL, AND THAT I BELIEVE WOULD HELP EXTEND MEDICARE.
IF WE LOOK AT SOCIAL SECURITY BELIEVE WHEN IT WAS SET UP, THE AVERAGE LIFE SPAN WAS 65 YEARS.
Mostly False, the retirement age was 65 years back in 1935, not the average lifespan. Lifespan for those reaching 65, who were then eligible to receive benefits, was 77.3 years old, according to [https://www.ssa.gov/planners/retire/background.html](https://www.ssa.gov/planners/retire/background.html)

Average general life expectancy in 1935 was 61 according to [https://web.stanford.edu/class/e297c/poverty_prejudice/soc_sec/hsocialsec.htm](https://web.stanford.edu/class/e297c/poverty_prejudice/soc_sec/hsocialsec.htm).

WE'RE NOW LIVING A LITTLE LONGER THAN THAT.
WE NEED TO, NOT FOR THOSE NEARING RETIREMENT OR IN RETIREMENT BUT FOR MY AGE WE NEED TO START PUSHING THAT AGE OUT.

The retirement age was 65 years back in 1935 and in 1983 it was changed to 67. [https://www.ssa.gov/planners/retire/background.html](https://www.ssa.gov/planners/retire/background.html).

WE SHOULD CONSIDER A MEANS TEST.
MR. BISHOP HAS BROUGHT OUT PRIVATIZATION OF SOME OF THAT. IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO EXPLORE SOME OF THAT.

Question from Facebook live feed: Question: Didn’t Bishop vote to cut Medicare, social security and Medicaid with the recently passed house budget?


I THINK SOME OF THE COMPLICATIONS IS THAT SOCIAL SECURITY FUND RIGHT NOW IS FUNDING OUR NATIONAL DEBT. HONESTLY WE’RE ROBBING PETER TO PAY PAUL. SO WE HAVE TO REALLY EXPLORE HOW ANYTHING LIKE THAT COULD TAKE PLACE.

>> MR. BISHOP.
REP. BISHOP: THANK YOU.
THE FIRST THING WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE IS THOSE ON SOCIAL SECURITY KNOW THERE’S NOTHING I’M GOING TO DO IN ANY WAY TO CHANGE THEIR BENEFITS OR CHANGE THE PROGRAM THAT THEY HAVE. HOWEVER, THIS IS AN EASY ONE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY. THE TIME OF LYNDON JOHNSON WE CHANGED THE WAY SO ALL MONEY COMING INTO SOCIAL SECURITY WENT INTO GOVERNMENT BONDS.

Mostly true, “Since 1960, the policy has been to invest principally in special obligation bonds, unless the Managing Trustee of the funds (i.e., the Secretary of the Treasury) determines that investment in marketable securities would be “in the public interest.” In fact, since 1980 no marketable securities have been added to the Trust Funds. (For a
more detailed explanation see the Office of the Actuary’s Actuarial Note #142.)" [https://www.ssa.gov/history/BudgetTreatment.html]

PAID BACK AN ALARMING 2 PERCENT RATE.
THAT IS SILLY.
YOU BRIEFLY MENTIONED THAT.
IT’S STUPID TO HAVE GOVERNMENT FUNDS GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT SO THE GOVERNMENT CAN PAY ITSELF SO THE GOVERNMENT CAN THEN COME BACK OUT AGAIN.
THE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM HAS THE WISE IDEA OF USING INTEREST TO ACTUALLY MAKE THOSE THINGS Viable.

Maybe, I am not sure if this is accurate or not [https://www.urs.org/Members/FundFactSheets].

SO THE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM THEY REINVEST THOSE FUNDS UNDER AN ACT WEARILY SOUND PROGRAM USING THE PRUDENT MAN RULE AND THE INTEREST THAT COMES FROM THOSE PROGRAMS TO SUPPLEMENT THOSE PROGRAMS.
IF THE UNITED STATES DID THAT WITH THE WAY WE TAKE IN SOCIAL SECURITY FUNDS, I’M CONVINCED, WITHOUT MAKING ANY CHANGES TO THE BENEFITS OR AGES OR ANYTHING ELSE, YOU COULD EASILY FUND THAT PROGRAM IF WE SIMPLY CHANGE THE THE WAY WE USE SOCIAL SECURE MY MONEY COMING IN.
IT’S A FUNDING MECHANISM.
THEY DO THAT IN THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, WE SHOULD DO THAT.
>> NEXT TO OUR USU STUDENT SAM JACKSON.
>> I’M CONCERNED ABOUT THE LACK OF CIVILITY AND THE PARTISAN NATURE OF WASHINGTON.
WHAT ARE SOME SPECIFIC STEPS YOU WILL TAKE TO DECREASE THE OVERALL HOSTILITY BETWEEN PARTIES IN CONGRESS?
CAN YOU NAME ONE OR TWO AREAS WHERE YOU WILL BE WILLING TO WORK ACROSS AISLE IN A BIPARTISAN MANNER?
>> MR. ELIASON LET’S KEEP IT TO 30 SECONDS.
MR. ELIASON: IF THERE’S ONE REASON IT’S BECAUSE OF THE DIVISION WE HAVE. THAT’S WHY I’M RUNNING AS A UNITED UTAH CANDIDATE THAT’S IN THE CENTER AND HOPEFULLY I CAN BRIDGE SOME OF THOSE GAPS.

Eliason on running, true. his platform remains consistent on running to decrease hostility in congress.

IN CONGRESS RIGHT NOW THERE’S A PROBLEM SOLVERS CAUCUS.
IT COME CONSISTS OF 24 REPUBLICANS AND 24 # DEMOCRATS THAT MEET TOGETHER ONCE A WEEK TO SAY WHERE DO WE ACTUALLY COMMON GROUND RIGHT NOW?
AND WHERE CAN WE PUSH THINGS FORWARD? THEY’VE PROPOSED INTERESTING THINGS ON HEALTH CARE AS WELL AS THE WAY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE IS CHOSEN.

Castillo supports a single-payer national healthcare system - TRUE. He believes health care is a right, not a privilege.

>> THANK YOU.
MR. BISHOP.
REP. BISHOP: I WANT TO SAY THIS PROPERLY. WASHINGTON SUCKS BUT IT’S NOT NEARLY AS BAD AS WHAT YOU HEAR ALL THE TIME. SO YOU MAKE CERTAIN ASSUMPTIONS.
IN MY COMMITTEE I’M VERY PROUD V MUCH MY A THIRD ARE DEMOCRAT BILLS. THAT’S MORE THAN ANY OTHER IN THE PAST 25 YEARS.
148 HAVE PASSED THE HOUSE AND 53 HAVE BEEN SIGNED INTO LAW.
A THIRD OF THOSE DEMOCRAT BILLS.
IN MY COMMITTEE WE HAVE REACHED ACROSS THE AISLE AND YOU’LL NEVER HEAR ABOUT THAT.
PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER AND PASSING THINGS, WHICH DOES HAPPEN ALL THE TIME, DOESN’T SELL PAPERS AND DOESN’T SELL AIR SPACE.
YOU HEAR THE CONFLICTS, IT’S NOT AS BAD AS WHAT YOU SEE.
>> MR. CASTILLO, 30 SECONDS ON THIS TOPIC.
MR. CASTILLO: I’M JUST PASSIONATE.
I THINK THE PROBLEM WE HAVE ARE CAREER POLICIES.
WE NEED TO IMPLEMENT TERM LIMITS.
PEOPLE GET SO COMFORTABLE IN WASHINGTON BUT THEY ARE NOT WILLING TO WORK ACROSS THE AISLE.
AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE AS YOUR FUTURE CONGRESSMAN THAT I WANT TO BUILD THOSE BRIDGES.
I WANT TO BUILD THOSE NEW RELATIONSHIPS WITH-
- WE NEED TO COURAGE BECAUSE THERE’S CAREER POLITICIANS THAT ARE COM FANL AND THEY’RE HAPPY WITH BEING PAID BY SPECIAL INTERESTS.
>> THAT’S GREAT.
ANYONE LIKE A QUICK REBUTTAL ON ANY OF THIS?
MR. ELIASON.
MR. ELIASON: WE HEAR ABOUT BIPARTISAN BILLS.
WE LOOKED UP WHAT THE BIPARTISAN BILLS WERE, IT’S BIPARTISAN IF YOU GET 5 PERCENT, UNDER THE DEFINITION MR. BISHOP IS SAYING IT’S BIPARTISAN IF YOU GET 5 PERCENT OF THE DEMOCRATS TO VOTE FOR IT.
THAT TO ME IS NOT THE DEFINITION OF BIPARTISAN BILL.
Eric Eliason claimed that five percent of across the aisle votes is what defines something as having "bipartisan support." NOT VERIFIABLE

Reply on Facebook: Rob Bishop called the Resilient Federal Forests Act "bipartisan" in a Deseret News op-Ed. 5% of House Democrats voted for it.

>> MR. BISHOP 30 SECONDS.
REP. BISHOP: THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS SAYING.
ONE-THIRD OF THE BILLS WE PASSED ARE SPONSORED BY DEMOCRATS.
THEY ARE DEMOCRAT BILLS.
ONE-THIRD WE HAVE PASSED AND SIGNED INTO LAW ARE SPONSORED BY DEMOCRATS.
THEY ARE DEMOCRAT BILLS.
AND THE LAST TWO BILLS WE PASSED ON WITH LAND CONSERVATION FUND AND THIS BACKLOG I WAS THE SPONSOR MY RANKING MEMBER WAS THE CO SPONSOR WITH ME ON PARTICULAR BILLS.
I GET ALONG WITH MY RANKING MEMBER.
HE IS AS SARCASTIC AS I AM.
IF I WANTED TO PICK A GOOD NEIGHBOR, I'D PICK HIM, HE'S CRAZY BUT HE'S A GOOD PERSON.

>> MR. CASTILLO 30 SECONDS.
MR. CASTILLO: I WANT TO THANK GONG MAN BISHOP FOR SERVING 16 YEARS NOT ONLY HERE IN UTAH AND IN THE HOUSE BUT ALSO IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON.
IT'S TIME TO RETIRE, AND ALLOW NEW FRESH IDEAS TO COME IN AND I BELIEVE IN TERM LIMITS SO THOSE IDEAS REMAIN FRESH.

>> WE HAVE REACHED THE END OF TIME ALLOTTED FOR QUESTIONING THE CANDIDATES AND WILL MOVE TO ONE-MINUTE CLOSING STATEMENTS.
OUR PRE-DEBATE DRAW DETERMINED MR. CASTILLO WOULD HAVE THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK FOLLOWED BY MR. ELIASON, MR. BISHOP WILL HAVE THE FINAL MINUTE.

MR. CASTILLO.
MR. CASTILLO: I'M A SOCIAL WORKER A MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST I CARE ABOUT PEOPLE.
I'M RUNNING WITH YOU AS MY SPECIAL INTEREST.
I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE ARE PUT AS A PRIORITY.
I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT ELDERLY ARE PROTECTED.
I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I WILL FIGHT FOR HILL AIR FORCE BASE, I WILL FIGHT FOR VETERANS, I WILL FIGHT FOR VA, I WILL FIGHT FOR IMPROVEMENTS.
I WILL FIGHT FOR UTAHNS OF ALL COLORS, RELIGIONS, AND I BELIEVE UTAH IS FOR EVERYBODY.
AND THAT AS A CONGRESSMAN YOUR FUTURE CONGRESSMAN I WILL LISTEN TO ALL PARTIES.
GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT I WANT TO REPRESENT DEMOCRATS, REPUBLICANS, AND INDEPENDENTS ALIKE.
AND THAT'S FLEWLY WHO I AM.
I'M A CARING PERSON AND WANT TO PUT YOU FIRST.
>> MR. CASTILLO ONE MINUTE CLOSING STATEMENT.
SORRY MR. ELIASON.
EXCUSE ME.
MR. ELIASON: WE KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BE UNITED AS A COUNTRY.
PARTICULARLY WHEN WE'VE HAD A COMMON ENEMY.
IN WORLD WAR II AGAINST THE NAZIS, AND THIS IS DURING THE COLD WAR AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION AND RECENTLY AS WE FOUGHT AGAINST TERRORISM, BUT I BELIEVE THE MEASURE OF OUR COUNTRY IS GOING TO BE HOW WE OVERCOME THIS POLITICALLY DIVIDED NATION.
I THINK IT'S TIME THAT WE COME TOGETHER, IT'S TIME THAT WE REJECT THIS US VERSUS THEM, ZERO SON POLITICS GAME WE SEE IN WASHINGTON.
I BELIEVE WE NEED, IT'S TIME THAT WE SEE DIFFERENCES OF OPINIONS AS STRENGTHS RATHER THAN WEAKNESSES.
I THINK IT'S TIME THAT WE SEEK TO UNDERSTAND ALL SIDES OF THE ISSUE, AND IT'S TIME TO EMBRACE THE TRUTH WHEREVER WE MIGHT FIND IT.
WE NEED TO EXPLORE AREAS OF AGREEMENT AS OPPOSED TO AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT, BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT AS A COUNTRY, AND AS UTAHNS, TOGETHER, ALL TOGETHER, WE CAN DO BETTER.
>> AND OUR FINAL ONE-MINUTE STATEMENT TO MR. BISHOP.
REP. BISHOP: WHEN I FIRST RAN I MADE ONE PROMISE AND THAT WAS WASHINGTON WOULDN'T CHANGE ME.
I KEPT THAT PROMISE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO WHEN I LOST 70 POUNDS.
UNFORTUNATELY I PUT TEN BACK ON, DAMN IT.
BUT I AM STILL THE SAME PERSON.
I HAVE LIVED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TWO YEARS IN GERMANY I'VE LIVED MY ENTIRE LIFE IN THIS DISTRICT.
MY WIFE AND I STILL LIVE IN OUR SAME HOME IN BRIGHAM CITY WHERE WE PUT KIDS THROUGH COLLEGE AND MISSIONS ON A SCHOOL TEACHER'S SALARY. WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE FRUGAL BUT IN WASHINGTON OUR DELEGATION HAS TO WORK LIKE A TEAM FOR A SMALL STATE LIKE UTAH AND THAT'S WHY YOUR VOTE FOR CONGRESS IS NOT JUST VOTING FOR A CONGRESSMAN. IT'S VOTING FOR WHO WILL BE A LEADER ON THAT TEAM IN WASHINGTON.
I WANT TO BE BACK THERE ON THAT TEAM SO THAT WE CAN SUPPORT THE SECOND AMENDMENT, SO WE CAN SUPPORT HILL AIR FORCE BASE AND WORKERS WHO MAKE THAT SUCCESSFUL SO WE CAN PUSH THROUGH INITIATIVES THAT ARE PRO LIFE, THAT WE CAN PUSH THROUGH THE ABILITY OF HAVING ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS
AND THAT WE CAN KEEP OUR TAXES LOW SO THAT WE CAN KEEP JOBS AND WAGES HIGH.
I ASK FOR YOUR VOTE, YOU’VE BEEN VERY KIND TO ME OVER THE PAST, I ASK YOUR VOTE ONE LAST TIME BECAUSE THIS WILL BE MY LAST TERM, I WANT TO BE THE LEADER OF THAT TEAM.
>> MY THANKS TO ROB BISHOP, LEE CASTILLO, AND MR. ELIASON FOR THEIR TIME THIS EVENING.
ALSO A SPECIAL APPRECIATION TO THE ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, AND STUDENTS OF UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY FOR PROVIDING THIS BEAUTIFUL VENUE.
THANKS ALSO TO THOSE WHO ASKED QUESTIONS AT TONIGHT’S DEBATE INCLUDING OUR PANELISTS AND THOSE WHO SUBMITTED QUESTIONS ON SOCIAL MEDIA.
A SPECIAL THANKS GOES TO THE UTAH DEBATE COMMISSION SKOE CHAIRS SCOTT HOWELL AND THOMAS WRIGHT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NINA SLAYNE AND A THANKS TO THE MANY UTAH STATIONS THAT BROUGHT YOU THIS DEBATE AS A PUBLIC SERVICE.
WE’D ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE SPONSORS OF TONIGHT’S OF TONIGHT’S DEBATE MERIT MEDICAL AND THE KEM C. GARDNER INSTITUTE.
THE NEXT DEBATE WILL BE NEXT TUESDAY, IT WILL FEATURE JOHN CURTIS AND JAMES SINGER.
AND A REMINDER THAT THE ELECTION IS JUST A FEW WEEKS AWAY ON NOVEMBER 6TH.
PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO VOTE.
ON BEHALF OF UTAH DEBATE COMMISSION, THANK YOU.