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TALKING ABOUT A REVOLUTION

## A Call to Arms? It's an Option

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The themes of antigovernment revolution have every so often seeped into comments of Tea Party-backed candidates or their supporters this campaign season, and now a Republican House candidate in Texas has added his name.

Stephen Broden, below, a pastor and Tea Party-backed contender engaged in a long-shot bid in a heavily Democratic district in the Dallas area, suggested in an interview that violent overthrow of the government was a possibility that could not be dismissed. "Our nation was founded on violence," Mr. Broden told Dallas-Fort Worth's WFAA-TV, according to a video posted Thursday on the station's Web site.

When pressed on that point, Mr. Broden added: "The option is on the table. I don't think that we should ever remove anything from the table, as it relates to our liberties and our freedoms."

Some local supporters distanced themselves from the comments made by Mr. Broden, who is trying to unseat Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson, a Democrat. Ms. Johnson's campaign did not respond to a message requesting a comment but has prominently placed a clip containing Mr. Broden's comments on its Web site.



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