

2012 Civitas Candidate Survey

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Candidate Issue & Policy Questions

1. Tax rates in North Carolina are

Too high

2. North Carolina should raise the state sales tax by $\frac{3}{4}$ of one cent – or 15 percent -- to provide additional resources to public schools.

Disagree

3. A nonpartisan redistricting commission should be established to draw North Carolina's Congressional and state legislative district maps.

Disagree

4. North Carolina should allow offshore and natural gas exploration.

Agree

5. In order to address North Carolina's ongoing budget difficulties, state lawmakers should:

Reduce spending

6. Marriage between one man and one woman should be the only domestic legal union that is valid in North Carolina.

Agree

7. The Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) should be repealed.

Agree

8. North Carolina should retain capital punishment as a sentencing option.

Agree

9. North Carolina should adopt a constitutional amendment limiting the annual growth rate of state spending to a combination of inflation plus population growth.

Agree

10. North Carolina's status as a "Right to Work" state should be written into the state constitution.

Agree

11. Teacher pay should be tied to student performance and other factors reflecting teacher quality.

Agree

12. The North Carolina legislature should repeal Same-Day Registration.

Agree

13. North Carolina should amend the state constitution to ensure that all new issues of state or local debt require voter approval.

Disagree

14. North Carolina should reinstate the cap on the state gas tax rate.

Agree

15. North Carolina should repeal mandated renewable energy quotas on electric companies in order to decrease energy costs.

Agree

16. In terms of state regulation of businesses, which most closely resembles your view?

The state should eliminate many regulations to allow entrepreneurs more flexibility

17. The state should continue to fund Planned Parenthood.

Disagree

18. When state government spends more money to hire more state workers, it creates jobs and therefore stimulates the economy.

Disagree

19. North Carolina should repeal its estate tax.

Agree

20. Students should be able to perform at or above grade level before being promoted to the next grade.

Agree

21. North Carolina should have term limits for state Senators and Representatives.

Disagree

22. North Carolina should end the unofficial moratorium on the death penalty.

Agree

24. Judges should continue to be elected by the voters.

Agree

25. North Carolina should provide tax credits to individuals and businesses that fund scholarships for K-12 students to attend non-public schools.

Agree

26. State lawmakers should make more laws requiring employers to provide certain benefits to workers (i.e. paid sick leave, lunch breaks, etc.).

Disagree

28. The federal government should provide healthcare under a single-payer system.

Disagree

29. North Carolina should allow collective bargaining for:

No public employees

31. Decisions about how to pay for healthcare services should be determined by:

The individual

32. North Carolina needs to continue to aggressively offer targeted tax credits and subsidies to recruit businesses to expand or relocate in the state, thus creating jobs.

Agree

33. Minimum Wage Laws:

Are an unfair intrusion into the labor market, and hurt the employment opportunities for low-skilled labor

34. North Carolina currently spends about \$8,400 per K-12 public school student. This is about the right amount of spending.

Disagree

35. Party labels should be restored to judicial elections.

Agree

36. North Carolina should implement a state health insurance exchange to comply with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare).

Disagree

Additional comments

Comments on several questions

On 3) Who appoints the appointers.

On 6) I believe civil unions are just and fair. My only caveat to the question.

On 13) Local debt such as school bonds yes. However we are a republic and we have to remain faithful to that at the stat level. The members of the general assembly have to expect to be help accountable for all decisions. In this environment fiscal responsibility cant be allowed to be ducked by putting it on voters.

On 23 and 32) We have to be careful not to disarm in the face of other states aggressive work to get companies to go there as opposed to NC. Certainly fair treatment of small businesses is important. For instance NC allows for bonds based on projected future tax revenues to assist in bringing industry to an area that I think hurts existing businesses and is unfair. We need to balance those interests.

On 27) How does anyone expect citizen representation to revitalize and enhance our system of governance? We pay representatives little to nothing while the demand of time put on them to meet their responsibilities inhibits the average individual from being able to serve and make enough money to ensure his/her familys needs are met. They can't keep their current jobs. This ensures a select few govern and now we want to get rid of pensions? If we agree we only want a select few to govern then lets get rid of it, but if we want a better cross section of society to be part of the solutions facing this state then lets stop being run by fear of public perception and take charge of the situation. Pay the legislator more and deny pensions, or keep the system as is. Anything less is political posturing.

On 34) As a long time conservative Republican I have always believed that more money in education does not equal results. We all know that has been proven accurate. However with the unique insight of a school board member you know when you are underfunded. We are in the 8400 dollar window and are cutting expenditures left and right so as not to affect the classroom. An audit found Wake County light at the top in the way of administrative positions. We have cut to bone elsewhere so that the 8400 would work for better for our students. This year if the General Assembly doesnt send more money with less strings attached to the local LEA's we will hurt the classroom again. So 8400 may be about right but not quite.