

2008 MISSOURI GUBERNATORIAL 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.**

<p>KEY</p> <p>1 = <i>Greatly Increase</i></p> <p>2 = <i>Slightly Increase</i></p> <p>3 = <i>Maintain Status</i></p> <p>4 = <i>Slightly Decrease</i></p> <p>5 = <i>Greatly Decrease</i></p> <p>6 = <i>Eliminate</i></p>

- 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.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a) Alcohol taxes | <input type="checkbox"/> f) Income taxes (incomes above \$75,000) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b) Cigarette taxes | <input type="checkbox"/> g) Property taxes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> c) Corporate taxes | <input type="checkbox"/> h) Sales taxes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> d) Gasoline taxes | <input type="checkbox"/> i) Vehicle taxes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> e) Income taxes (incomes below \$75,000) | <input type="checkbox"/> j) Other or expanded categories _____ |

- 1) Should state sales taxes be extended to Internet sales? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- 2) Should accounts such as a "rainy day" fund be used to balance the state budget? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- 3) Should fee increases be used to balance the state budget? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- 4) 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 Missouri governors? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- b) Do you support the current limit of terms for Missouri state senators and representatives? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- c) Do you support limiting the following types of contributions to gubernatorial candidates?
 - 1) Individual ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
 - 2) PAC ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
 - 3) Corporate ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
 - 4) Political Parties ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- d) Do you support requiring full and timely disclosure of campaign finance information? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- e) Do you support imposing spending limits on state-level political campaigns? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- f) Should Missouri participate in the federal REAL ID program? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- g) Should voters be required to show photo identification before voting? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- h) Should voters be required to show proof of citizenship before voting? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- i) Do you support a constitutional amendment prohibiting state judges in Missouri from ordering tax increases? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- j) Should the composition of the Appellate Judicial Commission, the body responsible for selecting appellate court judge nominees, be altered? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided

k) If yes, how would you alter the composition of the Commission? Please use forty (40) words or less. _____

l) Other or expanded principles _____

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) Support the death penalty in Missouri.
- ___ c) Allow the use of the death penalty in cases involving the rape of a minor under the age of 12.
- ___ d) Support programs to provide prison inmates with vocational and job-related skills and job-placement assistance when released.
- ___ e) Implement penalties other than incarceration for certain non-violent offenders.
- ___ f) Decriminalize the possession of small amounts of marijuana.
- ___ g) Minors accused of a violent crime should be prosecuted as adults.
- ___ h) Support state and local law enforcement officials enforcing federal immigration laws.
- ___ i) Support hate crime legislation.
- ___ j) 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 Missouri 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) Include sexual orientation in Missouri's anti-discrimination laws.
- ___ g) Include gender identity in Missouri's anti-discrimination laws.
- ___ h) Increase the state minimum wage.
- ___ i) Support laws that prevent employers from dismissing employees at will.
- ___ j) Support financial punishments for those who knowingly employ illegal immigrants.
- ___ k) Support increased work requirements for able-bodied welfare recipients.
- ___ l) Increase funding for employment and job training programs for welfare recipients.
- ___ m) 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 Missouri'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.

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___ 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? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided

b) Should citizens be allowed to carry concealed guns? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided

c) Should a license be required for gun possession? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided

d) Do you support current levels of enforcement of existing state restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided

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

___ d) Allow patients to sue their HMOs.

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

___ f) Legalize physician assisted suicide in Missouri.

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

___ h) Other or expanded principles _____

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

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

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

c) Should Missouri 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 Missouri 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 _____