



# Oregon Abigail Adams™ Voter Education Project

## Oregon Candidate Questionnaire

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# ISSUE

ANSWER

### CANDIDATE COMPARISON QUESTIONS

Please answer "yes" or "no" to the following questions. The optional explanations will be included in your Individual Candidate Guide.

- 1 Do you support Oregon taking full financial responsibility for constructing a new bridge over the Columbia River?** No

A new bridge would be connected to the interstate highway system and should be funded by the federal government if at all.

- 2 Do you support additional increases in fuel taxes for infrastructure repairs still unfunded?** No

The legislative session before last, we just had a huge increase in gas taxes! Presumably, that increase was for roads.

- 3 Do you support a sales tax in Oregon?** Yes

ONLY if property taxes are eliminated. Currently we already have incremental sales taxes on health & new cars.

- 4 Do you support selling state property to fund the deficit in PERS?** No

The state doesn't own enough property to fund the actuarial deficit of \$78 Billion. We need to kill PERS & offer just a 401K.

- 5** Yes

**Do you support returning Oregon land under control of the federal government to Oregon? (Federal government controls 60% of Oregon's land.)**

A Dorchester Conference consensus, a couple of years ago, was to give to county local control.

- 6 Do you believe better forest management would have significantly reduced the number of acres that burned in Oregon last summer?** Yes

ABSOLUTELY!!! Active brush & weak saplings (fuel) reductions would have allowed easier containment & less loss.

- 7 Do you support registration for all privately owned guns?** No

A BIG HELL NO!! History has shown that registration eventually will allow confiscation. The 2nd protects all of the others.

- 8 Do you believe more laws are an effective response to gun violence?** No

We need more mental health resources & prosecuting the laws on the books now.

- 9 Do you support a sheriff's authority to determine which firearm regulations violate the Second Amendment when categorizing priorities for enforcement?** Yes

County Sheriffs are the final, elected law enforcement authorities of the state & federal constitutions.

- 10 Do you support the repeal of Oregon's sanctuary state law?** Yes

ABSOLUTELY! This is an unconstitutional law, not yet challenged at the Supreme Court.

- 11 Do you support sections 1021 and 1022 of the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act allowing the U.S. Military to arrest and detain ANY "suspected" terrorist without trial, legal counsel, or accusation of wrongdoing?** Yes

ONLY, outside of this country. Only federal & state law enforcement agencies have authority in-country.

- 12 Do you support state government taking a more active role in private business?** No

Get out of my way & let me succeed or fail on my own!

- 13 Do you support expanding traffic enforcement cameras to the entire state?** No

Big Brother is watching you. All I ask is for is FREEDOM.

- 14 Do you support providing tax incentives to businesses for the purpose of job creation?** Yes

The best job creators are fewer taxes. Let business' freedom to succeed or fail on their own.

- 15 Do you support green urban renewal projects backed by public funds?** No

- 16 Do you support limiting the sale of Oregon farm land to only U.S. citizens? (over 2% is currently owned by foreign countries)** Yes
- 17 Do you support small business mining in rural Oregon?** Yes  
Eastern & some parts of southern Oregon are treasure troves. Allow mining with REASONABLE environmental protections.
- 18 Do you support restricting the "emergency clause" in legislation as true emergencies?** Yes  
ABSOLUTELY!! This legislative
- 19 Do you support a process for impeachment of Oregon executive branch officials by state legislators?** Yes  
No one is above the law. The perception of impropriety (smoke) often has fire behind it.
- 20 Do you support developing court programs as an alternatives to incarceration for certain non-violent offenders?** Yes  
We already have such programs. Utilize them.
- 21 Do you support mandatory minimum sentences for non-violent drug offenders?** Yes  
Within reason.
- 22 Do you believe the U.S. Constitution supports the inclusion of Sharia Law?** No  
The Constitution IS THE LAW!
- 23 Do you support an Oregon Constitutional amendment to require proof of U.S. citizenship to register to vote in Oregon?** Yes  
If that isn't part of Oregon's Constitution now, it should be.
- 24 Do you support any method of directly electing the president by popular vote?** No  
The Electoral College was designed so that every state had an equal influence and opportunity to elect our President.
- 25 Do you support a primary election where all voters vote to determine the top two candidates regardless of their party affiliation?** No  
The party system is still the best. It allows those of similar interests to put forth their candidate.
- 26 Do you support the regulation of indirect campaign contributions from corporations and unions?** No  
The US Supreme Court has determined that this is a 1st Amendment issue & can't be allowed.
- 27 Do you support reclassifying hydropower as a renewable resource?** Yes  
Duuuh... it is a renewable resource.

- 28 Do you subscribe to the theory that Oregon's human activity has an impact on carbon emissions affecting global warming?** No
- Solar cycles and volcanic activity have massively more influence on our climate.
- 29 Do you subscribe to the theory that geoengineering used for weather control is killing ecosystems and forests and increasing fire hazards?** Decline
- I do not have enough data to make an educated statement.
- 30 Do you support increased regulations on the hydraulic fracturing (fracking) industry?** No
- There's nothing wrong with studying the situation but no increased regulations are needed at this time.
- 31 Do you support a single-payer health insurance system?** No
- Let the private markets (competition) reach their own levels.
- 32 Do you support increasing insurance premiums to cover elective treatments?** Yes
- Pay for what you use.
- 33 Do you support market-based health care system with Health Savings Accounts that allow Oregonians to control their own medical care?** Yes
- This idea is a no-brainer.
- 34 Do you support an Oregon Constitutional amendment to create a fair statewide process to appoint the Superintendent of Public Instruction?** No
- The Superintendent of Public Instruction should be an elected position.
- 35 Do you support repealing the Oregon Department of Education's decision to require use of the Common Core State Standards?** Yes
- Local school districts and private schools should have control of their own curriculum.
- 36 Do you support a rigorous testing curriculum as a means for teaching?** Yes
- Measuring success by testing rewards hard work studying. This mirrors the real working world.
- 37 Do you support giving local school districts the authority to determine what is best for their particular schools to increase attendance and improve graduation rates?** Yes
- Local control is always the best. If you don't like what they are doing, have the school board fire them.
- 38 Do you believe that gender identity instruction is appropriate for grades K-3?** No
- Children that age haven't even reached the
- 39 Do you support conventions held to instruct on sexual options and activities between all types of individuals for middle and high school students?** No

This is the parents job.

- 40 Will you support legislation and vote to restore legal protection to unborn babies?** Yes

Since "test tube" babies are a reality, then life begins at conception. The unborn are human.

- 41 Do you support making abortion illegal after 20 weeks when the fetus feels pain?** Yes

Roe v Wade may be the law but taxpayer monies should not be used for abortions.

- 42 Do you support requiring all Oregon employers to use the federal E-Verify system to determine the employee's work eligibility status?** Yes

- 43 Do you support transitioning Oregon to a "Right-to-Work" state in which joining a union would be optional?** Yes

This may be a mute point as the US Supreme Court will decide this issue soon.

- 44 Do you support the First Amendment rights of business owners to run their business in accordance with their religious beliefs?** Yes

- 45 Do you believe the U.S. Constitution supports a limited Convention of States to address a specified subject?** Yes

- 46 Do you support ICLEI/ICMA or other 2030 Agenda (formerly Agenda 21) organizations contracting with governments, which allows them to make decisions reserved for elected officials?** No

Abdication of responsibility is a stupid idea & probably unconstitutional.

## **NARRATIVE QUESTIONS**

The following questions will not appear in the Candidate Comparison Guide, but will be included in your Individual Candidate Guide.

- 47 How would you ensure the land-use rights of rural Oregon and how would you protect their ability to farm and ranch?**

I disagree with Oregon's land use policy in most cases. As long as one's use of their land doesn't infringe on the rights of their neighbors, a person who owns a piece of land ought to be able to do with it what they want to.

- 48 How do you weigh environmental protections when it has a negative impact on human survival?**

The Bible refers the "flora & fauna" on this earth are for man's use. That's not to say that we be wasteful of those resources. Human beings are more important than a tree or animal.

**49 If you were writing a bill on gun rights, what are the two main issues you would include?**

The 2nd Amendment has already been written. The ownership and use of firearms SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED! Anyone who uses a firearm in a crime, loses that individual right. Anyone can own and use firearms responsibly, and as long as they don't use them in a criminal manner.