

**Kentucky
Candidate
Information
Survey**



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Republican Primary
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<p>The best way to prepare Kentucky students for the modern economy is a strong, content-rich, basic education for every child.</p>	<p>"STRONGLY AGREE. Quality education is essential to our future in all areas."</p>	<p>"AGREE. and strong, content-rich education from the parent(s). They have their children 5/6 of the time."</p>
<p>Leaders should make reforming Kentucky's antiquated tax system a top priority.</p>	<p>"STRONGLY AGREE. We must do this in order to fully move forward as a state."</p>	<p>"AGREE. Move toward eliminate state income tax and put on consumption tax."</p>
<p>The best way to fix Kentucky's failing pension system is for both sides to compromise.</p>	<p>"STRONGLY AGREE. We must come together to solve this problem."</p>	<p>"AGREE. This is between 'old' legislators and retired teachers/workers who agreed in past 29 years to add-on benefits our children and grands cannot afford to fund."</p>
<p>Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.</p>	<p>"UNDECIDED. We must be fair to both labor and business, particularly small business."</p>	<p>"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Minimum wage is meant as a beginning wage to train teenagers as a training wage."</p>
<p>The state should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky's contribution to it.</p>	<p>"STRONGLY DISAGREE."</p>	<p>"DISAGREE"</p>
<p>The state should initiate thorough reporting regulations for abortion providers.</p>	<p>"STRONGLY AGREE. I am 100% pro-life."</p>	<p>"UNDECIDED. Poorly worded statement/question."</p>
<p>Public schools should allow students to use bathrooms and locker rooms in accordance with their chosen gender identity.</p>	<p>"STRONGLY DISAGREE."</p>	<p>"STRONGLY DISAGREE."</p>
<p>A tuition tax-credit system should be established for needy students wanting to go to non-public schools.</p>	<p>"STRONGLY DISAGREE. We should not divert resources from our public schools."</p>	<p>"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Financial aid to private, Catholic, Christian, Military and Boarding is enough to complement the three levels of learning in public schools."</p>
<p>To reduce teen pregnancies, minors should have access to contraception without parental knowledge.</p>	<p>"STRONGLY DISAGREE."</p>	<p>"UNDECIDED. Pre-teens and teens have access to this information long before parents start to realize their child is no longer a child."</p>
<p>Kentucky should legalize medical marijuana.</p>	<p>"STRONGLY AGREE. This issue's time has come. We should help alleviate the suffering of those afflicted with various illnesses and conditions."</p>	<p>"AGREE. But not for revenue reasons. No decisions should be based on revenue to the state."</p>
<p>The next governor should advocate for a statewide "Fairness Ordinance."</p>	<p>"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Our federal and state constitutions protect everyone equally."</p>	<p>"UNDECIDED. Should be decided by each county. Like the landlord-tenant law, et al."</p>
<p>Churches and religious organizations must be protected from state discrimination regarding their beliefs about marriage and sexuality.</p>	<p>"STRONGLY AGREE."</p>	<p>"UNDECIDED. Too broad a statement. Business owners have a right to refuse business to jerk behavior."</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.

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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**.

<p><i>To protect the poor, the state should act to curb exorbitant interest rates charged by payday lending companies.</i></p>	<p>"STRONGLY AGREE."</p>	<p>"AGREE." Usury laws define 'exorbitant.' Enforce usury laws. Also raise limit on small claims from \$2,500 to \$5,000."</p>
<p><i>Personal and creative service businesses should not be forced to produce goods or services that violate their rights of conscience.</i></p>	<p>"STRONGLY AGREE."</p>	<p>"AGREE." See answer two questions before. Business owners have a right to refuse business to jerk behavior."</p>
<p><i>Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining drivers' licenses and receiving other government services.</i></p>	<p>"STRONGLY AGREE." We must also address the crisis on the U.S. southern border by building 'the wall.'</p>	<p>"STRONGLY AGREE." No brainer."</p>
<p><i>Recent school shootings prove that we need more restrictive gun laws.</i></p>	<p>"STRONGLY DISAGREE."</p>	<p>"DISAGREE." We need signs that say "Active shooter will be killed immediately."</p>
<p><i>Kentucky must protect parental consent & parental rights for those with minor children.</i></p>	<p>"STRONGLY AGREE."</p>	<p>"UNDECIDED."</p>
<p><i>Schools should familiarize students with all sides of debates on issues like evolution and global warming.</i></p>	<p>"STRONGLY DISAGREE."</p>	<p>"AGREE." And Bible and global cooling."</p>
<p><i>Expanding gambling is a good way for state government to raise revenue.</i></p>	<p>"STRONGLY DISAGREE." I can't think of a worse way to raise revenue. Expanded gambling preys on the most vulnerable Kentuckians."</p>	<p>"STRONGLY DISAGREE." And if gambler is addicted from cross-state gambling, send bill to that casino and state."</p>
<p><i>University of Kentucky's tuition is now three times higher than in 2002. All state college tuition increases should be limited.</i></p>	<p>"STRONGLY AGREE."</p>	<p>"STRONGLY AGREE." Should not increase at all, freshman to senior year. Only increase by C.P.I. for succeeding students. State universities need to go-on-a-diet!"</p>
<p><i>List your top three priorities should you be elected.</i></p>	<p>"1. Address drug epidemic. 2. Fix pensions fairly. 3. Improve education and infrastructure."</p>	<p>"1. Remake our universities to highest standards 2. Remake our middle and high schools to highest learning standards 3. Get parties back on campus and beer drinking lowered to age 19."</p>

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