



WyGO PAC (Wyoming Gun Owners)

2010 Candidate Survey

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Thank you for participating in the WyGO PAC Survey.

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1. Law-abiding citizens have the right to carry a weapon, with or without a government issued permit, in any place that they have a right to be.

Yes _____ No _____

2. Article 1 Section 24 of the Wyoming Constitution means what it says. Our right to bear arms must not be subject to local laws or infringements.

Yes _____ No _____

3. Article 1 Section 7 of the Wyoming Constitution guarantees that even by majority individual rights shouldn't be infringed, it also confirms Wyoming is a Republic and not a Democracy.

True _____ False _____

4. Article 1 Section 1 of the Wyoming Constitution says that "all power is inherent in the people" yet Government officials including Judges have ignored this statute for too long.

True _____ False _____

5. Wyoming's Law-abiding citizens have the right to defend themselves at any time or in any place they have a right to be.

Yes _____ No _____

6. Laws that impair the right of law-abiding citizens to defend themselves should be repealed, this includes restrictions on concealed-carry.

Yes _____ No _____

7. Wyoming's most law-abiding citizens, permit holders, have the right to carry their weapons in all government buildings including the Capitol and onto the grounds of schools, colleges and universities in order to be able to protect themselves from criminals.

Yes _____ No _____

8. The Wyoming Police Union (Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chief of Police) has become one of the loudest voices against legislation restoring the freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution. Since the police work for "we the people" and their job is to enforce law and not make it, will you take a stand against their lobby when it comes to individual rights.

Yes _____ No _____

9. Open Carry is the longest standing expression of the right to bear arms in America as well as Wyoming. Will you promise to OPPOSE any and all NEW restrictions on OPEN CARRY?

Yes _____ No _____

10. Many states have "reciprocity" arrangements where they recognize each other's concealed carry permits. Other states unilaterally recognize all other states' concealed handgun permit. The more states that Wyoming recognizes, the more states that will recognize Wyoming.

a. Will you vote FOR legislation recognizing ALL other states' concealed carry permits?

Yes _____ No _____

b. Will you Sponsor or Co-Sponsor legislation recognizing ALL other states' concealed carry permits?

Yes _____ No _____

11. Vermont has one of the lowest violent crime rates in the nation. Vermont law in the form of “Constitutional Statute” recognizes that every citizen has the right to carry a gun, openly or concealed, except to commit a crime. Thus, with no government bureaucracy or license, Vermont citizens can defend themselves. Criminals who use arms, however, are severely punished. The major danger of a concealed carry permit system is that it is the slippery slope to registration and confiscation. It moves us in the direction of New York, where one must have a permit just to possess. It creates two classes of gun owners - those with rights and those without rights. The best solution for Wyoming is found in a Vermont style carry with an exception that allows in-state residents to voluntarily apply for a concealed carry permit so that they can be legally carry when traveling out of state.

a. Will you vote FOR constitutional-carry legislation which would eliminate all requirements to pay fees and register gun owners and simply allow LAW-ABIDING citizens to carry firearms openly or concealed (at the individual's discretion) for any reason except for the commission of a crime? There would be an exception for those who voluntarily apply for permits to use when traveling out of state.

Yes _____ No _____

b. Will you Sponsor or Co-Sponsor legislation to enact constitutional-carry legislation in Wyoming?

Yes _____ No _____

12. The last attempts at permit free concealed carry in Wyoming were plagued with amendments including a requirement for proof of training, this training requirement undermines the original intent of the legislation. There was also an “inform and disarm” clause. This is where you must surrender your firearm to a police officer even during a traffic stop, this would re-write the constitutional protections of the fourth and fifth amendments. We contend that your personal firearms are just that, private and personal. The fact is a “criminal” would never comply with such demands to hand over a firearm, so why should law abiding citizens be required to do so.

a. Will you oppose any such language that undermines the original intent of constitutional-carry legislation and protect the 4th and 5th amendments?

Yes _____ No _____

b. Will you Sponsor or Co-Sponsor legislation to enact constitutional-carry without limits to constitutional protections?

Yes _____ No _____

13. Most firearms experts recognize that mechanical devices, such as trigger locks, create an extremely dangerous condition, whereby a gun can be fired accidentally. These dangerous "lock up your safety" devices may render a handgun ineffective when most needed and leave an individual or family defenseless and vulnerable to attack. Additionally, trigger locks create a false sense of security similar to that created when child safety caps were mandated which resulted in a significant increase in child poisonings when parents came to rely on the "safety" caps rather than education to protect their children.

Will you vote AGAINST government mandated use of trigger locks or other such hazardous "safety" devices which have the effect of making it difficult, if not impossible, to have a gun available to defend your home and family?

Yes _____ No _____

14. Gun control advocates and the news media have made a concerted effort to demonize gun shows as a place where criminals have ready access to firearms. Gun control advocates also attempt to register all guns and gun owners. The lesson of history is that gun and gun owner registration is the first step to gun confiscation.

Will you vote AGAINST any legislation designed to limit or curtail gun shows in Wyoming, including legislation to make all PRIVATE sales go through a background check?

Yes _____ No _____

Will you vote AGAINST any legislation to require registration of guns and gun owners when selling a gun lawfully in a private sale or when giving a gun lawfully as a gift?

Yes _____ No _____

14. Gun control advocates have attempted to ban various classes of firearms and related items such as semi-automatic copies of military rifles and carbines (strictly due to their cosmetic appearance when they are, in fact, identical in function to standard semi-automatic hunting rifles), inexpensive and affordable handguns (erroneously called "Saturday Night Specials"), high-capacity magazines, etc.

Will you OPPOSE ALL gun bans?

Yes _____ No _____

16. Gun control advocates have turned to “lead bullet bans” and ammo registration schemes.

a. Will you oppose legislation that bans lead ammunition or requirements to register or ID to purchase ammo?

Yes _____ No _____

b. Will you Sponsor or Co-Sponsor legislation to protect against ammo regulation including legislation to nullify all lead ammo bans?

Yes _____ No _____

17. Gun owners deserve to know on the record where their elected officials stand.

Will you PROMISE, not withstanding the objections of your colleagues who do not want to vote on the record on your gun bill, to FORCE a recorded vote on the gun bills you Sponsor or Co-Sponsor.

Yes _____ No _____

18. Wyoming statute states that to carry a concealed weapon on a college campus you must first get the written consent of the security director of the campus. We have documented that all eight campuses within the Wyoming public system the person in charge of this “permission” have denied permit holders from carrying. In every college shooting just one armed individual could have changed the outcome, in the Virginia Tech shooting it could have saved countless lives.

a. Will you Support legislation to allow Wyoming’s most law-abiding citizens, concealed carry permit holders, to carry concealed on Wyoming campuses?

Yes _____ No _____

b. Will you Sponsor or Co-Sponsor legislation to allow for campus concealed-carry by permit holders?

Yes _____ No _____

c. Will you vote for legislation and floor offered budget amendments to discourage campus policies that prohibit concealed carry?

Yes _____ No _____

19. Some well-meaning but misguided politicians are advocating the so-called concept of 'negligent storage' of guns. They want to impose civil penalties on gun owners whose guns are used in crimes by people who live in or enter their homes. All this does is demonize guns and punishes gun owners for the crimes of others.

Will you OPPOSE so-called negligent storage legislation?

Yes _____ No _____

20. Federal lawmakers snuck the concept of Dangerous ID –the so called Read ID Act of 2005 into federal law in a midnight appropriations bill for Tsunami relief. Dangerous ID will eventually make all your private financial and medical information available not only to the government but to high tech computer pirates. The ability to get on a plane, get a job, or open a bank account will be under control of the federal government.

Will you OPPOSE funding for implementation of Dangerous ID?

Yes _____ No _____

Will you Support laws opting Wyoming out of Dangerous ID or strengthening existing laws?

Yes _____ No _____

21. During the 2008 Legislative Session, the legislature struck down the "stand your ground" provisions in the Castle Doctrine legislation. A few legislators said "there will be blood in the streets", it appeared that they were alright with law abiding citizen's being in the line of fire and instead were on the side of the violent criminals. Legislation of this kind states that if you use lethal force to defend yourself or family against bodily injury or death wherever you may be, (for instance against an armed robber in a convenience store) you have every right to do so without fear of action against you.

Will you vote FOR legislation to give citizens (including business owners) immunity from criminal prosecution and civil suit if they use a firearm to protect themselves or their families from a violent offender even away from home?

Yes _____ No _____

22. Wyoming statute prohibits the most law-abiding citizens, permit holders from carrying a concealed weapon in any meeting of a government entity, committee meetings and courtrooms. By contrast Texas law allows permit holders to bypass the security checkpoints and enter government buildings including the state Capitol while armed.

Will you vote FOR legislation to overturn this government building gun ban?

Yes _____ No _____

24. If a gun bill that you did not Sponsor or Co-Sponsor is not moving and the Director of Wyoming Gun Owners Association asks you to use a procedural motion to get the desired results, will you **PROMISE** to do so for at least one gun bills per year?

Yes _____ No _____

25. Federal laws and mandates have become far to reaching causing Wyoming citizens to be legislated out of their rights for example, by a lawmaker in New York or California. Will you as a Wyoming legislator push back at this over reaching agenda by **Sponsoring** and **Co-Sponsoring** Tenth Amendment or “Nullification” Legislation?

Yes _____ No _____

26. Feel free to write any comments you feel necessary. Skipping this is viewed neither positively nor negatively.

Candidate Name (Please Print) _____

Candidate Signature _____ Date _____