2022 Candidate Survey

Please fill out the survey below to be considered for endorsement by Young Americans for Liberty, Inc. Feel free to write an explanation and use the margins as needed. Any blank answers will be marked in the negative. After completion, please scan and email to survey@yalliberty.org. For privacy and disclosure notice, please see disclaimer on page 7.

TAXES AND SPENDING

1. How would you decrease the overall tax burden in your state?

2A. Would you ever vote for a budget that increased spending over the prior years' state budget?

☐ Yes
☐ No

2B. Which of the following projects would you vote to use state funds to bring to your community? Check the left box if you support funding or the right box if you oppose funding:

✓ ✓ A new school for at-risk youth
✓ ✓ A park for recreational youth sports
✓ ✓ A sports stadium for a professional team
✓ ✓ A new senior center
✓ ✓ Charging stations for electric cars
✓ ✓ New scenic bike trails
✓ ✓ A new astroturf field for the high school
✓ ✓ A new community center

3A. Below is a list of various tax policies. Check the left box if you support raising or creating this tax, check the box in the middle if you support keeping it at the current rate, or check the right box if you oppose this tax and will fight to lower and/or eliminate it.

✓ ✓ Personal Property Tax
✓ ✓ Income Tax
✓ ✓ Sales Tax
✓ ✓ Value Added Tax
✓ ✓ “Sin” Tax
✓ ✓ Hotel Occupancy Tax
✓ ✓ Consumption Tax
✓ ✓ Payroll Tax
✓ ✓ Capital Gains Tax
✓ ✓ License Fees
✓ ✓ Impact Fees
✓ ✓ Estate Tax

3B. Would you support or oppose a “tax swap” that was a trade-off between cutting one tax and raising another? Why?
FREE AND OPEN MARKETS

4. Is your state Right to Work? Do you support Right to Work legislation?
   ○ My state is Right to Work and I will work to defend it.
   ○ My state is Right to Work and I will work to overturn it.
   ○ My state is not Right to Work and I will not support legislation in favor.
   ○ My state is not Right to Work and I will work to pass legislation in favor.

5. Occupational licensure is a requirement affecting 1 in 4 workers across the US. Which of the following professions should require a license to operate? Check all that apply.
   - Auctioneer
   - Barber
   - Sports Coach
   - Painter
   - Travel Agent
   - Cosmetologist
   - Interior Designer
   - Landscaper
   - Upholsterer
   - Florist
   - Hair Braider
   - None of these

6. Respond to the following scenario: A Fortune 500 company is proposing to bring a new factory, and 20,000 new jobs, to your district. In exchange, they are asking for a 5-year property tax abatement, a lifetime 1% corporate income tax credit for every 10,000 jobs created, and a 70% discount on a plot of government land on the proposed build site. Would you vote in favor of this deal? Explain.
   ○ Yes
   ○ No

7. Tariffs, domestic subsidy programs like the Import-Export Bank, and other government efforts to fight trade imbalances hurt American consumers and employees. Why or why not?

8. Which of the following health care and welfare policies would you support? Check the left box if you support or the right box if you oppose:
   - ✅ Expand Medicaid Access
   - ✏️ Privatize Social Security
   - ✅ Expand Medicare Access
   - ✏️ Increase State Min. Wage
   - ✅ Expand Food Stamps
   - ✏️ Create Universal Basic Income
   - ✏️ Allow Health Care Across State Lines
   - ✏️ Reform Certificate-of-Need Regulations
   - ✏️ Fund FHA Loans
   - ✏️ Fund FAFSA
   - ✏️ Enforce Fair Housing Act

9A. Do you support the use of school vouchers or Educational Savings Accounts to enable parents to opt out of public schools in favor of alternative education such as for-profit online curriculum, independently operated private schools, and/or homeschooling? Explain.
   ○ Yes
   ○ No

9B. If yes above... even if this significantly reduces funding to public schools?
   ○ Yes
   ○ No
   ○ N/A, answered "no" above

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

10. Check the **left** box if you **support** or the **right** box if you **oppose** the following stances on marijuana:

- [x] Legalize Medical Marijuana
- [x] Legalize Recreational Marijuana
- [x] Decriminalize Marijuana
- [x] Reduce penalties for marijuana possession

11. Do you support reforms to qualified immunity which shields government officials from being held liable for misconduct? For example, a police officer makes an arrest, using excessive force, and permanently injures a suspect in violation of police ordinance and relevant jurisdictional laws. Should the officer be held criminally or civilly liable? Explain.

- [ ] Criminally
- [ ] Civilly
- [ ] Both
- [ ] No, police officers should not be liable for their actions in the line of duty

12. Do you support a repeal of the death penalty? What is your view on the death penalty? Explain.

- [ ] Yes, I would support its repeal
- [ ] No, I would not support its repeal
- [ ] My state has already repealed the death penalty

13. Which of the following reforms would you vote for as a legislator? Check the **left** box if you **support** or the **right** box if you **oppose**:

- [x] **Bail Reform** - Reform the bail system to prevent innocent people from having to choose between a plea deal or their livelihood in pretrial proceedings.

- [x] **Police Demilitarization** - Establish limits on the types of military equipment transferred to police, i.e. a town of 2,000 people receiving a tactical assault vehicle.

- [x] **Support Jury Nullification** - Allow jurors to refuse to enforce an unconstitutional criminal statute.

- [x] **Police Body Cameras** - Mandate police wear body cameras to ensure accountability.

- [x] **Repeal Mandatory Minimums** - Repeal mandatory minimums for non-violent offenses and allow local judges to take external factors into account.

- [x] **Equalize Public Defenders** - Prosecutors receive more than 2.5x the funding of public defenders on average, these ratios should be equalized to protect the accused.

- [x] **Restore Felon Gun Rights** - Allow non-violent felons to regain their 2nd Amendment rights after serving their sentence.

- [x] **Reform Criminal Intent Standards** - Many criminal laws do not distinguish between intentional acts, reckless acts, and mere accidents. A minimal standard should be imposed on the mental state required for individuals to be convicted of crimes.

- [x] **Ballot Access Reform** - Reduce or remove the administrative barriers such as nomination signatures and filing fees that make it difficult for an average citizen to run for office.

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14. Would you support legislation to enact Constitutional Carry? This would prevent state governments from imposing any fees, licenses, permits, or other legal impediments restricting the right to concealed carry a firearm. Check all that apply.

- [ ] Prime Sponsor
- [ ] Co-Sponsor
- [ ] Vote in favor
- [ ] Vote against
- [ ] My state already has Constitutional Carry and I will work to defend it
- [ ] My state already has Constitutional Carry and I will work to overturn it

15. Many public universities have unconstitutional speech polices that restrict or otherwise violate freedom of speech. These include "free speech zones" (policies designed to contain speech within a specified area on campus), restrictions on student groups' ability to choose who speaks on their behalf, and policies that actively punish students for expressing opinions that defy so-called "protected speech." If elected, will you champion legislation like the FORUM Act to protect free speech on college campuses? Check all that apply.

- [ ] Prime Sponsor
- [ ] Co-Sponsor
- [ ] Vote in favor
- [ ] Vote against
- [ ] My state already has the FORUM Act

16. Legal adult citizens should be able to do the following without interference from state government. Check all that apply.

- [ ] Purchase liquor on Sundays
- [ ] Smoke tobacco on permissible, private property
- [ ] Participate in or facilitate gambling
- [ ] Register a vehicle without a safety and/or emissions inspection
- [ ] Live off the power, water, and sewer grid
- [ ] 3-D print a firearm without a license
- [ ] Purchase and consume alcohol and tobacco products at 18
- [ ] Opt out of DUI checkpoints if no unsafe driving has been observed
- [ ] Buy liquor at convenience stores and grocery stores
- [ ] Opt out of national service programs, including the draft
- [ ] Brew and sell beer without a license
- [ ] Buy goods and services with cryptocurrency
- [ ] Rent out their residentially-zoned property on vacation sites like Airbnb
- [ ] Try experimental medical treatments not approved by the FDA
- [ ] Drive a car without insurance and assume the appropriate liabilities
- [ ] Shoot off fireworks on privately owned property
- [ ] Carry a concealed weapon in public buildings
- [ ] Hold a garage sale without a permit
- [ ] Use tobacco vaping products, regardless of flavor
- [ ] None of these

17. Which of the following reforms to strengthen privacy and due process would you vote for? Check the left box if you support or the right box if you oppose:

- [ ] Require Warrant for Electronic Data
- [ ] End Civil Asset Forfeiture
- [ ] Reform CPS
- [ ] Reform REAL ID
- [ ] Ban Red Light/Speed Cameras
- [ ] Ban License Plate Readers
- [ ] Require Warrant for Biometric Data
- [ ] Stop “Red-Flag” Laws
- [ ] Pass Anti-SLAPP Laws

18. Do you support an Article V convention for the sole purpose of placing term limits on Congress?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] Maybe

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19. How do you respond when asked the question, “Do you support Trump?”

20. Which philosopher or economist best represents your view on the role of government? Why?

21A. When do you support military intervention? Check the left box if you support or the right box if you oppose. Answer even though you are running for state office.

- ☑️ ☒️ Nation-Building/Police the World
- ☑️ ☒️ Humanitarian Crisis
- ☑️ ☒️ Remove/Install Leaders
- ☑️ ☒️ US is Attacked (Imminent Threat)

21B. Do you support a non-interventionist foreign policy? How would you define it?

22A. Who did you publicly support, or who would you have supported if they were still a viable candidate when your state voted in the primary, for POTUS in the 2012 and 2016 elections?

- 2012 Primary: ____________________________ 2012 General: ____________________________
- 2016 Primary: ____________________________ 2016 General: ____________________________

22B. Do you regret any of your past presidential endorsements?

23. What current or former U.S. House or Senate member best represents your future voting record and/or ideology? How about State Representative of State Senator?

- US: ____________________________ State: ____________________________

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DISTRICT INFO

24. How much money do you expect to raise in this election? How much cash do you have on hand?

Raised to Date: $_________________  Cash on Hand: $_________________

Goal by the Primary: $_________________  Additional in the General: $_________________

25. List your opponents:

______________________________  ○ Primary  ○ General
______________________________  ○ Primary  ○ General
______________________________  ○ Primary  ○ General
______________________________  ○ Primary  ○ General
______________________________  ○ Primary  ○ General

26. Why are you viable for this seat? What tangible steps are you taking to make yourself the front runner?

[Blank]

27. How many votes do you project you will need to earn in order to win your primary? _______

How about your general? _______

28. Mark all that apply:
☐ I am the incumbent for this seat
☐ I formerly held this seat
☐ I previously ran for this seat
☐ I currently hold a lower office
☐ I will have a competitive primary
☐ I will have a competitive general

29. Mark all that apply:
☐ I am a current YAL donor
☐ I have donated to YAL in the past
☐ I was involved with YAL as a student
☐ I have attended a YAL conference
☐ I have attended a Liberty Candidate Academy
☐ I am not a YAL donor

30A. It is expected that each YAL-endorsed candidate become a member of YAL's coalition of legislators once elected. YAL's Hazlitt Coalition is designed to train state legislators to be effective, provide them with the model legislation, and hold them accountable. Membership is free, but highly selective based on YAL's strict vetting standards. If elected, will you become a member of the Hazlitt Coalition?

☐ Yes, I will become a Hazlitt Coalition member
☐ No, I will not become a Hazlitt Coalition member

30B. Will you attend the 2022 Hazlitt Policy Summit for new members from November 17th-19th in Orlando, Florida?

☐ Yes, I will attend the Hazlitt Policy Summit
☐ No, I will not attend the Hazlitt Policy Summit

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Candidate Name: ________________________________

State: ___________ District: ________________________________

Office Seeking: ________________________________

Who referred you fill out this survey?: ________________________________

Primary Election Date: _____/_____/_____

General Election Date: _____/_____/_____

Privacy and Disclosure Notice: Young Americans for Liberty does not intend to share these survey results with the public. However, if you are elected to office and vote against the positions you described or otherwise act against the policy positions you represent in this survey, YAL will make it known.

Print Name: __________________________ Date: ________________

Cell Phone: (____) _____________ Email: __________________________

By signing this survey, I verify that I filled out this survey to the best of my ability and with accuracy in regards to my positions:

Signature: ________________________________

After completion, please scan and email to survey@yaliberty.org or mail to 500 N. Capital of Texas Highway, Building 5-Suite 100, Austin, TX 78746

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