



## Political Courage Test: 2024 Congressional Edition

Candidates are strongly encouraged to complete the Political Courage Test online at:  
**secure.votesmart.org**

Please indicate your thoughts on the following fifteen issues. Vote Smart has identified these fifteen issues as top on voters' minds. Your responses will be posted on [our website](#) where millions of voters will be able to access and you can link to the posted responses for your own campaign materials.

If you would like to provide a more detailed response, please do so in the "Other or expanded principles" section (all responses must be under 500 words). **Should you choose not to respond, Vote Smart may research your public record to determine your likely positions on these issues.**

The Political Courage Test must be signed and returned to our office by 11:59 pm CT the day of the deadline. We can be reached at 515-989-6359 or by email at **politicalcourage@votesmart.org**.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am willing to tell citizens where I stand on the issues I may face if elected. I have demonstrated my Political Courage by indicating my position on the following issues.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Abortion and Reproductive Health:

- a) Do you generally support pro-choice or pro-life legislation? Pro-choice \_\_\_\_ Pro-life \_\_\_\_
- b) Do you support the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Other or expanded principles:

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### Budget, Spending, and Taxes:

- a) Do you support expanding federal funding to support social safety net programs such as Social Security and Medicare? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
- b) Do you support a decrease in income taxes in order to balance the budget? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
- c) Do you support a wealth tax in order to pay for public programs? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Other or expanded principles:

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### Campaign Finance:

- a) Do you support the regulation of indirect campaign contributions from corporations, unions, and individuals? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Other or expanded principles:

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### Crime & Public Safety:

- a) Do you support protecting government officials, including law enforcement officers, from personal liability in civil lawsuits concerning alleged misconduct? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Other or expanded principles:

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### Defense:

- a) Do you support increasing defense spending? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Other or expanded principles:

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**Economy:**

- a) Do you support federal spending as a means of promoting economic growth (e.g. grants, tax incentives)? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
- b) Do you support the federal government increasing funding for affordable housing programs? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
- c) Do you support the federal government taking action, beyond those of the Federal Reserve, to alleviate inflation? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Other or expanded principles:

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**Education:**

- a) Do you support the forgiveness of federal student loan debt? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Other or expanded principles:

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**Elections:**

- a) Do you support requiring a government-issued identification in order to vote at the polls? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Other or expanded principles:

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**Energy & Environment:**

- a) Do you support government funding for the development of renewable energy (e.g. solar, wind, geo-thermal)? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
- b) Do you support the federal government allowing permits for drilling on public lands? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Other or expanded principles:

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- a) Do you generally support gun-control legislation (e.g. red flag laws, boyfriend loopholes)? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Other or expanded principles:

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### Health Care:

- a) Do you support a government-run (e.g. single-payer) healthcare program, such as Medicare-for-All? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
- b) Do you support expanding paid family AND/OR medical leave benefits (e.g. maternity leave)? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
- c) Should the government be able to regulate the cost of prescription drugs? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Other or expanded principles:

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### Immigration:

- a) Do you support increasing security along the southern US border? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
- b) Do you support requiring immigrants to return to their country of origin before they are eligible for citizenship, regardless of their immigration status? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Other or expanded principles:

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### National Security:

- a) Do you support economic intervention as a means of resolving international conflicts? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
- b) Do you support the US providing increased offensive military aid to Ukraine? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Other or expanded principles:

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### Technology and Communication:

- a) Do you generally support increased regulations on social media companies (e.g. Tik Tok, Facebook, etc.)? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Other or expanded principles:

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**Legislative Priorities:** Please explain in a total of 500 words or less, your top two or three priorities if elected. If they require additional funding for implementation, please explain how you would obtain this funding.

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