



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; We should not be expanding access to abortion in Delaware. We should be offering more parenting and adoption resources.
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; Parental Rights are always first and foremost. Children belong with their families.
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; Schools are for reading and mathematics - not the dissemination of divisive ideologies.
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; I believe in separation of genders and that biological males should not be participating in female sporting events.
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.
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; Minors should not be offered access to gender-altering procedures or medicines.
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. Oppose.
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; A State of Emergency should not be extended without the will of the People especially if it includes any form of lock-downs or suspensions of rights.
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; I will never vote to restrict our gun rights and will always fight to repeal legislation that already infringes upon our Second Amendment.
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.