

May 2006 Questionnaire Results



Dear Friend:

Thank you for taking the time to respond to my recent Legislative Questionnaire. Your views, along with many others from our 25th Assembly District, have been compiled from the many responses. I hope you enjoy reading the results.

As always, your thoughts and views are important to me. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can ever be of any assistance to you. Thanks again for your valuable input.

Sincerely,

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Through redistricting, the lines of the 25th Assembly District have changed. It now consists of the following areas:

Calumet County:

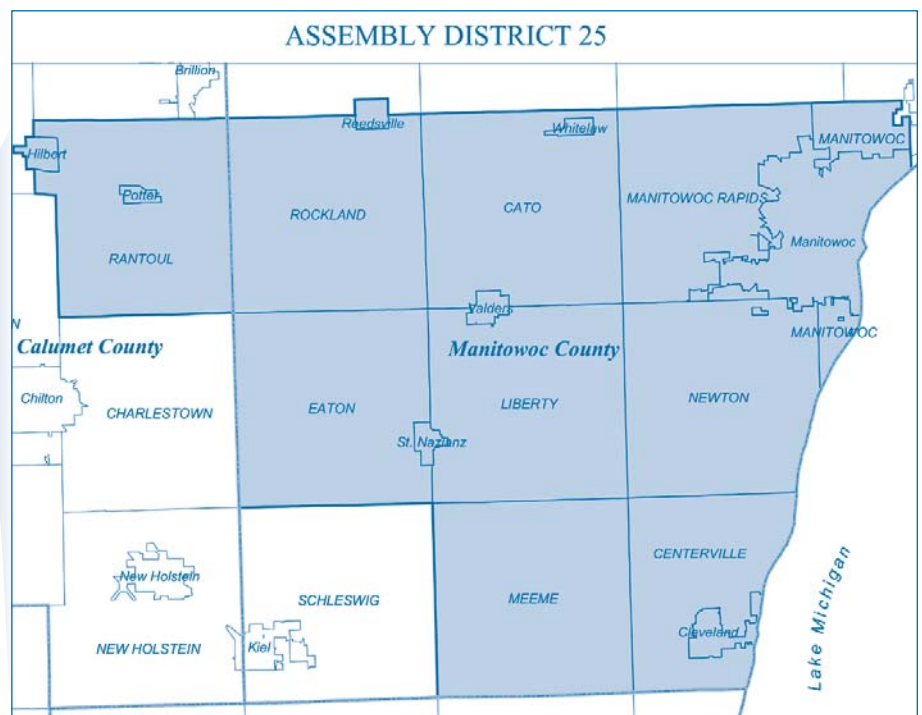
Villages of Hilbert and Potter
Town of Rantoul

Manitowoc County:

City of Manitowoc

Villages of: Cleveland, Reedsville, St. Nazianz, Valders and Whitelaw

Towns of: Cato, Centerville, Eaton, Liberty, Manitowoc, Manitowoc Rapids, Meeme, Newton and Rockland



HEALTH CARE:

1. Are you covered by health insurance?
95% Yes **5%** No
2. Does your health insurance include coverage for prescription drugs?
78% Yes **22%** No
3. Would you favor a government run health care system that uses tax dollars to provide health care coverage for all citizens, but some-what limits your choice of doctors & clinics?
25% Yes **55%** No **20%** Undecided
4. How seriously have you considered long term care (nursing home) insurance?
14% Very **34%** Somewhat **52%** Not at all

TRAFFIC & PUBLIC SAFETY:

5. Currently under state law .08 blood alcohol content (BAC) is the point at which a driver is considered intoxicated. How do you feel about our current set of penalties and the enforcement of laws relating to drunken driving?
19% Too harsh **53%** About right **28%** Too lenient
6. Currently the speed limit on qualified four-lane divided highways in Wisconsin is 65 mph. Which speed limit would you support?
3% 55 mph **4%** 60 mph **61%** No change **24%** 70 mph **8%** 75 mph
7. Do you support proposals which would prohibit the use of hand-held cell phones while driving?
73% Yes **18%** No **9%** Undecided
8. Do you support proposals which would allow local municipalities to pass laws prohibiting certain dangerous breeds of animals as pets (i.e. pit-bulls, wolf hybrids, lethal snakes, and other dangerous species)?
81% Yes **12%** No **7%** Undecided
9. Do you support proposals which would hold a pet owner responsible for the injuries to others caused by their pets, similar to what the penalty would be if they themselves had caused the injury?
78% Yes **10%** No **12%** Undecided
10. Do you support a proposal that would allow people to obtain a permit to carry a concealed firearm if they have passed a specified training program, paid a fee, and have no history of crime or mental illness?
49% Yes **41%** No **10%** Undecided

GAMBLING:

11. In general, do you favor the expansion of gambling in Wisconsin?
19% Yes **71%** No **10%** Undecided
12. Would you favor expanding gambling by legalizing video poker in taverns and mini-marts?
27% Yes **63%** No **10%** Undecided
13. Would you favor expanding gambling by legalizing casinos operating on the Great Lakes?
25% Yes **63%** No **12%** Undecided

EDUCATION:

14. Do you support the current system of controls, which limits the annual increases in spending by public school districts (but allows exceeding the limits by referendum approval of the voters of the school district)?
74% Yes **14%** No **12%** Undecided
15. Currently students in Wisconsin are required to take two years of high school math and science to graduate. Three years of each have

been proposed. Do you support:
50% Three years of both math and science
12% Three years of math, science stays at two
1% Three years of science, math stays at two
37% Leave both at two years

16. Currently the Manitowoc Public School District has a separate Kindergarten Center. Do you think Kindergarten should move back into the applicable local neighborhood school?
51% Yes **23%** No **26%** Undecided

GENERAL:

17. The United States is now entering the fourth year of its military activities in Iraq. Which course of action for the future do you most closely support?
42% Stay the course until final success in a fully functioning independent Iraq is achieved, regardless of length of time.
33% Set a defined timetable for the beginning of a withdrawal from Iraq.
25% Withdraw all troops as soon as possible from Iraq.
18. Which country listed below do you believe poses the greatest threat to the security of the United States in the coming decade?
28% China **44%** Iran **18%** North Korea
2% Russia **1%** Syria **7%** Other

LOCAL ECONOMY:

22. As proposals come forward for development of the lakefront and riverfront in our area communities, what kind of development would you prefer? (pick only one)
2% Government office buildings
54% Retail shops and restaurants
12% Private offices and corporate headquarters
3% Warehousing and storage for marinas
29% More industrial operations
23. Compared to five years ago, do you feel that your ability to maintain or find a job in your field is:
13% Better than before
42% Worse than before
45% About the same
24. The rising price of gas is a concern to all of us. Currently Wisconsin law requires gas station owners to mark-up the price of gas a minimum of 6% over their cost as a way to guard against predatory competition by big companies who might try to drive smaller stations out of business. Others argue that repealing this mark-up requirement would result in lower costs to consumers. Would you favor repealing the state law requiring the 6% minimum markup of the price gasoline?
53% Yes **27%** No **20%** Undecided

25. Would you support the development of wireless internet service areas in sections of our county where local residents and visiting tourists, travelers and businesspeople are likely to gather (i.e. waterfront areas, downtowns, or recreational areas)?
40% Yes **29%** No **31%** Undecided
26. Some would argue that national chains like Lowe's, Wal-Mart, Starbucks, etc. harm a small community like ours by making it more difficult for local businesses to compete; while others feel the addition of these chains provide increased jobs, consumers choices and lower prices, and attract other national chains to locate in our community. Do you believe that for us the impact of national chains is:
64% More good than bad
36% More bad than good
27. For the long term economic future of Manitowoc County, do you believe it would it be more desirable to attempt to increase our base of:

85% Manufacturing (to be more like Sheboygan or Fond du Lac)
11% Tourism/destination sites (to be more like Kohler or Door County)
4% Both

28. Where do you get most of your information about state and local government activities and issues? Pick no more than 2.
30% Local radio **6%** Other
13% Statewide talk radio **5%** Internet/blogs
38% Local newspaper **8%** State newspapers

SOCIETAL:

29. In the past few months there have been a number of developments around the country dealing with the legal definition of marriage. Current law in Wisconsin states that marriage is between a husband and a wife. However court decisions in other states might make it possible for a court decision in another state to change our state law. As a result the Wisconsin Legislature is proposing changing the State Constitution to define marriage as between one man and one woman. Do you favor this?
77% Yes **18%** No **5%** Undecided
30. Some states (like Vermont) allow for "civil unions" which provide similar legal benefits to couples of the same sex as heterosexual married couples. Do you favor proposals to create "civil union" arrangements in Wisconsin, as long as the term "marriage" is not used? Choose only one:
21% Yes
8% Yes, but I am also in favor of using the term "marriage"
63% No
8% Undecided

ELECTIONS & LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

31. The U.S. Constitution protects the private property of individuals from being taken by the government except in the most extreme situations. A recent U.S. Supreme Court decision allowed a city in Connecticut to condemn the private homes of local residents in order to sell them to a private developer as part of larger economic development project. Do you support proposals which would prevent government from being able to take private property, (except in the extreme cases currently allowed by the Constitution)?
91% Yes **6%** No **3%** Undecided
32. Do you favor spending controls on state and local government which would place a limit on the growth of expenditures from year to year that could only be exceeded by a referendum of the voters of that area?
80% Yes **12%** No **8%** Undecided
33. Would you support proposals in local communities to ban smoking in all taverns and restaurants?
51% Yes **41%** No **8%** Undecided

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM:

34. Do you support proposals which would severely limit the amount of campaign contributions political candidates could receive and instead replace it with a specific amount of public funds for each candidate?
60% Yes **22%** No **18%** Undecided
35. Would you support a proposal which would prohibit officeholders and candidates from accepting any campaign contributions, directly or indirectly, from lobbyists?
85% Yes **7%** No **8%** Undecided