




NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE – Mock Convention 2020

Region: 14F State: Kentucky

	Joe Biden (D)	Elizabeth Warren (D)	Bernie Sanders (D)
The Issues and the Candidates Stance on Each			
Immigration Reform?	Joe Biden not only stands with immigration reform but views and opposition on the topic as unrealistic, adding that we should simply allow them to provide for a means.	Elizabeth believes that unity is the answer. She advocates for her own prison reform plan, stating that immigrants are the ones who helped weave the fabric for our country and deserve to be here.	Bernie sanders is in support with an immigration reform act. He plans on ending immigration detention besides those who have records of violent crimes.
Freedom of Religion: Should the government be banned from acting against anyone who- based on religious beliefs- refuses service to a LGBT person?	Yes, Joe Biden emphasizes the importance of religious freedom, but also is a supporter of the LGBTQ community, and even Launched a campaign named, “As you are” to gain awareness and a acceptance upon the issue.	Elizabeth is in support of religious freedom, as well as the right to be free from religion. Overall, she promotes acceptance and unity within the LGBTQ community.	Bernie Sanders believes that yes, individuals should have the right to express their religious beliefs, although he also believes that there should be a seperation between church and state.

<p>Abortion: Pro life or pro choice?</p>	<p>Bernie Sanders is pro choice, firmly believing that a women being in control of her body is a constitutional right.</p>	<p>Elizabeth has a passionate belief that women's rights to be in control of their own bodies are a constitutional right and she has a plan to prove that point.</p>	<p>Bernie Sanders is also a supporter of pro choice, for reasons including the right for a women to be able to control her body as well as the downplayed but relevant issue of population control.</p>
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I am assigned to region 14F, Kentucky.

The three issues the democratic delegates will choose as the party platform if elected are:

- Reproductive rights
- Living wage/minimum wage
- Gun control

Here's what I know about Kentucky, which is a republican state.

- Regarding reproductive rights, the state would typically be pro-life, meaning they would vote to make abortion illegal. This puts woman at risk, because not all unwanted pregnancies are due to being unplanned. Rape, health diagnoses, or simply personal reasons are a few cases that would cause a woman to make that decision. Making abortions illegal would not stop abortions all together, instead, it would stop *safe* abortions, putting these pregnant women at even more risk. Democratic support in this area would allow women to keep their reproductive rights.
- Regarding living/minimum wage, the state would generally vote to keep minimum wage where it's at. This is because raising minimum wage also raises taxes, which is generally a progressive concept. Where democrats would support the raising of taxes if it means supportive programs are more feasible, republicans typically do not support the government having access to more of their money than necessary, i.e. taxes. Democratic support in this area would raise the minimum wage to be more realistic in terms of being livable.
- Regarding gun control, a conservative state would typically vote to support the second amendment, which is the right to bear arms. This is creating such a conflict in upcoming elections because of mass-shootings. While a democrat would typically support stricter gun laws and background checks, mental health screenings, etc., republicans typically support the second amendment, though the constitution was written a long time ago when mass shootings weren't as much of a pressing crisis. At this point in time, children aren't even safe going to

school, consumers aren't even safe going to department stores, people aren't even safe going to their own church. Democratic support in this area would support stricter gun laws so that we could work on the safety and well-being of our country.