

**Kentucky Candidate Information Survey**



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<p><i>The best way to prepare Kentucky students for the modern economy is a strong, content-rich, basic education for every child.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Candidate chose not to participate.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Candidate chose to do "Priorities" only.</b> <i>(See bottom of next page)</i></p>	<p><b>"STRONGLY AGREE.</b> I'm the only candidate who has experience as a public school-teacher (also a member of the NEA, KEA, and JCTA)."</p>
<p><i>Leaders should make reforming Kentucky's antiquated tax system a top priority.</i></p>			<p><b>"UNDECIDED.</b> Any reforms must be equitable and make economic sense."</p>
<p><i>The best way to fix Kentucky's failing pension system is for both sides to compromise.</i></p>			<p><b>"DISAGREE.</b> We must uphold all contracts with employees. Reform probably requires some compromises but must not break this commitment."</p>
<p><i>Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.</i></p>			<p><b>"STRONGLY DISAGREE.</b> Minimum wage legislation harms the people who need help the most (young, inexperienced, unskilled), reduces employment, &amp; inhibits new small businesses."</p>
<p><i>The state should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky's contribution to it.</i></p>			<p><b>"DISAGREE.</b> State government should be a good steward of Ky's environment. State law should not be a barrier to alternative energy."</p>
<p><i>The state should initiate thorough reporting regulations for abortion providers.</i></p>			<p><b>"UNDECIDED.</b> The Devil is very much in the details."</p>
<p><i>Public schools should allow students to use bathrooms and locker rooms in accordance with their chosen gender identity.</i></p>			<p><b>"DISAGREE.</b> Bathroom policy should be set at the lowest local level and be aimed at providing comfort and respite for all."</p>
<p><i>A tuition tax-credit system should be established for needy students wanting to go to non-public schools.</i></p>			<p><b>"AGREE.</b> This should be implemented carefully and monitored closely to guard against unintended consequences that adversely affect non-participating students."</p>
<p><i>To reduce teen pregnancies, minors should have access to contraception without parental knowledge.</i></p>			<p><b>"DISAGREE.</b> Government should not usurp the authority of parents over their children."</p>
<p><i>Kentucky should legalize medical marijuana.</i></p>			<p><b>"STRONGLY AGREE.</b> I favor complete legalization of hemp/Cannabis, freeing those imprisoned for non-violent Cannabis-related crimes &amp; expungement of relevant records."</p>
<p><i>The next governor should advocate for a statewide "Fairness Ordinance."</i></p>			<p><b>"DISAGREE.</b> I support equal rights for all. I oppose legislation that grants special rights based on self-assigned labels."</p>
<p><i>Churches and religious organizations must be protected from state discrimination regarding their beliefs about marriage and sexuality.</i></p>			<p><b>"AGREE.</b> I strongly support the First Amendment's prohibition of the establishment of religion."</p>

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<p><i>To protect the poor, the state should act to curb exorbitant interest rates charged by payday lending companies.</i></p>	<p><b>Candidate chose not to participate.</b></p>	<p><b>Candidate chose to do "Priorities" only.</b> <i>(See bottom of page)</i></p>	<p><b>"UNDECIDED.</b> Payday loans provide a valuable service and, by their nature, require higher interest rates. Ample competition should keep rates reasonable."</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><b>"STRONGLY AGREE.</b> No one should be forced to produce goods or services that violate their conscience."</p>
<p><i>Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining driver's licenses and other government documents.</i></p>			<p><b>"DISAGREE.</b> We should work toward a national policy of liberal work permits. Meanwhile, we should treat undocumented immigrants with compassion."</p>
<p><i>Recent school shootings prove that we need more restrictive gun laws.</i></p>			<p><b>"STRONGLY DISAGREE.</b> Restrictive gun laws address symptoms only and advance us toward a police state. We need to address underlying problems instead."</p>
<p><i>Kentucky must protect parental consent and parental rights for those with minor children.</i></p>			<p><b>"STRONGLY AGREE."</b></p>
<p><i>Schools should familiarize students with all sides of debates on issues like evolution and global warming.</i></p>			<p><b>"AGREE.</b> Education should not just inculcate facts but also stress how much we don't know. Critical thinking is vital to civilization."</p>
<p><i>Expanding gambling is a good way for state government to raise revenue.</i></p>			<p><b>"UNDECIDED.</b> There's probably not a magic bullet for anything. Any expansion of gambling should be done carefully, guarding against crony-capitalism."</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><b>"AGREE.</b> A good education should be attainable by all who have the desire and drive to attain it."</p>
<p><i>List your top three priorities should you be elected.</i></p>		<p>"1. Economic growth and job creation. 2. Save our pensions and modernize our tax code. 3. Fight for families and defend human life."</p>	<p>"1. Legalize Cannabis, free Cannabis-related prisoners, expunge relevant records. 2. Let teachers radically reinvent education. 3. Implement instant-runoff voting, proportional representation."</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, thereby improving:
  - 1) voter knowledge of the candidates;
  - 2) voter participation; and therefore,
  - 3) the quality of the democratic process.

- The **Survey** 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 **Survey** is a non-partisan project of the Family Trust Foundation of Kentucky, a non-profit educational organization founded in 1989. The Trust was incorporated in order to encourage and strengthen families and family life in our state. Encouraging responsible citizenship and increasing voter participation are two of its objectives.

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