

2008 MAINE STATE LEGISLATIVE POLITICAL COURAGE TEST

Abortion Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding abortion.

- a) Abortions should always be illegal.
b) Abortions should always be legal.
c) Abortions should be legal only within the first trimester of pregnancy.
d) Abortions should be legal when the pregnancy resulted from incest or rape.
e) Abortions should be legal when the life of the woman is endangered.
f) Abortions should be subject to a mandatory waiting period.
g) Require clinics to give parental notification before performing abortions on minors.
h) Other or expanded principles

Budget and Tax Issues:

State Budget: Using the key, indicate what state funding levels (#1-6) you support for the following general categories. Select one level per category, you can use a number more than once.

KEY
1 = Greatly Increase
2 = Slightly Increase
3 = Maintain Status
4 = Slightly Decrease
5 = Greatly Decrease
6 = Eliminate

- a) Education (Higher)
b) Education (K-12)
c) Emergency preparedness
d) Environment
e) Health care
f) Law enforcement
g) Transportation and highway infrastructure
h) Welfare
i) Other or expanded categories

State Taxes: Using the key above, indicate what state tax levels (#1-6) you support for the following general categories. Select one level per category, you can use a number more than once.

- a) Alcohol taxes
b) Cigarette taxes
c) Corporate taxes
d) Gasoline taxes
e) Income taxes (incomes below \$75,000)
f) Income taxes (incomes above \$75,000)
g) Property taxes
h) Sales taxes
i) Vehicle taxes
j) Other or expanded categories

- 1) Should state sales taxes be extended to Internet sales?
2) Should accounts such as a "rainy day" fund be used to balance the state budget?
3) Should fee increases be used to balance the state budget?
4) Should state funding to local school districts be reduced to help balance the state budget?
5) Other or expanded principles

Campaign Finance and Government Reform Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding campaign finance and government reform.

- a) Do you support the current limit of terms for Maine governors?
b) Do you support the current limit of terms for Maine state senators and representatives?
c) Do you support limiting the following types of contributions to state legislative candidates?
d) Do you support requiring full and timely disclosure of campaign finance information?
e) Do you support imposing spending limits on state-level political campaigns?
f) Should Maine participate in the federal REAL ID program?
g) Other or expanded principles

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Crime Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding crime.

- a) Increase state funds for construction of state prisons and hiring of additional prison staff.
b) Establish the death penalty in Maine.
c) Support programs to provide prison inmates with vocational and job-related skills and job-placement assistance when released.
d) Implement penalties other than incarceration for certain non-violent offenders.
e) Minors accused of a violent crime should be prosecuted as adults.
f) Support state and local law enforcement officials enforcing federal immigration laws.
g) Support hate crime legislation.
h) Other or expanded principles

Education Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding education.

- a) Support state funding of universal pre-K programs.
b) Support federal education standards and testing requirements for K-12 students (No Child Left Behind).
c) Support state education standards and testing requirements for K-12 students.
d) Support requiring public schools to administer high school exit exams.
e) Allow parents to use vouchers to send their children to any public school.
f) Allow parents to use vouchers to send their children to any private or religious school.
g) Provide state funding to increase teacher salaries.
h) Support using a merit pay system for teachers.
i) Provide state funding for tax incentives and financial aid to help make college more affordable.
j) Support allowing illegal immigrant high school graduates of Maine to pay in-state tuition at public universities.
k) Other or expanded principles

Employment Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding employment.

- a) Increase funding for state job-training programs that re-train displaced workers and teach skills needed in today's job market.
b) Reduce state government regulations on the private sector.
c) Provide low interest loans and tax credits for starting, expanding, or relocating businesses.
d) Provide tax credits for businesses that provide child care for children in low-income working families.
e) Increase state funds to provide child care for children in low-income working families.
f) Increase the state minimum wage.
g) Support laws that prevent employers from dismissing employees at will.
h) Support financial punishments for those who knowingly employ illegal immigrants.
i) Support increased work requirements for able-bodied welfare recipients.
j) Increase funding for employment and job training programs for welfare recipients.
k) Other or expanded principles

Environment and Energy Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding the environment and energy.

- a) Promote increased use of alternative fuel technology.
b) Support increased production of traditional domestic energy sources (e.g. coal, natural gas, oil, etc).
c) Support providing financial incentives to farms that produce biofuel crops.
d) Use state funds to clean up former industrial and commercial sites that are contaminated, unused, or abandoned.
e) Support funding for improvements to Maine's power generating and transmission facilities.
f) Support funding for open space preservation.
g) Limit carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases linked to global warming.
h) Enact environmental regulations even if they are stricter than federal law.
i) Other or expanded principles

Gun Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding guns.

- a) Should background checks be required on gun sales between private citizens at gun shows?
b) Should citizens be allowed to carry concealed guns?
c) Should a license be required for gun possession?
d) Do you support current levels of enforcement of existing state restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns?

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e) Do you support current state restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided

f) Other or expanded principles _____

Health Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding health.

___ a) Ensure that citizens have access to basic health care through managed care, insurance reforms, or state-funded care where necessary.

___ b) Guaranteed medical care to all citizens is not a responsibility of state government.

___ c) Support Dirigo Health in Maine.

___ d) Limit the amount of damages that can be awarded in medical malpractice lawsuits.

___ e) Allow patients to sue their HMOs.

___ f) Require hospitals and labs to release reports on infections that are a risk to public health, while not compromising patient confidentiality.

___ g) Legalize physician assisted suicide in Maine.

___ h) Support allowing doctors to prescribe marijuana to their patients for medicinal purposes.

___ i) Other or expanded principles _____

Social Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding social issues.

a) Should Maine recognize civil unions between same-sex couples? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided

b) Should same-sex couples be allowed to marry? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided

c) Should Maine provide state-level spousal rights to same-sex couples? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided

d) Do you support a moment of silence in public schools? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided

e) Do you support voluntary prayer in public schools? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided

f) Do you support sexual education programs that include information on abstinence, contraceptives, and HIV/STD prevention methods? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided

g) Do you support abstinence-only sexual education programs? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided

h) Should the state government consider race and gender in state government contracting and hiring decisions? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided

i) Do you support affirmative action in public college admissions? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided

j) Should Maine continue affirmative action programs? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided

k) Do you support state funding of stem cell research? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided

l) Do you support state funding of embryonic stem cell research? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided

m) Do you support allowing pharmacists who conscientiously object to emergency contraception to refuse to dispense it? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided

n) Other or expanded principles _____

Legislative Priorities: *On an attached page, disk, or via email, please explain in a total of 100 words or less, your top two or three priorities if elected. If they require additional funding for implementation, please explain how you would obtain this funding.*

CANDIDATE MUST SIGN SURVEY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DATABASE.

Candidate Name _____ State and District _____ Party _____

Signature _____ Date _____