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Minnesota Family Institute

2008

Voter's Guide

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Major candidates for

U.S. President

Responses reflect the positions of the presidential candidates. Positions for all candidates are based on responses to a Minnesota Family Institute questionnaire, recorded votes, media reports and/or public statements. Candidates who were sent a questionnaire but did not respond received follow-up phone calls.



**John McCain
Sarah Palin**
Republican




**Barack Obama
Joseph Biden**
Democrat

1 Repeal Federal Defense of Marriage Act. Supports repealing the existing Defense of Marriage Act, a federal law that defines marriage as between one man and one woman and protects a state's right not to recognize same sex marriages from other states.	No	Yes
2 Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling. Supports drilling for oil and gas in the eastern Gulf of Mexico to reduce both dependence on foreign energy sources and consumer prices.	Yes	No
3 Death Tax Elimination. Supports eliminating the federal estate tax permanently.	Yes	No
4 Special Employment Legal Protections for Homosexuals, Bisexuals and Transgender. Supports granting homosexuals, bisexuals, and transgender persons special legal protections under federal anti-discrimination laws which could force religious-based organizations to employ such persons contrary to the organizations' beliefs.	No	Yes
5 Private Social Security Investment Accounts. Supports allowing workers to place a portion of Social Security payroll tax into private retirement accounts.	Yes	No
6 Reduce Voter Fraud. Supports requiring voters to present a photo ID at the polls in order to vote.	Yes	No
7 Partial-Birth Abortion Ban. Supports a ban on the partial-birth abortion procedure in which unborn babies are partially delivered before they are killed.	Yes	No
8 Deadline for US Troop Withdrawal from Iraq. Supports setting a firm deadline for withdrawing U.S. troops from Iraq.	No	Yes
9 Parental Notification Before Child Has Abortion. Supports requiring notice be given to a parent before an abortionist performs an abortion on a minor girl from another state.	Yes	No
10 Tax Cuts. Supports making the current, temporary federal tax cuts permanent.	Yes	No
11 Supreme Court Appointments. Supports the confirmation of judicial conservatives John Roberts and Samuel Alito to the U.S. Supreme Court.	Yes	No

Major candidates for **U.S. Senate**

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	 Dean Barkley <i>Independence</i>	 Norm Coleman* <i>Republican</i>	 Al Franken <i>Democrat</i>
1 Legalize Homosexual Marriage. Do you support legalizing same-sex marriage?	Yes	No	Yes
2 Deadline for US Troop Withdrawal from Iraq. Do you support setting a firm deadline for withdrawing US troops from Iraq?	Yes	No	Yes
3 Death Tax Elimination. Do you support eliminating the estate tax?	—	Yes	No
4 Special Employment Legal Protections for Homosexuals, Bisexuals and Transgender. Do you support giving homosexuals and bisexuals special legal protections under federal anti-discrimination laws which could force religious-based organizations to employ such persons contrary to the organizations' beliefs?	Yes	—	Yes
5 Single Payer Health Care System. Do you support a mandatory, single-payer health care system that is run by the government?	No	No	Yes
6 Tax Cuts. Do you support making the current, temporary federal tax cuts permanent?	—	Yes	No
7 Private Social Security Investments Accounts. Do you support allowing workers to place a portion of Social Security payroll tax into private retirement accounts?	No	Yes	No
8 Fund Destruction of Human Embryos for Stem Cell Research. Do you support the use of federal funds in research on human embryonic stem cells derived from destroying human embryos?	—	No	Yes
9 Kyoto Treaty Carbon Dioxide Emissions Restrictions. Do you support the Kyoto Treat which would require certain industrialized nations like the United States to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while exempting major emitters like India and China?	—	No	Yes
10 Partial-Birth Abortion Ban. Do you support a ban on the partial-birth abortion procedure in which unborn babies are partially delivered before they are killed?	Yes	Yes	No

Major candidates for

U.S. House of Representatives

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	DISTRICT 1		DISTRICT 2		DISTRICT 3		DISTRICT 4		DISTRICT 5		DISTRICT 6		DISTRICT 7		DISTRICT 8	
	D	R	D	R	D	R	D	R	D	R	D	R	D	R	D	R
	Tim Walz*	Brian J. Davis	Steve Sarvi	John Kline*	Ashwin Madia	Erik Paulsen	Betty McCollum*	Ed Matthews	Keith Ellison*	Barb Davis White	El Tinklenberg	Michele Bachmann*	Collin C. Peterson*	Glen Menze	James L. Oberstar*	Michael Cummins
1 Prevent Funding of Homosexual Marriage Benefits in DC. Would you have voted to retain the current policy prohibiting federal funds from being used to fund marriage benefits for homosexual couples in the District of Columbia? 2007, Roll Call 603	N	Y	N	Y	—	Y	N	Y	N	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
2 Fund Destruction of Human Embryos for Stem Cell Research. Would you have voted to authorize the National Institutes of Health to fund stem cell research that destroys human embryos? 2007, Roll Call 20	Y	N	Y	N	—	N	Y	N	Y	N	—	N	N	N	N	N
3 Establish Federal Hate Crimes Based on Sexual Orientation. Would you have voted to establish federal hate crime penalties for certain crimes based on, among other things, a person's homosexuality, bisexuality, or transgenderism? 2007, Roll Call 299	Y	N	Y	N	—	N	Y	N	Y	N	—	N	N	N	Y	Y
4 Prohibit Funding of International Groups Promoting Abortion. Would you have voted to prohibit federal funding of international organizations that provide or promote abortion as a method of birth control? 2007, Roll Call 534	N	Y	N	Y	—	Y	N	Y	N	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
5 Give Special Employment Protections to Homosexuals. Would you have voted to give homosexuals and bisexuals special legal employment protections under federal anti-discrimination laws? 2007, Roll Call 1057	Y	N	Y	N	—	—	Y	N	Y	N	—	N	Y	N	—	N
6 Protect Faith-Based Organizations from Discrimination in Head Start Programs. Would you have voted to protect the right of faith-based organizations participating in Headstart programs to hire persons with same religious faith? 2007, Roll Call 284	N	Y	N	Y	—	Y	N	Y	N	Y	—	Y	N	Y	N	Y
7 Withdrawal of U.S. Troops from Iraq in 180 Days. Would you have voted to require the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq within 180 days? 2007, Roll Call 330	Y	N	N	N	—	N	Y	N	Y	N	—	N	N	N	Y	N
8 Accelerate Building of Border Fence. Would you have voted to accelerate the construction of a security fence on the border between the U.S. and Mexico? 2007, Roll Call 476	N	Y	N	Y	—	—	N	Y	N	Y	—	Y	N	Y	N	Y
9 Make Tax Cuts Permanent. Would you have voted for a budget proposal which included making permanent the temporary reductions in income tax rates, elimination of marriage tax penalty and death tax, and establishment of child tax credit? 2008, Roll Call 140	N	Y	N	Y	—	Y	N	Y	N	Y	—	Y	N	Y	—	Y
10 Offshore Drilling for Natural Gas. Would you have voted to authorize the U.S. Interior Department to issue new leases for offshore natural gas drilling at least 25 miles from U.S. coast? 2007, Roll Call 552	N	Y	N	Y	—	Y	N	Y	N	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	N	Y

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Major candidates for Minnesota House



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Lillestol, Steven	01A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Olin, Dave*	01A	DFL	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Kiel, Lonn	01B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Lieder, Bernie*	01B	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Green, Steve	02A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Eken, Kent*	02A	DFL	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Lindgren, Doug	02B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Sailer, Brita*	02B	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Ott, Marv	03A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Hamm, W. D. (Bill)	03A	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anzelc, Tom*	03A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	N	-
McElfratrick, Carolyn	03B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Solberg, Loren*	03B	DFL	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Carlson, John	04A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Persell, John	04A	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bye, Meg	04B	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Howes, Larry*	04B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Knutson, Greg	05A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Rukavina, Tom*	05A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Larson, John D.	05B	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sertich, Anthony*	05B	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Breaker, Marty	06A	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dill, David*	06A	DFL	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N
Townsend, Steve	06B	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Murphy, Mary*	06B	DFL	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Stauber, Ryan	07A	R	Y	N	N	Y	-	N	N	Y	N	Y
Huntley, Thomas*	07A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Kehr, Allan	07B	R	Y	Y	N	N	-	N	N	Y	N	Y
Reinert, Roger J	07B	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hafvenstein, Tim	08A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Hilty, Bill*	08A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Soderstrom, Judy	08B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Faust, Tim*	08B	DFL	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Altenburg, Mark Olaf	09A	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lanning, Morrie*	09A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Olson, Dayna	09B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Marquart, Paul*	09B	DFL	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Stumbo, Greg	10A	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nornes, Bud*	10A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Murdock, Mark	10B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	-	Y
Nieminen, Timothy	10B	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Campbell, Bruce	11A	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Westrom, Torrey*	11A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Kircher, Dave	11B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	-	Y
Otremba, Mary Ellen*	11B	DFL	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Pundt, David Allan	12A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	-	Y
Ward, John*	12A	DFL	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N

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Lemieur, Mike	12B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Doty, Al*	12B	DFL	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Shuck, Bruce	13A	DFL	Y	Y	-	Y	N	-	Y	Y	Y	Y
Anderson, Paul H.	13A	R	Y	Y	N	N	-	N	-	Y	N	Y
Wilhelm, Bonnie	13B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Juhnke, Al*	13B	DFL	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Jacobs, Rob	14A	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Severson, Dan*	14A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Stauber, Jim	14B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	-	Y
Hosch, Larry*	14B	DFL	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Dorsher, Joanne	15A	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gottwalt, Steve*	15A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Behling, Joshua	15B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Haws, Larry*	15B	DFL	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Kulick Jackson, Gail	16A	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erickson, Sondra*	16A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Kiffmeyer, Mary	16B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Andrews, Steve	16B	DFL	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N
Godfrey, Jim	17A	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastlund, Rob*	17A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Taylor, Don	17B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Kalin, Jeremy*	17B	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Angvall, Eric	18A	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shimanski, Ron*	18A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Detert, David G.	18B	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Urdahl, Dean*	18B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Bakula, Jim	19A	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anderson, Bruce*	19A	R	Y	Y	N	-	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Brazelton, Christine	19B	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emmer, Tom*	19B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Falk, Andrew	20A	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bredeck, Mike	20A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	-	Y
Swoboda, Don	20B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Koenen, Lyle*	20B	DFL	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
Kruse, Allen "Al"	21A	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seifert, Marty*	21A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Torkelson, Paul	21B	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Skillings, Robert	21B	DFL	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Mccarvel, Mike	22A	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Magnus, Doug*	22A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Peterson, Richard	22B	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hamilton, Rod*	22B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Bidwell, Mike	23A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Morrow, Terry*	23A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Jordan, Dale E	23B	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brynaert, Kathy*	23B	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N

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Hansen, Dale	24A	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gunther, Bob*	24A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Branstad, John	24B	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cornish, Tony*	24B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Siebsen, Timothy	25A	DFL	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Brod, Laura*	25A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	-	Y	N	Y
Rud, Tim	25B	R	Y	Y	N	N	-	N	N	Y	N	Y
Bly, David*	25B	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Kath, Kory	26A	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kuntz, Thomas A	26A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Luknic, Otto	26B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Fritz, Patti*	26B	DFL	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Larsen, Erik	27A	R	Y	Y	N	-	-	N	N	Y	N	Y
Brown, Robin*	27A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Thiel, Brian	27B	R	Y	Y	N	N	-	N	N	Y	-	-
Poppe, Jeanne*	27B	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Kelly, Tim	28A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Wollschlager, Sandy*	28A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Pfeilsticker, Linda	28B	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drazkowski, Steve*	28B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Jensen, Jim	29A	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Demmer, Randy*	29A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Johnson, Jason	29B	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norton, Kim*	29B	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Dettinger, Jake	30A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	-	Y
Liebling, Tina*	30A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Kuise, Bill	30B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Welti, Andy*	30B	DFL	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Zenke, Rhett	31A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Pelowski, Gene*	31A	DFL	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Davids, Gregory M.	31B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Tschumper, Ken*	31B	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Baltich, Grace A.	32A	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peppin, Joyce*	32A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Carlson, Lee	32B	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zellers, Kurt*	32B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Thomley, Nick	33A	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smith, Steve*	33A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y

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Doepke, Connie	33B	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kang, Kim	33B	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Krueger, Marcia J.	34A	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kohls, Paul*	34A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Rapp, Evan	34B	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hoppe, Joe*	34B	R	Y	Y	-	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y
Bruns, Sue	35A	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Beard, Michael*	35A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	-	N	Y	-	Y
Kristoffe-Jones, Taylor	35B	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buesgens, Mark*	35B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Laidig, Dave	36A	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Holberg, Mary Liz*	36A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Topp, Bev	36B	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garofalo, Pat*	36B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Mack, Tara	37A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	-	Y
Madore, Shelley*	37A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Lindsay, Judy	37B	R	Y	Y	N	N	-	N	N	Y	N	Y
Sterner, Phillip M.	37B	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anderson, Diane	38A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	-	Y
Masin, Sandra*	38A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Obermueller, Mike	38B	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wardlow, Lynn*	38B	R	-	-	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Jungbauer, Bill	39A	R	Y	-	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Hansen, Rick*	39A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Rieck, Christian	39B	R	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	-	Y	N	Y
Atkins, Joe*	39B	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Johnson, Todd	40A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Morgan, Will*	40A	DFL	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Green, Bob	40B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Lenczewski, Ann*	40B	DFL	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Downey, Keith	41A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Staunton, Kevin	41A	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erhardt, Ron*	41A	I	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Schneider, Jan	41B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Rosenthal, Paul	41B	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May, Shari	42A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Ruud, Maria*	42A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y

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Key to Minnesota House Questions

- 1 End Taxpayer Funding of Abortion in Minnesota.** Would you have voted to prohibit taxpayer funding of abortion for women participating in state-sponsored health programs? (2007 House Journal, p. 4075)
- 2 Require Parental Notice before Dispensing Oral Contraceptives to Minors.** Would you have voted to require parental notice before family planning agencies dispense oral contraceptives to minor child? (2007 House Journal, p. 4308)
- 3 Legalize State Funding for Human Cloning and Embryonic Stem Cell Research.** Would you have voted to legalize state funding for the cloning and destruction of human embryos for embryonic stem cell research? (2008 House Journal, p. 11399)
- 4 Authorize Local Governments to Grant Domestic Partner Benefits.** Would you have voted to authorize cities, towns, counties and schools to grant marriage-equivalent benefits to homosexual partners of government employees? (2008 House Journal, p. 12216)
- 5 Legalize Selling of Babies in Gestational Surrogacy Agreements.** Would you have voted to legalize gestational surrogacy agreements by which a woman could be paid to carry and give birth to a baby for another person or persons? (2008 House Journal, p. 12025)

- 6 Mandate Condom Promotion in Sex Education Statewide.** Would you have voted to mandate condom promotion in sex education courses in every Minnesota public school, grades 7 through 12? (2008 House Journal, p. 10821)
- 7 Raise Gas, Sales and License Tab Taxes.** Would you have voted to increase the state's gas tax by 8.5 cents per gallon, sales taxes, license tab taxes and excise taxes on cars? 2008 House Journal p. 7889)
- 8 Allow Purchase of Out-of-State Health Insurance.** Would you have voted to increase consumer choice by allowing Minnesotans to purchase health insurance from out of state companies approved to sell insurance in other states? (2008 House Journal p.10049)
- 9 Block Repeal of Minnesota's Participation in the Federal Government's "No Child Left Behind" Program.** Would you have voted to block repeal of Minnesota's involvement in the federal government's "No Child Left Behind" (NCLB) program which, among other things, lowers curricula standards and imposes greater control on local school districts? (2008 House Journal p. 10811)
- 10 Verify Immigration Status Before Receiving State Health Care Benefits.** Would you have voted to require people to demonstrate their immigration status before participating in state health care programs? (2008 House Journal p. 10067)

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Loon, Jenifer	42B	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pitzrick, Jerry	42B	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Faust, Clint	43A	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anderson, Sarah*	43A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Grogan, Brian	43B	R	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	-	-
Benson, John*	43B	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
Leahy, Tracy	44A	R	Y	Y	N	-	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Simon, Steve*	44A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Kadue, Brad	44B	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y
Winkler, Ryan*	44B	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Nolte, Karen M	45A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Peterson, Sandra*	45A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Prest, Gregg	45B	R	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y
Carlson, Lyndon*	45B	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Lotts, Gene	46A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Nelson, Michael*	46A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Olson, Tim	46B	R	Y	Y	N	N	-	N	N	Y	N	Y
Hilstrom, Debra*	46B	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y
Buchholz, Troy	47A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Dittrich, Denise*	47A	DFL	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Reinhardt, Andrew	47B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Hortman, Melissa*	47B	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Lawrence, Sharon	48A	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hackbarth, Tom*	48A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Boho, Andrew A.	48B	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Abeler, Jim*	48B	R	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Scott, Peggy	49A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Butler, Ted	49A	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cimenski, Jake	49B	R	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y
Newton, Jerry	49B	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Utz, Timothy D.	50A	R	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	-	Y	N	-
Laine, Carolyn*	50A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Grivna, Lori	50B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Knuth, Kate*	50B	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Hamilton, Shawn	51A	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sanders, Tim	51A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	-	Y
Balcom, Dave	51B	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tillberry, Tom*	51B	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Delamartinez, Rolanda L.	52A	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dettmer, Bob*	52A	R	Y	Y	N	N	-	N	N	Y	N	Y
Christopher, Kate	52B	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dean, Matt*	52B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Kappler, John	53A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Gardner, Paul*	53A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Knopf, Chris	53B	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
McFarlane, Carol*	53B	R	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y
Laliberte, Mark	54A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Greiling, Mindy*	54A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Johnson, Julie K.	54B	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scalze, Bev*	54B	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	N	-	Y

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Jacobson, Christine	55A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Lillie, Leon*	55A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Wellman, Joel	55B	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Slawik, Nora*	55B	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Lohmer, Kathy	56A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Bunn, Julie*	56A	DFL	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Bohlsen, Lee	56B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Swails, Marsha*	56B	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Perkins, Kurt	57A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Bigham, Karla*	57A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Van Vleet, Rod	57B	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
McNamara, Denny*	57B	R	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y
Cermak, Grant	58A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Mullery, Joe*	58A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Champion, Bobby Joe	58B	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brunson, Yoman	58B	R	Y	Y	N	N	-	N	N	Y	-	Y
Montez, Felix Raymond	59A	R	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y
Loeffler, Diane*	59A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Hovde, Ole K.	59B	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kahn, Phyllis*	59B	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Franzen, Eric	60A	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kelliher, Margaret Anderson*	60A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Martin, Adam	60B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y
Hornstein, Frank*	60B	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	-	N
Sheppard, S. Andrew	61A	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clark, Karen*	61A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Hayden, Jeff	61B	DFL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lindberg, Kirsten	61B	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shegstad, Dave	62A	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Davnice, Jim*	62A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Gunness, Jeffrey	62B	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wagenius, Jean*	62B	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Ramirez, Rene	63A	R	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Thissen, Paul*	63A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Field, Ed	63B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Slocum, Linda*	63B	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Ferber, Meg	64A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	-	Y
Murphy, Erin*	64A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Dively, Emory	64B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Paymar, Michael*	64B	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Holmgren, Paul	65A	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Thao, Cy*	65A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Murphy, Lisa	65B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Mariani, Carlos*	65B	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Higuera, Gilbert A.	66A	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lesch, John*	66A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Roosevelt, Mark A.	66B	R	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Hausman, Alice*	66B	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
McNutt, David	67A	R	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y
Mahoney, Tim*	67A	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Carlson, David	67B	R	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y
Johnson, Sheldon*	67B	DFL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Raising state sales tax for natural resources and cultural heritage purposes

On the Nov. 4 ballot, Minnesota voters will be asked to consider a constitutional amendment establishing a designated fund for natural resources and the arts. The amendment would raise taxes nearly \$300 million a year for the next 25 years. This would come through raising the state's general sales tax three-eighths of 1 percent from 6.5 percent to 6.875 percent. A third of the fund would be devoted to wildlife, habitat, fishing and hunting, a third to water resources, and a third to parks, trails and the arts.

✓ **Proponents** argue the funds are necessary to protect our water, forests and wildlife and provide necessary funding for the arts and cultural activities.

✓ **Opponents** argue the amendment will result in a major tax increase and removes legislative responsibility for spending and tax increase decisions.

The question on the ballot will read:

Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to dedicate funding to protect our drinking water sources; to protect, enhance, and restore our wetlands, prairies, forests, and fish, game, and wildlife habitat; to preserve our arts and cultural heritage; to support our parks and trails; and to protect, enhance, and restore our lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater by the sales and use tax rate beginning July 1, 2009, by three-eighths of one percent on taxable sales until the year 2034?

Yes _____

No _____

Why vote, and for whom should I vote?

Exodus 18:21

You will need to appoint some competent leaders who respect God and are trustworthy and honest. (CEV)

John Piper, pastor, Minneapolis

Because God Almighty, whom we serve above all men, made human governments His way of running the world, "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God" (Romans 13:1). In a democratic republic like ours that means at least: VOTE.

Billy Graham, evangelist

But the Bible does command us to be good citizens and one of the ways we do this today is by voting. In fact, if we don't vote, we are failing to fulfill that God-given responsibility to be good citizens.

Chuck Colson, founder, Prison Fellowship

God has entrusted us as free citizens to be His agents. That's why we have such a sacred responsibility to vote: not to is disobedience to God. ... Choose men and women of integrity whose ideas come closest to conforming to a biblical worldview. Be wise and discerning, voting not for selfish interest, but for God's good purposes.

James Garfield, 20th U.S. president

Now more than ever the people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless, and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness, and corruption. If it be intelligent, brave, and pure, it is because the people demand these high qualities to represent them in the national legislature.

Noah Webster, founding father

If a republican government fails to secure public prosperity and happiness, it must be because the citizens neglect the divine commands, and elect bad men to make and administer the laws.

Archbishop John Nienstedt, St. Paul

As followers of Jesus Christ, our participation in the political process is a moral obligation. We are called to give witness to those truths which we hold dear in faith. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "It is necessary that all participate, each according to his position and role in promoting the common good" (no.1913).

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