



FAMILY POLICY COUNCIL WEST VIRGINIA

2020 PRIMARY CANDIDATE SURVEY FAITH * FAMILY * FREEDOM POLICIES

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FAITH 1. In 2017 Noah's Ark Experience visitors produced \$330M dollars in tourism revenue for Kentucky. To maintain the developers' public religious expression, employees must adhere to the Ark Experience's religious ethics, including honesty and biblical sexuality. The Ark Experience and its \$330M tourism dollars wouldn't exist without Kentucky's Religious Freedom Restoration Act that protects the developers' right to operate according to their mission. Knowing this, would you:

- Vote for a Religious Freedom Restoration Act to ensure West Virginians have the right to develop and run their businesses according to their beliefs and encourage similar projects here.
- Vote against a RFRA; this is a way to discriminate against LGBT persons in employment.

2. Twelve West Virginia city councils have now codified lawsuits and fines for artists and private creative business owners if they publicly object to using their creative and artistic talents for messaging and projects that violate the owner's personal faith and business model.

- I support this expansion of civil rights beyond Supreme Court precedent and beyond WV state law to ensure every customer has the backing of law to demand that a business owner comply with requests.
- I support reigning in activist city councils in order to protect private property rights and ensure they follow current state and federal law regarding civil rights.

FAMILY 3. The Protect Women's Sports Act was introduced during the 2020 legislative session and will provide a change in law that protects the integrity of girls' middle school, high school and college athletics by designating their competitions exclusively according to female chromosomal, biological sex.

- I support the Protect Women's Sports Act because young women and girls should not be forced into athletic competitions with males.
- I oppose the Protect Women's Sports Act because I believe it discriminates against males who self-identify as trans-women.

4. The Youth Mental Health Protection Act bans parents from using therapy services unless the therapist agrees to promote homosexual sexual activity as normative and would ban a sexually confused teen from voluntarily seeking counseling from a licensed therapist. If the talk therapy includes any hetero-normative statements then the therapist loses her license and parents could lose custody. My position:

- I DON'T Support this bill, both parents and sexually confused teens need to have access to therapy that meets their personal goals. Licensed therapists in WV must have freedom of speech and the freedom of religious expression to engage in their work efforts free of government overreach.
- I DO Support this bill, conversion therapy is an attempt by religiously-focused therapists to convert gay kids into being straight.



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5. Creating Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) allows all parents the choice to send their child to any public, private, religious or home school without paying for that education twice, once to the county and once for private tuition. My position:

- Teachers unions oppose ESAs, and I back the union. I don't believe parents should have a choice. I'll focus more on public teacher pay, PEIA and benefits.
- I'll vote to let parents choose the best education option for their family with their tax dollars.

FREEDOM 6. I encourage West Virginia to join Tennessee, Arkansas and North Carolina and pass a private spaces safety law. I'll vote for common sense and prevent the state from requiring private businesses to allow men into bath and locker room facilities marked for women.

- I disagree. No person, regardless of their genes or biology, should ever be denied access to the locker room showers or bathrooms of their choice. That's discrimination and women should get over it.
- I agree, humans are a binary species, male and female.
- I'll sign my name to sponsor a bill protecting the privacy, dignity and safety of women and girls, and any owner or management that designates usage according to human biology.

7. Physician-assisted suicide should be legal in West Virginia.

- Yes, but only in situations that are tragic. Disagree, all life has value until natural death.

8. Please designate for our voting constituents what percentage pro-abortion you are.

- I am 100% pro-abortion – on demand, anytime and for any reason,
- I am 75% pro-abortion – on demand, anytime but NOT with my tax dollars.
- I am 50% pro-abortion – should be available up to 20 weeks, before babies feel pain.
- I am 25% pro-abortion – I think it's sometimes necessary to protect the life of the mother.
- I am 0% pro-abortion because abortion is always elective, never medically necessary and it's a baby!

9. Religious student groups that require their members and leadership to adhere to the Bible or Torah or the Koran's teachings regarding human sexuality are being thrown off campus by college administrations for discrimination. A Campus Free Speech Protection bill would prevent WVU, Marshall or any other public college from restricting the free speech rights of students and from engaging in viewpoint discrimination.

- Disagree, free speech can be harmful and can trigger hurt feelings; no private student group should be allowed to discriminate based on a student's sexual orientation or gender identity, regardless of their religious beliefs or conscience.
- Agree, the constitutional rights of free speech and freedom of association may not be restricted on our campuses in this manner, and I will sponsor or vote for a bill protecting these rights of our students.

10. Gambling is a good way to bring West Virginia into prosperity. Let's continue to offer tax dollars for greyhound and horse racing.

- Disagree, we can't gamble our way to prosperity and I will not vote to expand gambling in any way.
- Agree, it was just tax money left on the table, why not take it?