

The Thoughtful Voter's Guide to Political Candidates

1. Think About YOUR Values and Goals

a. List your core values (3-5):

b. What specific issues do you think politicians should work on during the next 2-4 years?

2. a. Name of Candidate:

b. Office sought:

c. How important is the outcome for THIS office?

d. What are 3-5 of this candidate's stated or implied core values?

3. How well do the candidate's core values line up with your core values? Would you take pride in being known for the core values the candidate is known for?

4. Alignment:

a. What issues does the candidate feel should be addressed in the next two-four years?

b. Do these issues align with your concerns?

c. Misalignment doesn't mean you shouldn't vote for this candidate, but you should thoughtfully consider the candidate's approachability—does the candidate respond to inquiries?

5. Fruit:

a. What kind of reputation does the candidate have?

b. How does the candidate treat her or his family?

c. What tone does the candidate use on social media?

d. What tactics does the candidate use to get her or his message across? Do those tactics line up with your core values?

e. If the candidate has previous political experience, how well did the candidate fulfill her or his political promises?

f. How does this candidate seem to treat the 'little guy' and the underrepresented or marginalized?

6. Would Jesus vote for this candidate? You can check out this post for a deeper dive into that question.