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No

Incumbent?

Q6

Yes

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?

Q7

Please expand on your answer to the question above.

We should allow our expert, trusted health officials and scientists to provide us with the facts in public health crises, like the current pandemic. Elected officials should lean on these individuals to inform decision-making and help guide public policy for the benefit of the general public.

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.

Voter fraud is relatively rare and voter turnout is at all-time lows. We need to encourage more voter turnout to engage our fellow citizens in the political process, the community and decisions that are made. Adding additional burdens for folks to get engaged in the process is detrimental. This is a 'solution' looking for a problem that statistically basically doesn't exist.

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 believe alongside a majority of responsible gun owners, that common-sense steps such as having a universal background check for all gun sales should be mandatory. Stepped up enforcement of laws already on the books and addressing things like mental health and background checks can aid us in addressing gun violence as a nation.

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.

Decisions on reproductive health should be left between a person and their doctor. Engaging the government in additional burdensome regulations on doctors and their patients is counterproductive and likely will result in patients seeking medical attention in unsafe environments.

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.

We should always be moving towards engaging more people in the political process, whether it be locally, statewide, or nationally. When political leaders come from all walks of life and all different backgrounds, it helps all elected officials to make more informed decisions and get additional buy-in from constituents. One step towards this is getting children from all backgrounds involved and excited about the political process early. Doing so can produce habits to engage in their community, politics and will produce dividends in the following years as they grow older.

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.

Climate change is real, and the majority of scientists attribute a large part of the cause at humankind's feet. Legislators should have this in mind when doing things such as building out infrastructure (Will this highway be in a floodplain in ten years?) and buying equipment (Do we need a big truck to transport state employees from one place to another, or would a electric/hybrid vehicle be more efficient/environmentally friendly?) Regardless of the cause, climate change is occurring and will make life across the planet more unpredictable and unfriendly to humans and animals alike. Keeping this in mind when making decisions is key.

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.

This is absolutely something that needs to be done to bring Kansas in line with a majority of the rest of the nation. Not only is this the right thing to do from a civil rights perspective, but this is the right thing to do to encourage businesses and other citizens to relocate to the state. Protections should also be made for LGBTQ+ individuals when it comes to housing, employment, and other public services as well.

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.

Drawing funds away from public schools to subsidize private schools is not in the best interests of Kansans. We should be doubling down on gains we have recently made in properly and equitably funding public schools, not going backwards. This likely would result in additional years-long court battles and uncertainty as well. Better funding of K-12 and especially public universities should be a focus of legislators to ensure our students are prepared for the jobs that are predicted to grow substantially in the 21st century.

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.

I am wholeheartedly behind expanding Medicaid for Kansans. Our current legislators have waited far too long to accept these federal dollars that we have been sending out of state for years. Not only would this improve the healthcare and quality of life of Kansans, it would help to ensure that health care in rural areas continues. As we have seen in recent years, partially due to the lack of compensation from the federal and state authorities, we have had hospitals and medical clinics close. This is not in the best interests of our state in a physical nor fiscal sense.
