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STANCE ON SCIENCE

CANDIDATE SURVEY RESPONSES

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QUESTION 01 | What advisory mechanisms will you implement to ensure that evidence and scientific findings play a crucial role in your policymaking process?

Please limit your response to 250 words.

Personally, I will read the actual data instead of listening to corporate lobbyists who clearly have a financial agenda over true science, knowledge, and public health. You won't see me parroting scripts from Big Pharma or party bosses with talking points.

Before I vote on anything in Congress, I will research it thoroughly.

Science is often left out of political debate because the data often doesn't toe the line with partisan platforms. We are supposed to be good stewards of this planet but if we don't have the facts it stymies progress. We won't get facts from lobbyists and party bosses.

There's cutting edge invention and innovation that can make life better for all, but most of the time it's out of our reach because it gets blocked by those partisan and corporate agendas.

Another breakdown is the technical nature of these subjects. While some lawmakers are just too busy to read the data, others are intellectually lazy or intellectually unequipped to understand it.

My solution is simple: independent research instead of second-hand data, hearsay, or listening to corporate lobbyists peddling data. Zero corporate influence, and a direct commitment to speaking with and hearing from the frontline researchers themselves is the answer.

Science needs an advocate who is not being paid and motivated by money. The general public will do this willingly, but they cannot if they are not getting the true data, information, and knowledge, but once they do those innovations spreads like wildfire.

QUESTION 02 | What initiatives will you take to support investment in innovation via federal science funding?

I will work on cutting the heavy tax burden and eliminating the mountain of red tape that suffocates independent inventors, local laboratories, and private tech startups right here in Arizona. When we stop wasting trillions on foreign wars, we keep that wealth in the private sector where real competition drives progress.

I will vote for and help draft bills and amendments to protect intellectual property and patents so individuals can securely invest their own capital into life-saving discoveries without fear of government interference. The free market is the ultimate engine of innovation!

QUESTION 03 | Arizona faces many environmental issues, including extreme heat, mining extraction waste, and water scarcity, especially with the rise of AI data centers. What strategies, if any, do you support to tackle these issues?

I am hard-set against high-water-use data centers. It's also a bad investment: with technology advancing at record speed, these water-guzzling facilities will be outdated like old paperweights in just a few years. People invest in these operations, but they make no sense for our environment.

I support investment in 100% waterless tech facilities for semiconductor manufacturing and data centers that are actually compatible with a desert climate. We should be mandating advanced technology like Two-Phase Immersion Cooling or Closed-Loop Dry Cooling, which is already being successfully used by facilities like the Edged Data Center in Mesa, Arizona.

I will firmly oppose federal funding loopholes, corporate subsidies, tax breaks, grants, and permitting incentives for high-water-use tech facilities on desert land. Corporations must adapt to the desert through free-market innovation, not rely on government handouts that deplete our most precious local resources.

QUESTION 04 | Arizona saw the second-largest measles outbreak in the nation last November. Do you have any plans or support any policies to prevent future public health outbreaks?

My plan is to introduce legislation that strips federal funding from any public health agency that practices data censorship, so we can ensure researchers can deliver unfiltered scientific findings directly to the public. We all saw what happened with Covid when researchers, doctors, and scientists were shut down and silenced.

I will enact strict statutory protections for medical freedom, informed consent, and parental sovereignty to ensure health decisions remain entirely in the hands of individuals and their local doctors. Not the government.

QUESTION 05 | Arizona youth regularly use social media. Given that social media profiles may spread information about science and policy matters, do you support any policies that regulate these platforms for younger audiences?

I am a First Amendment absolutist and do not support federal or state government regulation of social media platforms for younger audiences. Whenever government agencies regulate digital platforms it turns into a backdoor for censorship, the suppression of independent scientific speech, and worse, the insertion of false narratives driven by corporate, political, and financial agendas. When the media is in cahoots, it borders on mind programming, broadcasting it on a loop.

We must invest in our youth; they are the innovators, inventors, and leaders of our future. They need and deserve all the facts and data we can provide them. The real problem is when the media and bought-off politicians let misinformation rule the day and silence science, like what happened with Covid.

The government needs to stay in their own lane, which is to serve and protect, not teach and preach. Kids may be not yet fully developed but they have fresh minds and are eager for knowledge. Many young people love science and have a keen insight on what is true or not and they deserve to have the facts. There are already laws preventing adult content, we don't need laws enacted on scientific knowledge.

QUESTION 06 | According to Consumer Affairs and the National Education Association (NEA), Arizona is ranked last in public school education and has the lowest high school graduation rate in the nation. Arizona is also one of the US states with the least funding put into public schools. What are your opinions on the current state of public school funding in Arizona, and how do you view the role of science in K-12 education?

The data shows Arizona public schools failing is directly tied to a lack of funding.

So where is our money going instead?

1. Administrative capital improvements
2. Corporate tax exemptions
3. Jail and prison systems

The state is pouring millions into administrative overhead and new school buildings. Data centers and corporations are using loopholes to avoid paying their fair share of local tax. The state funds for massive jail and prison budgets over our educational institutions.

So we must increase the funding by reducing in these 3 areas. It also sounds like the people mismanaging our funds need to be fired. Kids are our future!