

Kentucky  
Candidate  
Information  
Survey



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<i>Affirmative action guidelines in admissions and hiring are the best way to help minorities and women.</i>	" <b>DISAGREE.</b> Opportunities are growing that eliminate need for guidelines. Equal work, equal pay."	" <b>DISAGREE.</b> We should be color blind and judge people by their skills and the content of their character."
<i>The legislature should implement a universal health care system in Kentucky.</i>	" <b>STRONGLY DISAGREE.</b> Encourage businesses and individuals to purchase insurance through the use of incentives – this will improve our system."	" <b>STRONGLY DISAGREE.</b> We should seek a compact with other states to have policies which can be bought and sold in any state."
<i>There are too many problems associated with casino gambling to establish casinos in Kentucky.</i>	" <b>STRONGLY DISAGREE.</b> Allow constitutional amendment to go forward and let voters decide."	" <b>STRONGLY AGREE.</b> "
<i>The legislature should require HPV vaccinations for girls before they are allowed to enter middle school.</i>	" <b>DISAGREE.</b> Parents should be the ones to determine the HPV vaccinations for their girls. Support insurance coverage."	" <b>STRONGLY DISAGREE.</b> "
<i>The General Assembly should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky's contribution to it.</i>	" <b>DISAGREE.</b> General Assembly should monitor global warming and if necessary take steps to improve air and environmental standards."	" <b>DISAGREE.</b> "
<i>Women should have the opportunity to see their ultrasound before an abortion.</i>	" <b>AGREE.</b> This decision made by individual involved."	" <b>STRONGLY AGREE.</b> "
<i>The CATS test should be replaced with a nationally standardized test.</i>	" <b>DISAGREE.</b> CATS has caused schools to evaluate standards. Tests need to be fine-tuned."	" <b>AGREE.</b> "
<i>To decrease tobacco use, Kentucky should increase taxes on cigarettes.</i>	" <b>DISAGREE.</b> This commodity is already taxed. We need to work in educating people about problems caused by tobacco."	" <b>DISAGREE.</b> "
<i>A law should prohibit any medical research that destroys human embryos.</i>	" <b>DISAGREE.</b> Federal law dictates research on this subject."	" <b>STRONGLY AGREE.</b> "
<i>To promote diversity, public schools should include protections for gays, lesbians and transgenders in their hiring policies.</i>	" <b>DISAGREE.</b> Federal laws in place to deal with topic."	" <b>STRONGLY DISAGREE.</b> "
<i>The practice of mountaintop removal should be banned in Kentucky.</i>	" <b>DISAGREE.</b> Federal laws dictate what we do on this subject."	" <b>DISAGREE.</b> "
<i>Schools should give minor teens access to contraception.</i>	" <b>DISAGREE.</b> This decision should be made with parental consent."	" <b>STRONGLY DISAGREE.</b> "

**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, call (859) 255-5300 and for more information on the candidates, visit:

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**Be sure to take  
time to vote on  
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**The Choice is Yours!**

- On **Tuesday, November 4**, voters will go to the polls to elect a U.S. Senator, a U.S. Representative and members of the State Senate (odd-numbered districts only) and House of Representatives. There may also be various judicial and local elections. 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, November 4**.

State agencies, including public universities, should offer domestic partner benefits to employees.	" <u>AGREE.</u> "	" <u>STRONGLY DISAGREE.</u> "
Because of the high cost of divorce to children, as well as society, the legislature should consider ways to strengthen marriage.	" <u>DISAGREE.</u> Individuals need to work on strengthening marriages (individual relationships)."	" <u>STRONGLY AGREE.</u> "
The writing portfolio should be an instructional tool but should not be used for the accountability assessment.	" <u>DISAGREE.</u> If portfolios are required, they need to be used in the evaluation process."	" <u>AGREE.</u> "
A union's right to collect dues from all employed workers must remain secure.	" <u>AGREE.</u> Workers decide this issue."	" <u>DISAGREE.</u> "
The General Assembly should focus on government efficiency and cutting costs rather than on new taxes.	" <u>AGREE.</u> General Assembly should always focus on efficiency in government."	" <u>AGREE.</u> "
Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining drivers' licenses and receiving other government services.	" <u>AGREE.</u> Key word is illegal. Increases pressure on citizens services needed by commonwealth's citizens and legal immigrants."	" <u>AGREE.</u> "
Public school teachers should be allowed to speak favorably about the theory of Intelligent Design.	" <u>DISAGREE.</u> Students should be exposed to both theories."	" <u>AGREE.</u> "
State employees, including public school teachers, should be allowed to strike as well as collectively bargain.	" <u>STRONGLY DISAGREE.</u> Educators' and state employees' wages and benefits should be properly funded and is a legislative responsibility."	" <u>STRONGLY DISAGREE.</u> "
List your top three priorities should you be elected.	"1. Strong support for education. 2. Health care for all Kentuckians. 3. Aggressive and innovative economic development."	"1. Improve educational opportunities in Kentucky. 2. Protect innocent unborn. 3. Improve health insurance situation in Kentucky."

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