

Kentucky
Candidate
Information
Survey



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Rep. Tommy Thompson

14th HOUSE
DISTRICT



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<i>Kentucky should continue its participation in the national Common Core State Standards Initiative.</i>	"AGREE. These standards are the basis for what Kentucky students should know and focus on and establish skills needed for success in the global economy."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. We need to control our schools on a local level."
<i>Kentucky leaders have neglected to reform the state's antiquated tax system. This should be a top priority.</i>	"AGREE. However, these reforms need to be fair, adequate and competitive with surrounding states."	"STRONGLY AGREE. I support comprehensive tax reform. It will help take the burden off business and families."
<i>Kentucky should continue to allow Instant Racing slot machines to operate even though their legality is still in question in the courts.</i>	"DISAGREE. I do not think it is in the best interest of Kentucky families to allow for this form of expanded gambling."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. They are no different than slot machines. This is taking money from the homeless and poor."
<i>Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.</i>	"AGREE. Kentucky hasn't been raised in 7 years and 29 other states have raised theirs above the federal minimum."	"DISAGREE."
<i>The General Assembly should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky's contribution to it.</i>	"DISAGREE. Air quality standards should be reviewed by the Kentucky General Assembly and work to provide for the public protection."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Coal provides cheap power for industry and households. This is the most abundant resource in Kentucky and provides excellent paying jobs."
<i>With one exception in the last 10 years, House Leadership has barred debate on pro-life bills on the House Floor. It should reverse this practice.</i>	"AGREE. I have consistently voted and supported pro-life legislation during my tenure as a State Representative."	"STRONGLY AGREE. To protect the unborn, we must change the leadership of the Kentucky State House."
<i>Public schools should allow students to use bathrooms and locker rooms in accordance with their "gender identity."</i>	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. The federal government has no authority to dictate local school district bathroom policies; this is a federal overreach into a local issue."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. I will fight against federal overreach with Obama's transgender bathroom directive."
<i>Charter schools should be allowed throughout Kentucky.</i>	"DISAGREE. We have a large investment in public education and the effectiveness of charter schools is uncertain."	"STRONGLY AGREE."
<i>The best way to deal with the state's budget limitations is to cut spending, not raise taxes.</i>	"AGREE. The legislature should be a watch dog for every dollar spent and make investments where we can get the best dividend for our citizens."	"STRONGLY AGREE. You cannot tax the state into prosperity. We cannot/should not expect future generations to shoulder this responsibility."
<i>The General Assembly should vote to legalize marijuana.</i>	"DISAGREE. However, consideration should be given for the controlled use of medical marijuana."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE."
<i>The practice of mountaintop removal should be prohibited in Kentucky.</i>	"DISAGREE. Kentucky families depend upon this industry for their livelihood, and we should support Kentucky coal as an affordable energy source."	"STRONGLY DISAGREE. I support Kentucky Coal Mines."
<i>Students should be allowed to voluntarily express religious and political opinions and have equal access to public forums in public schools.</i>	"AGREE. This is the essence of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution."	"STRONGLY AGREE. The 1 st Amendment does not exclude students. They should be allowed to express their religious and political views."

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About the Kentucky Candidate Information Survey (KCIS) . . .

- The purpose of the **KCIS** is to reliably report candidates' views to voters in order to improve:

- 1) voter knowledge of the candidates;
- 2) voter participation; and
- 3) the quality of the democratic process.

- The **KCIS** is designed to neutrally, yet concisely, report the candidates' views in their own words on a broad range of issues. Each candidate was asked to respond to the assertions listed and was given 20 words to qualify his or her response. This issues-only, head-to-head approach avoids pushing a particular agenda, but at the same time, cuts through the political rhetoric often found in campaign literature.

- The **KCIS** is a non-partisan project of the Family Trust Foundation of Kentucky, a non-profit educational organization incorporated in order to encourage and strengthen families in our state. Encouraging responsible citizenship and increasing voter participation are two of its objectives.

- For more information on the **KCIS**, call (859) 255-5300; or for more information on the candidates, visit:

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**Be sure to take
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<i>Public schools and universities should pay the higher "prevailing wage" standards for their construction projects.</i>	" AGREE. We must ensure that we have quality, reputable contractors working on every school project."	" DISAGREE. Free enterprise, award projects to the fairest bidder."
<i>Personal and creative service businesses should not be forced to produce goods or services that violate their rights of conscience.</i>	" AGREE. "	" STRONGLY AGREE. "
<i>Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining drivers' licenses and receiving other government services.</i>	" AGREE. I have supported legislation that addresses the problems associated with illegal aliens."	" AGREE. We need to reform our immigration laws."
<i>Kentucky should conform to President Obama's gun safety executive order.</i>	" DISAGREE. I am a strong supporter of our Second Amendment rights."	" STRONGLY DISAGREE. I 100% support the 2 nd Amendment and I will make every effort to debilitate the executive order."
<i>Kentucky should not become a Right to Work state.</i>	" AGREE. We have an excellent labor-management balance/climate in Kentucky."	" UNDECIDED. Equal Opportunity for all Kentucky citizens looking to provide for their future."
<i>Schools should familiarize students with all sides of scientific debates on issues like evolution and global warming.</i>	" AGREE. It is good for students to hear all sides of these debates, but they should consult with their parents and then decide for themselves."	" AGREE. All students should be educated in scientific theories but not influenced to a biased view."
<i>Tuition for Kentucky's two largest universities have increased almost three-fold since 2002. There should be limitations placed on such increases.</i>	" AGREE. We should strive to improve the affordability of and access to higher education."	" STRONGLY AGREE. These schools need to cut excess spending."
<i>Private companies should be allowed to exercise eminent domain over private property to ensure the successful completion of the Bluegrass Pipeline.</i>	" DISAGREE. "	" DISAGREE. I am generally against the exercising of eminent domain."
<i>List your top three priorities should you be elected.</i>	"1. Promote economic development and job creation. 2. Invest in education and workforce development. 3. Defend family values, fiscal responsibility and transparency."	"1. Building a strong economy with good paying jobs. 2. Retracking our Moral Compass. 3. Standing up against Federal Government overreach."

· On **Tuesday, November 8**, voters will go to the polls to vote in the Fall Election. Ballots will include candidates for President, U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, Kentucky Senate (odd-numbered districts only) and House of Representatives. Please note that not all districts have a contested race.

· For more information on your voter registration status or to find out what district you live in, please contact your county clerk or visit the Secretary of State's Voter Information Center:

sos.ky.gov/elections

Special Thanks to the Candidates . . .

We want to thank all the candidates who participated in the **Survey** and all those who considered our invitation but chose not to respond. We are grateful to everyone who stepped forward to offer their leadership by running for office in our great Commonwealth.

To Kentucky citizens . . .

We trust that you as a citizen of Kentucky have been served by this endeavor and that you will in turn serve your community by voting your conscience on **Tuesday, November 8**.

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