

**Kentucky Candidate Information Survey**



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**7<sup>th</sup> SENATE DISTRICT (Part 1) - REPUBLICAN PRIMARY**

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

**“AGREE.** Take test scores out of funding decisions, common core does not work.”

**“STRONGLY AGREE.** The legislature should re-examine the responsibility for curriculum standards and future development to ensure that students have mastered the basics.”

**“AGREE.** Reducing state regulation in education and increasing quality content are high priorities.”

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

**“AGREE.** The whole system needs an audit.”

**“STRONGLY AGREE.** Business leaders don't kick the can down the road; tough problems need to be tackled and solved.”

**“AGREE.** We need to realign taxes in a smart way, but not increase the burden as previously done.”

*In Kentucky schools, women should compete against biological women (not biological men who identify as women) in athletic contests.*

**“UNDECIDED.** Why not make a third league, LGBTQ sports?”

**“STRONGLY AGREE.** This needs to happen before we lose participation in women's sports by women.”

**“STRONGLY AGREE.** Biology speaks for itself.”

*Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.*

**“AGREE.** Especially for servers (\$2.13) add drivers (\$3.25). No job should be less than \$9/hr, even if tips are involved.”

**“STRONGLY DISAGREE.** The free market must drive the appropriate wage.”

**“DISAGREE.** I favor the free market. Private contractual decisions should not be government business.”

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

**“DISAGREE.** Climate change is directly proportional to the amount of garbage dumped in the ocean. Until we stop dumping, nothing will stop what is going on.”

**“STRONGLY DISAGREE.** A controversial issue – Kentucky has real, pressing problems to solve.”

**“DISAGREE.** We need as much free market leadership as possible.”

*The state should stop U of L's partnership with Louisville's oldest abortion clinic.*

**“STRONGLY AGREE.** Abortion should only be legal in instances of violent crime, incest, or medical emergency. There are plenty of birth control choices.”

**“STRONGLY AGREE.** U of L, being a state funded entity, must understand the people of Kentucky are pro-life.”

**“STRONGLY AGREE.** Amen!”

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

**“UNDECIDED.** Please refer to statement 3. Give a third option.”

**“STRONGLY DISAGREE.** Again, Kentucky has real issues to tackle.”

**“STRONGLY DISAGREE.** This infringes on every other student's safety.”

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

**“STRONGLY AGREE.** I want to start 'financial literacy' classes for high school and GED students. No amount of science or math will help you pay bills and keep a budget.”

**“STRONGLY AGREE.** Today, school choice is dependent on your income. This choice needs to be available to all students.”

**“AGREE.** We should make a fair system for everyone, such as health savings accounts that are tax-free.”

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

**AGREE.** Sex education first, access to condoms will keep unwanted pregnancy at bay as well. Refer back to statement 6.”

**“DISAGREE.** Parents have responsibility for their families and the State should not circumvent this right.”

**“STRONGLY DISAGREE.** I support parental rights. Either they are or are not a 'minor.'”

*Kentucky should legalize recreational marijuana.*

**“UNDECIDED.** Medical cannabis should be legal for those that need it. Until ATF Form 4473 E is amended, I cannot support recreational cannabis, because said form violates the 2A.”

**“STRONGLY DISAGREE.** This is not aligned with Kentucky values.”

**“UNDECIDED.** God created plants. Public safety is more enforceable than consumer intent, and 2% and 25% are different.”

*The legislature should pass a statewide "Fairness Ordinance."*

**“STRONGLY AGREE.** We hold these truths to be self-evident that all humans are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights.”

**“STRONGLY DISAGREE.** A solution looking for a problem.”

**“STRONGLY DISAGREE.** These ordinances are misnomers and do not have a history of encouraging fairness.”

*Churches and religious groups must be protected from state discrimination on the basis of their beliefs about marriage and sexuality.*

**“AGREE.** There always needs to be separation of church and state.”

**“AGREE.** No one should be forced to go against their beliefs, especially not by the government.”

**“STRONGLY AGREE.** Our founders came to this country primarily for religious liberty, and we must protect it in every possible way.”

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**7<sup>th</sup> SENATE DISTRICT - (Part 1)**  
Anderson, Franklin, Gallatin, Owen, and Woodford Counties  
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<i>To protect the poor, the state should act to curb exorbitant interest rates charged by payday lending companies.</i>	<b>"AGREE.</b> No interest rate beyond 12.5% should be legal."	<b>"DISAGREE.</b> The State must let the free market guide private enterprise."	<b>"DISAGREE.</b> I favor the free market."
<i>Personal and creative service businesses should not be forced to produce goods or services that violate their rights of conscience.</i>	<b>"AGREE.</b> A business reserves the right to deny service to anyone, under any circumstances."	<b>"STRONGLY AGREE.</b> Again, government should never force a private citizen to go against their rights of conscience."	<b>"STRONGLY AGREE.</b> The First Amendment is critical and use of force should never occur on a law-abiding citizen."
<i>Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining driver's licenses and other government documents.</i>	<b>"STRONGLY AGREE.</b> Illegal immigrants only make it harder for people trying to come here legally."	<b>"STRONGLY AGREE.</b> Government documents should be reserved for legal immigrants and citizens."	<b>"STRONGLY AGREE.</b> Apparently we need to define the word 'illegal.' Either they can be documented or they cannot."
<i>Recent school shootings prove that we need more restrictive gun laws.</i>	<b>"STRONGLY DISAGREE.</b> Choose your sign: Gun free zone OR The faculty on these premises are armed, trained, and will use deadly force to protect the lives herein."	<b>"STRONGLY DISAGREE.</b> Gun rights are granted by the Constitution and must not be infringed upon."	<b>"STRONGLY DISAGREE.</b> Gun laws are not followed by shooters. The best way to protect ourselves is to be equally armed and trained."
<i>Because they leave children sterile for life, transgender surgeries and hormone treatments on minors should be banned.</i>	<b>"STRONGLY AGREE.</b> You would be taking away the freedoms of the child that were endowed by their Creator."	<b>"STRONGLY AGREE.</b> Minors cannot vote, serve in the military or buy alcohol; they must be protected from transgender surgeries and treatments."	<b>"STRONGLY AGREE.</b> Children cannot be properly informed of an adult-level decision."
<i>Schools should familiarize students with all sides of debates on issues like evolution and global warming.</i>	<b>"AGREE.</b> Present all the facts, let them draw their own conclusions."	<b>"AGREE.</b> School is the perfect place to learn how to think, learn, investigate and debate issues."	<b>"AGREE.</b> More accurately, issues should be addressed transparently regarding theory and bias."
<i>Kentucky should pass expanded gambling legislation to fund state pensions.</i>	<b>"UNDECIDED.</b> As long as that money actually goes where it is supposed to, and not into someone's pocket."	<b>"STRONGLY DISAGREE.</b> The State pension system must be re-examined for its position of long term health, not dependent on gambling revenue."	<b>"DISAGREE.</b> Adding money to a bag with holes is not the solution."
<i>University of Kentucky's tuition is now several times higher than in 2002. All state college tuition increases should be limited.</i>	<b>"AGREE.</b> Education should be affordable, but not free. I paid for mine. I wish it had been easier to afford, but I don't owe you one."	<b>"AGREE.</b> It's time to hold our State post-secondary schools accountable for affordability."	<b>"UNDECIDED.</b> Taxpayer funds already subsidize costs for school operation. We need to consider priorities, but not spread too thin."
<i>List your top three priorities should you be elected.</i>	"1. Teachers pensions made right, education improvement. 2. Budget audit, spending decrease. 3. Infrastructure repair."	"1. Protect life. 2. Roll back government overreach. 3. Improve education system outcomes."	"1. Protect life & liberty. 2. Defend 2 <sup>nd</sup> Amendment. 3. Eliminate waste (redistricting reform, meaningful debt ceiling, ed innovation, pension solution, enforceable transparency)"

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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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