

Quotes from Forum in when she was a Senate candidate in 2016.

Quote from Ayars that is favorable to consumption tax hikes.

“Well I will say that one of the reasons that tobacco revenues is not necessarily that people are people going across the border but they’ve just shifted to another source which is vaping so they’re buying, they’re not buying as much tobacco as they are just the liquid nicotine for vaping and as a prevention specialist I would like to hope that the increase in the tobacco tax has caused them to quit. Okay and because that’s what it designed to do we always as tobacco prevention people we always push the increase in tobacco taxes as a way to spur cessation and I’m sure that has happened. I also think that this last session there was not an increase in alcohol tax and that likely is going to be another source of revenue is to increase those consumption taxes which is unfortunate but will probably and likely happen.

(Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=20N-r4zGFtA>)

Quote from Ayars that is favorable to a program that gives health care students a student debt bailout

“So the only thing that we do need to do is implement a plan for filling some of those shortages so what could that possibly be. Well one of the things that has been done in other states is to invest in emerging Health Care Professionals these are people who currently graduating from their training as a doctor, nurse, or physician’s assistant and give them incentives to go to these shortage areas like tuition reimbursement or forgiveness for a student debt. Wouldn’t this be great for those of you who are considering a career in health care that you would know that if you were to go someplace like Colby or Parsons and spent a little bit of time there, a few years there providing health care to that community that you could be debt free for your education and there are other states that do these programs and they’re quite successful at helping to fill those shortages so that is the first plan of attack.”

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News Articles

Article where Ayars complained about Americans getting bigger and fatter. One Quote:

“For most of human history food wasn't always a sure thing. To get it, you had to work really hard. Some scientists believe that our genes protected our ancestors from starvation through adaptations that provided the ability to "hang on" to every precious calorie. People with genes that could do this well survived. The others didn't.

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Another quote:

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Full Article:

There's been a lot of attention lately in the media about obesity. It seems that Americans are bigger than ever before and getting bigger by the minute.

No one really knows how this epidemic sneaked up on us. Consumer groups, advocates, researchers, business organizations, political analysts, economists, health professionals and even lawyers have weighed in with opinions. Regardless of whom you listen to, one thing is certain. Obesity is here. It is real. And we are in trouble.

Two-thirds of American adults are overweight and so are 15% of our children. Thus, this is now normal for adults and is quickly becoming normal for children. If you don't believe this, try catching an re-run of Bonanza. When I was growing up, Hoss was fat. Now he's just a big guy. Times change.

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We live in a very different world today. Food is everywhere. If you don't care about quality, food is cheap, tasty, and plentiful. We can eat all day long. We don't have to hunt it, plant it, water it, fertilize it, pick it or prepare it. It is pre-packaged and ready to heat and eat. All we have to do is zap it during commercials.

The world is different, but our genes and attitudes are not. The general populace has deeply ingrained prejudices and beliefs that impair us from confronting reality and interfere with finding solutions.

Healthy-weight people are not "blessed," more "disciplined" or more "personally responsible." They are just better at figuring out how to survive in an increasingly toxic environment.

Lean people seem to control their weight despite neighborhoods with no sidewalks, bike paths or green spaces. They have found a way around tight work schedules, long daily commutes and high prices for fresh, nutritious food.

They unplug themselves from a media blitz that promotes a diseased lifestyle. They immunize their children against an onslaught of vending machines in every school hallway and compensate for the removal of daily physical education.

Most Americans haven't adapted fast enough. Spending for obesity-related diseases has exceeded \$75 billion, and Medicare and Medicaid pick up half the tab. More young adults than ever before are on disability, a fact never mentioned by Social Security reformers.

Gone are the days when a pediatrician only had to worry about immunizations and garden-variety infections. Children are showing up at doctors' offices today with Type II diabetes, high blood pressure and joint problems. The reality is that they will not live as long as their parents. But that's not all.

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There are still people suggesting that the "health Nazis" should just lighten up and learn to respect people's "natural differences." I do not believe there is anything "natural" about 64 percent of a population being overweight.

I believe there are powerful social, economic, and political forces shaping the differences in body composition, and they are far from natural. They are driven by individual, corporate and political greed.

Like our ancestors, our survival is threatened by a deadly sin. It's just a different one on the list.

CANDACE AYARS, Ph.D., is an epidemiologist in the Geisinger Health System in Danville.

(Source: Patriot News, April 3, 2005)

Ayars called for Medicare to cover drug therapy, in addition to counseling, to cover those trying to quit smoking.

Seniors and low-income pregnant women soon will be able to get help kicking a smoking habit. In January, Medicare, the federal health coverage plan for seniors, will begin to cover counseling — up to eight sessions a year — to quit smoking as part of federal health care reform.

Most private insurers have covered counseling for people trying to quit, but Medicare has covered it only for smokers diagnosed with a tobacco-related disease.

States also will be required to offer stop-smoking counseling to pregnant women through Medicaid, the state and federal health care coverage for low-income families and children, starting Oct. 1.

The reforms are likely to help people quit, said Marshall Post, a respiratory therapist at Wesley Medical Center and a facilitator with the American Lung Association's Freedom from Smoking program.

"I think the proposal is a great proposal if we can get folks to do it," Post said. "People in Medicare and Medicaid are more likely to go to smoking cessation if they don't have to pay for it."

An estimated 9.3 percent of adults 65 and older are smokers and 22.6 percent of adults 45-64 are smokers nationwide, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That equals about 4.5 million Medicare users who smoke.

The new Medicare benefit will cover two individual counseling attempts each year. Each attempt may include up to four sessions.

Anybody who receives Medicare benefits qualifies for the sessions.

All they have to do is find a doctor who offers the sessions, or get a referral from their own doctor, said Don McLeod, public affairs specialist for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

More coverage needed?

The American Lung Association praises the reforms, but wants them to be more comprehensive. Medicare and Medicaid should have covered three different forms of counseling and all seven FDA-approved cessation medications, said Diane Tinker, development director for the American Lung Association's Plains-Gulf region, which includes Kansas.

A comprehensive benefit "has been proven to help the most smokers quit," she said.

Counseling should include at least four individual, group or telephone therapy sessions lasting no less than 10 minutes each, she said. Those are the forms of counseling recommended by the Department of Health and Human

Services.

The medications include over-the-counter and prescription nicotine-replacement-therapies, and two non-nicotine prescription drugs: bupropion and varenicline, Tinker said.

Candace Ayars, director of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Tobacco Use Prevention Program, also would have liked the reforms to include drug therapies with counseling. Research shows using drugs as well as counseling doubles the success rate, she said.

Drugs remove cravings, while counseling requires a lot of behavioral therapy to help smokers shed daily habits that trigger their smoking, Ayars said.

Without the drugs, she said, it can take a smoker up to 10 attempts to finally quit. Drugs can shorten the number of attempts to two, and some kick tobacco on the first try.

For that reason, the reforms would be more cost-effective if they included both types of therapy, Ayars said.

Eight sessions can be enough to quit, she said, but many smokers give up before they make it that far.

The Kansas Tobacco Quit Line, 1-800-QUIT-NOW (784-8669), a free telephone-based counseling service paid for by the KDHE, uses five sessions for regular callers, and up to nine for pregnant women, Ayars said. Only 15 percent of the callers make it all the way through five sessions, she said.

Smokers on Medicare likely are die-hard tobacco users who probably will need at least five quit attempts to kick the habit, Ayars said.

"If they don't go through it all in one time, they're much less likely to quit," she said, "and if they get in the middle of a quit attempt when the allocation for the year expires, they're out of luck."

But Ayars praised the reforms as a move in the right direction.

"The fact they're even going in that direction and recognize this as something that needs to be done is a good, positive step," she said.

Benefits of quitting

Quitting is never a bad idea even for a lifelong smoker, said Ginger Park, media and policy coordinator for the Kansas Tobacco Youth Use Prevention Program, which runs the state's tobacco quit line.

"There are definitely benefits at any age," she said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that tobacco use causes one in five deaths in the country annually and that adult smokers die 14 years earlier than their non-smoking counterparts.

Tobacco-related diseases are expected to cost Medicare about \$800 billion between 1995 and 2015.

Park cited information from the Centers for Disease Control showing that within 12 hours after your last cigarette, the body's carbon monoxide levels will have dropped to normal. Within two weeks to three months the risk of heart attack drops.

"There are lifestyle benefits. People will just start getting better and being able to be more active," she said.

Post, the respiratory therapist, predicted that more smokers in Kansas are likely to try to quit now, not only because of health reasons.

They are watching the territory shrink, thanks to lawmakers who passed a new public smoking ban.

"Personal health isn't always the only reason people quit," Post said. "The word is getting out that you can't just go anywhere and light up anymore." (Source: The Wichita Eagle, September 13, 2010)

Criticized the Brownback state income exemption of businesses.

Republicans and Democrats in contested Shawnee County legislative races converged Tuesday in a library auditorium to deliver insight into judicial, health care and budget challenges facing Kansas lawmakers.

A trio of incumbents and eight challengers made the most of an opportunity to directly engage more than 100 potential voters one week before the Aug. 2 primary.

Sen. Vicki Schmidt, a Topeka Republican in the 20th District, denounced the campaign by conservatives to oust four members of the Kansas Supreme Court. Fellow GOP candidate Joe Patton said the process of selecting justices and judges ought to be amended to diminish influence of lawyers. He said some members of the judiciary don't properly restrain themselves.

"Judges should not be public policy makers," said Patton, a Topeka attorney and former House member.

Democratic candidate and health educator Candace Ayars said the state income tax exemption for owners of more than 330,000 businesses signed into law by [Gov. Sam Brownback](#) in 2012 ought to be repealed. She said the tax break triggered a budget spiral jeopardizing schools, highways and public safety-net programs.

"Kansas needs leaders who are not afraid to stand up to [Sam Brownback](#)," Ayars said.

Her Democratic opponents in the 20th District race for the Senate - Rick Cortez, Dennis Rogers and Clarence Hinchey - didn't participate in the forum.

(Source: Topeka Capital-Journal, July 27, 2016)

Ayars once attended a screening of “Vaxxed”, a documentary that pushed evidence linking vaccines to autism.

Candace Ayars, a Democratic candidate for state senate who holds a Ph.D. in public health, said she is generally in favor of vaccinations since research shows they are safe.

She wanted to attend a screening of the documentary "Vaxxed" so she could hear concerns from some potential constituents.

Ayars and about 125 other people gathered Monday evening at Hollywood Stadium 14 to view the film.

The documentary centers around a scientist at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention who contends that evidence linking vaccines and autism was destroyed by the agency.

Brenda Dietrich, an incoming state representative, said she doesn't know a lot about the issue and doesn't hold a view, but the topic was a concern for some of her constituents. Attending the event was an opportunity to learn more, she said.

Rep. Jim Gartner and city Councilman Brendan Jensen also attended the screening.

The documentary has drawn controversy because its director, Andrew Wakefield, had his medical license revoked after his study linking the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine to autism was discredited.

Attendee Matt Copeland said the film is misunderstood and lobbyists ran a smear campaign against Wakefield. Copeland said the risk of vaccines isn't discussed and people need to make informed decisions. Four of his six children have been injured from vaccines, he said.

"I thought it was really powerful. It raises a lot of important questions," Copeland said of the film.

Dan Katz, a pediatric neurologist who has practiced in Topeka since 1991, said the risk of a reaction to a vaccination is less than one in a million. Vaccines have proven to be effective, he said. Though Katz sees kids with autism frequently, none have convincingly had a vaccine reaction that caused autism, he said. Instead, research is showing links between factors such as genetics and autism. Other diseases he saw as a resident are rare now because of the use of vaccinations. Katz also said those who aren't vaccinating their children are putting others at risk.

Danyle Grandstaff said her four-year-old son has been "vaccine-injured" and attributes ear infections, bowel issues and autoimmune problems to vaccinations. When she had her second son eight months ago, she decided it was in his best interest not to get vaccinated.

Josh Burns described the subject as both important and touchy.

He and his wife Andrea are expecting a baby in about three weeks. They don't plan on vaccinating.

There is more risk than benefit, Andrea Burns said.

(Source: Topeka Capital-Journal, August 9, 2016)

Ayars attended a criminal justice reform forum that was an alliance of liberal groups like the American Civil Liberties Union of Kansas, NAACP of Kansas and Kansas Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Quote from her: "There's no reason we should have the numbers in prison that we do. That is statistically improbable," said Candace Ayars, a statistician challenging Sen. Vicki Schmidt, in response to a question on prison overcrowding in Kansas. "It seems very unlikely that all those people deserve to be in jail."

Eight area candidates for the Kansas Legislature faced questions Tuesday night from a coalition of criminal justice reform advocates, offering a glimpse into their views on body cameras, marijuana and prison overcrowding.

Kansans for Smart Justice is an alliance of 16 civil rights, community and religious groups, including the American Civil Liberties Union of Kansas, NAACP of Kansas and Kansas Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

The candidate panel lacked for political diversity; all eight candidates who attended were Democrats. They frequently criticized Republicans in the state and rarely disagreed among themselves.

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Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley said there are an abundance of prison cells in Kansas and a dearth of local programs to care for petty criminals, especially those with mental illness. He urged the Legislature to properly fund community corrections programs, as they did decades ago.

"Another thing I would do is invest heavily in early childhood education," said Sen. Laura Kelly, who like many on the stage argued that appropriations for schools and community programs would decrease crime.

The three Democratic candidates for the Senate were lukewarm on the need for a state law requiring that body cameras be worn by law enforcement officers.

"I'm not sure it should be mandated by the state," Hensley said. "I think it's a local issue."

Kelly agreed, saying, "I don't think we should add to the burden (on local governments). If communities want to do it, fine."

Ayars also said it should be left to local governments. She added that body cameras aren't appropriate in certain circumstances, such as when a police officer is undercover.

On a question about decriminalizing marijuana, Kelly said she wouldn't work toward that, believing the state isn't ready to decriminalize the drug. Hensley and Ayars signaled they would work toward decriminalization, but in small steps.

"I think the first step is to get the votes that would allow for the medical use of marijuana," Hensley said. "That's the first thing we need to do."

Hensley will be challenged Nov. 8 by Zach Haney, a Republican. Kelly is being challenged by Republican Dave Jackson. Neither Haney nor Jackson was in attendance.

Five Kansas House candidates took part in the forum: Rep. Jim Gartner and challengers Renae Hansen, Adrienne Olejnik, Chris Huntsman and Virgil Weigel.

The candidates were asked what, if anything, should be done about racial disparities in Kansas prisons. African-Americans and Hispanics accounted for 17 percent of the state's population in 2010 but half of its prison population, according to Kansans for Smart Justice.

"I know the big issue has been racial profiling and I believe there is some of that, that does happen," Gartner said. "I believe local police officers are doing the best they can, but I believe they do need additional training."

In response to several questions on race, Weigel, a retired law enforcement officer, touted the need for community policing. When officers are involved in the communities they protect and serve, everyone is better off, he said.

All five candidates rejected the need for more prisons in the state and favored expanding programs that grant mental health services to inmates who need it. Hansen also advocated for reduced penalties for nonviolent drug crimes.

"For most drug users, it's a mental health issue, they are self-medicating," she said.

The forum comes five days after President Barack Obama commuted the prison sentences of 102 drug criminals, including two from Kansas. The president has issued 774 commutations, more than the past 11 presidents combined, according to the White House.

Much to the frustration of the Democrats taking part in the forum Tuesday night, many of their solutions would require the state to spend more money during tight fiscal times. Hensley drew laughter when, for a third time, he answered a question by saying, "We have to reverse the Brownback tax cuts."

Tuesday's legislative forum was held at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 S.W. 10th. It is the fourth of five forums being held across the eastern half of the state by Kansans for Smart Justice. (Source: Topeka Capital-Journal, October 12, 2016)

Supported same-day vote registration voting and doesn't believe that voter fraud is a "legitimate concern"

Would you support changes to Kansas election laws and voting systems? Why?

Candace L. Ayars:

I would support automatic voter registration as well as same-day registration. I also would support changing the voter education restrictions and the advance ballot mailing restrictions. Additionally, I believe there needs to be a more objective comparison method (e.g., digital recognition) for comparing signatures on absentee ballots. And finally, I am not in favor of delivery assistant bans. I would like to see election day as a paid holiday. I have these positions because I support measures that make it easier for citizens to vote and fully participate in the governing process. Further, I am not convinced based on evidence that voter fraud is a legitimate concern in Kansas that needs draconian voter restriction measures.

(Source: <https://onyourballot.vote411.org/race-detail.do?id=68490951&party=Dem>)

Ayars has strong ties to the Democratic Party.

Hispanic Caucus

Juan Luengo, Chair [✉ Email](#)

The Kansas Democratic Party Hispanic Caucus mission is to address the issues that impact the Hispanic community in the areas of business, education, civic engagement, labor and healthcare. We believe that by working alongside our elected officials, we will build a better future.



Kansas Federation of Democratic Women

Dr. Candace Ayars, Chair [✉ Email](#)

The Kansas Federation of Democratic Women works for the success of the Democratic Party and encourages full participation of women in every level of the Democratic Party structure. And we have fun while we're doing that!



(Source: <https://kansasdems.org/caucus/>)

She has given many times to the Kansas Democratic Party

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07/10/24	Kanas Democratic Party PO Box 1914 Topeka KS 66601		software	\$475.00
Total Itemized (over \$100) In-Kind Contributions				\$475.00
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According to the Kansas Democratic Party Platform in 2021, they support radical positions such as ending cash bail, Medicare for All, stopping oil fracking and other radical environmental standards, and rewarding illegal aliens with in-state tuition and amnesty.

Kansas Democrats support eliminating the use of cash bail and believe no one should be imprisoned for failing to pay fines or fees or have their driver's licenses revoked for unpaid tickets or simple violations. Equal justice under the law should not be contingent on the ability to pay for quality legal representation, which is why we support increasing funding for public defenders and for the Legal Services Corporation.

~~Support insurance policies that are comprehensive and not discriminatory.~~

Kansas Democrats support a transition to a single-payer health care system, for example, "Medicare for All."

The depletion of the Ogallala Aquifer and other water sources as well as the silting of Kansas reservoirs are critical problems for the future development in Kansas. We support educating the public on water conservation. Kansas Democrats oppose unregulated hydraulic fracturing (fracking). We demand full transparency on the chemicals injected underground. Fossil fuel companies must be able to guarantee their operations will not disrupt or pollute vital groundwater and aquifers, and that injection and waste disposal operations will not cause earthquakes. Kansas Democrats believe action is needed to protect Kansans from uncompensated economic damages caused by induced earthquakes and to protect water systems vital to agricultural, commercial, and domestic use.

Kansas Democrats support Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). People brought to our nation as children should be cared for and given a clear path to citizenship. We believe immigrant children who have lived most of their lives in Kansas should have the same educational opportunities and continue to be afforded the same tuition rates as other Kansas residents.

We support a path to citizenship for undocumented workers, caregivers, students, and children who are an essential part of our state economy and the fabric of our nation. Mass deportation of immigrants would deal a devastating blow to many Kansas communities and vital industries.


Kansas Democrats advocate for the education of immigrants on their workplace rights to prevent the exploitation of labor and support prosecution of employers who ignore workplace safety and compensation laws. We support the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act known as the DREAM Act.

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We are seeing progressive ideas that a few years ago were considered to be radical and extreme and fringe, suddenly becoming mainstream - because working people from coast to coast are standing up and fighting for them.




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 **Candace Ayars** @CandaceforKS · Jun 26, 2018

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When Trump tells us the economy is "booming," please remember:
- Over 40% of Americans don't have enough savings to cover a \$400 emergency expense
- 43% can't afford the basics to live
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[cjonline.com/news/20180328/...](http://cjonline.com/news/20180328/)

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Candace Ayars @CandaceforKS · Feb 18, 2018

Replying to @chrispumpelly
Heaven help us!



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Paul Davis @PaulDavisKS · Dec 29, 2017

Why did Congress pass a Brownback-style tax bill that gives 83% of its benefits to richest 1%, explodes national debt, & ultimately raises taxes on #KS02 families? Here's why:



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What we could do with \$1.5 trillion:

- Make college tuition-free
- Provide universal preschool
- Repair our crumbling infrastructure
- Fund CHIP for 107 years
- Rebuild Puerto Rico

What Republicans did:

- Give tax breaks to the wealthy and corporations



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"I think the working class and middle class have paid their fair share." Do you agree? #ksleg ksleg [kansas.com/news/politics-...](https://www.kansas.com/news/politics-...)

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Candace Ayars @CandaceforKS · Jan 3, 2017

Replying to @Women4KS







Democratic leaders have opposed these cuts from the beginning. Nice to see the R's getting on board.



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Two places business has no place: education and healthcare!
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

 **Candace Ayars**
October 23, 2018 · 

I want to address this specifically to my women friends. I know that not all of you share my political views, but I hope you share my views on humans in general. My philosophical and ethical stance is one that emphasizes the value and agency of human beings, individually and collectively. And to speak to that, I want to pass on to my women friends a quote I heard over the weekend from a young woman, Brittany Packnett. She appeared on the HBO series, "Pod save America." If you have never seen this, I highly recommend it, especially if you have ever found yourself wondering what young people think (or if they think) about important topics related to our country.

At any rate, Brittany said this to women about considering your vote this year: "Your whiteness will not protect you from what Patriarchy has in store for you."

Please think and then vote.

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Well here is some of the regressive items on Trumps agenda in the first 100 days. Folks in Kansas who voted for him you better pay attention to the Keystone XL item. It will run through Kansas. Oh and the Dakota access pipeline will have a small chunk going through the southeast corner of Kansas as well as all the fracking going causing frackquakes. Oh we also have two fault lines in Kansas that run parallel to each other. The Humboldt fault line and the Nemaha updrift. Let a... See more

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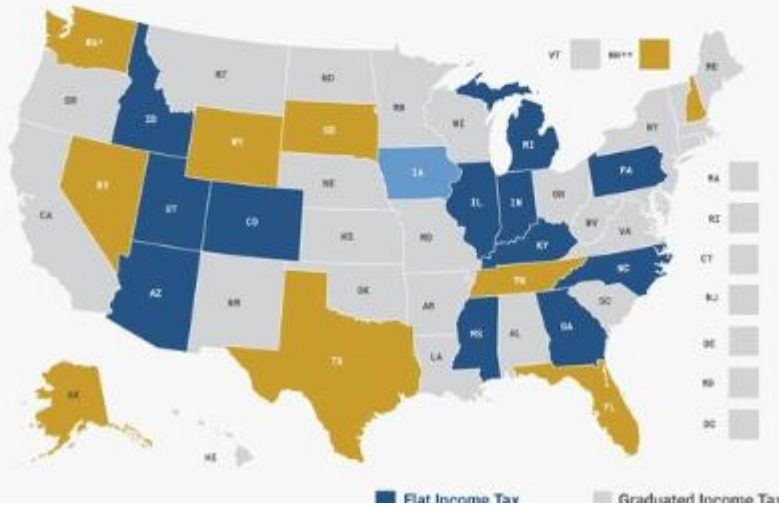
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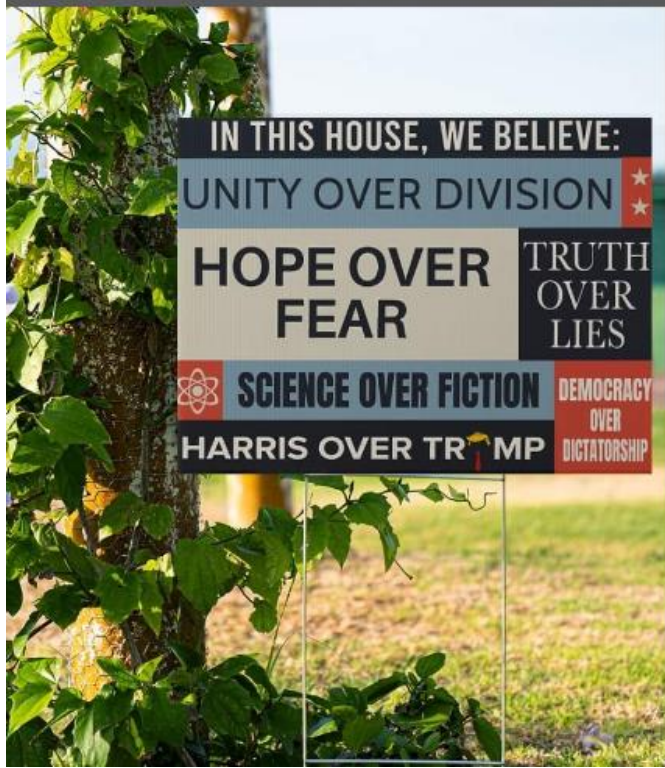
This past legislative session, extreme legislators tried to get a flat tax bill passed. The first flat tax was implemented in Massachusetts in 1917. It has since been repealed. It took more than 100 years for three more states to transition to a flat tax. Within a matter of 15 months (2021 to 2022) five more states implemented a flat tax. It is called the "Flat Tax Revolution." This is no accident—it is right out of the Heritage Foundation.

This is a misguided attempt to ease taxpayers' burden. There are better ways to do this rather than implementing a regressive tax structure that imposes a larger tax burden on those with lower incomes than those with higher incomes. With a flat tax, a larger portion of a lower-income individual's total funds goes to the tax. While the higher-income taxpayer pays the same percentage, their greater income means the financial burden is easier to bear. Kansas has never needed and still doesn't need a flat tax.

States Inaugurate a Flat Tax Revolution

State Individual Income Tax Structures as of February 2024





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