



# VOTE SMART

## The Political Courage Test 2020 Kentucky Edition

Candidates are strongly encouraged to complete the Political Courage Test online at:  
<https://secure.votesmart.org/candidate>

Please indicate your positions on the following issues. You will be recognized for your Political Courage if you submit answers to the questions asked below. 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).

The Political Courage Test must be signed and returned to our office by 11:59 pm CST the day of the deadline.  
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**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**District:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Abortion & Reproductive Issues:

- a) Do you generally support pro-choice or pro-life legislation? Pro-Choice\_\_ Pro-Life\_\_
- b) Do you support legalizing abortion when the pregnancy resulted from incest or rape? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- c) Do you support the prohibition of public funds for organizations that perform abortions? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- d) Other or expanded principles:

### Budget, Spending, & Tax Issues:

- a) In order to balance the budget, do you support reducing state employee salaries AND/OR pensions? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- b) In order to balance the budget, do you support an income tax increase on any tax bracket? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- c) Should local governments be able to levy taxes? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- d) Other or expanded principles:

### Campaign Finance & Government Reform Issues:

- a) Do you support a limit on campaign contributions to state candidates? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- b) Do you support the regulation of indirect campaign contributions from corporations and unions? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- c) Do you support the use of an independent AND/OR bipartisan commission for redistricting? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- d) Do you support requiring a government-issued photo identification in order to vote at the polls? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- e) Do you support automatic voter registration? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- f) Other or expanded principles:

**Crime & Public Safety Issues:**

- a) Do you support capital punishment for certain crimes? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- b) Should an individual under 18 accused of a violent crime be prosecuted as an adult? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- c) Do you support the enforcement of federal immigration laws by state and local police? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- d) Do you support the use of private prisons in Kentucky? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- e) Do you support mandatory minimum sentences for non-violent drug offenders? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- f) Should theft of under \$1,000 be considered a misdemeanor? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- g) Do you support the legalization of medicinal marijuana? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- h) Other or expanded principles:

**Economic Issues:**

- a) Do you support state government spending as a means of promoting economic growth? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- b) Do you support lowering state income taxes as a means of promoting economic growth? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- c) Do you support reducing state government regulations on the private sector? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- d) Do you support requiring welfare applicants to pass a drug test in order to receive benefits? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- e) Do you support an increase of the minimum wage of Kentucky? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- f) Do you support requiring employers to provide paid family leave? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- g) Do you support providing financial relief to businesses AND/OR corporations negatively impacted by the state of national emergency for COVID-19? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- h) Other or expanded principles:

**Education Issues:**

- a) Do you support adopting federal education standards in Kentucky? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- b) Do you support state funding for charter schools? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- c) Do you support increasing teacher salaries AND/OR benefits in Kentucky? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- d) Should immigrants unlawfully present in the United States who graduate from Kentucky high schools be eligible for in-state tuition at public universities? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- e) Do you support prohibiting corporal punishment in all Kentucky schools? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- f) Other or expanded principles:

**Environment & Energy Issues:**

- a) Do you support state funding for the development of renewable energy (e.g. solar, wind, geo-thermal)? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- b) Do you support state government regulation of greenhouse gas emissions? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- c) Do you support increasing state funding for clean drinking water initiatives? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- d) Other or expanded principles:

**Gun Issues:**

- a) Do you generally support gun-control legislation? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- b) Should background checks be required on gun sales between private citizens at gun shows? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- c) Should teachers be allowed to bring guns into the classroom after passing gun safety training? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- d) Should a license be required for gun ownership? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- e) Other or expanded principles:

**Health Issues:**

- a) Should the state government increase funding for treatment facilities to combat opioid abuse? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- b) Do you support Medicaid expansion through Kentucky's health care programs? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- c) Do you support requiring individuals to purchase health care insurance? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- d) Do you support legislation that grants citizens the right to choose to die through euthanasia? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- e) Do you support eliminating religious exemptions for vaccinations? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- f) Do you support requiring businesses to provide paid medical leave during public health crises, such as COVID-19? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- g) Other or expanded principles:

**Social Issues:**

- a) Do you support the inclusion of sexual orientation in Kentucky's anti-discrimination laws? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- b) Do you support the inclusion of gender identity in Kentucky's anti-discrimination laws? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- c) Do you support greater efforts by Kentucky state government in closing the pay gap between men and women? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- d) Do you support expanding anti-discrimination laws to include hair textures and protective hairstyles? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- e) Other or expanded principles:

**Legislative Priorities:**

a) *In the following area, please explain in a total of 100 words or less, any additional priorities of your campaign that have not been covered in these questions.*

b) *In the following area, please explain in a total of 100 words or less, your top legislative priority and how you plan to fund it.*