

Candidate Forum Questions

Be an informed voter!

Please use the questions below as a guide when visiting with candidates about the issues most important to you. Your vote is important to the maintenance of freedom and prosperity in America! Some of the questions listed in this document may not be particularly relevant to a specific candidate thus take into consideration specific questions for specific individuals.

If there are any questions not listed here that you would like to be featured on this page, please contact us through the website so we can grow our list of candidate questions.

Our freedoms as Americans are at stake! Ask the important and tough questions to ensure proper representation by your elected officials.

Abortion

1. Will you support requiring a 48-hour “cooling off” period, and mandatory counseling on the risks and consequences of abortion for persons who believe they may want to have an abortion?
2. Should the federal government bar the distribution of “home abortion drugs” like RU-486?
3. Do you generally support pro-choice or pro-life legislation? Expand.
4. How do you feel about Roe v. Wade being overturned? Do you support or oppose this landmark SCOTUS decision?

Biographical Information

1. Why are you running for this specific position? What qualifications and experience do you have for this job?
2. What do you think is the biggest challenge facing this specific office currently?
3. What is your campaign slogan? And why is it relevant to this specific election/campaign?
4. What are the three most important duties for this position?
5. What platform from the party platforms is your favorite? Are there any platforms that you don't agree with?
6. What characteristics are crucial to have as an elected official? How do you demonstrate these characteristics?
7. How do you differentiate yourself from the other candidates running for this position?
8. What have you done in your campaign and/or past work to include and listen to youth voices?
9. Why should I vote for you?
10. What issues, both locally and nationally, do you want to address if elected to this office?

The U.S. Constitution

1. The Constitution is a fundamental document for this country. Where do you think its place is as a document we use in governing in our current society?
2. Are the rights detailed in the United States Constitution negotiable?

Economy (Inflation, etc.)

1. How do you see our economy recovering from extremely high inflation rates, lack of employed workers, and an approaching recession?
2. What do you believe are the biggest economic difficulties facing Wyoming and America right now? What are the causes and how do you propose to address the effect(s)?
3. What is your overall opinion of the root cause of inflation?
4. Do you support mandatory retirement for elected officials?
5. Do you support federal spending as a means of promoting economic growth?
6. How can you encourage business owners and employees to return back to work especially where remote work is unnecessary?

Education

1. If applicable, how would you control the cost of education?
2. What is your overall opinion on the curriculum in the public school system of varied Wyoming counties?
3. Do you support CRT, or any other theory-based curriculum for middle and high school students?
4. Do you support Gender Studies, informational material, or other transition-education in any public school?
5. Do you support explicit materials being made available to students?
6. Do you think parents should have input on the books, activities, and classroom material resources provided to their students?

Election, Campaigns & Election Integrity

1. How would you address election fraud and election integrity within our state, or at a national level, especially with mail-in ballots?
2. Do you support hand counting ballots for election verification?
3. Do you support voter ID laws?
4. Do you support mail-in voting?
5. What one fundamental shift would you like to see the federal and state governments take following this election season?
6. Do you support the regulation of indirect campaign contributions from corporations and unions?
7. What do you consider to be the top three problems facing people running for this office, and how, specifically, would you solve them?
8. Do you support campaign finance laws?

9. Do you support public funds being invested in the stock market?

Government (Current and Past)

7. What do you believe the role of government is in the event of a natural disaster regarding the aid of individuals and/or businesses?
8. What do you believe the role of government is in remedying government-caused disasters?
9. Do you believe any business should be “too big to fail” and deserving of government aid in the event of an economic disaster?
10. What is unique about governing at a federal/state/local level?
11. How has your idea of government changed over time?
12. What is your overall opinion of the United States Congress?
13. What is your overall opinion of the Wyoming State Legislature?
14. What is your overall opinion on the current Wyoming governor?
15. What is your overall opinion on the direction of the United States?
16. What is your overall opinion of the direction of the state of Wyoming?
17. What is your overall opinion of the SCOTUS justices?
18. What is your overall opinion of the direction of the city/town in which you live?
19. Do you support term limits for the United States Congress?
20. Do you support the Select Committee for Jan. 6?
21. Is the United States a democracy or a republic?
22. What is your overall opinion of the lifetime appointment to the United States Supreme Court?
23. What is your overall opinion on the salary package for the United States congressman or congresswoman?
24. Should the United States reduce the number of federal and state agencies and departments?
25. In times of crisis, who has the ultimate decision making authority when it comes to instituting and enforcing things like public health orders: the city, state, or federal officials?
26. Do you support qualified immunity for elected officials?
27. Should elected officials be limited by nepotism laws?
28. Do you support the use of a filibuster?
29. What is your opinion on the justice system in the United States?

Government Programs

1. Do you support expanding federal funding to support entitlement programs such as Social Security and Medicare? Explain.
2. What is your overall opinion of the quality of the programs funded by the VA?
3. Do you support the Conservation Reserve Program?

Gun Rights

1. With new legislation being introduced regarding the 2nd amendment, what do you propose that the people and elected officials do to avoid our rights being taken away?
2. Do you support armed teachers/employees in schools?
3. Are you a member of the National Rifle Association, or of any other shooting, hunting or Wildlife Conservation organization(s)? If so, state said memberships and most recent year of membership.
4. Do you support bans on specific firearms or other related equipment?
5. Do you support Gun-Free Zones?
6. Do you support the “castle doctrine?”

Immigration

1. What reforms are needed in our immigration system – at both a federal and state level?

International Relations

1. Should the US distance itself from international alliances such as the WHO, WTO, and others? And how do these alliances help or hurt Wyoming residents?
2. What is your overall opinion on the United Nations?
3. Do you support military involvement to protect Taiwan?
4. Do you support funding the WHO?
5. What is your overall opinion on North Korea and its relations within the world and our country?
6. What is your overall opinion on China and its relations within the world and our country?
7. What is your overall opinion of Russia and its overall relations with the world and our country?
8. Do you support the US funding Ukraine in the war with Russia?
9. What is your overall opinion on the World Economic Forum? To what extent if any should the United States align itself with that organization?

Issues (Miscellaneous, etc.)

1. What issues are we seeing politically that have the greatest impact on Wyoming? What do you propose that we do to address these issues?
2. How do you keep informed on issues relevant to the office you are seeking?
3. What is your overall opinion of the corner-crossing case in Carbon county?
4. What is your overall opinion on delisting wolves?
5. Do you support returning to the gold standard?

Labor

1. Do you support qualified immunity for public employees?
2. Do you support minimum wage laws?

3. Do you support tenure for public employees?
4. Do you support public employee unions?

Marijuana Legalization

1. Do you support legalizing marijuana?

Media

1. What resources do you depend on for news and analyses? Why those?
2. What is your overall opinion on the government's responsibility to monitor social media and other news sources? What about its ability to censor certain groups, messages, or individuals?

Military

1. What is your overall opinion on the war on terror?
2. Do you support the military's two-front strategy?

Political Party Affiliation

1. What does the term "Conservative Republican" mean to you?
2. What is your Political Party affiliation and why do you choose to represent that specific party?

Public and Private Lands

1. Do you support limits to access for public lands?

Public Health

1. What role does the government have in ensuring access to cost effective healthcare?
2. Do you trust and/or rely on the CDC?
3. What is your overall opinion on funding for mental health in America?
4. Do you support vaccination mandates from public health officials?
5. Do you support taxpayers funding national healthcare programs?
6. What is your overall opinion on mask mandates?

Public Safety

1. What is your overall opinion on the current funding for the local Police department?

2. Do you support the TSA?

Renewable and Nonrenewable Resources

1. What will you do to ensure Wyoming does not lose their natural resources – especially the most profitable sources for our state?
2. Do you support government funding for the development of renewable energy (e.g. solar, wind, geothermal)?
3. Do you support the Green New Deal?
4. What is the appropriate balance between state and federal oversight of natural resources and lands in Wyoming? Why?
5. Do you support nuclear energy?

Social Justice

1. What is your overall opinion of the social justice movement both within Wyoming and the United States?
2. Do you support the concept of systemic racism in the United States?

States' Rights

1. Explain your understanding of the 10th amendment to the US Constitution and how it applies to Wyoming.
2. Do you support the idea of the Convention of States?
3. Should states' rights be expanded?
4. Should the states be allowed to secede from the union?
5. Should areas of one state transfer to another state?

Spending and the Budget (Federal, State & Local)

1. Would you vote to allow federal government bailout money to be used for states like Wyoming to replace lost state revenue? If you're not holding a federal position, how would you feel at a local or state level about similar legislation?
2. The 2017 tax cuts did not match spending cuts with cuts in tax rates and failed to pay for themselves causing the federal deficit to balloon, even before the pandemic. What are your budget priorities? How would you balance the budget (if that is relevant to your position.)
3. What is your overall opinion of federal and state spending? If this is something in which you express dissent, what do you propose to address this issue?
4. What is your overall opinion of spending for the University of Wyoming?
5. What is your overall opinion of the current level of funding for the United States' military?
6. Do you support federal student loan forgiveness programs?

7. What is your overall opinion on the amount in the reserve funds for the local government?

Taxes and Fees

1. Should sales tax exemption continue to exist? And if so, where?
2. Do you support a Wyoming state income tax?
3. Do you support gambling as a tax-funding source?
4. Do you support the current level of Federal Income Tax?
5. What is your overall opinion of HOAs and HOA fees?

Tribal Relations

1. In recent years, the US Supreme Court upheld certain tribal hunting rights in a case that originated right here in Wyoming. What place do treaties with tribes play in current land and resource management across the West?

Trump Administration

1. Do you support finishing the wall on the southern border?
2. Do you support the impeachment of former President Donald Trump?
3. Would you support Trump in a 2024 Presidential Campaign?
4. Are there policies passed by the Trump administration that you did not agree with?
5. What would you consider the greatest achievements of the Trump administration?

Biden Administration

1. What is a positive achievement of the Biden administration so far, if any?
2. What is the greatest failure of the Biden administration?
3. What role do you believe your office plays in being a check and balance on executive power whether the Governor of Wyoming or the President of the United States?

Yellowstone National Park

1. Yellowstone is an incredible source of income for our state. With the disastrous and historic flooding happening there, what can state-elected officials do to recover this landmark for our state?
2. What is your overall opinion on the current superintendent of Yellowstone National Park?