

2024 State Assembly and Senate Candidate Questionnaire

The ACLU of Wisconsin respectfully requests responses to the questions below regarding your positions on civil rights and liberties issues impacting Wisconsinites.

The questions and answers, if received in time, will be published on the ACLU of Wisconsin website and potentially used in other formats. If you do not respond, the publication will state "Refused to Respond."

Please send responses in this fillable PDF via email to Amanda Merkwae at amerkwae@aclu-wi.org or by mail to 207 E. Buffalo St., Suite 325, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202 by **Tuesday, August 6, 2024.**

Name

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Website

Office Sought: Assembly Senate District Number

Party Affiliation(s)

Question 1: If elected, would you vote against an abortion ban?

Yes No

Please write any comments you might have in the box provided below.

I'm running for assembly to return reproductive healthcare decisions to patients, not politicians. We must legally protect our right to make reproductive healthcare decisions, or we're only as safe as the latest appeal of our outdated laws. I would vote against an abortion ban.

Question 2: If elected, would you vote against restrictions on contraception and in vitro fertilization (IVF)?

Yes No

Please write any comments you might have in the box provided below.

Wisconsinites need to be able to make the right choices for them. Just because not everyone would use it does not mean these services should be inaccessible. Contraception gives couples choice in when they are ready to start families in addition to preventing STDs. I would vote against restrictions on reproductive freedoms.

Question 3: Do you pledge to accept the results of the election, no matter who wins?

Yes No

Please write any comments you might have in the box provided below.

To question the election results is to question the integrity of our nation and its people. I have no choice but to accept the will of the people even if its different from my own. I pledge to accept the results of the election.

Question 4: Do you support the legalization, regulation, and taxation of marijuana for recreational use by adults 21 and over in Wisconsin?

Yes No

Please write any comments you might have in the box provided below.

Wisconsin is losing over half a billion dollars in taxable income yearly due to its refusal to legalize marijuana. Legalizing marijuana will free up cops for more important things while also providing tax revenue to bolster our Wisconsin municipalities. I support the legalization of marijuana in Wisconsin.

Question 5: Do you oppose government entities banning books from local libraries and schools due to content, ideas, or viewpoints expressed in the books?

Yes No

Please write any comments you might have in the box provided below.

Censorship of books due to thematic reasons undermines the effectiveness and integrity of our education systems. Books are a bridge to knowledge and we shouldn't be limiting peoples access to certain themes just because we don't like them. I oppose banning books in public libraries and schools.

Question 6: Would you vote to protect same-sex marriage in Wisconsin, no matter what is decided at the federal level?

Yes No

Please write any comments you might have in the box provided below.

Having the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness should also mean that we have the right to love whoever we want to pursue that American dream. I would vote to protect same-sex marriage in Wisconsin.