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Message To Voters Biography Q & A On The Issues

- Do you favor the death penalty in any cases for a person convicted
- of murder?
- Summers: Yes

In the candidate's words: Not all, but some cases warrant the death penalty. The Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v Wade decision established a woman's constitutional right to an abortion, at least in the first three months of pregnancy. Do you agree with the decision? Summers: No

In the candidate's words: Even if abortion is held to be legal, to save the life of the mother and in cases of rape or incest, it is difficult to view it as a constitutional right. I have always viewed constitutional rights as those that are commonly exercised and essential to a free society.

## Does illegal immigration help the U.S. more than it hurts? Summers: No

In the candidate's words: Like many issues, the decades of neglect have resulted in an avalanche of problems. We cannot afford an open border policy. I am in favor of a legal immigration policy that efficiently processes those coming into the country and allow us to know who is coming in, how many are coming in and why they are coming into the country.

# Should parents be able to send their children to private or parochial schools using financial vouchers from the state?

In the candidate's words: If current level of choice is elminated. Innovation, options and parental involvement are key isses related to education reform.

Do you support Amendment 46? It would prohibit the state from granting preferential treatment to anyone on the basis of race, sex



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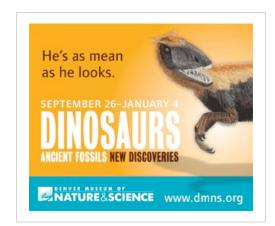
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or ethnicity in hiring, education, contracts.

Summers: Yes

In the candidate's words: The problem is the word "preferential." Qualifications should come first.

Do you support Amendment 47? It would outlaw agreements requiring workers covered by union contracts to pay fees for representation.

Summers: Yes

In the candidate's words: When unions put workers first, workers will join and pay given a choice.

Do you support Amendment 48? It would ban abortion by defining personhood as beginning at fertilization.

Summers: Yes

In the candidate's words: A new baseline for this issue is needed. Clarifications will be needed.

Do you support Amendment 49? It would ban governments from taking deductions directly from employee paychecks for any nongovernmental special interest group.

Summers: Yes

In the candidate's words: Government doesn't need to be the middle man in political transactions.

Do you support Amendment 50? It would allow casino towns to vote on whether to increase bet limits to \$100 from \$5, expand hours of operation and add games.

Summers: No

In the candidate's words: Good cause, wrong solution.

Do you support Amendment 51? It would increase the state sales tax (by 2 cents on every \$10) to fund services for those with developmental disabilities.

Summers: Yes

In the candidate's words: Small price to address a big issue.

Do you support Amendment 52? It would allocate more severance tax money to transportation.

Summers: Yes

In the candidate's words: Good priority from an existing revenue source.

Do you support Amendment 53? It would create criminal sanctions for fraud committed by businesses, executives.

Summers: Declined to answer

In the candidate's words: This amendment has been removed by the Colorado Secretary of State. It will still appear on the ballot, but votes will not be tallied.

Do you support Amendment 54? It would bar sole-source government contractors and unions with exclusive bargaining powers from making contributions to political candidates.

Summers: Yes

In the candidate's words: Good accountability issue.

Do you support Amendment 55? It would require an employer to provide a reason for firing a worker.

Summers: Declined to answer

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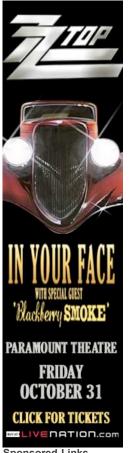
Do you support Amendment 56? It would require employers with 20 or more workers to provide health care coverage for workers.

Summers: Declined to answer

In the candidate's words: This amendment has been removed by the Colorado Secretary of State. It will still appear on the ballot, but votes will not be tallied.

Do you support Amendment 57? It would allow an employee to sue for damages in addition to any settlements from the workers compensation system.

Summers: Declined to answer



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Do you support Amendment 58? It would reduce energy company tax breaks and use revenue to pay for college scholarships and other programs.

Summers: No

**In the candidate's words:** If money is available there are better ways to address key funding issues.

Do you support Amendment 59? It would lift constitutional limits on state spending and direct additional revenue into an education fund.

Summers: No

In the candidate's words: We do need budget reform and responsibility.

Do you support Referendum L? It would lower the age of a candidate for the Colorado House and Senate from 25 to 21

Summers: No

In the candidate's words: Present system serves us well. Experience does matter. Do do you support Referendum M? It would eliminate obsolete provisions in the state constitution about land value increases.

Summers: Yes

In the candidate's words: They are obsolete.

Do you support Referendum N? It would eliminate obsolete provisions in the constitution about intoxicating liquor.

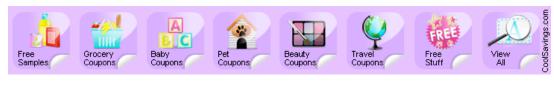
Summers: Yes

In the candidate's words: We will miss the word use of past generations.

Do you support Referendum O? It would increase the number of signatures required on petitions for constitutional amendments to at least 6 percent of votes cast in the previous election for governor.

Summers: Yes

In the candidate's words: Take a look at the ballot.

















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