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Candidate
Information
Survey



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70th HOUSE
DISTRICT



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<i>Kentucky should continue its participation in the national Common Core State Standards Initiative.</i>	" <u>AGREE.</u> "	" <u>STRONGLY DISAGREE.</u> Education decisions should be made at the state and local level."
<i>Kentucky leaders have neglected to reform the state's antiquated tax system. This should be a top priority.</i>	" <u>STRONGLY AGREE.</u> "	" <u>STRONGLY AGREE.</u> Lower taxes (corporate) lead to more jobs and companies which lead to greater revenue."
<i>Kentucky should continue to allow Instant Racing slot machines to operate even though their legality is still in question in the courts.</i>	" <u>UNDECIDED.</u> "	" <u>UNDECIDED.</u> More information/statistics are required."
<i>Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.</i>	" <u>AGREE.</u> "	" <u>STRONGLY DISAGREE.</u> Raising minimum wage leads to the loss of jobs."
<i>The General Assembly should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky's contribution to it.</i>	" <u>UNDECIDED.</u> "	" <u>STRONGLY DISAGREE.</u> Destroying the coal industry will kill Kentucky jobs and increase electric bills."
<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>	" <u>AGREE.</u> "	" <u>STRONGLY AGREE.</u> Life must be protected."
<i>Public schools should allow students to use bathrooms and locker rooms in accordance with their "gender identity."</i>	" <u>DISAGREE.</u> "	" <u>STRONGLY DISAGREE.</u> "
<i>Charter schools should be allowed throughout Kentucky.</i>	" <u>STRONGLY DISAGREE.</u> "	" <u>STRONGLY AGREE.</u> "
<i>The best way to deal with the state's budget limitations is to cut spending, not raise taxes.</i>	" <u>AGREE.</u> "	" <u>STRONGLY AGREE.</u> "
<i>The General Assembly should vote to legalize marijuana.</i>	" <u>UNDECIDED.</u> "	" <u>STRONGLY DISAGREE.</u> "
<i>The practice of mountaintop removal should be prohibited in Kentucky.</i>	" <u>AGREE.</u> "	" <u>UNDECIDED.</u> Need more information/statistics."
<i>Students should be allowed to voluntarily express religious and political opinions and have equal access to public forums in public schools.</i>	" <u>AGREE.</u> "	" <u>STRONGLY AGREE.</u> As long as the practice does not on its face incite violence."

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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time to vote on
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<i>Public schools and universities should pay the higher "prevailing wage" standards for their construction projects.</i>	" AGREE. "	" STRONGLY DISAGREE. Prevailing wage takes away from classroom needs."
<i>Personal and creative service businesses should not be forced to produce goods or services that violate their rights of conscience.</i>	" AGREE. "	" AGREE. Mainly for contribution to ceremonies."
<i>Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining drivers' licenses and receiving other government services.</i>	" AGREE. "	" STRONGLY AGREE. I am not against certain immigration, but it should be done legally."
<i>Kentucky should conform to President Obama's gun safety executive order.</i>	" STRONGLY DISAGREE. "	" STRONGLY DISAGREE. "
<i>Kentucky should not become a Right to Work state.</i>	" AGREE. "	" STRONGLY DISAGREE. Industry does not want to come to our state with unions."
<i>Schools should familiarize students with all sides of scientific debates on issues like evolution and global warming.</i>	" UNDECIDED. "	"_____. Global warming is political."
<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. "	"_____. Depends on why the tuition increases. For teachers, yes. For admin costs, no."
<i>Private companies should be allowed to exercise eminent domain over private property to ensure the successful completion of the Bluegrass Pipeline.</i>	" UNDECIDED. "	No response.
<i>List your top three priorities should you be elected.</i>	"1. Creating jobs. 2. Tax reform. 3. Health care."	"1. Pension crisis. 2. Transparent government. 3. Right to Work state."

· 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**.

For additional information and for more races across the Commonwealth of Kentucky, visit:

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