

# Candidate Forum Questions

*Note: 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 get this document updated. **The country is at stake! Ask important questions to ensure proper representation by your elected officials.***

1. Why are you running for this specific position? What qualifications and experience do you have for this job?
2. What are the three most important duties for this position?
3. What issues, both locally and nationally, do you want to address if elected to this office?
4. What do you think is the biggest challenge facing this specific office currently?
5. What is your campaign slogan? And why is it relevant to this specific election/campaign?
6. How do address election fraud within our state, especially with mail-in ballots?
7. What platform from the party platforms is your favorite? Are there any platforms that you don't agree with?
8. What characteristics are crucial to have as an elected official? How do you demonstrate these characteristics?
9. 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?
10. What does the term "Conservative Republican" mean to you? How do you define yourself and why?
11. What will you do to ensure Wyoming does not lose their natural resources – especially the most profitable sources for our state?
12. 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?
13. Explain your understanding of the 10th amendment to the US Constitution and how it applies to Wyoming.
14. The Constitution is a fundamental document for this country. Where do you think its place is as a document we should use in governing in our current society?
15. Do you support the regulation of indirect campaign contributions from corporations and unions?
16. What one fundamental shift would you like to see the federal and state governments to take following this election season?
17. What issues are we seeing politically that have the greatest impact on Wyoming? What do you propose that we do to address these issues?
18. How do you differentiate yourself from the other candidates running for this position?
19. What do you consider to be the top three problems facing people running for this office, and how, specifically, would you solve them?
20. What do you believe the role of government is in terms of natural or government related emergencies? Especially in terms of the Wyoming and national economy with a variety of different business owners and corporations?

21. What have you done in your campaign and/or past work to include and listen to youth voices?
22. What is unique about governing at a federal/state/local level?
23. How has your idea of government changed over time?
24. How do you keep informed on issues relevant to the office you are seeking?
25. What resources do you depend on for news and analyses? Why those?
26. Why should I vote for you?
27. 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?
28. 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?
29. 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?
30. 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?
31. What role does the government have in ensuring access to cost effective healthcare?
32. 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.
33. How do you see our economy recovering from extremely high inflation rates, lack of employed workers, and possibly an approaching recession?
34. Do you support federal spending as a means of promoting economic growth?
35. 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?
36. Should the federal government bar the distribution of "home abortion drugs" like RU-486?
37. How can you encourage business owners and employees to return back to work especially where remote work is unnecessary?
38. If applicable, how would you control the cost of education?
39. Should sales tax exemption continue to exist? And if so, where?
40. Do you generally support pro-choice or pro-life legislation? Expand.
41. Do you support government funding for the development of renewable energy (e.g. solar, wind, geothermal)?
42. What is the appropriate balance between state and federal oversight of natural resources and lands in Wyoming? Why?
43. Do you support expanding federal funding to support entitlement programs such as Social Security and Medicare? Explain.
44. 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)?
45. What reforms are needed in our immigration system – at both a federal and state level?