

Arkansas Family Council Survey Responses

1. Guns: The view that the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution recognizes the right of private citizens to possess firearms.

Support

I'm an NRA Life Member.

2. Marriage: Allowing cities to maintain a domestic partnership registry for same-sex couples as is being done in Eureka Springs.

Oppose

3. Lottery: Prohibiting paid advertising of the Arkansas Lottery and using that money to provide additional college scholarships.

Undecided

4. Taxes: Requiring a vote of at least 75% in both houses of the Arkansas Legislature in order to increase any state tax or fee.

Support

I would not support a bill that wouldn't allow revenue neutral trade-offs of fees that might trade a tax or a fee for another tax or fee. I think requiring a super majority for this type of bill would limit the ability of the legislature to make improvements to the tax code that would improve our business and personal tax climate. The current tax code limits our ability to attract and retain good jobs. If the net result of a bill is a tax or fee increase then I'd support legislation requiring a super majority.

5. Abortion: The U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade abortion decision.

Oppose

We must take every possible action to protect the sanctity of human life in Arkansas.

6. Immigration: The proposed amendment to the Arkansas Constitution that prohibits state benefits for some illegal immigrants.

Support

7. Alcohol: Requiring a county-wide vote for the approval of any permit to sell alcohol in a dry county.

Undecided

8. Equal Rights Amendment: Ratification of the federal Equal Rights Amendment.

Oppose

I support equal rights for all Americans. The 14th Amendment guarantees equal protection to all Americans. I don't believe we need additional language.

9. Electoral College: Electing the President of the United States by popular vote rather than by the Electoral College method that is currently in use.

Oppose

The Electoral College allows less populous states like Arkansas to have a slightly larger voice in the election of the President than if we elect via the popular vote. I believe in preserving the voice of Arkansans in Presidential elections.

10. Education: Allowing home school and private school students to enroll in extracurricular activities at their local public school—commonly known as the “Tim Tebow law”—as is allowed in Florida and other states.

Support

I would like to see us pass legislation that would allow these students to participate in extracurricular activities and would allow them to be counted towards the school systems Average Enrollment for purposes of meeting the 350 consolidation threshold and for funding based on the percentage of use of public school services. These families are paying taxes and deserve the use of the facilities and services they are paying for. The school systems also need the students for the previously mentioned reasons.

11. What type of legislation do you intend to sponsor?

I'm running because I believe it's time we return common sense Arkansas values to our legislative process. I have two teenage daughters who will someday have children. I want to work to improve the business tax climate in Arkansas so that my daughters and their children will have good jobs available close to where I live. I want to enjoy our rivers and woods with my grandchildren and this won't happen unless we elect representatives who will bring common sense fiscal policies to Little Rock.

12. How do you intend to improve public education?

We need to free our teachers and administrators from the oppressive federal and state regulations and mandates that limit their ability to teach their students. We have many excellent people in the public education system who's hands are tied. Let our teachers teach!

13. How should Arkansas fund repairs to our highways and bridges?

I believe we should transfer existing sales taxes on automotive related items from general revenue to the highway department as was recommended by the Revenue Transfer Subcommittee of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Highway finance. This would require no new taxes, and the amount transferred could be phased in as the economy improves so that existing programs would not have to be cut, but would rather not be able to grow out of control like they have been.