

## 2012 Civitas Candidate Survey

### Candidate Profile Information

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### Candidate Issue & Policy Questions

**1. Tax rates in North Carolina are**

About right

**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.**

Agree

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

Agree

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

Disagree

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

Raise taxes

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

Disagree

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 The Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) should be repealed.**

Disagree

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

Disagree

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

Disagree

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

Disagree

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

Disagree

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

Disagree

**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.**

Disagree

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

Disagree

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

State regulations are just about right and should not be changed significantly

**17. The state should continue to fund Planned Parenthood.**

Agree

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

Agree

**19. North Carolina should repeal its estate tax.**

Disagree

**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.**

Disagree

**23. North Carolina should eliminate all targeted tax credits and subsidies for businesses and instead tax all businesses the same.**

Disagree

**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.**

Disagree

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

Agree

**27. State pensions should be eliminated for elected officials in North Carolina.**

Disagree

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

Agree

**29. North Carolina should allow collective bargaining for:**

All public employees

**30. The current K-12 teacher tenure system should be retained.**

Agree

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

By the federal government

**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.**

Disagree

**33. Minimum Wage Laws:**

Are necessary to protect workers, should be higher, and have little or no impact on employment opportunities for low-skilled workers

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

Agree

**35. Party labels should be restored to judicial elections.**

Disagree

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

Agree