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The National Political Awareness Test (NPAT) asks candidates which items they will **support** not ask them to indicate which items they will **oppose**. Through extensive research of public opinion, we have discovered that voters are more concerned with what candidates would support when elected than what they oppose. If a candidate does not select a response to any part or all of any questions, this does not necessarily indicate that the candidate is opposed to that particular item.

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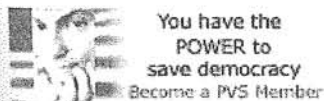
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Abortion Issues

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Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding abortion.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	a) Abortions should always be illegal.
<input type="checkbox"/>	b) Abortions should always be legal.
<input type="checkbox"/>	c) Abortions should be legal only within the first trimester of pregnancy.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	d) Abortions should be legal when the pregnancy resulted from incest or rape.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	e) Abortions should be legal when the life of the woman is endangered.



	f) Prohibit public funding of abortions and to organizations that advocate or perform ab
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	g) Require clinics to give parental notification before performing abortions on minors.
	h) Other or expanded principles

Budget and Tax Issues

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State Budget: Indicate the funding levels (#1-6) you will support for the following categories. Select one level per category.

Greatly Increase	a) Education (Higher)
Greatly Increase	b) Education (K-12)
Slightly Increase	c) Emergency preparedness
Slightly Increase	d) Environment
Greatly Increase	e) Health care
Greatly Increase	f) Law enforcement
Slightly Increase	g) Transportation and highway infrastructure
Slightly Increase	h) Welfare
	i) Other or expanded categories

State Taxes: Indicate the tax levels (#1-6) you will support. Select one level per tax category.

Maintain Status	a) Alcohol taxes
Greatly Decrease	b) Capital gains taxes
Maintain Status	c) Cigarette taxes
Maintain Status	d) Corporate taxes
Maintain Status	e) Gasoline taxes
Maintain Status	f) Income taxes (incomes below \$75,000)
Maintain Status	g) Income taxes (incomes above \$75,000)
Maintain Status	h) Property taxes
Maintain Status	i) Sales taxes
Maintain Status	j) Vehicle taxes
	k) Other or expanded categories
Yes	l) Should the state sales taxes be extended to Internet sales?
No	m) Should accounts such as a "rainy day" fund be used to balance the state budget?
Undecided	n) Should fee increases be used to balance the state budget?
	o) Other or expanded principles

Campaign Finance and Governmental Reform Issues

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Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding campaign finance and go

reform.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	a) Do you support the current limit of terms for Kentucky governors?
<input type="checkbox"/> No	b) Do you support limiting the number of terms for Kentucky state senators and representatives?
c) Do you support limiting the following types of contributions to state legislative	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	1) Individual
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	2) PAC
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	3) Corporate
<input type="checkbox"/> No	4) Political Parties
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	d) Do you support requiring full and timely disclosure of campaign finance information?
<input type="checkbox"/> Undecided	e) Do you support imposing spending limits on state level political campaigns?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	f) Do you support adopting statewide standards for counting, verifying and ensuring votes?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	g) Do you support prohibiting media exit polling of voters until all polling locations are closed?
<input type="checkbox"/> Undecided	h) Should Kentucky recognize civil unions between same-sex couples?
	i) Other or expanded principles

Crime Issues

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Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding crime.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a) Increase state funds for construction of state prisons and hiring of additional prison staff.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b) Support the death penalty in Kentucky.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	c) Support programs to provide prison inmates with vocational and job-related skills and assistance when released.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	d) End parole for repeat violent offenders.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	e) Implement penalties other than incarceration for certain non-violent offenders.
	f) Decriminalize the possession of small amounts of marijuana.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	g) Strengthen penalties and sentences for drug-related crimes.
	h) Minors accused of a violent crime should be prosecuted as adults.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	i) Require that crimes based on race, ethnic background, religious belief, sex, age, disability or sexual orientation be prosecuted as hate crimes.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	j) Increase state funding for community centers and other social agencies in areas with high poverty.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	k) Increase state funding for state and local emergency agencies to prevent or respond to natural disasters.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	l) Strengthen sex-offender laws.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	m) Support the restriction of the sale of products used to make methamphetamine (e.g. pseudoephedrine, ephedrine and phenylpropanolamine).
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	n) Allow police to ticket motorists for not wearing their safety belts even if they have committed another traffic violation.
	o) Other or expanded principles

Education Issues

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Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding education.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a) Support national standards and testing of public school students.
	b) Provide parents with state-funded vouchers to send their children to any public school.
	c) Provide parents with state-funded vouchers to send their children to any private or religious school.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	d) Increase state funds for school capital improvements (e.g. buildings and infrastructure).
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	e) Increase funds for hiring additional teachers.
	f) Support teacher testing and reward with merit pay.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	g) Endorse voluntary prayer in public schools.
	h) Require public schools to administer high school exit exams.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	i) Provide state funding to increase teacher salaries.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	j) Increase funding for Head Start programs.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	k) Provide state funding for tax incentives and financial aid to help make college more affordable.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	l) Support sexual education programs that include information on abstinence, contraception, and HIV/STD prevention methods.
	m) Support abstinence-only sexual education programs.
	n) Other or expanded principles

Employment and Affirmative Action Issues

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Employment: Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding employment.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a) Increase funding for state job-training programs that retrain displaced workers for skills needed in today's job market.
	b) Reduce state government regulations on the private sector in order to encourage economic expansion.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	c) Provide low interest loans and tax credits for starting, expanding, or relocating businesses.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	d) Provide tax credits for businesses that provide child care for children in low-income families.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	e) Increase state funds to provide child care for children in low-income working families.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	f) Include sexual orientation in Kentucky's anti-discrimination laws.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	g) Increase the state minimum wage.
	h) Other or expanded principles
Affirmative Action: Should race, ethnicity or gender be taken into account in state decisions on:	
Undecided	a) Public employment
Undecided	b) State college and university admissions
Undecided	c) State contracting
	d) Other or expanded principles

Environment & Energy Issues

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Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding the environment and energy.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a) Promote increased use of alternative fuel technology.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b) Support increased production of traditional domestic energy sources (e.g. coal, natural gas).
	c) Use state funds to clean up former industrial and commercial sites that are contaminated or abandoned.
	d) Provide incentives for improvements to Kentucky's power generating and transmission infrastructure.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	e) Support funding for open space preservation.
	f) Enact environmental regulations even if they are stricter than federal law.
	g) Other or expanded principles

Gun Issues

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Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding guns.	
	a) Maintain and strengthen the enforcement of existing state restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns.
	b) Ease state restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns.
	c) Repeal state restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns.
	d) Allow citizens to carry concealed guns.
	e) Require background checks on gun sales between private citizens at gun shows.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	f) Require a license for gun possession.
	g) Other or expanded principles

Health Issues

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Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding health.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a) Ensure that citizens have access to basic health care through managed care, insurance, or state-funded care where necessary.
	b) Transfer current Medicaid recipients into managed care programs.
	c) Limit the amount of punitive damages that can be awarded in medical malpractice lawsuits.
	d) Support patients' right to sue their HMOs.
	e) Guaranteed medical care to all citizens is not a responsibility of state government.
	f) Legalize physician assisted suicide in Kentucky.
	g) Allow doctors to prescribe marijuana to their patients for medicinal purposes.
	h) Other or expanded principles

Welfare and Poverty Issues

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Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding welfare.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a) Support increased work requirements for able-bodied welfare recipients.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b) Increase funding for employment and job training programs for welfare recipients.
	c) Increase access to public transportation for welfare recipients who work.
	d) Redirect welfare funding to faith-based and community-based private organizations.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	e) Use federal TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) funds to extend health subsidies to the working poor.
	f) Support marriage promotion programs for welfare recipients.
	g) Eliminate government-funded welfare programs.
	h) Other or expanded principles

Legislative Priorities

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<p>Please explain in a total of 75 words or less, your top two or three priorities if elected. If additional funding for implementation, please explain how you would obtain this funding.</p> <p><i>My top three priorities are ;</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Strong support for education.</i> 2. <i>Health care available and affordable for all Kentuckians.</i> 3. <i>Protect and build agriculture economy.</i>

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