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Q1

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Incumbent?

No

Q6

Do you believe that scientific fact and the advice of health professionals should be paramount in decisions regarding public health crises like the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes

Q7

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

Scientific evidence should be a constant in any decision made by our government. If we aren't using empirical evidence and data to help frame our decisions, we aren't making the right decisions.

Q8**No**

Do you believe that proof of citizenship should be required in order to register to vote?

Q9

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

Trying to impose even more proof of citizenship has been a staple in Kansas legislation. It acts as more of a deterrent to new voters than it does at protecting against fraudulent voting. The hyperbolic issue of voter protection has very little evidence to support the conclusion that there is a threat of falsified voting.

Q10**No**

Do you believe that laws covering the sale of firearms are sufficient? If yes, why? If no, do you believe they should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?

Q11

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

I think that having a firearm is an American right. However, the issue of gun regulation has been politicized by businesses that profit off of gun sales. Most Americans agree on things like background checks. I think glorifying things like military-grade assault rifles is silly. Why would someone need that? I like guns for two reasons, hunting, and home defense. Neither of those calls for heavy assault weapons, they're overkill! If you can't hunt with a bolt action or a semi-auto rifle... You probably shouldn't be hunting. As for home defense, handguns are the recommended choice along with shotguns. These are just common sense ideas that every good gun-toting Kansan I have talked to agrees with. So why dont we see that common sense in our legislation?

Q12**No**

Do you support amending the Kansas Constitution to eliminate the protection for individual reproductive freedoms contained in the Kansas Constitution?

Q13

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

I think it's a constitutional right for reproductive freedom. That being said I think its the least appealing form of birth control. Id likes to prevent abortions as much as possible, but banning abortions doesn't stop abortions, they will always happen. The only real reasonable way to prevent abortions is with proper sex education and with contraceptive access. It's a shame that the same people who are against abortion are most likely to also be against the best solution to abortion.

Q14**Yes**

Do you believe that diversity in representation is critical to effective governing? If yes, as an elected official what will you do to promote and engage leaders who more accurately reflect the diversity of members in our communities?

Q15

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

Diversity comes in all shapes and sizes but the number one area that not just Kansas but our nation as a whole must tackle is the diversity of wealth in government. There is no reason that working-class Americans cant be involved in government. Solving that will open the floodgates for more under-represented groups of Americans to govern. I would help signify that anyone of any class background can learn and enact policy to increase democratization in the U.S.

Q16**Yes**

Do you believe climate change is real and caused by human activity? If so, what policies should legislators pursue to improve climate resilience?

Q17

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

Yes climate change is the largest threat to organized life. With that being said most any policy ment to reduce fossil fuels and increase green energy is a step in the right direction. Here in kansas wind energy is at 41%. That in of itself is an enormous achievement. If we were to expand that to its potential we could power all of the United states energy consumption from the year 2011. The economics alone are astronomical. Thats just one among thousands of policy decisions that corporations anmre trying to convince american citizens to turn a blind eye to. That is unacceptable.

Q18**Yes**

Do you support amending the current Kansas Act Against Discrimination to include the same protections for sexual orientation and gender identity?

Q19

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

I have many acquaintances in the LGBTQ+ community and the lasting social stigma that I have witnessed being targeted towards other human beings is disgraceful. It is rooted in a lack of understanding, amending the K.A.A.D. is one among many steps we should take to help heal our extremely divided community.

Q20**No**

Should public funding be available for private school tuition via tax credit scholarships, education savings accounts, vouchers or other methods? What is your opinion about the current funding for Kansas schools?

Q21

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

Private schools are already well funded by wealthy folks who feel that they need to exclude their children from the majority of students, rather than help advocate proper funding of our school systems. If the elites dont like a government program that is helping the average American, the first step is to defund that institution. Once that happens people dont like it anymore and will want something else. That's when the private sector will come in and replace it with something worse. That's the norm, it's used in many areas like social security for example. And that's the case with public schooling. We should instead invest in public education and work out the issues that are keeping American education at the bottom of the barrel in terms of student learning.

Q22**Yes**

Do you support Medicaid expansion at a time when pandemic-induced job loss has left thousands of Kansans without health care coverage?

Q23

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

This pandemic has shed even more light on the failure of American healthcare systems. Yes, we should expand Medicaid and Medicare, that's the absolute least we should do.
