

Candidate
Questionnaire

2010 State Legislative Candidates

Response Deadline: July 2

**Kentucky
Candidate
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Survey**

STATEMENT #1 EDUCATION: By law, the high school dropout age should be raised to 18.

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comment (20 words maximum): This policy should be determined by a local election in each school district.

STATEMENT #2 LABOR: A union's right to collect dues from all employed workers must remain secure.

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comment (20 words maximum): Forcing people to join a union encroaches upon their economic freedom. I support right to work laws.

STATEMENT #3 FAMILY WELFARE: Allowing slot machines and other casino-style gambling at horse tracks will hurt many Kentucky families.

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comment (20 words maximum): The decision to allow such gambling should be made by voters in the county in which the track is located.

STATEMENT #4 HEALTH CARE: The legislature should require HPV vaccinations for girls before they are allowed to enter middle school.

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comment (20 words maximum): Such vaccinations should be voluntary. Requiring them encroaches upon individual liberty.

STATEMENT #5 ENVIRONMENT: The General Assembly should acknowledge global warming and work to limit Kentucky's contribution to it.

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comment (20 words maximum): Global warming has no basis in science. The underlying theory and research is inconsistent with several scientific principles (see www.rogerthoney.com).

STATEMENT #6 ABORTION: Women, by law, should have the opportunity to see their ultrasound before having an abortion.

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comment (20 words maximum):

STATEMENT #7 WORKER RIGHTS: State employees, including public school teachers, should be allowed to strike as well as collectively bargain.

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comment (20 words maximum): The effects of such a strike could be devastating to our children's education and to our economy.

STATEMENT #8 HEALTH CARE: The Obama Administration's health care reform plan should be repealed

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comment (20 words maximum): The medical credit card program proposed on www.rogerthoney.com provides health insurance for more people at a lower cost to taxpayers.

STATEMENT #9 EDUCATION: A non-religious, Biblical literacy course should be made legal as a high school elective.

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comment (20 words maximum): The decision to offer such elective course should be made by local authorities, not by legislative decree.

STATEMENT #10 LENDING: The General Assembly should act to curb exorbitant interest rates in payday lending companies because they target the poor

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comment (20 words maximum): Caps on interest and fees will restrict credit. Competition and consumer sensitivity to price should control these rates, not government.

STATEMENT #11 ENVIRONMENT: The practice of mountaintop removal should be banned in Kentucky.

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comment (20 words maximum): We should take greater steps to ensure water quality and safety for those living near sites and reclaim the land.

STATEMENT #12 HEALTH: Schools should give minor teens access to contraception.

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comment (20 words maximum): Schools should focus on education to improve performance, not parenting. Stress parental responsibility, cost, and career impact instead.

STATEMENT #13 EDUCATION: To promote diversity, public schools should recruit and hire gays, lesbians and transgendered people.

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comment (20 words maximum): Public schools should hire the best qualified teachers and staff regardless of race, sex, or sexual orientation.

STATEMENT #14 MARRIAGE: Because of the high cost of divorce to children, as well as society, the legislature should consider ways to strengthen marriage.

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comment (20 words maximum): Such "strengthening" would be an encroachment upon individual liberty. We should place more emphasis on parental rights and responsibilities instead.

STATEMENT #15 IMMIGRATION: Illegal immigrants should be prohibited from obtaining drivers' licenses and receiving other government services.

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comment (20 words maximum): Illegally entering our country shows a blatant disrespect for our laws. Illegal immigrants should be deported.

STATEMENT #16 GOVERNMENT: State agencies, including public universities, should offer domestic partner benefits to employees.

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comment (20 words maximum):

STATEMENT #17 BUDGET: In these dire economic times, legislators should cut expenditures, focusing rather on government efficiency.

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comment (20 words maximum): Creating jobs should be the primary focus, however. Higher employment will increase tax revenue and reduce spending on social programs.

STATEMENT #18 EDUCATION: Schools should familiarize students with all sides of scientific debates on issues like evolution and global warming.

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comment (20 words maximum): However, why waste valuable time discussing these? Global warming has no basis in science. Evolution is based upon unproven assumptions.

STATEMENT #19 HEALTH CARE: Kentucky should follow other states and resist the unfunded mandates in Obama's health care plan.

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comment (20 words maximum): We should try to implement The Freedom Plan for Health Care Finance Reform proposed on www.rogerthoney.com instead.

STATEMENT #20 GAMBLING: To expand gambling, the Constitution must be amended, giving the people the opportunity to ratify or reject.

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comment (20 words maximum): The people should decide this issue whether by legislative act or by Constitutional amendment.

TOP PRIORITIES: List your top three priorities should you be elected. (20 words or less TOTAL for all three)

#1 Create more jobs.

#2 Reduce the cost of living to help those who struggle financially.

#3 Reduce taxes, borrowing, and spending.

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