

Kentucky
Candidate
Information
Survey



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98th HOUSE
DISTRICT



Rep. Lew Nicholls



Dr. Danny Bentley

<p><i>Kentucky should continue its participation in the national Common Core State Standards Initiative.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Candidate chose not to participate.</p>	<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. I have served on a local school board. The local board, parents, and teachers should determine the curriculum.”</p>
<p><i>Kentucky leaders have neglected to reform the state’s antiquated tax system. This should be a top priority.</i></p>		<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. Being a former independent business owner, we need to lower the tax burden to create jobs.”</p>
<p><i>Kentucky should continue to allow Instant Racing slot machines to operate even though their legality is still in question in the courts.</i></p>		<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. ‘Instant Racing’ is a thinly veiled disguise of a slot machine. Legalized gaming is a regressive tax on the poor.”</p>
<p><i>Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.</i></p>		<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. Raising the minimum wage will decrease the number of jobs available. It will be an increased cost for small startups.”</p>
<p><i>The General Assembly should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky’s contribution to it.</i></p>		<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. Coal provides cheap electricity and good paying jobs for the area of Eastern Kentucky which I represent.”</p>
<p><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></p>		<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. All Kentucky voices need to be heard.”</p>
<p><i>Public schools should allow students to use bathrooms and locker rooms in accordance with their “gender identity.”</i></p>		<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE.”</p>
<p><i>Charter schools should be allowed throughout Kentucky.</i></p>		<p>“STRONGLY AGREE.”</p>
<p><i>The best way to deal with the state’s budget limitations is to cut spending, not raise taxes.</i></p>		<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. I have three grandsons and to saddle them with our future debts is wrong.”</p>
<p><i>The General Assembly should vote to legalize marijuana.</i></p>		<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. Society has enough health and social problems and this would add one more.”</p>
<p><i>The practice of mountaintop removal should be prohibited in Kentucky.</i></p>		<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. Responsible surface mining with reclamation provides jobs, supports and feeds families and public funds.”</p>
<p><i>Students should be allowed to voluntarily express religious and political opinions and have equal access to public forums in public schools.</i></p>		<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. I believe in the First Amendment!”</p>

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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
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>	Candidate chose not to participate.	"STRONGLY DISAGREE."
<i>Personal and creative service businesses should not be forced to produce goods or services that violate their rights of conscience.</i>		"STRONGLY AGREE."
<i>Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining drivers' licenses and receiving other government services.</i>		"STRONGLY AGREE. Illegal immigrants should be returned to their home state."
<i>Kentucky should conform to President Obama's gun safety executive order.</i>		"STRONGLY DISAGREE. We currently have sufficient existing gun control and safety laws. I am against any additional laws."
<i>Kentucky should not become a Right to Work state.</i>		"UNDECIDED."
<i>Schools should familiarize students with all sides of scientific debates on issues like evolution and global warming.</i>		"AGREE. All scientific theories should be exposed to students, but propagandized into none."
<i>Tuition for Kentucky's two largest universities have increased almost three-fold since 2002. There should be limitations placed on such increases.</i>		"STRONGLY AGREE. As long as interest rates and inflation remain low."
<i>Private companies should be allowed to exercise eminent domain over private property to ensure the successful completion of the Bluegrass Pipeline.</i>		"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Eminent domain should be exercised carefully. The pipeline did not show a definitive and absolute public benefit."
<i>List your top three priorities should you be elected.</i>		"1. Retain jobs and make Kentucky appealing to new jobs. 2. Fiscal responsibility. 3. Fight drug epidemic."

· 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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