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## Eagle Forum Alaska

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### 2006 Gubernatorial Candidate Questionnaire

The following questionnaire was sent to all candidates for Governor with their responses listed in the order we received them.

JB = John Binkley (R ) <http://www.binkley06.com/>

SP = Sarah Palin (R ) <http://www.palinforgovernor.com/>

FM = Frank Murkowski (R ) <http://www.frankmurkowski.com/>

MH = Merica Hlatcu (R )

GH = Gerald Heikes (R ) <http://www.heikesontherock.com/>

TK = Tony Knowles (D) <http://tonyknowles.com/>

EC = Eric Croft (D) <http://www.ericcroft.com/>

BL = Bruce Lemke (D)

EB = Eddie Burke (AIP) <http://www.eddieburke.com/>

DD = Daniel DeNardo (AIP)

DW = DonWright (AIP)

1. Complete the sentence by checking the applicable phrases (you can check more than one).

Abortion should be:

Banned throughout entire pregnancy.

Legal to save the life of the mother.

Legal in case of rape and incest.

Legal if the baby is handicapped.

Legal if the baby has a genetic defect.

Legal in the first trimester.

Legal in the second trimester.

Legal in the third trimester.

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

JB: Banned throughout entire pregnancy.

Legal to save the life of the mother.

SP: I am pro-life. With the exception of a doctor's determination that the mother's life would end if the pregnancy continued. I believe that

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no matter what mistakes we make as a society, we cannot condone ending an innocent's life.

**FM:** No Response

**MH:** No Response

**GH:** No Response

**TK:** No Response

**EC:** No Response

**BL:** No Response

**EB:** No Response

**DD:** No Response

**DW:** No Response

**2. Will you support the right of parents to opt out their children from curricula, books, classes, or surveys, which parents consider privacy-invasive or offensive to their religion or conscience?**

**JB:** We should always encourage parents to participate in the curricula decisions of our school.

**SP:** Yes. Parents should have the ultimate control over what their children are taught.

**FM:** No Response

**MH:** No Response

**GH:** No Response

**TK:** No Response

**EC:** No Response

**BL:** No Response

**EB:** No Response

**DD:** No Response

**DW:** No Response

**3. Will you support funding for abstinence-until-marriage education instead of for explicit sex-education programs, school-based clinics, and the distribution of contraceptives in schools?**

**JB:** We should not exclude abstinence-until-marriage education programs.

**SP:** Yes, the explicit sex-ed programs will not find my support.

**FM:** No Response

**MH:** No Response

**GH:** No Response

**TK:** No Response

**EC:** No Response

**BL:** No Response

**EB:** No Response

**DD:** No Response

**DW:** No Response

**4. Will you support efforts to raise or lower the mandatory age of education? Why or why not?**

**JB:** No.

**SP:** No, again, parents know better than government what is best for their children.

**FM:** No Response

MH: No Response  
GH: No Response  
TK: No Response  
EC: No Response  
BL: No Response  
EB: No Response  
DD: No Response  
DW: No Response

**5. Will you support an effort to expand hate-crime laws?**

JB: No.  
SP: No, as I believe all heinous crime is based on hate.  
FM: No Response  
MH: No Response  
GH: No Response  
TK: No Response  
EC: No Response  
BL: No Response  
EB: No Response  
DD: No Response  
DW: No Response

**6a. Do you support the expansion of gambling in Alaska?**

JB: No.  
SP: No, in so many cases, gambling has shown ill effects on families and as Governor I would not propose expansion legislation.  
FM: No Response  
MH: No Response  
GH: No Response  
TK: No Response  
EC: No Response  
BL: No Response  
EB: No Response  
DD: No Response  
DW: No Response

**6b Would you sign any bills that expand gaming in our state?**

JB: No.  
SP: No.  
FM: No Response  
MH: No Response  
GH: No Response  
TK: No Response  
EC: No Response  
BL: No Response  
EB: No Response  
DD: No Response  
DW: No Response

**7. Do you support statewide restrictions on the use of eminent domain to transfer property from one private owner to another?**

**JB:** Yes.  
**SP:** Yes.  
**FM:** No Response  
**MH:** No Response  
**GH:** No Response  
**TK:** No Response  
**EC:** No Response  
**BL:** No Response  
**EB:** No Response  
**DD:** No Response  
**DW:** No Response

**8. Do you support parental choice in the spending of state educational dollars?**

**JB:** As it relates to home schooling, we should give parents options in program spending.

**SP:** Within Alaska law, I support parents deciding what is the best education venue for their child.

**FM:** No Response  
**MH:** No Response  
**GH:** No Response  
**TK:** No Response  
**EC:** No Response  
**BL:** No Response  
**EB:** No Response  
**DD:** No Response  
**DW:** No Response

**9. Do you support legislation requiring labor unions to obtain permission from their members before using dues for political purposes?**

**JB:** No Response

**SP:** Yes, unions represent their workers and as such, should be accountable to them

**FM:** No Response  
**MH:** No Response  
**GH:** No Response  
**TK:** No Response  
**EC:** No Response  
**BL:** No Response  
**EB:** No Response  
**DD:** No Response  
**DW:** No Response

**10. Do you support the Alaska Supreme Court's ruling that spousal benefits for state employees should be given to same-sex couples? Why or why not?**

**JB:** No. The constitutional amendment was clear to me.

**SP:** No, I believe spousal benefits are reserved for married citizens as defined in our constitution.

**FM:** No Response

MH: No Response  
 GH: No Response  
 TK: No Response  
 EC: No Response  
 BL: No Response  
 EB: No Response  
 DD: No Response  
 DW: No Response

**11. Are you offended by the phrase “Under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance? Why or why not?**

JB: No.  
 SP: Not on your life. If it was good enough for the founding fathers, its good enough for me and I’ll fight in defense of our Pledge of Allegiance.  
 FM: No Response  
 MH: No Response  
 GH: No Response  
 TK: No Response  
 EC: No Response  
 BL: No Response  
 EB: No Response  
 DD: No Response  
 DW: No Response

**12. In relationship to families, what are your top three priorities if elected governor?**

JB: I will always support and work to strengthen families.  
 SP: 1. Creating an atmosphere where parents feel welcome to choose the venues of education for their children.  
 2. Preserving the definition of “marriage” as defined in our constitution.  
 3. Cracking down on the things that harm family life: gangs, drug use, and infringement of our liberties including attacks on our 2nd Amendment rights.  
 FM: No Response  
 MH: No Response  
 GH: No Response  
 TK: No Response  
 EC: No Response  
 BL: No Response  
 EB: No Response  
 DD: No Response  
 DW: No Response

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