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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; Abortion should be rare, and a decision between the mother of the unborn child and her physician. We need to think about the life of the unborn child. Hospitals are saving babies at 23 weeks. If a pregnant mom is shot and killed and the unborn baby dies, is it a double homicide? How many months do you feel it is acceptable for an unborn child to be aborted? 9 months, 8 months, 7 months? I will represent those that I serve if elected, but I believe that people need to understand the meaning of the laws in place and the consequences.
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. Oppose; I don't agree with amending the constitution, but I do agree that we need laws to protect parents rights.
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; Lets allow teachers to teach. Our schools are failing our children. Social issues are not the responsibility of schools to teach children.
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; We need to ensure we are protecting our children while not taking away adult rights
5. *Delaware law should protect Title IX fairness and the integrity of women's sports. (SB 191, 2024)*
   a. Support.
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).*

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    Support.

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; A person's health is that person's choice how to manage with educated information from medical personnel. We have agencies like hospice that are experts helping people with end of life and dying with dignity.

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.

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.

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; There should be a nonpartisan effort to enforce and clean up voter roles working with the department of elections, DMV and the social security administration