



2024 North Carolina Voter Guide

Questionnaire for State Candidates

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Candidate Questionnaire

Please indicate your position on the following issues by marking "Yes," "No," or "Undecided."
 You may provide additional comments and explanations for your responses on a separate sheet of paper.
 (Failure to answer a question will result in a listing of "No Response" in the 2024 Voter Guide.)

- Should North Carolina parents who choose to educate their children in a non-public school be eligible to receive a state-funded scholarship grant to assist with the cost of tuition and fees?
 Yes see comments pls. No Undecided
- Should the N.C. General Assembly authorize non-tribal commercial gambling casinos in North Carolina?
 Yes No Undecided
- Should abortion be prohibited in North Carolina once a fetal heartbeat is detected?
 Yes No pls see comments Undecided
- Should N.C. offer tax breaks and other financial benefits as an incentive for businesses to locate in the state?
 Yes No Undecided
- Should the N.C. General Assembly legalize the use of marijuana for medical purposes?
 Yes No Undecided
- Should state nondiscrimination laws include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" as protected classifications?
 Yes No Undecided

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7. Should biological male students who identify as female be allowed to participate on female sports teams?

Yes No Undecided

8. Should organizations that provide abortions be allowed to receive state funds?

Yes No Undecided

9. Should North Carolina law allow a medical professional to assist another person in ending their life?

pls see comments
 Yes No Undecided

10. Should a health care practitioner, who is present at the time a child is born alive after a failed abortion attempt, be required by state law to exercise the same degree of skill, care and diligence to preserve the life and health of that child as would be expected for any other child born alive at the same gestational age?

Yes No Undecided

11. Should North Carolina public schools be prohibited from instructing students in kindergarten through fourth grade about "gender identity," "sexual activity," and "sexuality?"

pls see comments
 Yes No Undecided

12. Should N.C. law (NCGS §90-21.5) continue to allow minors to consent to the treatment of venereal disease or other reportable communicable diseases, pregnancy (not including abortion), abuse of controlled substances or alcohol, and emotional disturbance, without parental consent?

pls see comments
 Yes No Undecided

13. Should churches and other qualified religious organizations continue to receive tax-exempt status?

pls see comments
 Yes No Undecided

14. Should a person's religious beliefs influence the decisions they make while serving in public office?

Yes No Undecided

15. Should the number of terms a state legislator may serve in the North Carolina General Assembly be limited?

Yes No Undecided

Candidate Signature

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Please return completed questionnaire by Friday, July 19, 2024

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#1 I think it would be fair to provide parents some amount of the PPE (Per pupil expenditure) to use toward private school tuition. I don't believe we should give them approx. 75% of the PPE as we currently do. NC already has the 2nd lowest PPE in the country; that being around \$11K per student. If we continue to drain our schools of necessary resources, our students will be grossly underprepared for college entry, job entry and military success. Public schools are just that...public. Their existence and livelihood depend on taxpayer money, sensible legislative appropriations, and effective budget management. I believe parents who wish their children to attend a private school should receive a stipend of approx. \$3000 per child to assist with the tuition. I do not believe this stipend should go to wealthy families who were paying the tuition anyway, before the legislature approved the "Opportunity Scholarship."

#3 I don't think it is the job of government to play doctor. The legislators are not privy to all of the circumstances, nor should they be. The only abortion limitation I would support would be that involving a child who is pregnant. In this case, I believe the child is entitled to have an abortion and I believe the parent or guardian should be notified before the procedure occurs, since the parent is legally responsible for the pregnant girl.

#9 I believe that a person who is severely ill and suffering for months on end, and who wishes to end life, should be allowed to do so given the certain prolonged morbidity. I think that with a doctor's assessment of the situation, in addition to a signed and witnessed document by the patient, euthanasia should be permitted. I believe that God gave us the gift of Free Will for a reason, and it is only God who will judge each of us in the end.

#12 I believe that girls through age 13 should get parental approval. If their parents do not approve, that girl should be allowed to get a surrogate approval from Social Services or another agency that can provide fiduciary responsibility. Young women 14 and older should be able to make these decisions for their bodies without parental approval.

#13 I think the tax-exempt status should remain unless it is a church receiving Public Education money to run their private school. These churches should pay taxes.

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#11 I do believe that NC teachers, given well selected resources and professional development, should teach sexual identity and gender expression in the primary grades. Every child deserves to be seen and respected. When they do not get this, the rest of what we offer them in school does not really make the difference in their lives. Transgender children have always been in our society; it is not new. The only thing new is that we are now talking about it. We talk about it so transgender children do not suffer alone, so they do not self-mutilate, so they do not develop eating disorders, so they do not become abused, so they do not commit suicide. Waiting until middle school to have these lessons is too late. We must begin from day one, with grade appropriate resources, to welcome them in the school culture, to honor their very humanity!

We must all open our minds, put aside old and rigid ways of thinking and make paths for ALL people to be their best selves. We don't have to fully understand or agree with "the difference." We simply need to care enough about their struggle. If we claim to believe in justice for all, we will employ that in our acceptance of transgender people, and this includes children! So yes, let's honor these kids' need for appropriate expression and identity so they feel comfortable and their peers become educated which yields respect.