

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 The Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) should be repealed.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

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.

Agree

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.

Agree

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

Agree

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

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

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

Disagree

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.

Disagree

33. Minimum Wage Laws:

Undecided

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

Proud to be the only candidate with a proven track record of conservative reform in education. The best glimpse of what a candidate will do is what they have done. For a highlight of results that matters please - http://www.tedesco4kids.com/Results_Matter.html

Expanded answers to specific questions above.

#11 Free market principles require us to have a competitive wage to attract quality teachers, above and beyond that we should support those who excel in the profession by producing academic gains in our students. While we understand that most teachers enter the profession to serve, we should be willing to serve those who excel in their performance with merit-based pay opportunities. In any other profession respect for hard work and results earns more than an attaboy; it comes with increased pay and bonus opportunities. Our teachers deserve no less. Under our leadership in the state's largest system we implemented several merit based pay schools.

Several questions tie to our teachers such as the one on tenure. To gain a further understanding of my views on teachers in our system please see the link below. <http://www.tedesco4kids.com/Teachers.html>

#27 If reasonable term limits were in place (which I support) I would agree. However, if someone serves a large portion of their life to public service in a full time capacity (not my personal interest) they should be able to survive when they retire.

#34 This number does not take into account various other dollars that drive the true cost of education in NC, such as capital expenditures. However, this question joins in the classic liberal division on educational - spending. We are looking at the wrong number all together. The benchmark should not be a continuous gain in per student dollars, especially if large portions of those dollars never make it to the classroom. Liberals argue are per student spending is too low. I believe the goal should be to get the most results for the least amount of dollars respecting our investments in our children and our taxpayers. Over

the last 3 decades, educational spending in the U.S. has tripled, while outcomes have flat-lined. It is clearly not about the spending. There are models for producing better educational outcomes, paying teachers more while spending less - this can and must be done.