



2010 Candidate Survey | Governor

Name: _____ (as it will appear on the ballot)

Please indicate whether you **Agree**, **Disagree**, or are **Undecided** with regard to each of the following statements. You are encouraged to provide comments or explanations regarding your position, but they **MUST** fit within the space provided. Additionally, your survey **MUST** be signed in order to be accepted and posted at CommonwealthFoundation.org. Please return before **March 12, 2010**.

1. Annual increases in spending by state, county and local governments, including school districts, should be constitutionally limited to the rate of population growth plus inflation, or a similar index— except during declared emergencies or when the voters, via referendum, approve of the limit being exceeded.

Agree

Disagree

Undecided

2. Pennsylvania should reduce taxes on all citizens. According to the Tax Foundation, Pennsylvania's state and local tax burden ranked 24th highest in the nation in 1991, 17th highest in 2002, and 11th highest today.

Agree

Disagree

Undecided

3. Pennsylvania should not incur additional taxpayer debt. Since 2002, state debt increased 78% to more than \$41 billion. In 2009, total state and local debt stood at \$116 billion — over \$36,000 per family of four.

Agree

Disagree

Undecided

4. Pennsylvania governments should put all expenditures of taxpayer money online for easy viewing by citizens — similar to 26 other states.

Agree

Disagree

Undecided

5. Voter approval via public referendum should be required for all state and local tax and fee increases, similar to taxpayer protection provisions in other states.

Agree

Disagree

Undecided

6. Tax dollars for education should follow the child. As long as Pennsylvania taxes citizens for public education, children should be able to choose a public or private school for Kindergarten through 12th grade, as they can for higher education.

Agree

Disagree

Undecided

7. Labor unions should be legally prohibited from forcing workers to pay dues or fees as a condition of employment, and unions should not be forced to represent non-payers at the bargaining table.

Agree

Disagree

Undecided

8. Pennsylvania should repeal current Prevailing Wage laws that apply to taxpayer-funded construction projects because they increase labor costs upward of 30% more than the average Market Wage in a community.

Agree

Disagree

Undecided

9. Government employees, including public school teachers, should be prohibited from striking, and lose a day and one-half of pay for each day they do — similar to New York State’s law.

Agree Disagree Undecided

10. Pennsylvania should limit non-economic damages awarded in lawsuit, while protecting the rights of victims to recover all economic damages; and a defendant’s liability should be proportionate to his share of fault.

Agree Disagree Undecided

11. Pennsylvania’s Constitution should be amended to empower citizens with initiative, referendum and recall – similar to 24 other states.

Agree Disagree Undecided

12. Pennsylvania should return to a part-time legislature with a limited number of legislative session days — similar to 46 other states.

Agree Disagree Undecided

13. The number of terms someone can serve in the state legislature should be limited — similar to 15 other states.

Agree Disagree Undecided

14. Pension and healthcare benefits for government employees should reflect private-sector practices, including 401(k)-style defined-contribution pension plans for new hires and health care cost sharing.

Agree

Disagree

Undecided

15. State and local governments should privatize services that can be performed by the private sector, such as the state liquor stores, golf courses, hotels, fitness centers, and parking garages.

Agree

Disagree

Undecided

16. Pennsylvanians should be allowed to waive individual healthcare mandates, and health insurers should be allowed to offer mandate-free policies to reduce healthcare insurance costs for citizens.

Agree

Disagree

Undecided

17. Health insurers should not be forced to use "community rating" to determine the cost of premiums and should be allowed to use "experiential rating," similar to how auto insurance premiums are determined.

Agree

Disagree

Undecided

18. Pennsylvania should establish a "high-risk pool" that guarantees adequate health insurance for citizens with pre-existing conditions, rather than forcing healthy and low-income citizens to subsidize the premiums of unhealthy and high-income citizens.

Agree

Disagree

Undecided

19. Pennsylvania should flex its 9th and 10th Amendment muscles with the Federal government and refuse to accept funding with mandates for higher state spending, regulations and future uncertain commitments.

Agree

Disagree

Undecided

20. As Governor of Pennsylvania, my highest priorities as a public servant to the taxpayers and citizens of Pennsylvania will be ...

I, _____ (printed name), a candidate for a public office, have personally completed this survey and certify that my responses accurately represent my views and policy positions.

X _____

SIGNATURE

DATE

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