

Political Party questions appearing on May 19 primary ballots

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Not only do voters have a lot of names to wade through in each political party's May 19 General Primary, but Republican voters will have 8 party questions and Democrats 2 party questions to answer when they cast their ballots.

These yes/no questions do not directly influence the laws of Georgia, but the information gained from the voting public's opinion may

guide party priorities in the future.

We encourage everyone to familiarize themselves with the intent of each question prior to going to the polls.

Republican Party

Should Georgia enact the strongest election integrity measures possible, which may include hand marked paper ballots, fines for counties that refuse to maintain current voter rolls, and restrictions on no-excuse absentee voting to restore trust

in elections? - 2 -
Should Georgia prohibit judges from releasing criminal defendants accused of murder and other felonies without posting secure bail? - 3 -

Should Georgia extend the death penalty to include sexual crimes against children? - 4 -

Should the United States Constitution be amended to limit the number of Supreme Court Justices to a

maximum of nine to prevent partisan court packing schemes? - 5 -

Should Georgia require public school systems to make all instructional materials and library content publicly accessible online for parental review? - 6 -

Do you support making Georgia energy-independent by prioritizing American oil/gas production, reducing regulations, and delivering lower energy costs for

families? - 7 -

Do you support banning cellphone use in Georgia public schools to improve student focus, safety, and discipline? - 8 -

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Should the State of Georgia raise the sales tax on everyday items like clothing, food and school supplies to pay for an income tax cut that would make millionaires and billionaires richer? - 2 -

Is it ethical for political candidates who have used their public offices to enrich themselves and their families, or have had nearly a billion dollars of business dealings with the State of Georgia to hold statewide office?

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Following last month's celebration of Christ's birth, we plan for the season to honor His passion, death, and resurrection through Easter. As our own lives can sometimes feel slow leading up to this celebration, it is important to guide others in faith if they are in need of it. Perhaps a matter in someone's personal life or career could be affecting one's faith, or even questions about their faith itself. In approaching issues such as this, as laypeople, we may find it best to guide people to open discussion, perhaps with someone such as a priest or pastor at their congregation. While we should always try to maintain our own path in faith, we can always help others do so as well.
-James Stone

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