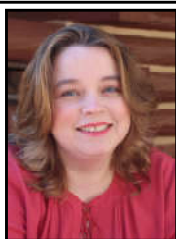


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**30<sup>th</sup> SENATE  
DISTRICT**



Sen. Brandon Smith



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Kentucky!**

*The best way to prepare Kentucky students for the modern economy is a strong, content-rich, basic education for every child.*

**"STRONGLY AGREE."**

*Leaders should make reforming Kentucky's antiquated tax system a top priority.*

**"STRONGLY AGREE."**

**Candidate chose not to participate.**

*Expanding casino-style or slot machine-style gambling is a good way for state government to raise revenue.*

**"STRONGLY DISAGREE."**

*Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.*

**"DISAGREE."** I believe these measures reduce the number of jobs available to working families."

*The General Assembly should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky's contribution to it.*

**"DISAGREE."**

*State lawmakers need to continue to implement common sense regulations on abortion in Kentucky.*

**"STRONGLY AGREE."**

*Public schools should allow students to use bathrooms and locker rooms in accordance with their chosen gender identity.*

**"STRONGLY DISAGREE."** All children deserve to be protected and respected."

*Funding for charter schools should be expedited.*

**"UNDECIDED."** I worry about the implications to rural schools which are chronically underfunded."

*The best way to deal with the state's budget limitations is to cut spending, not raise taxes.*

**"AGREE."** We need tax modernization to grow a healthy economy."

*The General Assembly should vote to legalize medical marijuana.*

**"UNDECIDED."** I would like to see more law enforcement and medical research, especially to benefit children and veterans."

*All public school sex-ed courses should encourage sexual experimentation.*

**"STRONGLY DISAGREE."**

*Churches and religious groups should be protected from state discrimination regarding their beliefs about marriage and sexuality.*

**"STRONGLY AGREE."**

**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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<p>State government should do more to encourage alternatives to carbon fuels, such as solar energy.</p>		<p><b>"AGREE.</b> Kentucky should explore an 'all of the above' approach to reliable and affordable energy."</p>
<p>Personal and creative service businesses should not be forced to produce goods or services that violate their rights of conscience.</p>		<p><b>"AGREE."</b></p>
<p>Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining driver's licenses and other government documents.</p>		<p><b>"STRONGLY AGREE."</b></p>
<p>Recent school shootings prove that we need more restrictive gun laws.</p>		<p><b>"DISAGREE."</b></p>
<p>Kentucky must protect parental consent &amp; parental rights for those with minor children.</p>		<p><b>"AGREE."</b></p>
<p>Schools should familiarize students with all sides of scientific debates on issues like evolution and global warming.</p>		<p><b>"AGREE."</b></p>
<p>Kentucky should act to regulate self-driving cars.</p>		<p><b>"AGREE."</b></p>
<p>Tuition at the University of Kentucky is now three times higher than in 2002. All state college tuition increases should be limited.</p>		<p><b>"AGREE."</b></p>
<p>List your top three priorities should you be elected.</p>		<p>"1. Building our economy 2. Improving access to education 3. Protecting family values."</p>

• On **Tuesday, Nov. 6**, voters will go to the polls to vote in the General Election. Ballots will include candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives, the Kentucky Senate (even-numbered districts only) and the Kentucky 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](http://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, Nov. 6**.

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