

RESULTS OF THE Maricopa County Republican Committee 2011 Issues Straw Poll

The straw poll went to 2884 Precinct Committeemen. The total of ballots returned by mail and at the meeting was 539 which included 23 photo copies that were rejected by the program.

Four of the original ballots were returned damaged, one having evidently been used as a coffee coaster. These were transcribed onto clean ballots and scanned with the rest.

A number of ballots included thoughtful comments and quite a few specified that the 14th Amendment doesn't say what the writer inferred from the question but having said so, he/she went on to vote "Yes" evidently indicating a desire to do something about the current use of birthright citizenship.

Several comments as to the PC's two priority choices in the second question wondered why they weren't of equal importance. The question begs another question: How do you become a PC? Answer: The people in your precinct elect you. Never lose sight of that fact.

To the person who thanked us for reading his lengthy comment, you're welcome, thank you for writing it. The questions were chosen to reflect the positions, as we see them, of the two factions in the battle for control of the Republican Party.

The results of the Poll and of the vote at the MCRC Statutory Meeting seem to indicate that the grass roots is strong and growing and has a better grasp of Constitutional principles than many might think. For example, almost half of the responders appear to understand the loss to States Rights that resulted from passage of the 17th Amendment. That's far more than we anticipated. For more see: <http://www.lawfulpath.com/ref/17th-repealed.shtml>

Thank you all for participating in this poll and thank you also very much for your solid support of grass roots leadership for the Republican Party in Maricopa County.

And finally, to the many Tea Party members who have become Precinct Committeemen: Welcome! On January 8th they noticed you were there. On January 22nd they started paying attention.

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As Democrats advance their socialist goals Americans lose more of their freedoms, usually permanently. Republicans should:

1. Seek compromise with the Democrats to slow down the growth of government and loss of freedom. _____ **16**
2. Fight aggressively to make both Parties obey the Constitutional restraints on the Federal Government. _____ **491**

As a Precinct Committeeman, which is the higher of these two priorities?

3. Convince voters in my precinct to support the positions of our elected officials _____ **35**
4. Help Republicans convey their concerns and issues to our elected officials . _____ **469**

The way for Republicans to win elections is to:

5. Appeal to more voters by abandoning Reagan's conservative principles and supporting more of the positions Democrats use to get elected. _____ **6**
6. Explain to a broad electorate how conservative Republican principles will benefit the widest range of people. _____ **500**

Elected Representatives should handle disagreement with the grass roots in the Party by:

7. Frequent appearances at party functions to keep in touch with the grass roots and exchange ideas and information. _____ **486**
8. Ignore discord within the Party and seek to replace dissidents with supporters. _____ **19**

Congress has grown increasingly powerful and out of touch with the American people. Is term limits an idea whose time has come?

9. Yes. _____ **393**
10. No. _____ **109**

Should the 17th Amendment be repealed, restoring to the State Legislatures the power to elect US Senators?

11. Yes. _____ **241**
12. No. _____ **253**

Should the right of public employees to unionize and bargain collectively be rescinded?

13. Yes. _____ **413**
14. No. _____ **76**

Should voting in Republican Primary elections be limited to registered Republican voters only?

15. Yes. _____ **436**
16. No. _____ **66**

Should the 14th Amendment, granting automatic citizenship solely by being born in the U.S., be repealed?

17. Yes. _____ **419**
18. No. _____ **78**

Who should control the political positions and activities of the Republican Party in Arizona?

19. An organization calling itself "grass roots" but made up of lobbyists, political professionals and close friends of elected officials. _____ **8**
20. A grass roots organization of ordinary, politically aware citizens who adhere to the Platform and work within the Party as volunteers. _____ **492**

Please complete the straw poll and return it to the collection point at the Meeting on January 8. If you are attending by proxy, please mail the completed poll by January 10th to:
MCRC Straw Poll
Results will be posted at www.trugop.org
Please submit only original poll forms. Copies will not scan.