

**Kentucky Candidate Information Survey**



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Rep. Joe Graviss



**7<sup>th</sup> SENATE DISTRICT**



Adrienne Southworth



**Vote Kentucky!**

<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><b>“AGREE.</b> Reducing state regulation in education and increasing quality content are high priorities.”</p>
<p><i>Leaders should make reforming Kentucky’s antiquated tax system a top priority.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Candidate chose not to participate.</b></p>	<p><b>“AGREE.</b> We need to realign taxes in a smart way, but not increase the burden as previously done.”</p>
<p><i>In Kentucky schools, women should compete against biological women (not biological men who identify as women) in athletic contests.</i></p>		<p><b>“STRONGLY AGREE.</b> Biology speaks for itself.”</p>
<p><i>Kentucky should pass legislation raising the minimum wage.</i></p>		<p><b>“DISAGREE.</b> I favor the free market. Private contractual decisions should not be government business.”</p>
<p><i>The state should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky’s contribution to it.</i></p>		<p><b>“DISAGREE.</b> We need as much free market leadership as possible.”</p>
<p><i>The state should stop U of L’s partnership with Louisville’s oldest abortion clinic.</i></p>		<p><b>“STRONGLY AGREE.</b> Amen!”</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>“STRONGLY DISAGREE.</b> This infringes on every other student’s safety.”</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> We should make a fair system for everyone, such as health savings accounts that are tax-free.”</p>
<p><i>To reduce teen pregnancies, minors should have access to contraception without parental knowledge.</i></p>		<p><b>“STRONGLY DISAGREE.</b> I support parental rights. Either they are or are not a ‘minor.’”</p>
<p><i>Kentucky should legalize recreational marijuana.</i></p>		<p><b>“UNDECIDED.</b> God created plants. Public safety is more enforceable than consumer intent, and 2% and 25% are different.”</p>
<p><i>The legislature should pass a statewide “Fairness Ordinance.”</i></p>		<p><b>“STRONGLY DISAGREE.</b> These ordinances are misnomers and do not have a history of encouraging fairness.”</p>
<p><i>Churches and religious groups must be protected from state discrimination on the basis of their beliefs about marriage and sexuality.</i></p>		<p><b>“STRONGLY AGREE.</b> Our founders came to this country primarily for religious liberty, and we must protect it in every possible way.”</p>

**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, Nov. 3!**

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<p>To protect the poor, the state should act to curb exorbitant interest rates charged by payday lending companies.</p>		<p><b>"DISAGREE.</b> I favor the free market."</p>
<p>Personal and creative service businesses should not be forced to produce goods or services that violate their rights of conscience.</p>	<p><b>Candidate chose not to participate.</b></p>	<p><b>"STRONGLY AGREE.</b> The First Amendment is critical, and use of force should never occur on a law-abiding citizen."</p>
<p>Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining driver's licenses and other government documents.</p>		<p><b>"STRONGLY AGREE.</b> Apparently we need to define the word 'illegal.' Either they can be documented or they cannot."</p>
<p>Recent school shootings prove that we need more restrictive gun laws.</p>		<p><b>"STRONGLY DISAGREE.</b> Gun laws are not followed by shooters. The best way to protect ourselves is to be equally armed and trained."</p>
<p>Because they leave children sterile for life, transgender surgeries and hormone treatments on minors should be banned.</p>		<p><b>"STRONGLY AGREE.</b> Children cannot be properly informed of an adult-level decision."</p>
<p>Schools should familiarize students with all sides of debates on issues like evolution and global warming.</p>		<p><b>"AGREE.</b> More accurately, issues should be addressed transparently regarding theory and bias."</p>
<p>Kentucky should pass expanded gambling legislation to fund state pensions.</p>		<p><b>"DISAGREE.</b> Adding money to a bag with holes is not the solution."</p>
<p>University of Kentucky's tuition is now several times higher than in 2002. All state college tuition increases should be limited.</p>		<p><b>"UNDECIDED.</b> Taxpayer funds already subsidize costs for school operation. We need to consider priorities, but not spread too thin."</p>
<p>List your top three priorities should you be elected.</p>		<p>"1. Protect life &amp; liberty. 2. Defend 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. 3. Eliminate waste (redistricting reform, meaningful debt ceiling, ed innovation, pension solution, enforceable transparency)"</p>

• On **Tuesday, Nov. 3**, voters will go to the polls to vote in the General Election. Ballots will include candidates for President, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, the Kentucky Senate (odd-numbered districts) and the Kentucky House of Representatives. Please note that not all districts have a contested race.

• For more information on your voter registration status or to find out what district you live in, please contact your county clerk or visit the Secretary of State's Voter Information Center:

[sos.ky.gov/elections](http://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, Nov. 3**.

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