Political Courage Test: 2020 Presidential Edition

Candidates are strongly encouraged to complete the Political Courage Test online at: secure.votesmart.org

Please indicate your positions on the following issues. If you would like to provide a more detailed response, please do so in the "Other or expanded principles" section (all responses must be under 100 words). Should you choose not to respond, Vote Smart may research your public record to determine your likely positions on these issues.

The Political Courage Test must be signed and returned to our office by 11:59 pm CT the day of the deadline. We can be reached at 515-989-6359 or by email at politicalcourage@votesmart.org.

I, ___________________________, am willing to tell citizens where I stand on the issues I may face if elected. I have demonstrated my Political Courage by indicating my position on the following issues.

Signed: __________________________________________________________________________

Date: ______________________

Abortion:
Do you generally support pro-choice or pro-life legislation?  Pro-choice ____    Pro-life ____
Other or expanded principles ______________________________________________________________
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Budget:
In order to balance the budget, do you support an income tax increase on any tax bracket?  Yes ____    No ____
Do you support expanding federal funding to support entitlement programs such as Social Security and Medicare?  Yes ____    No ____
Other or expanded principles ______________________________________________________________
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Campaign Finance:
Do you support the regulation of indirect campaign contributions from corporations and unions?  Yes ____    No ____
Other or expanded principles ______________________________________________________________
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Defense:
Do you support increasing defense spending?  Yes ____    No ____
Other or expanded principles ______________________________________________________________
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Economy:
Do you support federal spending as a means of promoting economic growth?  
Yes ____    No ____
Do you support lowering corporate taxes as a means of promoting economic growth?  
Yes ____    No ____
Other or expanded principles ______________________________________________________________
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Education:
Do you support requiring states to adopt federal education standards?  
Yes ____    No ____
Other or expanded principles ______________________________________________________________
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Energy & Environment:
Do you support government funding for the development of renewable energy  
(for example: solar, wind, geo-thermal)?  
Yes ____    No ____
Do you support the federal regulation of greenhouse gas emissions?  
Yes ____    No ____
Other or expanded principles ______________________________________________________________
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Guns:
Do you generally support gun-control legislation?  
Yes ____    No ____
Other or expanded principles ______________________________________________________________
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Health Care:
Do you support repealing the 2010 Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare")?  
Yes ____    No ____
Other or expanded principles ______________________________________________________________
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Immigration:
Do you support the construction of a wall along the Mexican border?  
Yes ____    No ____
Do you support requiring immigrants who are unlawfully present to return to their  
country of origin before they are eligible for citizenship?  
Yes ____    No ____
Other or expanded principles ______________________________________________________________
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National Security:
Should the United States use military force to prevent governments hostile to the U.S.  
from possessing a weapon of mass destruction (for example: nuclear, biological,  
chemical)?  
Yes ____    No ____
Do you support reducing military intervention in Middle East conflicts?  
Yes ____    No ____
Other or expanded principles ______________________________________________________________
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Trade:
Do you generally support removing barriers to international trade (for example: tariffs, quotas, etc.)?  
Yes ____  No ____
Other or expanded principles ______________________________________________________________
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Administrative Priorities: 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.

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