

Issues on this questionnaire are listed in alphabetical order.

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

- a) Abortions should always be illegal.
- b) Abortions should always be legally available.
- 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) Abortion should be legal when the life of the woman is endangered.
- f) Eliminate public funding for abortions and public funding of organizations that advocate or perform abortions.
- g) Other or expanded principles \_\_\_\_\_

**Budgetary, Spending and Tax Issues:**

**State Budget:** Indicate the funding levels (#1-6) you will support for the following general categories. **Select one level per category.**

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

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

**State Taxes:** Indicate the tax levels (#1-6) you will support. **Select one level per tax.**

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

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

- m) Should Internet sales be taxed?  Yes  No  Undecided
- n) Should Arkansas institute a state lottery?  Yes  No  Undecided
- o) Do you support eliminating the sales tax on food?  Yes  No  Undecided
- p) Other or expanded principles \_\_\_\_\_

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

- a) Do you support the current two-term eight-year limit for Arkansas governors?  Yes  No  Undecided
- b) Do you support two-term eight-year limit for Arkansas state senators?  Yes  No  Undecided
- c) Do you support the three-term six-year limit for Arkansas house representatives?  Yes  No  Undecided
- d) Do you support limiting the following types of contributions to state legislative and gubernatorial candidates?  Yes  No  Undecided
  - 1) Individual  Yes  No  Undecided
  - 2) PAC  Yes  No  Undecided
  - 3) Corporate  Yes  No  Undecided
  - 4) Political Parties  Yes  No  Undecided
- e) Do you support requiring full and timely disclosure of campaign finance information?  Yes  No  Undecided
- f) Do you support imposing spending limits on state level political campaigns?  Yes  No  Undecided
- g) Do you support partial funding from state taxes for state level political campaigns?  Yes  No  Undecided
- h) Do you support voting on-line?  Yes  No  Undecided
- i) Do you support adopting statewide standards for counting, verifying, and ensuring accuracy of votes?  Yes  No  Undecided
- j) Do you support prohibiting media exit polling of voters until all polling locations in Arkansas are closed?  Yes  No  Undecided
- k) Should Arkansas recognize civil unions between same-sex couples?  Yes  No  Undecided
- l) Should Arkansas restrict marriage to a union only between a man and a woman?  Yes  No  Undecided
- m) Other or expanded principles \_\_\_\_\_

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**Crime Issues:** Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) to address crime.

- a) Increase state funds for construction of state prisons and for hiring of additional prison staff.
- b) Support contracting with private sector firms to build and/or manage state prisons.
- c) Oppose the use of the death penalty in Arkansas.
- d) Support programs to provide prison inmates with vocational and job-related skills and job-placement assistance when released.
- e) End parole for repeat violent offenders.
- f) Implement penalties other than incarceration for certain non-violent offenders.
- g) Decriminalize the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes.
- h) Strengthen penalties and sentences for drug-related crimes.
- i) Support the .08 blood-alcohol-content limit defining drunk driving.
- j) Minors accused of a violent crime should be prosecuted as adults.
- k) Require that crimes based on gender, sexual orientation, or disability be prosecuted as hate crimes.
- l) Ban the use of racial profiling by law enforcement officers.
- m) Increase state funding for community centers and other social agencies in areas with at-risk youth.
- n) Increase state funding for additional security of critical infrastructure against terrorist attacks.
- o) Other or expanded principles \_\_\_\_\_

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

- a) Support national standards and testing of public school students.
- b) Provide parents with state-funded vouchers to send their children to any participating school (public, private, religious).
- c) Increase state funds for school capital improvements (e.g. buildings and infrastructure).
- d) Increase state funds for hiring additional teachers.
- e) Support teacher testing and reward teachers with merit pay.
- f) Support displaying the Ten Commandments in public schools.
- g) Endorse teacher-led voluntary prayer in public schools.
- h) Require public schools to administer high school exit exams.
- i) Provide state funding to increase teacher salaries.
- j) Provide state funding for tax incentives and financial aid to help make college more affordable.
- k) Support age-appropriate sexual education programs that teach about abstinence, contraceptives, and HIV/STD prevention methods.
- l) Support abstinence-only sexual education programs.
- m) Other or expanded principles \_\_\_\_\_

**Employment and Affirmative Action Issues:**

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

- a) Increase funding for state job-training programs that re-train displaced workers or teach skills needed in today's job market.
- b) Reduce state government regulations on the private sector to encourage investment and economic expansion.
- 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 their employees.
- e) Increase state funds to provide child care for children of low-income working families.
- f) Include sexual orientation in Arkansas anti-discrimination laws.
- g) Other or expanded principles \_\_\_\_\_

Affirmative Action: Should race, ethnicity, or gender be taken into account in state agencies' decisions on:

- a) College and university admissions \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Undecided
- b) Public employment \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Undecided
- c) State contracting \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Undecided
- d) Other or expanded principles \_\_\_\_\_

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

- a) Promote increased use of alternative fuel technology.
- b) Use state funds to clean up former industrial and commercial sites that are contaminated, unused, or abandoned.
- c) Do you support energy deregulation? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Undecided
- d) Do you support state funding for open space preservation? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Undecided
- e) Should state environmental regulations be stricter than federal law? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Undecided
- f) Other or expanded principles \_\_\_\_\_

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- a) Ban the sale or transfer of semi-automatic guns, except those used for hunting.
- b) Maintain and strengthen the enforcement of existing state restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns.
- c) Ease state restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns.
- d) Repeal state restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns.
- e) Allow citizens to carry concealed guns.
- f) Require manufacturers to provide child-safety locks on guns.
- g) Require background checks on gun sales between private citizens at gun shows.
- h) Require a license for gun possession.
- i) Other or expanded principles \_\_\_\_\_

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

- a) Ensure that citizens have access to basic health care through managed care, insurance reforms, or state funded care where necessary.
- b) Transfer more existing Medicaid recipients into managed care programs.
- c) Reduce the amount the state pays to pharmacies for filling Medicaid prescriptions.
- d) Reduce the number of in-home personal care hours that elderly Medicaid patients receive, unless additional care is necessary.
- e) Limit the amount of damages that can be awarded in medical malpractice lawsuits.
- f) Support patients' right to sue their HMOs.
- g) Support patients' right to appeal to an administrative board of specialists when services are denied by their HMO.
- h) Guaranteed medical care to all citizens is not a responsibility of state government.
- i) Legalize physician-assisted suicide in Arkansas.
- j) Increase state funding for training health workers to recognize and respond to the release of biological agents.
- k) Use Arkansas's portion of the national tobacco settlement only for anti-smoking and health programs.
- l) Other or expanded principles \_\_\_\_\_

**Welfare and Poverty Issues:** Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding welfare.

- a) Support current time limits on welfare benefits.
- b) Increase employment and job training programs for welfare recipients.
- c) Provide tax incentives to businesses that hire welfare recipients.
- d) Provide child care for welfare recipients who work.
- e) Increase access to public transportation for welfare recipients who work.
- f) Eliminate government-funded welfare programs.
- g) Redirect welfare funding to faith-based and community-based private organizations.
- h) Use federal TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) funds to expand state services to include the working poor.
- i) Other or expanded principles \_\_\_\_\_

**Gubernatorial Priorities:** *On an attached page, in a total of seventy-five (75) words or less, please explain what your two main legislative priorities will be if elected. Please explain how you would obtain any additional government funding needed to implement these priorities.*

**CANDIDATE MUST SIGN SURVEY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DATABASE.**

Candidate Name \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Party \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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