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Q1

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I am the candidate

Q3

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Q4

What is the candidate's name?

Aaron L. Pettigrew

Q5

Office for which candidate is running:

United States Senate

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Q6

Candidate's email address:

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What is the candidate's website?

aaronpettigrewforsenate.com

Q8

Political affiliation:

Republican

Q9

Office and/or District(s) covered:

U.S. Senator for the State of Tennessee.

Q10

Has the candidate run for political office in the past?

No

Q11

For which office has the candidate run in the past?

None

Q12

Has the candidate held a political office in the past?

No

Q13

What political office(s) has the candidate held in the past?

None

## Policy Questions

Q14

If a vote came up, would you vote to allow same-sex-couple adoption including joint adoption and second-parent adoption?

Yes

Candidate comments (optional):

my sole concern would be the health and well-being if the child as it would be in any adoption.

Q15

If given the opportunity, would you vote to fund more teacher education about youth LGBT+ issues and bullying of K-12 LGBT+ students?

No

Candidate comments (optional):

Education is not a Constitutional Federal Government power. I can accept some guidelines but this is a State issue.

Q16

If elected, will you make a point to work for the creation of genders and sexualities alliances (GSAs) and programs like GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network) in K-12 schools?

No

Candidate comments (optional):

Again, Education is not Constitutional Federal Government Power or responsibility. It is a State issue.

Q17

If given the opportunity now, would you vote in favor of the Equality Act of 2015 including non-discrimination in employment, public education, housing, credit, etc.?

Yes

Candidate comments (optional):

I am against discrimination in all forms as long as it doesn't interfere with the Rights of others.

Q18

The United States has in the past joined other countries and recognized global human rights that protect LGBT+ individuals at risk for and/or seeking asylum from genital mutilation, imprisonment, and/or death. If a vote came up, would you vote to support these categories of global human rights and the asylum provided by the United States that would protect LGBT+ and Intersex individuals?

Yes

Candidate comments (optional):

Human Rights are human Rights, including LGBT people. Just note that asylum applies to the nearest Country that supports those Rights, not just the U.S.A.

Q19

Some LGBT+ immigrants who are detained are not given access to appropriate healthcare and medications. Some transgender immigrants are misgendered and subsequently placed in incorrect populations. Support for these groups would include helping transgender immigrants obtain proper identification in relation to their gender identity. If a vote came up, would you vote in favor of immigration law that takes the special needs of these groups into consideration?

Yes

Candidate comments (optional):

Just note that this answer pertains to LEGAL immigrants, illegal immigrants should be deported, period.

Q20

If a vote came up, would you vote to fully fund HIV/AIDS programs including education, research, and community outreach?

No

Candidate comments (optional):

Until the Constitution is amended to provide for healthcare, that is also not a power of the Federal Government.

Q21

If a vote came up, would you vote to include LGBT+ questions/categories in the U.S. Census?

No

Candidate comments (optional):

Constitutionally, the only thing that should be asked on the Census is, How many citizens, minor citizens and non-citizens working toward citizenship live here?

Q22

There have been recent threats to reverse the decision by the Supreme Court requiring government employees to comply with the law to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples? If a vote came up again about this issue, would you vote to protect the Supreme Court's decision?

No

Candidate comments (optional):

Marriage is a State or local issue and personally, it is a Religious/spiritual Rite, not a government Right. I would however protect reciprocity of marriages.

Q23

If given the authority, would you remove government workers from their jobs if they refuse to uphold the federal marriage equality law? For example, a county clerk who refuses to issue a marriage license to a same-sex couple.

No

Candidate comments (optional):

That is a State and local issue, not a Federal one.

Q24

If a vote came up, would you vote to protect or improve nondiscrimination legislation that protects LGBT+ individuals in areas such as public accommodation, housing, and employment?

Yes

Candidate comments (optional):

As with others, I would have to read the legislation but again, I am against discrimination so as long as it isn't written in a way that doesn't interfere with the Rights of others.

Q25

If a vote came up, would you oppose anti-transgender legislation including so-called "bathroom bills," nondiscrimination policies, healthcare policies, and workplace protections?

Yes

Candidate comments (optional):

Bathrooms are a separate issue than non-discrimination, I believe Straights as well as LGBT people should be able to feel comfortable in the restroom they use.

Q27

Many transgender/gender non-conforming individuals have difficulty obtaining updated birth certificates after transitioning because the state of TN prevents changing gender markers on birth certificates. This can affect their ability to get a voter ID card that best fits their new gender. Do you think that the law should be changed so that transgendered citizens can register to vote using the identification that fits their gender?

No

Candidate comments (optional):

I don't believe gender should be on voter cards anyway. I could see adding a T or an N on driver's licenses though.

Q28

If a vote came up, would you vote in favor of allowing churches or businesses to continue the practice of gay conversion therapy?

Yes

Candidate comments (optional):

Only if it is a voluntary service, I do not support forcing it on anyone at all.

Q29

If a vote came up, would you vote to support continuation of the DACA program?

No

Candidate comments (optional):

Amnesty offerings are in effect Ex Post Facto laws. While that Constitutional prohibition was designed to protect people from laws written after an act, that prohibition works both ways.

Q30

If a vote came up, would you vote to provide financial support of Planned Parenthood?

No

Candidate comments (optional):

Planned Parenthood is a private organization, I do not support corporate welfare in any form, whatsoever.

Q31

Unlike the law in other states, Tennessee's Hate Crime Law (Tenn. Code §40-35-114(17): a) does not include gender identity/expression as a protected category, b) does not require that law enforcement collect and report hate crime data, and c) does not explicitly provide for law enforcement training on hate crimes. If given the opportunity, would you vote to revise the law and correct these three omissions?

No

Candidate comments (optional):

Crime against LGBT people is still a crime. "Hate crime" legislation does not change that, it is a biased farce creating an unequal application of the law.

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