

**Kentucky
Candidate
Information
Survey**



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U.S. SENATE Democrat Primary



**Jimmy
Ausbrooks**



**Amy
McGrath**



**Bennie
Smith**



**Candidate chose
not to participate.**

<p><i>The federal government should be more active in the fight against climate change.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. Climate Change is a global crisis and, as a world power, we need to be a leader in Green/Renewable Energy.”</p>		<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. I do believe in science and feel the federal government should be more active in the fight against climate change.”</p>
<p><i>Federal policymakers should expand Medicare to all Americans.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. Healthcare for all should be a recognized human right, not a business for profit.”</p>	<p>Candidate chose not to participate.</p>	<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. Yes, Medicare should be expanded and Medicaid should receive increased funding. Both should drop age requirement from 65 to 60.”</p>
<p><i>Individual states should be able to allow physician-assisted suicide without interference from the federal government.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. Assisted suicide is controversial, but should be a private and personal decision for an individual and their doctor.”</p>		<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. No Dr. Kevoonian mentality here.”</p>
<p><i>Congress should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. Living Wages are essential for breaking the cycle of poverty. The minimum wage should be reviewed annually and adjusted accordingly.”</p>		<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. Minimum Wage should be renamed Living Wage and I support raising it to between \$15 - \$20/hour.”</p>
<p><i>America needs to build a wall on its southern border.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. We need to stop building walls and start building bridges. Addressing global injustices will decrease immigration influx at our borders.”</p>		<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. Walls and other barriers are not preventing anyone or anything from entering our country. More effective measures will work.”</p>
<p><i>Congress should initiate a FISA overhaul that would ensure the government cannot spy on American citizens without a valid warrant.</i></p>	<p>“AGREE. Privacy is important; citizens deserve protection, but not at the cost of civil liberties. I agree we need FISA restructuring.”</p>		<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. Can somebody say COINTELPRO?”</p>
<p><i>The U.S. Department of Education should continue to encourage school choice and the establishment of charter schools.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. We need to invest in our public schools & educators. Isolating & segregating divide individual’s opportunities. (Socially, Economically & Religiously)”</p>		<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. The U.S. Department of Education should be focused on directing all and more funding for public schools only.”</p>
<p><i>Gender identity should be included in anti-discrimination laws along with factors such as race, sex and religion.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. As a member of the LGBTQ community, I know that LGBTQ individuals deserve protection and inclusive rights under the law.”</p>		<p>“UNDECIDED. Although I’m an advocate for LGBTQ rights, I don’t want to diminish race, sex and religious rights.”</p>
<p><i>Religious organizations should not be discriminated against by government on the basis of their religious beliefs about marriage.</i></p>	<p>“DISAGREE. Marriage is a legal contract, not an exclusive ritual of religion. No religious entity should benefit from their discrimination practices.”</p>		<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. ‘LOVE AND LET LIVE.’”</p>
<p><i>Recent school shootings are an indication that we need more restrictive gun laws.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. We need ‘common sense gun laws’; require education and training, cancel loopholes, and provide safe storage and save lives.”</p>		<p>“AGREE. I do feel we need Universal Background Checks on all gun sales, including gun shows, online and private sales.”</p>
<p><i>A transgender woman athlete should have the same right to compete in women’s sports as any other female.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. Athletes regardless of their gender identity should have equal rights to participate in sports regardless of gender at birth assignment.”</p>		<p>“UNDECIDED. A lot of factors would have to be in play before I can make an honest assessment and honestly answer.”</p>
<p><i>The U.S. should grant citizenship to the children of illegal immigrants.</i></p>	<p>“AGREE. Children born and raised in the United States deserve citizenship. We need a genuine pathway to citizenship for DREAMERS.”</p>		<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. I am a DACA supporter and propose more fair and humane paths to Citizenship for immigrants and refugees.”</p>

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Not participating: Charles Booker, Mike Broihier, Maggie Hilliard, Andrew Maynard, Eric Rothmuller, Mary Tobin & John Sharpsteen.



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<p><i>The U.S. needs to take a more aggressive posture towards North Korea.</i></p>	<p>“AGREE. Any nation that does not demonstrate a willingness to provide basis human rights should be encouraged through aggressive economic pressure.”</p>		<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. With our current president expressing his love for the North Korean dictator, we need more aggressive policies against his regime.”</p>
<p><i>It is incumbent upon the federal government to continue to invest in renewable energy resources like wind and solar power.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. Investment in renewable energy resources are essential to combating climate change and providing opportunities for global economic survival.”</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Candidate chose not to participate.</p> </div>	<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. With the continuous decline of coal, we definitely need to invest more in renewable energy and energy efficient technology jobs.”</p>
<p><i>The slow and inadequate response to the coronavirus earlier this year warrants an investigation of the White House’s actions.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. We should hold our Washington establishment accountable for the failure to warn the American public. We must reinstitute a pandemic response program.”</p>		<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. Trump initially called the COVID-19 a hoax and still fails to take responsibility for the delayed response, warrants an investigation.”</p>
<p><i>The next Supreme Court vacancy should be filled by a judge who will interpret existing law, not make new law.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. We need judicial leadership that can accomplish the task of interpreting law and creating laws in an evolving nation.”</p>		<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. With McConnell packing the courts with unqualified conservative candidates, with little or no experience, trying cases is quite sickening.”</p>
<p><i>Because of the recent, massive stimulus, Congress must reduce federal spending.</i></p>	<p>“DISAGREE. Spending is essential to economic growth and balance; however, we do need to be mindful of frivolous spending.”</p>		<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. I believe ‘IN ORDER TO MAKE MONEY, YOU HAVE TO SPEND MONEY’ but spend responsibly to benefit citizens and country.”</p>
<p><i>America should take a more adverse economic and political posture against an increasingly aggressive China.</i></p>	<p>“AGREE. America must withdraw and refute our dependence on China and posture a significant change on trade and human rights.”</p>		<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. The tariffs imposed have hurt American businesses, manufacturers and family farmers more than levied anything against China.”</p>
<p><i>The U.S. should cut funding to international population control programs that involve the promotion of abortion.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. A woman’s health and wellbeing should be priority. No man should ever govern a woman’s body, nor her reproductive choices. ”</p>		<p>“STRONGLY DISAGREE. These funds helped to ensure that women and families in developing countries had safe and responsible family planning support”</p>
<p><i>The federal government should act to force online social media services such as Facebook to protect the privacy of user data.</i></p>	<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. Social media is a presence and mainstreamed globally; each citizen should be provided privacy and protections by the service providers.”</p>		<p>“STRONGLY AGREE. Unfortunately, the current policy allows for hackers and others to gain access to private and sensitive information.”</p>
<p><i>List your top three priorities should you be elected.</i></p>	<p>“1. Healthcare for All. 2. Equality, Woman’s Rights, & Social Justice (Human Rights). 3. Climate Change –Green/Renewable Energy education, technology, & jobs.”</p>		<p><i>(No response on priorities.)</i></p>

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- 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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