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1. Abortion is the intentional act of ending the life of another human being, while in the womb. Lawmakers should work to promote and protect the value of human life from conception to natural death, rather than further expansions of abortion access. (HB126-2026; HB42-2025; HB 148-2024)

RESPONSE Agree

I am firmly and unequivocally pro-life. I believe that every human life is a precious gift that deserves protection, dignity, and a voice. Protecting the most vulnerable among us is a core value that defines who we are as Wyomingites. However, I also believe that true leadership requires deep compassion, empathy, and a respect for the harrowing realities that some women are forced to face. For this reason, my pro-life position includes non-negotiable provisions for cases of rape and incest. Women who have survived these horrific acts of violence have already endured unimaginable trauma. They have been stripped of their choices, their safety, and their peace of mind by someone else's criminal misdeed. If a survivor determines that she is physically or emotionally unable to bear the burden of that trauma through pregnancy, it must legally be her choice. If a woman chooses to carry the child to term and place it for adoption because of her own personal principles, our state should support and honor that beautiful choice with every resource available. But she must never be forced by the government to do so. We must protect her right to make that deeply personal medical decision in consultation with her doctors and her faith, without the state forcing further suffering upon her. True advocacy for life means supporting the living as well as the unborn, protecting survivors, and ensuring our laws reflect both principle and profound human mercy.

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2. The danger of chemical abortion has been heavily researched (see EPPC study). Lawmakers should work to ensure that women are fully informed and receive a medical examination prior to receiving such drugs. (HB64-2025; HB117-2026)

RESPONSE Agree

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3. Individuals and faith-based entities should have the right of conscience to freely live out their sincerely held convictions without fear of government infringement or retaliation. (HB 207-2025; SF 77-2025)

RESPONSE Strongly Agree

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4. Medical personnel should not be required to participate in any medical procedure or service that conflicts with the individual's sincerely held moral, ethical, or religious beliefs. (SF111-2023; HB143-2026)

RESPONSE Agree

I believe we must balance protecting a provider's religious freedom with ensuring patients-especially in rural districts-do not lose access to essential health services."

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5. Lawmakers should protect minors by ensuring that government-funded spaces, including libraries and public schools, restrict access to sexually explicit content, while recognizing the right of parents to make decisions regarding their minor children's access to such materials. (HB10-2026)

RESPONSE Agree

I support clear, age-appropriate guidelines in public spaces, but these rules must be narrowly defined by local community standards to prevent overreach and ensure parents maintain ultimate authority over their own children."

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6. Wyoming should recognize biological differences between men and women and protect girls' sports, locker rooms, and sex-designated spaces. (SF 44-2025; SF 62-2025; HB 72-2025; HB 32-2025; SF133-2023)

RESPONSE Agree

"I agree. Biological differences matter, especially in competitive sports and private spaces. We must protect the integrity of women's sports and preserve the privacy rights of girls and women in locker rooms and restrooms."

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7. Lawmakers should support legislation that helps parents stand up to government entities that attempt to circumvent their rights in raising their children. (Sf 09-2024; HB 200-2025)

RESPONSE Agree

"I support the core principle that parents must be deeply involved in their children's education and healthcare. However, legislation must be carefully crafted to ensure we protect parental rights without creating administrative gridlock or compromising the immediate safety of a child in crisis."

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8. Lawmakers should allow education funding to follow the child and protect parents' freedom to choose public, public charter, private, or homeschool options. (HB 166-2024; SF 61-2024; HB 199-2025; HB 94-2025; HB 46-2025; HB 23-2026)

RESPONSE Agree

"I support giving parents flexible options, but we must protect our public schools, which serve as the backbone of our rural communities. I favor solutions that expand parental choices without undermining the resource base of traditional public education

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9. Lawmakers should support open enrollment policies that allow students to attend schools regardless of their geographic address. (SF 109-2025)

RESPONSE **Agree**

"I support open enrollment as a concept, but decisions on transfers must be left entirely to local school boards rather than state mandates. Local districts are best equipped to manage their own building capacities, staffing levels, and student transportation needs."

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10. Lawmakers should ensure that public schools and post-secondary educational institutions do not seek to enforce DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) mandates, which promote discrimination by dividing individuals into classes of "oppressed" and "oppressor." (SF 103-2025; HB 147-2025)

RESPONSE **Agree**

I agree. Taxpayer-funded institutions should never enforce mandates that divide individuals into racial or social classes of oppressors and victims. Our schools must be rooted in unity, equal opportunity, individual merit, and colorblind standards."

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