Kentucky Candidate Information Survey



50th HOUSE DISTRICT





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Dick Heaton

Rep. David Floyd

The high school dropout age should be raised to 18.

"AGREE. Studies show people with high school diploma earn higher incomes and avoid crime and jail more than those without diplomas."

"DISAGREE. Teachers in my district think this is a bad idea."

A union should be able to collect dues from all employed workers.

"AGREE. If you are represented by a union, then you should pay dues. The rights of the majority should be respected."

Any union shop should be able to collect dues from its members."

Allowing slot machines and other casino-style gambling at horse tracks will have negative consequences for Kentuckians.

"DISAGREE. Many states that have expanded gaming have had positive results. We should provide programs to assist problem gamblers if enacted."

. This issue should be voted on by the people in a constitutional amendment."

To combat meth abuse, a limit is needed on the amount of medicine containing pseudoephedrine one can buy without a prescription.

"UNDECIDED. I think the laws in place prior to the last session were having success without impacting law abiding citizens."

. We have limits already and modified them in the latest session."

The General Assembly should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky's contribution to it.

"DISAGREE. We must consider the impact new laws would have on jobs and our low cost of energy in Kentucky."

. Coal is the target, but it's important for families to keep energy rates low. We must protect their interests."

Women, by law, should have the opportunity to see their ultrasound before having an abortion.

I am a pro-life Democrat and lifelong supporter of pro-life from conception to life's end."

"STRONGLY AGREE.

"STRONGLY AGREE. Who can reasonably object to important information prior to making a decision to abort?"

Kentucky's Constitution should be amended so that the state must show a "compelling interest" before infringing on anyone's free exercise of religion.

"AGREE. Changing the Constitution can have unintended consequences. We need to avoid this wherever possible."

. The state must not infringe on our free exercise of religion. Hard to imagine any scenario that could justify it."

Charter schools should be allowed throughout Kentucky.

"DISAGREE. We need to fund the schools we have. Kentucky simply cannot afford to pay for public and private schools."

'AGREE. Charter schools are public schools agreed to by local public school districts. Some areas of our state need them."

Kentucky's pension system for state employees should be changed from a defined benefit program to a defined contribution program.

"AGREE. I agree with this change for new hires. Courts have ruled against this change for current public employees."

"AGREE. While honoring existing contracts, we must act to ensure the viability of a retirement program. End legislative pensions!"

The General Assembly should act to curb exorbitant interest rates charged by payday lending companies because they target the poor.

"AGREE. We should have more consumer protection in this area. Ultimately individuals need the freedom to make their own decisions."

. I support a good bill that keeps options open for those who need this type lending."

The practice of mountaintop removal should be banned in Kentucky.

"DISAGREE. Kentucky should follow federal law and work to protect our water and jobs."

. There are many options to mountaintop removal, but an outright ban is not wise."

Schools should give minor teens

access to contraception.

"STRONGLY DISAGREE.

This is a parent issue, not a school issue."

"STRONGLY DISAGREE."

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 nonprofit 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, November 6!

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Bullitt, Nelson and Spencer Counties

Dick Heaton www.dickheaton.com Rep. David Floyd www.davidwfloyd.com

Kentucky's existing Bullying Law should be changed to specifically protect gay and lesbian students.

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"DISAGREE. Bullying in schools toward any student should be stopped. Our laws seem to be adequate."

"STRONGLY DISAGREE. Existing law protects all students."

Because of the high cost of divorce to children, as well as society, the legislature should consider ways to strengthen marriage.

"STRONGLY AGREE. I can support efforts to improve family values."

"STRONGLY AGREE."

Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining drivers' licenses and receiving other government services.

"AGREE. People should have to prove citizenship and legal residency to receive a license and be eligible for benefits."

Congress must pass immigration reform of some kind. We do a poor job of enforcing existing law."

State agencies, including public universities, should offer health benefits to the unmarried, live-in partners of their employees.

"STRONGLY DISAGREE. I am not an advocate for samesex marriage and benefits for said relationships."

"DISAGREE."

The General Assembly should approve a statewide smoking ban.

"DISAGREE. This should stay as a local issue for cities and counties.

"DISAGREE."

Schools should familiarize students with all sides of scientific debates on issues like evolution and global warming.

"STRONGLY AGREE. Students cannot form an opinion unless presented with more than one side of these issues. Parents should be consulted."

"AGREE."

Kentucky should join other states in the lawsuit against Obama's health care plan.

"DISAGREE. Reform of this law is needed. No need to waste taxpayer money grandstanding with litigation already in place."

"STRONGLY AGREE. However, it is too late for the Attorney General to act."

An independent, bi-partisan panel should be created to handle the task of redistricting instead of leaving the responsibility to the General Assembly.

"AGREE. I can support this if a real bipartisan panel can be assembled."

"DISAGREE. The concept of a bi-partisan panel is illusory. Political influence would always find its way in."

List your top three priorities should you be elected.

- "1. Jobs creation. 2. Balance the budget through fiscal responsibility and tax reform. 3. Work in a 3. Less taxes." bipartisan manner."
 - "1. Pro-family. 2. Pro-life.

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The Decision is Yours!

- Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 6. In addition to various local races, there will be candidates for U.S. House of Representatives, Kentucky Senate (odd-numbered districts only) and 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

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 6.

For additional information and for more races across the Commonwealth of Kentucky, visit:

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