

## Support 4 the Family

### Policy Survey for UKIP Leadership Candidates: September 2017

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*Support 4 the Family* is an organisation of UKIP members who recognise that the bedrock institution of marriage and family is fundamental to a free and healthy society and, overall, is the best place for the nurture and flourishing of the next generation.

We invite leadership contenders to answer the following questions:

1. For the sake of our children and the healthy nurture of future generations, should UKIP in due course campaign to re-establish the natural definition of marriage as the life-long union of one man with one woman?

*Its irrefutable that for the nurturing of future generations it is beneficial children are brought up in monogamous homes.*

2. As pledged in UKIP's May 2015 manifesto, should the party extend the legal concept of 'reasonable accommodation' to give protection in law to those expressing traditional views about marriage in the workplace?

*Its imperative you should have freedom to express the views you hold. Respect by one group should not trump the other. Respect is a two-way system and key to a tolerant society.*

3. Do you agree that parents and guardians should have the fundamental right to raise their children in their own way?

*Yes - providing that their health and basic welfare is not at risk.*

4. Should children at school be taught about the health risks of sexual promiscuity?

*At the appropriate age children should be taught how to respect and protect themselves when practicing sex. They should be taught not be victim of peer pressure and to consider options carefully. As long as they are equipped with the information and act in a consensual manner it should be the choice of the individual. Promiscuity does have risks and education is the key.*

5. Should children at school be taught about the benefits of not having sex outside of marriage, and staying with the same partner for life?

*Children should be taught that monogamous relationships are healthier for the security of the nurturing of children, however it is not always an option (because of violence in the home) Dissolving relationships should not be looked upon with distain.*

**Note:** Questions 6 to 10 are about the Government's plans for Relationships Education.

6. Is our sexual orientation (gay or straight) fixed at birth or not?

*Yes. You do not learn to be gay.*

7. At what stage in their education should children be taught about sexual orientation?

- a) pre-school
- b) primary school
- c) secondary school
- d) further education
- e) not at all

*Secondary school. We need to let children be children and face things accordingly with love, support and guidance.*

8. Is our gender fixed at birth or not?

*Gender is fixed at birth but how you live you live your life is up to you. We are defined by our 'plumbing'. You can give birth or you can't. Nothing can change that.*

9. At what stage should children be taught about gender re-assignment?  
(choices are the same as in question 7)

*Secondary school. Children should be armed with the knowledge of the differences within society. The difficulties and depth of these issues should be addressed and sometimes because you feel 'different' during adolescence does not mean you are different its about finding your way through tumultuous changes in your body.*

10. Should parents have the right to withdraw their children from lessons at school which are about lifestyle, ethics, morals and relationships, and arrange for these subjects to be taught in a different social context (for example at church), or teach the children themselves in their own way?

*The current system we have should allow parents to withdraw their children if they saw fit. Religion is a personal choice and should be respected within the confines of the law.*

11. Do you support abortion, and if so, in what circumstances should it be allowed?

- a) when the mother's life is at risk
- b) when the baby is expected to be born with a disability
- c) when the baby has been conceived under conditions of rape
- d) in the early stages of pregnancy, before a specified time limit
- e) when the baby is the wrong gender
- f) any other cause.

*Abortion should be down to the rights of the woman. You cannot have a broad rule against, when the variables are so different from woman to woman. You cannot withdraw the right to have terminations because it will drive terminations underground increasing health risks for women as well as fatalities. Quality counseling and understanding from health professionals should be on hand at all times to ensure it is the right decision for the woman involved. It is not an easy choice and should never be treated as such.*

12. Should health professionals have the absolute right as a matter of conscience to refuse to participate in abortion, without penalty to career prospects or other adverse consequences?

*Yes they should be able to abstain from participation, (an abortion is not an easy decision and the woman would need support not judgment).*

13. Would you be in favour of bringing independent observers into the Family Courts so that they are no longer allowed to operate in secret?

*No. Things to do with children and their welfare should be kept private. We have entrusted our courts to conduct themselves according to moral values and we should respect that.*

14. Radical Islam is a threat to the safety and security of society. The causes may be one or more of the following. Please comment on all that you think might apply.

- a) A small minority of people have been radicalised into an extremist ideology called "Islamism" which has got nothing to do with conventional Islam.
- b) People are angry about the war in Iraq and other military interventions.
- c) The Qur'an tells them to kill people.
- d) Any other cause (please specify).

*Radical Islam is a movement born out anger for military interventions as well as taking the Koran and distorting texts. The bible and the Koran both tell people to kill so it's not conventional to go out and destroy people and things in the name of Allah. Radicals are radical usually because they are angry from the start and feelings of being displaced. Whether that is true or not that is how they feel and as such want to 'belong' and that is how recruitment works, preying on the vulnerable and offering a sense of community and belonging whilst living out a barrel load of anger.*

15. Everybody should be expected to identify themselves in public places, and if they want to cover their faces for religious or other reasons they should do it at home or at other private venues. Do you agree?

*Any face coverings for any reason have no place in our society for security reasons alone. What people choose to do in their own homes or in private settings is up to them.*

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