

# 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 -

Should Georgia enact laws punishing state and local law enforcement who refuse to cooperate with federal immigration authorities in the deportation of illegal aliens charged with serious crimes? **Democratic Party** - 1 -

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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“ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ”  
Galatians 6:9 (NIV)

## Seeking Out Lasting Patience

About a month removed from Christmas, we should take time to rest and reflect on our actions during the season. While the craze leading up to the holidays can seem lasting, the feeling of them is fairly fleeting. In understanding this, we can develop an attitude of great patience as the rush simmers down and we go about our normal lives. While we may not always be able to spend our time with loved ones, regular reflection on these holiday memories we make can increase the effect of the experiences greatly. Further, as we may remain patient leading up to these holiday festivities, it is likely we will find greater enjoyment and relaxation through them.  
-James Stone

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