

## Amanda Adkins (KS-03) Brownback

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### The Real Amanda Adkins Is A Long-Time Political Advisor To Former Governor Sam Brownback

**2004: Adkins Served As Campaign Manager For Brownback’s Senate Re-Election Campaign.** Adkins served as the Campaign Manager for Sam Brownback’s 2004 re-election campaign for Senate representing the state of Kansas. [2004 Candidate For United States Senate From Kansas, Kansas City Star, 7/28/04]

**2009: Adkins Was Endorsed By Sen. Brownback For Republican Party Chair.** “Adkins, of Overland Park, was elected by GOP delegates without opposition to replace Kris Kobach, who stepped aside to prepare his 2010 campaign for secretary of state. She received a key endorsement from Sen. Sam Brownback, who is running for governor.” [New GOP Chair Stressed Winning, Topeka Capital-Journal, 2/1/09]

- **Brownback Praised Adkins For Running His Successful Senate Re-Election Campaign.** “Adkins has served on several congressional staffs, worked with the Heritage Foundation and managed Brownback’s last Senate campaign. ‘In 2004, when my career was on the line during a re-election, I trusted Amanda to run my campaign,’ the Topeka senator said in a letter to party members. ‘The campaign Amanda designed and led yielded over 780,000 votes - the most votes ever received by any candidate in any campaign for any office in Kansas history.’” [New GOP Chair Stressed Winning, Topeka Capital-Journal, 2/1/09]

**Adkins Was Appointed By Brownback To Be Head Of The Kansas Children’s Cabinet.** “A former chairwoman of the Kansas Republican Party and longtime adviser to former Gov. Sam Brownback has entered the race to take on Democratic U.S. Rep. Sharice Davids next year. [...] Adkins chaired the state party from 2009 to 2013, overseeing the 2010 election when Republicans, with Brownback at the top of the ticket in the race for governor, won every federal and statewide office. She managed Brownback’s 2004 campaign for U.S. Senate and after he became governor he appointed Adkins to chair the Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund, which oversees a variety of childhood programs.” [The Kansas City Star, [9/3/19](#)]

- **Adkins Said She Was Appointed To Serve As Chair Of The Children’s Cabinet In August 2011.** “Amanda was appointed by Governor Brownback to serve as Chair of the Children’s Cabinet in August 2011. She did this in a volunteer capacity.” [Amanda Adkins LinkedIn Page, accessed [5/5/20](#)]

**2013: Adkins Was Appointed By Brownback To Kansas’ Mental Health Task Force.** “Kansas Governor Sam Brownback announced Wednesday his appointments to the Governor’s Mental Health Task Force, established to re-evaluate the state’s mental health system and determine ways to make it stronger and more effective. [...] Appointed to the task for by the Governor are: [...] Amanda Adkins, Kansas City.” [Governor Sam Brownback Names Mental Health Task Force, Targeted News Service, 7/10/13]

### Adkins Called Brownback An “Incredible Governor”

**Adkins Called Brownback An “Incredible Governor” And Praised Him For Leading The State To Be “No-Income-Tax.”** “Kansas GOP Chairwoman Amanda Adkins: Kansas, ‘a state where we grow leaders like Dwight D. Eisenhower, Bob Dole and our incredible governor, Sam Brownback. A governor who is leading us to become a no-income-tax state.’” [Convention Buzz | Parties Have Perks, Paul Camp Lurks, Kansas City Star, [8/28/12](#)]

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#### **2010: While Adkins Served As The KS GOP Chair, Brownback Was Elected As Governor And Kansas Republicans Had Major Electoral Success**

**As Chair Of The Kansas GOP In 2010, Adkins "Led" The Kansas Republicans In A "Historic Success," Winning 6 Of 6 Statewide Positions, 5 Of 5 Federal Positions, And Gaining 16 State House Seats.** "In 2010, the Kansas Republican Party swept back into power winning 6 of 6 statewide positions, 5 of 5 federal positions, and 92 of 125 House seats (a gain of 16). It was the most stunning political sweep in Kansas since 1938. This historic success was led by the team of State Party Chair Amanda Adkins and Executive Director Ashley McMillan. Amanda is currently an executive at Cerner. She was Chair of the KS Republican party from 2009-2012, and Sam Brownback's Senate campaign manager in 2004. Her other political roles included executive director and national political director for GOPAC, staff for the U.S. House Rules Committee; legislative director to California Congressman David Dreier; staff director for the California Republican Congressional delegation; and as a legislative aide in the U.S. Senate. Ashley, from Cloud County, was Washburn student body president, Kansas Senate staff intern, staff for Sen Pat Roberts, political director for Senator Roberts' 2008 campaign, Kansas GOP Executive Director in 2010-11, Cloud County GOP Party chair, and is currently Vice-Chair of the Kansas Republican Party." [Kansas Republican Party On Facebook From State Capital Newsfeed, 3/30/15]

- **2010: Brownback Won The Kansas Governor's Race With 63.2% Of The Vote.** [Kansas Secretary of State, [2010](#)]

#### **2012: The KS GOP, Led By Brownback, Pushed Through A Tax Plan That Cut The "Pass-Through" Tax Rate To Zero, Allowing Big Companies To Exploit Tax Exemptions**

**2012: Brownback Pushed Through A Tax Plan That Cut State Income Taxes Across The Board, Which Immediately Reduced State Revenue By \$700 Million A Year.** "Which In 2012, Kansas lawmakers, led by Gov. Sam Brownback, a Republican, enacted a tax cut that eliminated state income taxes entirely for pass-through entities — such as sole proprietorships and limited liability partnerships — which are taxed at the owner's individual income tax rate. The law also lowered individual income tax rates, cutting the top rate to 4.9 percent from 6.4 percent. The tax package reduced state revenue by nearly \$700 million a year, a drop of about 8 percent, from 2013 through 2016, according to the Kansas Legislative Research Department, forcing officials to shorten school calendars, delay highway repairs and reduce aid to the poor. Research suggests the package did not stimulate the economy, certainly not enough to pay for the tax cut. This year, legislators passed a bill to largely rescind the law, saying it had not worked as intended." [New York Times, [10/25/17](#)]

**Brownback's Tax Cuts Created A \$900 Million Two-Year Budget Gap In Kansas.** "The nation's most aggressive experiment in conservative economic policy is dead. Republican majorities in the Kansas legislature on Tuesday night voted to reverse the deep tax cuts engineered by Governor Sam Brownback five years ago, blaming them for blowing a hole in the state's budget that threatened the viability of its schools and infrastructure. [...] Lawmakers in the GOP-controlled House and Senate came within a few votes of undoing the tax cuts in February as lawmakers searched for revenue to plug a nearly \$900 million two-year budget gap and meet a court order demanding more funding for education. [The Atlantic, [6/7/17](#)]

**Brownback's Plan Cut The "Pass-Through" Tax Rate To Zero, Allowing Big Companies To Exploit Tax Exemptions.** "A key part of the plan slashed to zero the tax rate pass-through businesses pay. Small businesses — such as sole proprietorships, partnerships and S corporations — pay taxes through the individual income tax code, not the corporate one. Under the Kansas plan, the pass-through tax rate was reduced from 7 percent to zero. Kriz says big companies exploited this tax exemption. 'There were a lot of really big companies that were actually [limited liability] like big law firms in this state, oil exploration companies then,' he says. Others supposedly lied

on their tax forms. ‘Most famously, a couple of basketball coaches allegedly — although nobody can ever prove this — were alleged to have retitled themselves as independent contractors in order to be able to take advantage of it for their multimillion-dollar incomes,’ Kriz says.” [NPR, [10/25/17](#)]

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### **Adkins Helped Implement Brownback’s Tax Cuts By Supporting His Plan To Transfer Funding From The Kansas Children’s Cabinet To The Kansas General Fund**

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**Adkins Faced Backlash From Cabinet Members For Supporting Brownback’s Proposal To Transfer The Children’s Initiative Fund To The State General Fund.** “The tension between Adkins and some members of the board also lies in Adkins’ response to Brownback’s proposal to transfer the Children’s Initiative Fund — which is administered by the children’s cabinet — to the state general fund. Adkins has said the change, which would affect about \$50 million, wouldn’t affect the group’s role, responsibility or focus. Senate and House budget committees are currently working through the budget proposal and some lawmakers are pushing to block the change.” [Topeka Capital-Journal, [2/5/16](#)]

**Adkins Said The Recommendations Were “From The Kansas Children’s Cabinet,” But Group Members Said They Hadn’t Voted On Them.** “Members of the Kansas Children’s Cabinet have criticized the leader of their group for excluding them from recent funding recommendations for early childhood programs. The recommendations come in a document that says they are ‘from the Kansas Children’s Cabinet.’ Yet group members said they hadn’t voted on them. Amanda Adkins, the group’s chairwoman, said Friday she needed to move quickly to get the recommendations to lawmakers during the budget process, The Topeka Capital-Journal reported.” [Associated Press State & Local, 2/7/16]

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### **Adkins Repeatedly Praised And Supported Brownback’s Tax And Economic Plans**

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**ADKINS OP-ED: Adkins Believed “Kansas Republicans Are Presenting A United Front With Sound Plans To Meet The Challenges Of A 21st Century Economy.”** “Much has been said about President Barack Obama’s commitment to mirror European nations spending, health care and other environmental policies. For people who thought Democrats could sell European-style socialism to Americans, the April 30th Daily Presidential Tracking Poll by Rasmussen Reports should prove alarming. Fifty-three percent of voters disapprove of Obama’s performance as president. Kansans, being a people who look to community and family before government for answers, will take a hard look at leadership on the ballot in November. The question is simple: Do you want an America that rewards individual promise, entrepreneurship and centers on family or do you want European-style socialism that penalizes hard work, stifles prosperity and celebrates government? Kansas Republicans are presenting a united front with sound plans to meet the challenges of a 21st Century economy. Our philosophy centers on liberating the promise of the individual and family as the answer, not more government growth, on a path to prosperity. The choice is yours. Amanda Adkins, Overland Park, is the chairwoman of the Kansas Republican Party and a business executive in the health care industry.” [Hays Daily News, Amanda Adkins, 5/12/10]

**Adkins Tweeted Support For Tax Cuts Implemented By Brownback.** [Amanda Adkins Twitter, [10/24/2015](#)]



[Amanda Adkins Personal Twitter Page, [10/24/2015](#)]

**Adkins Tweeted Support For Brownback’s “Pro-Business Agenda.”** [Amanda Adkins Personal Twitter Page, [8/11/09](#)]



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**... That Devastated Kansas’ Public Schools**

**2016: Brownback Announced \$44.5 Million In Education Cuts To Patch Budget Hole Resulting From Deep Income Tax Reductions.** “Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback on Thursday announced \$44.5 million in education cuts to help patch a budget hole blamed on deep income tax reductions he signed into law. Brownback’s plan takes \$28 million, or 1.5 percent, out of elementary and secondary education, including \$5 million from Johnson County schools. The districts taking the biggest hits will be Olathe, Shawnee Mission and Blue Valley. The Republican governor also sliced more than \$16 million, or 2 percent, from higher education, something he traveled the state campaigning for in 2013 when it was lawmakers who wanted to cut funds for colleges and universities.” [The Kansas City Star, [2/11/16](#)]

**Because Of Adkins And Brownback, Many Teachers Were Laid Off And Kansas Schools Were Decimated.**

**Kansas Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley Claimed That Local School Districts Laid Off Teachers As A Result Of Brownback’s Education Cuts.** “In a statement, Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, D-Topeka, said he was ‘amused’ by Brownback’s ‘progress report.’ ‘If this is his idea of progress, then his administration is a cruise ship in search of an iceberg,’ Hensley said. ‘In his first session as governor, Sam

Brownback and the Republican Legislature cut public education by \$232 per child, forcing local districts to lay off teachers, close schools and drastically expand class sizes,' the senator said. 'He abolished an arts commission that supports more than 4,600 full-time Kansas workers and reneged on a promise to fund years four and five of the overdue undermarket pay adjustment for state employees, all while slashing the state budget beyond recognition.' Hensley also said Brownback is dismantling state government and pushing through his extreme right-wing agenda." [Topeka Capital-Journal, [7/6/11](#)]

**New York Times Editorial Board: State Spending On Education Has Fallen An Estimated 16.5 Percent Since 2008, Including \$500 Million In Cuts Under The Brownback Administration, Resulting In Teacher Layoffs And Larger Class Sizes.** "In signing a five-year, \$3.7 billion tax cut, Gov. Sam Brownback took the position that cutting taxes did more to create jobs than meeting per-student aid formulas. That dodgy rationale was argued in the State Supreme Court last week when a group of school districts and parents sued for their fair share of aid under the State Constitution's 'suitable provision' mandate. State spending on education has fallen an estimated 16.5 percent since 2008, including \$500 million in cuts under the Brownback administration, resulting in teacher layoffs and larger class sizes." [New York Times, Editorial, [10/13/13](#)]

## Amanda Adkins (KS-03) Anti-Choice

*Voters should see digital ads and voters should see mail about: Amanda Adkins wants to outlaw abortion across America, even in cases of rape and incest. Adkins even wants to change the US Constitution to ban all abortions even in rare circumstances where a woman is the victim of rape and incest.*

### Amanda Adkins Wants To Outlaw Abortion Across America, Even In Cases Of Rape And Incest

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**2010: Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas GOP State Platform Supported A “Human Life Amendment” To The US Constitution And Applying The Fourteenth Amendment’s Protection To “Unborn Children.”** “All unborn children, regardless of ability, have a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed. Kansas Republicans, therefore, affirm our support for a Human Life Amendment to the U. S. Constitution (as stated in the Republican National Platform), and we endorse legislation to make clear the Fourteenth Amendment’s protection applies to unborn children.” [Kansas GOP, 2010 State Platform, accessed [3/15/22](#)]

- **Center For Reproductive Rights: A Human Life Amendment Would Be An “Absolute Ban On Abortion.”** “What would a ‘human life’ amendment do? It would give a human egg, from the moment of its fertilization, ‘a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed.’ That’s a misleading way of describing an absolute ban on abortion, the criminalization of reproductive health care—including many forms of contraception and fertility treatments such as in vitro fertilization—and the abolition of a woman’s right to choose whether or when to have children.” [Center For Reproductive Rights, [8/29/12](#)]

### Adkins Continued To Strongly Oppose Abortion Rights

**Adkins’ Campaign Website: “In Recent Years, We Have Seen Tremendous Victories At Various Levels Of Government To Reduce The Number Of Abortions.”** “In recent years, we have seen tremendous victories at various levels of government to reduce the number of abortions in our country. We must take it a step further and support our citizens across the full continuum of life.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

- **Adkins Said She Wanted To “Take It A Step Further” By Supporting Citizens “Across The Full Continuum Of Life.”** “In recent years, we have seen tremendous victories at various levels of government to reduce the number of abortions in our country. We must take it a step further and support our citizens across the full continuum of life.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

**2022: Adkins Supported A Kansas Constitutional Amendment To Eliminate The Constitutional Right To An Abortion.** “As crowds grew in front of the U.S. Supreme Court in the aftermath of a landmark ruling eliminating the constitutional right to an abortion, Democratic Rep. Sharice Davids’ campaign announced that, in Kansas, it would gather the next morning. While Davids has come out strongly against the constitutional amendment, Amanda Adkins, her likely Republican challenger in November, is being more cautious. Adkins supports the constitutional amendment and her campaign is framing the amendment as the only thing that will protect restrictions on abortion in the state, a line that’s also been used by the campaign pushing for the amendment.” [Kansas City Star, [7/4/22](#)]

**2022: Adkins Supported The Supreme Court’s Decision To Overturn Roe V. Wade And Allow States To Ban Abortion.** “Amanda Adkins, Republican candidate for Kansas’ Third Congressional District, released the following statement in response to today’s Supreme Court ruling on *Dobbs v. Jackson County Women’s Health Organization*: ‘I am pleased that the Supreme Court returned decisions related to abortion back to the states because it gives voters more of a say on the issue,’ said Adkins. ‘Most Kansans agree we want to reduce the number of abortions, support parents of minors being notified if their child is seeking an abortion, eliminate late-term abortions, oppose taxpayer funding of abortion, and support safety regulations in clinics,’ Adkins stated. ‘By contrast, Sharice Davids is so extreme that she has supported taxpayer-funded abortions, opposed life-saving medical care for newborn babies who survived an abortion, and opposes any restrictions on abortion up to the point of birth.’” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, Press Release, [6/24/22](#)]

## **Adkins Even Wants To Change The US Constitution To Ban All Abortions Even In Rare Circumstances Where A Woman Is The Victim Of Rape And Incest**

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