



# 2024 North Carolina Voter Guide Questionnaire for Federal Candidates

## Candidate Information

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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.)

1. Should Congress pass legislation that establishes a right to abortion in federal law?

Yes  No  Undecided

2. Should Congress pass legislation to ban sports gambling across the United States?

Yes  No  Undecided

3. Should the federal government increase the minimum wage?

Yes  No  Undecided

4. Should Congress pass legislation that would protect citizens from being charged with discrimination because of their sincerely held religious beliefs about marriage?

Yes  No  Undecided

5. Should Congress legalize the use of marijuana for medical purposes?

Yes  No  Undecided

6. Should federal nondiscrimination laws include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" as protected classifications?

Yes  No  Undecided

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7. Should the federal government continue to provide funding for abstinence until marriage sexual education programs?

Yes  No  Undecided

8. Should organizations that provide abortions be allowed to receive federal taxpayer dollars?

Yes  No  Undecided

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

Yes  No  Undecided

10. Should Congress prohibit "gender transition procedures," including the administration of puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones, and the performance of "gender reassignment surgery" on minors?

Yes  No  Undecided

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

Yes  No  Undecided

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

Yes  No  Undecided

13. Should the number of terms an individual may serve in the U.S. Senate or U.S. House be limited?

Yes  No  Undecided

14. Should the U.S. Constitution be amended to require Congress to balance the federal budget every year?

Yes  No  Undecided

Candidate Signature

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Date

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**Please return completed questionnaire by Friday, July 19, 2024**

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NC Family Survey

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1. Many Americans strongly feel the government should not control women's bodies, but Congress should not pass legislation establishing a right to abortion in Federal law. Abortion is an issue about which people passionately hold contrasting beliefs. Some believe, rightly, the government should not be forcing women to carry a pregnancy; other believe, equally rightly, that the government cannot condone murder, and many people consider abortion to be murder. There is an unresolvable conflict between these two positions, but an appropriate balance has to be found. That balance may be different in different states depending on the beliefs of the citizens of those states. Good, caring, passionate people on both sides of this issue may disagree with me, but I believe we need to understand the views of other people and work together to find a compromise we can live with while we respectfully and peacefully advocate on behalf of our beliefs until we achieve a consensus.
2. Gambling is bad. I don't gamble. I teach my children not to gamble. But Congress should not ban sports gambling. It shouldn't be the Federal government's role to try to legislate good behavior. People need to take personal responsibility for their own actions. People should have freedom and with that freedom comes personal responsibility. The Federal government needs to focus on getting the budget under control. If the Federal government has a role in promoting morality, it should do so by being a good role model, by being civil, and by ending deficit spending.
3. We all want every American to have a good wage, but Congress should not increase the minimum wage. To accomplish our shared goal of good wages, the Federal government should reduce regulations that stifle job growth and promote policies that result in more competition for workers and, therefore, better wages.
4. Our religious beliefs, as they should be, are already protected by the Constitution, so Congress should not pass legislation regarding discrimination based on religious beliefs that could have unanticipated adverse legal consequences.
5. I don't do drugs. I teach my children not to do drugs. I barely drink any alcohol, and the few times I do are usually related to rituals at religious functions. Nevertheless, Congress should eliminate Federal restrictions on use of marijuana. The government should stay out of people's lives and not try to legislate morality. While drugs can cause serious problems, we know from Prohibition that making alcohol use illegal caused more problems than it solved; legalizing alcohol solved more problems than it caused. There's a lot to like about the way Libertarian Presidential candidate Chase Oliver frames his view of government: "If you're not harming someone with force, fraud, coercion, theft or violence, if you're not doing any of those bad things, your life is your life. Your body is your body. Your business is your business, and your property is your property. It's not mine, and it's not the government's."
6. Given my Jewish background and having lost family in the Holocaust, I find discrimination abhorrent. But I am undecided about Federal nondiscrimination

laws regarding sexual orientation and gender identity. I think it is wrong to discriminate based on sexual orientation and gender identity, but I'm not convinced it is government's place to try to make it illegal. I think the great majority of Americans are against all kinds of discrimination, and by living our lives in accordance with those beliefs, we can be good role models for others.

7. Families should be primarily responsible for sex education. The Federal government should not continue funding sexual education programs. The Federal government is going broke and should not be involved with funding controversial sex education programs.
8. Federal taxpayer dollars should not be used for performing abortions. Abortion is an issue about which people hold passionate beliefs. The government should not be forcing women to carry a pregnancy; the government also cannot condone murder, and many people consider abortion to be a murder. There is a conflict between these two positions, and an appropriate balance is needed. Keeping the Federal government out of funding elective abortions would be a fundamental part of any reasonable compromise position.
9. Everyone would agree that children deserve expert medical care, but the Federal government should not be regulating healthcare providers. Such a law shouldn't be needed, particularly not at the Federal level. A doctor already should have to provide good medical care to all children in their care. The States regulate physician services, and State-based legislation may be reasonable if any were needed.
10. I think there's general agreement that parents need to be responsible for their children; government bureaucrats cannot replace parents. The Federal government should stay out of gender transition issues. The government is not a replacement for the role of the family. It must be very difficult for minors and their parents and their physicians to face such a personal health issue and to make decisions about this. The government does not have a role to play in this. The Federal government has much bigger fish to fry; the country is drowning in debt, and we need to focus on reducing government spending, not regulating how families raise their children.
11. The government should not be used to force particular religious beliefs on people. My Jewish religion should not affect my public decisions. But just because it shouldn't doesn't mean it won't. The religious morality I was taught affects my thinking very deeply. I don't think it is possible to separate religious beliefs from how we perceive things, and therefore even if religious beliefs shouldn't influence legislative decisions, religious beliefs probably will affect our decisions. When our religion does affect our decisions, I hope it is for the better.
12. Yes, faith-based organizations should remain tax-exempt.
13. I can understand why many people think we need term limits, but we already have term limits; we call those limits "elections." A Vietnamese Buddhist philosopher once said, "When you plant lettuce, if it does not grow well, you don't blame the lettuce." We keep voting into office people who don't work together to end the deficit. We don't need a constitutional amendment to have a balanced budget. We—that's right, we—need to elect people who will cut spending.

14. We desperately need to eliminate the deficit, but a Constitutional amendment to balance the budget is not needed and could, at times, be problematic. Instead, we need eliminate deficit spending by voting in representatives who will balance the budget by reducing Federal spending. We need legislators who don't care about being popular, much less making their Party popular. We need legislators who will cut massive, counterproductive military spending and who will focus our military on defending our borders. We need legislators who will do unpopular things—like gradually raising the retirement age and reducing benefits to fortunate, healthy, working adults like me who don't need to rely on social security— that will keep social security solvent instead of letting it slide into bankruptcy. We need to grow our economy; energetic, entrepreneurial, young, legal immigrant families can help us do that. We need bold changes in our healthcare system that will give people the freedom and responsibility to use healthcare resources responsibly, creating competition and reducing regulations that will lower healthcare costs. We need legislators who recognize that other legislators are good, caring people and who will work together—including compromising when needed—to get the budget under control.