

Natrona County Republican Party

Platform (Planks)

A. Jobs and the Economy

The Natrona County Republican Party. . .

1. Believes we should continue to develop, maintain, and improve a favorable climate for the free market that includes reducing regulations and tax reform that simplifies the tax code, broadens the tax base, and reduces marginal tax rates.
2. Believes that the multiple uses of public lands promote jobs and the economy.
3. Believes in a State of Wyoming comprehensive policy to encourage the responsible development of all Wyoming's natural resources.
4. Believes Wyoming should remain a right-to-work state.
5. Believes in the free market and the right to an equal opportunity for all private businesses and therefore opposes all economic development that uses taxpayer funds and Government laws that aid one business or group of businesses over another business or group of businesses.

B. Crime and Law

The Natrona County Republican Party...

1. Believes that state and local governments within clearly stated Constitutional limits must promote and protect the rights, persons, and property of their citizens. Law enforcement officials shall not hinder the rights of the free citizens to defend and protect themselves, family, and property, including the right to bear arms.
2. Believes in sentencing to impose appropriate strict and severe penalties on crimes including restitution and reparations to victims and their families.
3. Believes that criminals should not profit from their crimes; and therefore, supports criminal forfeiture after conviction for the crime; but believes that people are innocent until proven guilty; and therefore, opposes civil asset forfeiture.
4. Believes the State of Wyoming should pursue judicial accountability in the sentencing of sexual predators according to statute and reflective of the individual severity of the crime.
5. Believes United States law is derived from our founding documents based on the United States Constitution; and we reject incompatible law and foreign precedents.
6. Believes that free citizens are primarily responsible for their own security and that the purpose of police forces is to augment, not replace, that security.
7. Believes in equal rights, equal justice, and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, sex, age, or disability.
8. Believes all Agenda 21 and Vision 20-20 ideology and applications in the use of land, agriculture, and environment are incompatible with the United States Constitution. The sole purpose of law is to secure our unalienable rights given to us by our Creator, which among them are the protection of life from conception to natural death, liberty, and property. All such laws are based on natural and revealed law.

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C. Land, Agriculture, and Environment

The Natrona County Republican Party...

1. Believes that land is one of our most valuable resources and that it should be used as fully as possible. Believes in the multiple uses of public lands. People should be allowed to use their private land for whatever use they desire, as long as they do not cause irreparable harm to their land or the land around them.
 - a. Believes we should oppose any additional road less, wilderness, or special interest area destinations with State and split estate lands.
 - b. Believes in the control of Wyoming wildlife by State law and/or agencies without Federal interference.
 - c. Believes in predator control as a management tool to protect wildlife, agriculture, and public safety without Federal interference.
 - d. Believes split estate lands and uses should be returned to State control.
2. Believes in the State development and management of upstream water storage and other water projects to benefit Wyoming's economy and opposes any attempt by the Federal Government, other states and downstream users to encroach upon water rights belonging to, and administered by, the State of Wyoming.
3. Believes in any action that assures Wyoming's primacy over its air, land, and water, or the doctrine of prior appropriation.
4. Believes there should be no net increase in acreage of State land, except by return of public land, and that land swaps should involve like acres. Believes any land swap should include public access to any public lands that it would close off or restrict.
5. Believes in the protection of private property rights with respect to the effects of eminent domain.
6. Livestock and Agriculture:
 - a. Believes in programs to prevent and/or eradicate transmittable diseases such as brucellosis and chronic wasting disease to maintain the health of Wyoming's livestock and wildlife.
 - b. Believes in a policy of no introduction, reintroduction, or protection of any wildlife or wild plant species without valid scientific data, local and State participation, and consideration of the associated socio-economic impacts.
 - c. Believes the State of Wyoming should fund the Wyoming State Fair and continue support of 4-H, FFA, Ag in the Classroom, Cooperative Extension Services, and other educational opportunities for youth.

D. Government and Budgets

The Natrona County Republican Party...

1. Believes in the concept of "government which governs least, governs best."
 - a. Believes good government is based on protecting individual rights using minimal government regulations.
 - b. Believes in keeping the power in the people's hands by electing their officials rather than appointed positions.

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- c. Believes in the continued pursuit of responsible reduction in spending, elimination of unnecessary or ineffective programs and utilization of existing financial resources.
2. Believes that State and local government should not directly compete with NOR subsidized private enterprise.
3. Believes in our rights as stated in the United States and Wyoming Constitutions. Believes, excluding the Federal Government's enumerated powers, Wyoming State Sovereignty and laws override Federal laws, rules, etc.
4. Believes we should oppose a State Income Tax.
 - a. Believes we should reject tax increases.
 - b. Believes taxation should be equitable and predictable and State and local government must work together to ensure a fair and accurate tax system.
 - c. Believes in the investing of surplus State funds in trust with the goal of proportionately reducing State sales tax and property tax.
5. Believes that open carry and carrying a concealed personal weapon is a right.
6. Believes in a balanced budget achieved by adherence to the United States Constitution.
7. Believes "one nation under God" in the United States Pledge of Allegiance is a basic part of the foundation of Wyoming and the United States of America.
 - a. Believes that the founding of our Country is based on Judeo-Christian values.
8. Believes that allowing voter registration on Election Day is an invitation to election fraud and should be eliminated for primary and general elections, and that voters should be required to produce a valid Government issued photo facial identification prior to voting in primary and general elections.

E. Education

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1. Believes in education that stresses personal goals, accountability, parental and local control, and enhanced reading, science, and math skills, while also encouraging more flexibility for rural schools and special-needs children.
2. Believes in the teaching of factual, patriotic, and constitutional history and heritage of the United States.
 - a. Believes that Christianity should not be singled out for discriminatory purposes.
3. Believes that the State's commitment to education, including technical, vocational, community colleges, and the University of Wyoming, should remain among the highest priorities.
4. Believes that parents have the primary responsibility for their children's education and should have the right to choose the type and method of schooling for them, including parental rights:
 - a. To home school.
 - b. Believes that the Wyoming Department of Education should fund each child's K-12 education at the institution of the family's choice.

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5. Believes in school boards and parents maintaining local control of education.
 - a. Believes in voluntary prayer and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in its present form.
 - b. Believes in effective substance abuse education for, and encourages treatment for, expelled abusers prior to returning to school.
 - c. Believes English is the official language of the Wyoming and national educational system.
6. Believes we should oppose any teaching or encouragement of homosexuality as an acceptable alternative lifestyle in all public schools.
7. Believes in the closure of the Federal Department of Education.
8. Believes in State Sovereignty with regard to K-12 education and that we should not subscribe to the National "Common Core Standards" or any derivation of such, nor should we accept any Federal funding as an incentive to adopt National Common Core Standards.
9. Article I Section 24 of the Wyoming Constitution applies and protects the rights of Wyoming citizens to lawfully carry concealed firearms when visiting or working in a public school, college, or university.

F. Health and Society

The Natrona County Republican Party...

1. Believes that people should be able to make all decisions regarding their health care and should be able to choose to use traditional or alternative treatments and to help pay for health care. They should be able to choose health savings accounts, direct primary care traditional insurance purchased in any state in any form of insurance that is agreed upon by the person and the company/organization with which they desire to contract, or no form of insurance. The Government should have no role in health care other than to enforce the contract between the provider and patient or the payer and patient.
 - a. Believes averages used for determining costs should be State of Wyoming averages.
2. Believes we should oppose a federally controlled national health care system.
3. Believes we should support a range of reforms, including tort and insurance reform, and a medical review panel on the medical liability issue to retain health care professionals and improve the affordability and accessibility of health care.
4. Believes in the family as the basic building block of Wyoming society and the best source of information regarding the critical issues of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and teenage pregnancy. Local school districts and the State should coordinate with the family regarding these issues and should emphasize abstinence as the best method of preventing STDs and unwanted pregnancy.
5. Believes in an individual's right to die with dignity and continues to support their right to refuse medical treatment.
6. Believes we should support a state constitutional amendment to define marriage as a contract between one man and one woman.

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7. Believes the unborn child has a fundamental right to life that cannot be infringed.
 - a. Believes we should outlaw abortion unless life threatening.
 - b. Believes adoption is a preferred alternative to abortion and supports legislation that would encourage adoption and protecting adopting parents.
8. Believes we should support protection of the unalienable right to life from conception To natural death.

G. Immigration and (Illegal) Immigrants

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1. Believes in the adoption of a comprehensive plan for the incarceration and management of felons in Wyoming. The plan is to include incarceration and deportation details with regard to illegal aliens.
2. Believes we should support the deportation of illegal aliens.
3. Believes in an e-verify system for employers and strict penalties for employers who employ workers not properly documented on e-verify.
4. Believes that Wyoming is not a sanctuary state and that we oppose refugee centers in Wyoming.

H. Energy

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1. Believes we should oppose any legislation enacting a cap and trade system.
2. Believes we should consider the transfer of Federal lands and minerals under the surface within Wyoming to the State of Wyoming.
3. Believes in energy independence; and therefore, believes we should reduce regulations and allow the free market to develop ALL forms of energy without interference from regulations or subsidies and that the Government should never be the one to choose one form of energy over another.
4. Believes we should reduce federal regulations.

I. Foreign Policy and Defense

The Natrona County Republican Party...

1. Believes in a sufficient budget for military and national defense, reservists, and National Guard.
2. Believes in the development of free allies around the world, not client states.
3. Believes we should defend our national borders.
4. Believes in foreign aid based upon country and circumstance.
5. Believes in maintaining existing military installations in Wyoming.
6. Believes the President should not commit combat troops or military force without a declaration of war by Congress.
7. Believes in the withdrawal of the United States from the United Nations.