

Kentucky
Candidate
Information
Survey



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27th SENATE
DISTRICT



Charles Linville III



Sen. Stephen West

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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
Tuesday,
November 8!**

<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. Education should be guided by local school boards and parents, not the federal government."</p>
<p><i>Kentucky leaders have neglected to reform the state's antiquated tax system. This should be a top priority.</i></p>		<p>"AGREE. We are way behind the surrounding states. Every year we put off tax modernization, the more we fall behind."</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>"DISAGREE. The rule of law should prevail. The people should decide if they want this allowed in the state of Kentucky."</p>
<p><i>Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.</i></p>		<p>"STRONGLY DISAGREE. The minimum wage only hurts the people that it is intended to help."</p>
<p><i>The General Assembly should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky's contribution to it.</i></p>		<p>"STRONGLY DISAGREE."</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>"AGREE. They are pro-life on the campaign trail and pro-abortion while in session."</p>
<p><i>Public schools should allow students to use bathrooms and locker rooms in accordance with their "gender identity."</i></p>		<p>"DISAGREE. Students should use the bathroom of their biological birth. If a school wants to make special arrangements for others, that is the school's business."</p>
<p><i>Charter schools should be allowed throughout Kentucky.</i></p>		<p>"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Numerous studies show the value of charter schools. If it's about the kids, then we allow charter schools in Kentucky."</p>
<p><i>The best way to deal with the state's budget limitations is to cut spending, not raise taxes.</i></p>		<p>"AGREE. It works every time it's tried. When the citizens are left with more of their own money, they make better decisions than the government."</p>
<p><i>The General Assembly should vote to legalize marijuana.</i></p>		<p>"UNDECIDED. I can see the value of marijuana when it comes to pain relief and end of life care. How is marijuana more dangerous than OxyContin or oxycodone?"</p>
<p><i>The practice of mountaintop removal should be prohibited in Kentucky.</i></p>		<p>"AGREE."</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>"AGREE. The First Amendment applies in schools as well as the public square."</p>



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Nicholas, Robertson and Rowan Counties

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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. Prevailing wage raises wages artificially."
<i>Personal and creative service businesses should not be forced to produce goods or services that violate their rights of conscience.</i>		"AGREE."
<i>Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining drivers' licenses and receiving other government services.</i>		"AGREE. If they are found to be here illegally, they should be deported. Why should American citizens be forced to obey the law and illegals given a pass?"
<i>Kentucky should conform to President Obama's gun safety executive order.</i>		"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Executive orders are not law!!! Only bills approved by the House, the Senate, and the President."
<i>Kentucky should not become a Right to Work state.</i>		"STRONGLY DISAGREE. This law is an impediment to companies locating here. New companies will not locate here when they can go to a state that is Right to Work."
<i>Schools should familiarize students with all sides of scientific debates on issues like evolution and global warming.</i>		"AGREE. Free speech and debate are always good. Education and learning require knowledge of both sides of an argument."
<i>Tuition for Kentucky's two largest universities have increased almost three-fold since 2002. There should be limitations placed on such increases.</i>		"UNDECIDED. There are already limitations put in place by CPE. The State should provide more oversight of our universities."
<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. This is unconstitutional, no matter what SCOTUS says! Eminent domain is reserved for the Government and does not apply to private entities."
<i>List your top three priorities should you be elected.</i>		"1. Fight the overreach of the federal government. 2. Fight against Common Core. 3. Improve Kentucky's ability to compete economically."

· 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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