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No

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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.

Results speak for themselves. Countries and locales that have implemented scientifically based responses with fidelity have been able to reduce the spread of COVID manageable levels, which has allowed business and schools to reopen, albeit with reasonable preventative measures in place. The alternative is to allow COVID-19 to spread unchecked, which will have devastating consequences on families, businesses, and schools. The COVID-19 pandemic illustrates in stark relief what happens when governments fail to ground leadership and public policy in objective fact. My one hope is that it should serve as a cautionary tale as we tackle the challenges of tomorrow.

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.

Democracy is premised on the accountability of elected officials to the people they govern. This social contract only works if every citizen can easily, and confidently participate in the election process. Evidence has shown that placing extraneous requirements on voters will disenfranchise large swaths of people, while having little to no impact on the almost immeasurably small instances of electoral errors that may occur.

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.

This not an exhaustive list, but stricter requirements must be put in place to address such things as strengthening background checks by eliminating the gun show purchase loophole; allowing judges, law enforcement, or other relevant professionals to confiscate weapons from individuals that may be a danger to themselves or others; requiring that all guns be properly secured and locked to reduce the risk to children; etc..

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 support an individual's right to control their own body.

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.

I've learned that one of the greatest fallacies we fall into when developing public policy is to presume we know what others would say or want, rather than providing them an authentic opportunity to share their own perspective and story. We must, as elected officials, be deliberate in identifying opportunities for all members of the community to engage with us, and with particular effort to draw in populations that may have been historically marginalized or that are particularly vulnerable. That means identifying opportunities and formats that work for the folks that we represent.

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.

There is no single initiative that will fully address climate change, so legislators should pass a comprehensive package of policies that are informed by experts and the most recent science. Among these initiatives, we must include a combination of incentives and disincentives that are sufficient to transition Kansas businesses and residents to renewable sources of energy, establish an enforceable groundwater management plan, and implement a long-term plan to phase out combustion powered vehicle in a manner that also addresses the disproportionate burdens this transition will otherwise place on poor and rural Kansans.

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.

Sexual orientation and gender identity are characteristics of every human being, but they have no bearing on a person's ability to perform a job, nor do they define who we are as people.

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.

Public schools take all students, and are rigorously evaluated to ensure that they adhere to standards established by elected officials. Private schools, on the other hand, pick and choose who to serve, and are simply not held to the same standard. That lack of transparency and accountability runs contrary to the standard that Kansans demand when expending tax dollars. Funding public schools has improved, but we are not yet to a level that will ensure that all students have a fair chance to succeed. As one example, we must increase pre-k funding to expand availability to families throughout the state.

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 believe that access to healthcare is a basic human right. Expansion of Medicaid is good for Kansans, good for the Kansas economy, and is supported by a majority of Kansas voters. Medicaid expansion should have already occurred in Kansas, and to not do so during a pandemic would be beyond unconscionable.
