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Q3

The COVID-19 pandemic has created an economic crisis with many Arizonans losing their jobs or dealing with a reduction in income. What strategies would you support to help Arizona workers and families recover from this economic crisis?

None of the above,

Other (please specify):

Lower taxes, get rid of unnecessary regulations, allow the free market to recover the losses. The answer is not more government subsidies, the answer is to actually encourage business and the free market to bring the economy out of the economic crisis caused by the psychological stress from fear of the COVID19 virus. No more government interference, get the government out of the people's way, and it will recover naturally, painfully perhaps, but it will recover. Modern people are soft, they must learn again how to take risks, how to endure unpleasant circumstances and persevere in the face of danger, not to run to their mommy, or worse, turn collectively to the various government agencies to wipe their tears and give them a cookie.

Q4

When the new legislature convenes in January, it is very likely lawmakers will be facing a significant revenue shortfall in order to maintain current ongoing funding of state government. If that is the case, would you support raising new revenue by raising taxes or reversing past tax cuts – like previous tax cuts for corporations or the wealthy – in order to avoid making budget cuts to things like public education, healthcare and other priorities?

No,

Other (please specify):

The one great lesson learned from the Great Depression was; "You can't bail out a failing economy by raising taxes". The way to fix the economy is to take the correction, strengthen the surviving businesses by doing business with them, and encourage small and startup businesses to fill the void vacated by the failed businesses. Roosevelt prolonged the Great Depression by trying to subsidize failing business, and workers, instead of allowing the inevitable correction to play out. The budget cuts need to be made. Throwing money at a problem, other people's money, is not the way to do anything efficiently. Efficiency is what the laws of economic sustainability are crying out for. The reason we have a recession is not because of the virus, it is because of the government regulations created to try and save each and every one of us, including the unhealthy, the ill, the obese, from the virus. The way to save the most people from the virus is to strengthen our bodies, and our immune systems, work at getting rid of obesity, Get Healthy..... Cut the budget!

Q5

Which of the following do you support to create a fairer tax code for all Arizonans?

Enable legislators to evaluate whether tax credits are providing the desired return on investment by requiring corporations who claim tax credits to provide sufficient information on the jobs and economic benefits they are providing in exchange for the tax credit.

Q6

The effects of discrimination against Black, Latino and American Indians have lingered and manifested as racial inequalities in Arizona's economy today. What steps would you take as a state lawmaker to create a more racially equitable and inclusive economy? (500 words or less)

The proven bridge over racial discrimination and economic inequality is entrepreneurship. We must encourage entrepreneurship in all people and we will improve everything about their lives. Go and start a successful small business, and you will be free of economic inequality. Create an environment where small business loans are easily available to all enterprising entrepreneurs, then get out of their way.

Q7

Please share what your priorities will be as a state lawmaker to strengthen Arizona's workforce and economy so that all Arizonans have better opportunities to move up the economic ladder? (500 words or less)

My Priorities: Lower taxes, encourage investment, protect and support agriculture and other small businesses, eliminate wasteful spending in government, get government regulation out of the way of the entrepreneurs. Not everyone is qualified to be an entrepreneur at the outset of their career, they will learn, and the workforce will improve economically with the businesses that employ them.