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Mike Michaud (D)

Kevin Raye (R)



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Use the web pages above to learn about where these candidates stand on the issues. Click on the links on each page that say "Issues". Choose the **three** issues from the list that you feel most strongly about and type the titles in the appropriate place below. For each issue, write a few sentences explaining where each candidate stands on that issue.

The issue: Economy and Jobs

Michaud says: Mike is work hard in Washington to secure investments to create jobs today and promote technology and build infrastructure that will help Maine compote for the jobs for tomorrow. Mike has also fought to deliver tax cuts to who need them most. an example of this Mike voted to pass tax relief for middle class families, protecting 19 million families from the Alternative Minimum Tax.

The issue: Debt and Spending

Raye says:

We are in a 16 trillion debt. We need to set spending priorities. And pass a balanced budget amendment. We made tough choices here in maine and reduced the debt by 1.7 trillion. Maine's debt lock is now slowly ticking backwards. Raye set the example by reducing his office staff budget by 22%. "Washington needs that kind of a dose of common sense" "We need to reign in spending" "We need to make tough choices" "We need to do that right thing to make sure that we are not the first generation of Americans to leave this country weaker than we found it" says Raye.

The issue: Working for Veterans

Michaud says:

He was selected to serve on the Veteran's Affairs Committee. From the beginning, Mike realized that their was more talk than action when it came to supporting our veterans. The Department of Veteran's Affairs were severely underfunded, and the conditions at Department of Defense facilities like Water Reed were deplorable. Maine's veterans were traveling hundreds of miles for routine health care services. Mike saw it was time for change. Since being elected for Congress, Mike has compiled a record of success for Maine's veterans. 2 examples of this would be: he led the effort to pass the law in the largest investment in the VA in history- a 6.6 billion increase. And mike also

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passed the "Home for Heros Act", a bill that would provide shelter for homeless veterans and their families.

The issue: should health care be reformed?

Raye says: Obamacare should be reapplied and replaced with bipartisan reforms to provide consumers with more choices and competition and help reduce the costs of health insurance.

The issue: The war in Iraq

Michaud says:

Mike has disagreed with the war in Iraq since the beginning. He knows that our soldiers and resources would have been better used fighting Al Qaeda and the Taliban in Afghanistan. Unfortunately, the leadership in Washington took their eye off the ball. Our troops have performed heroically despite an impossible mission. Mike is doing his part to change the core and use our military in a smart and effective manner.

The issue: Abortion

Raye says: Early in pregnancy, I believe government has no appropriate role in the decision. A government intrusive enough to get between a women, her faith, her family and her doctor is a government intrusive enough to get between a gun owner and his gun, or between a protester and his freedom of speech.

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Do you now know enough about these candidates to decide whom to vote for? Do you think most people decide whom to vote for based on the issues? What other factors might affect a voter's choice?

No. I do not know enough about the candidates to decide who to vote for. Thats because the two candidates issues didn't align with each others. I don't think most people would know who to vote for for the very same reason. The other factor that might affect voters choice would be how Raye's issues are in video form and Michaud's are in written form