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 ¾ 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.

Agree

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

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

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 The Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) should be repealed.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

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.

Agree

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.

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?

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.

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

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.

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

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.

Disagree

29. North Carolina should allow collective bargaining for:

All 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:

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

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.

Disagree

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

Disagree

Additional comments

1. Pay roll and corporate tax rate.
2. And along with teachers, a lot of state employees are deserving a pay increase. Their cost of living has increased, and they are hit hard with increasing healthcare, but have no more to money in their pockets.
4. But if residents of Carteret County, along with tourism wish not to have any drilling on the coast, as an elected official, I believe they should be heard and maybe have a vote as they would be affected first.
7. I had a personal healthcare plan that closed up shop and went out of healthcare, as they said they couldn't operate under the new guidelines.
9. With most government, we should be able to keep spending in line. We shouldn't need to add more amendments to our constitution. This makes it too easy to keep changing.
10. Once again, we have government overstepping. Employers will hire as needed and provide benefits they can afford. The talks should be between employee and employer.
11. But if this is to be, then we should go back to when they are allowed to teach. It seems they are teaching to test. Students are taught different than what we were.
13. Once again, we have a constitution, we also have the power to vote. If we have an administration not listening, then we

have our self to blame.
14. Until we can get the economy back online, and with more money in people's pockets, the more spending they will do. With the tax now, the DOT should be in good shape.
16. Selected 2nd and 3rd answer.
17. Because this program works with teens to give them info and guidance. We don't need children raising or having children.
19. Taxes have been paid already by the owner, many times over in some cases. To coerce a family member again just doesn't seem fair, as if it were property they gained. They would have to pay property taxes to the county it is listed. How many times should some property be taxed?
22. We cannot afford to continually warehouse people that have committed crimes that make them subject to death row. Morally the victim's family may not have closure.
25. At least a small credit, as this may help attract more graduates to so further with their education.