

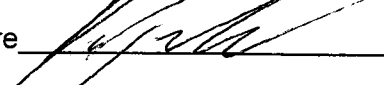
ARIZONA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

2010 Survey Questions for Candidates

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Please circle the response that most accurately reflects your position on the following issues. Thank you.
 (S = Support; O = Oppose)

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| 1. | Allowing parents to use tax credits, vouchers, or education savings accounts to enable children to attend any public, private, or home school. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> S | <input type="radio"/> O |
| 2. | Prohibiting embryonic stem cell research. | <input type="radio"/> S | <input checked="" type="radio"/> O |
| 3. | Legalizing physician-assisted suicide. | <input type="radio"/> S | <input checked="" type="radio"/> O |
| 4. | Excluding newborn children conceived while their mothers were receiving welfare from the calculation of the family's welfare cash grant. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> S | <input type="radio"/> O |
| 5. | Prohibiting state and local government agencies, including police departments, from accepting matricula consular cards as a form of identification. | <input type="radio"/> S | <input checked="" type="radio"/> O |
| 6. | Amending the United States Constitution to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman. | <input type="radio"/> S | <input checked="" type="radio"/> O |
| 7. | Providing abortions with government funding. | <input type="radio"/> S | <input checked="" type="radio"/> O |
| 8. | Establishing and maintaining a statewide public defender's office to provide adequate legal representation to those facing the death penalty. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> S | <input type="radio"/> O |
| 9. | Making the presence of undocumented immigrants in Arizona a state crime. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> S | <input type="radio"/> O |
| 10. | Mandating healthcare providers to facilitate the distribution of "emergency contraception" (i.e., morning after pills). | <input type="radio"/> S | <input checked="" type="radio"/> O |
| 11. | Simplifying the existing tax credit for donations made to nonprofit charitable organizations serving the working poor so that people who do not itemize their taxes are eligible to participate. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> S | <input type="radio"/> O |
| 12. | Creating a temporary guest worker program to provide foreign workers to Arizona employers experiencing a labor shortage. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> S | <input type="radio"/> O |

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1. Allowing parents to use tax credits, vouchers, or educational savings accounts to enable children to attend any public, private or home school.

[Support] Everyone pays taxes that go to support public schools, even those of us who don't have children. It's only fair that parents who choose another means of education for their children should be able to use the money that would otherwise go toward public schools for the education method of their choice.

Some argue that voucher systems amount to state sponsorship of religion, since many private schools are of a religious nature. However, this is not a case of the state giving money to parents to send their children to religious school, but rather a case of the parents not having to pay taxes on public schools if they choose an alternative for their children. The key here must be that any vouchers are provided as a tax credit, and cannot be greater than the tax amount that the family would otherwise pay toward supporting public schools.

2. Prohibiting embryonic stem cell research.

[Oppose] I cannot see any reason to prohibit embryonic stem cell research other than a religious argument based on human beings having souls from the moment an ovum is fertilized. Due to the separation of church and state guaranteed to us by the US Constitution, in order to support legislation prohibiting embryonic stem cell research, a secular argument would need to be presented in order to gain my support for government prohibition of embryonic stem cell research.

3. Legalizing physician-assisted suicide.

[Oppose] I think every person has the right to end their own life, as a matter of personal choice. However, if euthanasia should become a legal option then it may, in some cases, become the recommended or expected option. An individual should never feel pressured in any way by family or society to end their own life for any reason.

As individuals we still retain the ability to end our own lives in most situations. I don't think we need to make it legal given the practical implications.

4. Excluding newborn children conceived while their mothers were receiving welfare from the calculation of the family's welfare cash grant.

[Support] The government should not provide incentive for women who are currently on welfare to have more children before they are able to support themselves.

5. Prohibiting state and local government agencies, including police departments, from accepting matricula consular cards as a form of identification.

[Oppose] The Matricula Consular card is a means of identification, not a proof of residency. In cases where identification is the objective, the Matricula Consular card is a reasonable form of documentation.

6. Amending the United States Constitution to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

[Oppose] Marriage was not created by the state, it is merely recognized by the state. If two people, regardless of gender or orientation, choose to declare a social bond between one another (calling it marriage or whatever they like), it's none of anyone's business, certainly not that of the government.

The wording "one man and one woman" seems rather arbitrary, since most religious texts seem to grant permission to marriages involving multiple partners. Every individual has a right to make personal choices, and those that disagree with those choices for religious reasons can take comfort in knowing that the offending parties will suffer whatever eternal consequences they have coming.

How to recognize various types of unions may be a matter for the government as it pertains to governmental interests such as child rearing, but creating arbitrary definitions regarding personal unions is certainly not the business of the government, and suggesting a constitutional amendment in an attempt to enforce one person's morality on another is simply ridiculous.

Stripping away personal freedoms from one individual or group of people, no matter how far removed they may be from ourselves, inevitably makes it easier for someone else to strip away our own personal freedoms.

7. Providing abortions with government funding.

[Oppose] There is enough debate regarding abortion in our country today that using taxpayer money to fund abortion is inadvisable in most cases. I would, however, make an exception for cases in which a pregnancy puts the mother's life in jeopardy.

8. Establishing and maintaining a statewide public defender's office to provide adequate legal representation to those facing the death penalty.

[Support] I support the death penalty in principle, but due to the flaws inherent in our current legal system, wrongful convictions do occur on occasion, which makes the system problematic in practice and is why I am actually an opponent of the death penalty. Every prisoner facing the death penalty should have access to an adequate defense.

9. Making the presence of undocumented immigrants in Arizona a state crime.

[Support] It's not unreasonable that immigrants in a foreign land should be required to show proper documentation. However, enforcement and penalties must be carefully measured.

10. Mandating healthcare providers to facilitate the distribution of "emergency contraception" (i.e., morning after pills).

[Oppose] A private healthcare provider, such as a Catholic hospital, should not be required to provide products or services that go against the principles of that organization.

11. Simplifying the existing tax credit for donations made to nonprofit charitable organizations serving the working poor so that people who do not itemize their taxes are eligible to participate.

[Support] In general I tend to favor simplification and lower taxes, so I mark "support" as my response to this question. However, the actual mathematics of the tax credits I will leave for another discussion.

12. Creating a temporary guest worker program to provide foreign workers to Arizona employers experiencing a labor shortage.

[Support] This question is phrased in such a way that it's win-win:

- 1 The guest worker program is temporary
- 2 The guest worker program is conducted in a documented, legal manner
- 3 Guest workers get opportunities in Arizona
- 4 Arizona employers have a means to fill a genuine labor shortage