2012 Civitas Candidate Survey
Candidates for Governor, Council of State and NC General Assembly
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Candidate Issue & Policy Questions

Instructions: *Please circle the response that best represents your answer to the following questions. You may provide additional comments on a separate sheet of paper if desired. Please identify the question if you choose to provide additional comments.*

1. Tax rates in North Carolina are:

   Too high Too low About right

2. North Carolina should raise the state sales tax by ¾ of one cent – or 15 percent -- to provide additional resources to public schools.

   Agree Disagree

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

   Agree Disagree

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

   Agree Disagree

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

   - Reduce spending
   - Raise taxes
   - Raise taxes to cover most of the shortfall, but reduce some spending
   - Reduce spending to cover most of the shortfall, but raise taxes some as well

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

   Agree Disagree

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 The Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) should be repealed.

   Agree Disagree

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

   Agree 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.

   Agree Disagree

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

    Agree Disagree

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

    Agree Disagree

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

    Agree Disagree

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

    Agree Disagree

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

    Agree Disagree

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

    Agree Disagree

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

    - The state needs to regulate business more to protect consumers
    - The state should eliminate many regulations to allow entrepreneurs more flexibility
    - State regulations are just about right and should not be changed significantly

17. The state should continue to fund Planned Parenthood.

    Agree Disagree

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

    Agree Disagree

19. North Carolina should repeal its estate tax.

    Agree Disagree

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

    Agree Disagree

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

    Agree Disagree

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

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Agree Disagree

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

Agree Disagree

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

Agree Disagree

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

Agree 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 Disagree

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

Agree Disagree

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

Agree Disagree

29. North Carolina should allow collective bargaining for:

- All public employees
- Some public employees
- Only public safety employees
- No public employees

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

Agree Disagree

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

- The individual
- By the state government
- By the federal government
- Undecided

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 Disagree

33. Minimum wage laws:

    - Are an unfair intrusion into the labor market, and hurt the employment opportunities for low-skilled labor
    - Are necessary to protect workers, should be higher, and have little or no impact on employment opportunities for low-skilled workers
    - Undecided

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

    Agree Disagree

35. Party labels should be restored to judicial elections.

    Agree Disagree

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

    Agree Disagree

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