



**HAZLITT**  
COALITION

## 2023 Candidate Survey

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.

Please fill out the survey below to be considered for inclusion in the Hazlitt Coalition.

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@yaliberty.org](mailto:survey@yaliberty.org). For privacy and disclosure notice, see 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. Currently, 27 states have passed Right to Work laws guaranteeing that no person can be compelled, as a condition of employment, to join or pay dues or “fees” to a labor union. Would you support Right to Work in your state?

- Yes, I will work to pass such legislation.
  No, I oppose Right to Work.  
 Yes, my state is already a Right to Work state.

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.

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Auctioneer   | <input type="checkbox"/> Painter      | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaper        | <input type="checkbox"/> Upholsterer   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barber       | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel Agent | <input type="checkbox"/> Cosmetologist     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hair Braider  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Coach | <input type="checkbox"/> Florist      | <input type="checkbox"/> Interior Designer | <input type="checkbox"/> 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:

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|---|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expand Medicaid Access              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Privatize Social Security              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fund FHA Loans           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expand Medicare Access              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase State Min. Wage               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fund FAFSA               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expand Food Stamps                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create Universal Basic Income          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enforce Fair Housing Act |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allow Healthcare Across State Lines | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Repeal Certificate-of-Need Regulations |  |

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.

# Criminal Justice Reform

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

Legalize Medical Marijuana

Legalize Marijuana for Adult Use

Decriminalize Marijuana

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:

**No Knock Warrants** - Ban the practice of unannounced raids on private property, which violate due process law and put lives at risk.

**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.

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

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

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

**Expungement** - Erase arrest records of those found not guilty or who have a case against them dismissed. Simple drug possession charges should also be expunged so a criminal record doesn't keep a person from education, employment, or housing.

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

**Government Use of Facial Recognition** - Ban the government use of facial recognition technology which presents an inherent threat to our privacy, free expression, information security, and may present significant threats to essential civil liberties.

**Never Again!** - Never again should the government shut down our economy, compel vaccination, or institute mask mandates.

## Civil Liberties

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
- 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.
- Vote in Favor
- Vote Against

15. Many public universities have unconstitutional speech policies 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
- My state already has the FORUM Act.
- Vote in Favor
- Vote Against

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/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
- Hold a garage sale without a permit
- Drive a car w/o insurance and assume the appropriate liabilities
- Carry a concealed weapon in public buildings
- Shoot off fireworks on privately owned property
- Try experimental treatments not approved by the FDA
- Rent their residentially-zoned property on vacation sites like Airbnb
- 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:

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|---|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Require Warrant for Electronic Data | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hold CPS Accountable | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ban Red Light/Speed Cameras |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> End Civil Asset Forfeiture          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Repeal REAL ID       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ban License Plate Readers   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Require Warrant for Biometric Data  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stop "Red-Flag" Laws |   |

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

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

# Worldview

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 theWorld

Remove/Install Leaders

HumanitarianCrisis

US is Attacked (Imminent Threat)

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

21C. The Defend the Guard Act simply prohibits a state's National Guard service members from being deployed into active combat without a formal declaration of war by Congress, as provided by the U.S. Constitution. Would you support the Defend the Guard Act in your state?

Yes, I will vote for it.

No, I oppose this legislation.

Yes, I will sponsor or co-sponsor this legislation.

22A. Which candidates who have run for President of the United States in the past several cycles do you feel most closely align with your philosophy and worldview? List your top three picks in order.

#1 \_\_\_\_\_

#3 \_\_\_\_\_

#2 \_\_\_\_\_

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 or State Senator?

US: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

## District Info

24. How much cash on hand did you have on your last publicly filed report?

Raised to Date: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Goal by Primary: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional in the General: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

25. List your opponents:

	<input type="checkbox"/> Primary	<input type="checkbox"/> General
	<input type="checkbox"/> Primary	<input type="checkbox"/> General
	<input type="checkbox"/> Primary	<input type="checkbox"/> General
	<input type="checkbox"/> Primary	<input type="checkbox"/> General
	<input type="checkbox"/> Primary	<input type="checkbox"/> General

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

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

Primary Election: \_\_\_\_\_ General Election: \_\_\_\_\_

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

30. Will you attend the Hazlitt Policy Summit (hosted by the YAL Foundation) from August 10-12, 2023 in Orlando, Florida?

- Yes, I will attend the Hazlitt Policy Summit.
- No, I will not attend the Hazlitt Policy Summit.

## 2023 Candidate Survey

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Sought: \_\_\_\_\_

Who referred you to fill out the 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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