

Kentucky Candidate Information Survey



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Rocky Adkins

GOVERNOR

Democrat Primary
Candidates *Andy Beshear & Adam Edelen* also chose *not to participate*

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Vote Kentucky!

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

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

The best way to fix Kentucky's failing pension system is for both sides to compromise.

Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.

The state should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky's contribution to it.

The state should initiate thorough reporting regulations for abortion providers.

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

A tuition tax-credit system should be established for needy students wanting to go to non-public schools.

To reduce teen pregnancies, minors should have access to contraception without parental knowledge.

Kentucky should legalize medical marijuana.

The next governor should advocate for a statewide "Fairness Ordinance."

Churches and religious organizations must be protected from state discrimination regarding their beliefs about marriage and sexuality.

Rocky Adkins, and the other two Democrat candidates - Andy Beshear and Adam Edelen - chose not to participate in this Survey.

"DISAGREE. Students should learn how to learn and how to become critical thinkers who can distinguish truth from propaganda and lies."

"STRONGLY AGREE. KY must stop overtaxing the poor & working people, & make millionaires & large corporations pay their fair share."

"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Solve the crisis by boosting revenue to the General Fund. Tax the super-rich and legalize and tax marijuana."

"STRONGLY AGREE. Washington has failed & refused to allow the minimum wage to increase along with inflation. That's immoral."

"STRONGLY AGREE. I worked in Frankfort for 13 years promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies."

"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Making all abortions illegal would actually raise the abortion rate. Supporters of Planned Parenthood are the true pro-life Americans."

"AGREE."

"STRONGLY DISAGREE. The right wing is trying to destroy public schools by siphoning tax money into charter schools."

"STRONGLY AGREE. Young girls can get pregnant, and some parents don't want to admit that fact."

"STRONGLY AGREE. In addition, Kentucky should legalize and tax marijuana for recreational purposes. It's less addictive than alcohol and opioids."

"STRONGLY AGREE. It's immoral to deprive some Kentuckians of some of their rights based on their sexual orientation."

"STRONGLY DISAGREE. An institution's religious doctrines should not be used as an excuse to practice bigotry."

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, May 21!

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The Decision is Yours!

- Election Day is **Tuesday, May 21**. This year is an election for the statewide constitutional officers - Governor/Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, and Commissioner of Agriculture.

- For more information on your voter registration status, 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, May 21**.

To protect the poor, the state should act to curb exorbitant interest rates charged by payday lending companies.

Personal and creative service businesses should not be forced to produce goods or services that violate their rights of conscience.

Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining drivers' licenses and receiving other government services.

Recent school shootings prove that we need more restrictive gun laws.

Kentucky must protect parental consent & parental rights for those with minor children.

Schools should familiarize students with all sides of debates on issues like evolution and global warming.

Expanding gambling is a good way for state government to raise revenue.

University of Kentucky's tuition is now three times higher than in 2002. All state college tuition increases should be limited.

List your top three priorities should you be elected.

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"DISAGREE. Sometimes people get in a jam and need a loan for a few days."

"UNDECIDED."

"DISAGREE. The federal immigration system is broken."

"STRONGLY DISAGREE. I strongly support the Second Amendment."

"UNDECIDED."

"UNDECIDED. Those examples could be used to inform students that false ideologies can be dressed up to look like scientific disagreements."

"DISAGREE. I would sign bills that expand gambling in Kentucky, but it won't raise very much money for the Commonwealth."

"AGREE. A more effective solution would be to increase state funding for public universities by taxing the super-rich."

"1. Clean up corruption in the Kentucky Democratic Party. They routinely rig primaries. 2. Defend Planned Parenthood. 3. Tax the rich."

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