



2024 Candidate Survey

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1. *Abortion is the act of violently ending the life of another human being, while in the womb. Lawmakers should work to promote the value of and protect human life from conception (SB 317, 2024;) to natural death, versus further expansions of abortion access (HB 110, 2024; SB 301, 2024; SB 232, 2024; HB 400, 2022, HB 31, 2023).*
 - a. Support; I believe in providing resources to women facing unplanned pregnancy to support the health of both the mother and the child during pregnancy and early life of the child.
2. *The Delaware Constitution should be amended to protect the right of parents in the custody, control, and care of their children from government interference, which requires the government to prove that it has a strong, compelling reason to restrict that right, such as in cases of abuse and neglect. (HB 319, 2022)*
 - a. Support.
3. *Public schools should not seek to enforce DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) mandates, which promote discrimination by dividing individuals into classes of “oppressed” and “oppressor”, and define inclusion as requiring integrated comprehensive sex education curricula that includes LGBTQIA+ role play, sexual practices, and identities (HB 199, 2021, SB 197, 2024).*
 - a. Support; DEI is often cast as the modern equivalent to anti-discrimination or equal opportunity laws and regulations. It is a destructive influence that interferes with the healthy culture and operation of successful companies.
4. *Delaware law should protect minors from the harms of pornographic material by requiring websites available in Delaware to perform age verification procedures that are standardized from usage in other industries. (HB 265, 2024).*
 - a. Support.
5. *Delaware law should protect Title IX fairness and the integrity of women’s sports. (SB 191, 2024)*
 - a. Support; Biological males should not be allowed to compete in women’s sports. These situations create a danger to women in contact sports and rob biological women of competitive opportunities and scholarships. Title IX was specifically designed to expand sports opportunities for women and allowing biological males to compete inherently undermines that purpose.
6. *Individuals and faith-based entities should have the right of conscience to freely live out their sincerely held convictions regarding human sexuality and conception, without fear of government infringement or retaliation. (HB 199, 2021; HB 275, 2024; HB 74, 2023)*
 - a. Support; Society has established norms for social behavior, marriage and families. Not everyone agrees on these standards, but absent clear harm, people should live and let live with respect for those differences. Especially important are the religious beliefs and practices. The “state” can not impose religious standards or practice on the populace, but

a healthy republic requires the active participation of religious citizens to provide a stable, moral influence on our society.

7. ***Medical personnel should not be protected from liability for practicing experimental medical drugs and procedures - which often produce irreversible damage - on vulnerable minors in Delaware. (HB 346, 2024).***
 - a. Support; Protecting healthcare workers from legal liability is a back door route to implement and support many controversial activities - abortion throughout the term of a pregnancy, sex-change operations on minor children and others. These issues of public concern and debate should be addressed openly and debated, rather than furthered by legislative action that effectively enables them while not confronting the issues directly in a public discussion.
8. ***Assisted Suicide, the act of prescribing “death pills” so that individuals given a terminal diagnosis to end their life, should not be legalized in Delaware as an ‘end of life’ option. (HB 140, 2024)***
 - a. Support; Enabling suicide is not the role of healthcare providers and many will refuse to participate. Services, such as hospice, are available and effective at managing the comfort and support of patients and families facing end of life situations.
9. ***A State of Emergency declaration extended beyond 30 days should depend on the consent of the people of Delaware through the General Assembly. (HB 49, 2021; HB 247, 2021)***
 - a. Support; Executive authority must have checks and balances. There are legitimate needs for independent and rapid action by the Executive Branch, but extended use of that authority allows and requires oversight by the Legislative Branch. Emergency Action should not be allowed to repeatedly renew, as it did during the Pandemic.
10. ***The right of Delawareans to keep and bear arms, as protected by the US and DE Constitutions, should not be infringed. Better enforcement of current laws to prevent crime versus more regulations is needed to protect public safety. (HB 450, 2022; SB 8, 2021)***
 - a. Support; The right to protection of self and family is fundamental in the law. Delaware’s Constitution is even more protective of these rights than the 2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The focus must be on criminals and criminal activity and it should be implemented in a way that least impacts on law-abiding citizens and their freedoms.
11. ***To preserve the integrity of Delaware elections, the legislature should strive to eliminate opportunities for fraud in the election process. (HB 344, 2024)***
 - a. Support; I believe in proof of citizenship to register to vote and in the requirement for confirmation of identity when voting. Voting is a fundamental right and it must be strongly protected. Our life is full of examples where ID’s are required and commonly accepted. I don’t quite understand the reluctance to enforce ID requirements for voting, unless there is intent to violate the rights of citizens.