Feedback via the Judicial Candidate Survey 2022 [#111]

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Check that you have read and understand the following:*: Surveys may be submitted by mail, email, or online., Upon submission, this survey will be posted to our website and published in the CRTL News Bulletin as public information., We will redact your contact information before posting to our website., The completed survey is required for endorsement consideration., Direct questions to KByrne@CincinnatiRighttoLife.org

Name*: Hon. Pat DeWine

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Position and District Sought*: Justice - Ohio Supreme Court

Are you an incumbent for this office*: YES

Have you previously held an elected position*: YES

: Cincinnati City Council; Hamilton County Board of Commissioners; Judge, Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas; Judge, First District Court of Appeals

: Received: Ohio Republican Party

1. Respect the State and Federal Constitutions and apply the law as it is written.
2. Help foster a stable legal environment in Ohio so as to insure safe communities and an economy that creates opportunity for our citizens.

1. Which former U.S. president's political philosophy best matches your own*: Ronald Reagan

Comments - Question 1:

2. Which U.S. Supreme Court Justice’s legal philosophy best matches your own*: the late Justice Scalia

Comments - Question 2:

3. Rate your judicial philosophy regarding the U.S. Constitution on a scale of 1-10 with “living/evolving document” being 1 and “strict constructionist” being a 10:: 10

Comments - Question 3:

4. In Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), the U.S. Supreme Court recognized a “right to privacy” under the Constitution that includes abortion. The Constitution does not include this right.: Agree
Comments - Question 4: The text of the Constitution does not reference a right to abortion.

5. Judges should refrain from “legislating from the bench.” The translation of public policy into law and the creation, extension, modification or limitation of citizens’ rights (and governmental authority) are properly within the province of the legislative, not judicial, branch of government.: Agree

Comments - Question 5:

6. An unborn child is biologically human at every stage of his or her biological development, beginning at fertilization.: Agree

Comments - Question 6:

7. The law should be applied to pro-life demonstrators in the same manner as it is applied to environmental, anti-war and labor demonstrators.: Agree

Comments - Question 7: The law should be applied equally to all citizens.

8. There is no provision in the current Ohio Constitution intended to require the use of public funds for abortion.: Agree

Comments - Question 8:

9. The judiciary does not possess the authority to expand the definition of marriage to include anything but one man and one woman.: Agree

Comments - Question 9: In our system, the judiciary doesn’t possess the power to make or expand ANY laws. The people and their elected representatives create laws; the job of the judiciary is to interpret and apply the law as written.

10. The law protects individuals’ and organizations’ rights of conscience from being forced to participate in abortion or other practices contrary to their moral or religious convictions.: Agree

Comments - Question 10: Rights of conscience and religion are protected by Article 1, § 7 of Ohio’s Constitution and the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. The U.S. Supreme Court in the Hobby Lobby case reaffirmed that attempts by the federal government to force individuals to violate sincerely held religious beliefs violate federal law.

11. Laws, regulations, or ordinances that restrict individuals’ and organizations’ rights of conscience are unconstitutional.: Agree

Comments - Question 11: Rights of conscience and religion are protected by Article 1, § 7 of Ohio’s Constitution and the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. The U.S. Supreme Court in the Hobby Lobby case reaffirmed that attempts by the federal government to force individuals to violate sincerely held religious beliefs violate federal law.

12. List all organizations to which you have contributed time or money in the past four years.: I've contributed to numerous civic, religious, and community organizations over the course of my life and have continued to do so over the past four years, including various Republican party organizations, St. Mary's Church, CISE (Catholic Inner-City Schools Fund), BLOC Ministries, the schools in which I and my children have attended, the Federalist Society, and many others.