

Representative /u/smart-username (BM-US) appears on the Joe Rogan Experience to talk about the upcoming federal election. Some excerpts are below.

Rogan: And we're live. Hello.

Smart: Hey.

Rogan: Welcome. Thanks for coming.

Smart: Happy to be here. Now that Congress is closed for the session, it's great to have time to do things like this.

Rogan: I can imagine. So how was Congress? You sort of appeared out of nowhere.

Smart: Oh, it was great. But that actually has been one of my big problems, getting my name out there. No one knows anything about some small-business tech entrepreneur from Columbus. But I think I have done a good job. I mean, I ran a primary challenge against /u/A_Cool_Prussian, the representative from my district, knowing I was going to lose, just doing it for the name recognition. And it seems like it worked. I mean, I'm here with you now.

Rogan: It is great to have you, Smart. So just to be clear, you did endorse Prussian for CH-2, correct?

Smart: Yes, of course. There was never any animosity there. I just wanted to become well-known enough that my endorsement would matter. Because of that, I get the chance to come on this show and represent the Bull Moose Party congressional campaign to your audience.

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Rogan: So let's talk about the Bull Moose Party. I've been following them for a while now, but I want to know, what drew you to them?

Smart: Well, obviously I think they have the right ideas. I mean, they're willing to actually think logically about things, which is something the two big parties seem to have lost. But also, they're not corrupt like the two big parties. While the Democrats and the Republicans represent the will of their rich and powerful donors, the Bull Moose actually represent the will of the people.

Rogan: Couldn't you say that about other small parties like the Socialists and Libertarians as well?

Smart: I'm not sure that either of those parties thinks logically. I mean, every time socialism has

been tried, it failed. I simply don't understand how you could logically support that. It perverts the incentives necessary for economic success. While sure, it sounds great to say that everyone should be equal, it just results in everyone being lazy because work doesn't bring them any profit.

Rogan: But isn't that the same thing Republicans say about your support of UBI?

Smart: Again, it goes back to the corruption. They only make poor arguments like that because the wealthy pay them to. In reality, UBI is completely different. With a UBI, you can still make *more* money by working. Whereas under complete socialism, you won't make any extra money. So even with a UBI, the incentive to work still exists. It's not socialism, it's capitalism that doesn't start at zero.

Rogan: Yeah, that makes sense. But you know, every politician talks about Washington corruption, but nothing ever gets done.

Smart: Well you see, I actually have already done things to curb corruption. Last term, I introduced the Revolving Door Act, which would prevent former Congressmen and executive officials from doing certain work relating to politics for companies longer periods of time after they leave office, and would prevent lobbyists hired by corporations from getting jobs as Congressional aides. As it exists now, companies bribe Congress by offering Congressmen cushy jobs after they leave office.

Rogan: How is that already legal? Like, you'd think it's common sense that companies shouldn't be allowed to bribe Congress.

Smart: Again, it's because of the corruption. Neither major party wants to do anything about it, so that's why the Bull Moose are here.

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Rogan: So where do you go from here? What's next for your career after this campaign cycle, because you're not running for Congress, correct?

Smart: Well, it's not that simple. While, yes, I'm not running for any district seat, it's important to remember that overall election results affect the additional national list seats. While it's not confirmed for sure, I have it on pretty good authority that party administration is likely to give me a list seat if we earn enough. So that's why it's important for everyone to go to the ballot box on Election Day and vote Bull Moose. We are on the ballot in AC-1, CH-1, CH-2, CH-Sen, DX-2, and DX-4.

Rogan: And what if you don't get a list seat? Would you go back to your business?

Smart: Well, let's hope it doesn't come to that. *[both laugh]* But I don't see myself going back anytime soon. The work I'm doing on the national stage is far more crucial. I could run for office in my home state of Chesapeake in the next election, or I could act as a press correspondent for the BMP. The future remains to be seen. But remember, if you want to keep me in office fighting corruption, vote Bull Moose on Election Day!

Rogan: Well, there aren't any Bull Moose candidates on the ballot here in Sierra. But I would definitely recommend that my listeners vote BMP. Good luck, Smart.

Smart: Thank you Joe. I appreciate it.