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2012 LEGISLATIVE PRIMARY CANDIDATE SURVEY

In 2012, every registered Republican legislative contender was invited via email to answer CROW's 2012 Republican primary election candidate survey. Unlike most PACs, CROW did not ask about specific issues or legislation during that campaign season. Instead, **we asked candidates to consider CROW's 12 Foundational Principles, to respond whether they agreed or disagreed with each, and to explain why.**

Most candidates chose not elaborate about their responses, but among those who did, there was fairly even division between **strong agreement** and **mild disagreement**. **Only a very few responses were downright pugnacious or snotty.**

The basic numerical results of this survey are tabulated below to provide a partial indicator of which candidates wished to be openly considered as "conservative" according to CROW's principles. Each contested House District (HD) or Senate District (SD) is identified in numerical order followed by either "NO RESPONSE" or the number of CROW's 12 Foundational Principles the candidate agreed with beside the number of Principles they didn't. Incumbents were denoted with (i).

Interestingly, the majority of respondents agreed with all of CROW's principles. This is depicted as "12/12" (even where candidates indicated CROW's principles were *not conservative enough(!)*) But wherever candidates made arguments, qualifications, feigned confusion, or otherwise indicated discomfort with the way a principle was worded, no agreement was counted. For example, "10/12".

This survey data is presented in the following four categories:

- 1) **Contested Primary Election races** (Republican vs. Republican)
- 2) **Contested General Election races** (Republicans facing Democrats)
- 3) **Uncontested Republicans** (May yet be contested by candidates from other parties)
- 4) **Incumbent Republican Senators Not Up For Reelection until 2014** (Just to ask)

CROW's response rate was about 50%.

(Typically, candidates do not waste time responding to surveys from PACs with which they disagree, or when they believe its endorsement or certain information about their beliefs might cost them votes. Even when they do respond, candidates are not always honest. That is, some politicians lie.)

Where possible, all responses have been (and will continue to be) cross-checked with available political records and other sources of documentation such as public statements reported by the media, campaign literature, and the impressions of proven conservatives who have interacted with them.

RESULTS:

CATEGORY 1 - Contested Primary Election races (Republican vs. Republican) – the nominee will either face an opponent in the General Election or assume office without further opposition. There are 76 such candidates. 34 answered the survey; 5 responded that they would not answer; 37 did not respond at all:

HD2	Hans Hunt (i)	NO RESPONSE
	Robert C. Byrd	NO RESPONSE
HD3	Douglas Gerard	12/12
	Eric Barlow	RESPONDED - doesn't answer PAC questions
HD4	Dan R. Kirkbride	NO RESPONSE
	Kerry Powers	12/12
	Larry Cundall	11/12 – supports “civil unions”
HD6	Chris Sorge	12/12
	Richard L. Cannady (i)	NO RESPONSE
HD7	James L. Kretzschmar	NO RESPONSE
	Sue Wilson	12/12
HD8	Bob Nicholas (i)	12/12
	Keith Eldred	12/12
HD9	David L. Zwonitzer (i)	NO RESPONSE
	Mary M. Boud	11.5/12 – some equivocation on point 12
HD10	Donn Edmunds	NO RESPONSE
	John Eklund (i)	12/12
HD16	Bob Biolchini	NO RESPONSE
	Ruth Ann Petroff (i)	NO RESPONSE
HD19	Allen M. Jaggi (i)	12/12
	David C. Evins	NO RESPONSE
	Tim Hamblin	NO RESPONSE

HD20	Albert Sommers	NO RESPONSE
	Jim S. Mickelson	NO RESPONSE
HD25	Billy A. Greaham	12/12
	Dave Blevins	NO RESPONSE
	David Kellett	11/12 – thinks #12 only applies in U.S.
	Steve Walker	NO RESPONSE
HD26	Elaine D. Harvey (i)	NO RESPONSE
	Rob DiLorenzo	12/12
HD28	Roland W. Leuhne	NO RESPONSE
	Echo Renner	10/12
	Nathan Winters	12/12
HD33	Daniel Cardenas	NO RESPONSE
	Jim Allen	12/12
HD34	Lois Herbst	RESPONDED - doesn't answer surveys
	Rita Campbell (i)	12/12
HD35	Jess Ollila	NO RESPONSE
	Kendell Kroeker (i)	12/12
	Patrick Bishop	12/12
HD37	Steve Bray	12/12
	Steve Harshman (i)	NO RESPONSE
HD38	David Wolfe	12/12
	Tom Walters	NO RESPONSE
HD42	Bob Fecht	9/12 – thinks CROW is very harmful
	David Willms	NO RESPONSE
	Jeff Jacoby	12/12

	Lynn Hutchings	12/12
	William Edwards	NO RESPONSE
HD49	Clarence Vranish (i)	12/12
	Garry C. Piiparinen	12/12
HD50	Charles M. Cloud	12/12
	David Northrup	NO RESPONSE
	Pat Childers (i)	NO RESPONSE
	T.D. Ball	RESPONDED; requires "clarification"
HD52	John Robertson	NO RESPONSE
	Merle L. McClure	NO RESPONSE
	Sue Wallis (i)	5/12 – Very hostile; STRIDENT DISAGREEMENTS
HD54	Andrew Gramlich	NO RESPONSE
	Eileen Oakley	NO RESPONSE
	Lloyd Charles Larsen	NO RESPONSE
SD6	Anthony Bouchard	RESPONDED - won't answer; thinks CROW is bad
	Wayne Johnson (i)	NO RESPONSE
SD10	Anne Alexander	10/12 – disagrees with points 4, 5
	Phil Nicholas (i)	RESPONDED - won't answer survey
SD14	Lyle L. Williams	12/12
	Stan Cooper (i)	12/12
SD18	Henry H. R. Coe (i)	NO RESPONSE
	Robert Berry	12/12
SD22	Bob Johnson	NO RESPONSE
	John C. Schiffer (i)	NO RESPONSE
SD28	Jim Anderson	12/12

	Kit Jennings (i)	NO RESPONSE
	Tom Radosevich	12/12
HD30	Bob Brechtel (i-House)	12/12
	Charles K. Scott (i)	NO RESPONSE

CATEGORY 2 - Contested General Election races (Republicans facing Democrats) –

HD11	Jerry Zellars	NO RESPONSE (Doesn't answer surveys)
HD12	David S. Kniseley	12/12
HD14	Kermit Brown (i)	NO RESPONSE
HD15	Donald Burkhardt(i)	12/12
HD17	Stephen Watt(i)	12/12
HD41	Donna K. Roofe	12/12
HD44	Tom Zachary	12/12
HD45	Matt Greene(i)	NO RESPONSE
HD46	Glenn Moniz(i)	12/12
HD48	Mark Baker	NO RESPONSE
HD55	David Miller(i)	NO RESPONSE
HD58	Tom Reeder(i)	12/12
HD59	Carl R. "Bunky" Loucks(i)	NO RESPONSE
SD 8	Curtis Bryan Albrecht	12/12

CATEGORY 3 - Uncontested Republicans walking back in without any opposition –

HD1	Mark A. Semlek(i)	NO RESPONSE
HD5	Matt Teeters(i)	12/12
HD18	Kathleen Davison(i)	RESPONDED – refuses to answer

HD21	Robert McKim(i)	NO RESPONSE
HD22	Marti Halverson	NO RESPONSE
HD23	Keith Gingery(i)	NO RESPONSE
HD24	Sam Krone(i)	NO RESPONSE
HD27	Mike Greear(i)	NO RESPONSE
HD29	John W. Patton(i)	NO RESPONSE
HD30	Kathy Coleman(i)	NO RESPONSE
HD31	Tom Lubnau II (i)	RESPONDED— STRIDENT RESENTMENT; feels threatened by CROW
HD32	Norine Kasperik	NO RESPONSE
HD36	Gerald Gay(i)	12/12
HD40	Mike Madden(i)	NO RESPONSE
HD43	Dan Zwonitzer(i)	8/12 —Has problems with #3,4,5,11
HD47	Jerry Paxton	NO RESPONSE
HD51	Rosie Berger(i)	NO RESPONSE
HD53	Gregg Blikre(i)	NO RESPONSE
HD56	Tim Stubson(i)	11/12—refers to Western Civilization’s “dark elements”
HD57	Thomas A. Lockhart(i)	RESPONDED – won’t answer
SD2	Jim Anderson(i)	12/12
SD4	Tony Ross(i)	12/12
SD16	Dan Dockstader (i)	NO RESPONSE
SD20	Gerald Geis(i)	NO RESPONSE
SD24	Michael Von Flatern(i)	NO RESPONSE
SD26	Eli D. Bebout(i)	12/12 – but, “devil is in the details”

CATEGORY 4 - Incumbent Republican Senators Not Up For Reelection until 2014 (Just to ask)

SD1	Ogden Driskill(i)	NO RESPONSE
SD3	Curt Meier(i)	NO RESPONSE
SD5	Fred Emerich(i)	RESPONDED – won't answer
SD7	Leslie Nutting(i)	12/12
SD11	Larry Hicks(i)	NO RESPONSE
SD15	Paul Barnard(i)	NO RESPONSE
SD17	Leland Christensen(i)	NO RESPONSE
SD19	R. Ray Petersen (i)	NO RESPONSE
SD21	Bruce Burns(i)	NO RESPONSE
SD23	John Hines(i)	NO RESPONSE
SD25	Cale Case(i)	NO RESPONSE
SD27	Bill Landen(i)	NO RESPONSE
SD29	Drew Perkins(i)	RESPONDED – won't answer