

BARRY EVAN SHORT	Short	72	Lib	<p>Yes, I support repeal of the death penalty. It is absolutely certain that innocent individuals have been executed in the past. My conscience cannot allow the state to kill on my behalf.</p>	<p>Assisted suicide. Yes, I would support assisted suicide legislation. Other people's lives are not my property, and I have no right nor any legitimate authority to prevent them from doing as they wish. I do not suggest that suicide is ever the right decision, but it would be unconscionable presumptions of me to make that decision for others.</p>	<p>No, I do not support further restrictions on abortion. Utah already has one of the lowest abortion rates in the country, and it's clear to me that the solution is to make abortion accessible or unnecessary, not unlawful. I support efforts to make birth control pills available OTC, at a highly reduced price, and immediately reduce the number of abortions by 50% or more.</p>	<p>I would consider legislation to make it possible to remove guns from the possession of a family member who is properly diagnosed as posing a risk and present threat to others. I would, however, be very wary of such a law being used improperly, and would want strong safeguards to prevent its abuse. The right to self-defense is one of the most fundamental of human rights, and must not be abridged casually.</p>	<p>Taxation is the separation of individuals from their rightfully gained property under a coercive threat of violence - surrender your property or be punished. A good legislator has a responsibility to limit taxes to no more than is absolutely necessary. I will consider any legislation that will reduce everyone's tax liability, but this case I am not convinced that the ETC is the best or most equitable way to accomplish that. Raising the personal exemption, to at least meet the poverty line, seems like a more even approach.</p>	<p>I support removing barriers that continue to limit the housing available, and also the housing options available. I do not support taxpayer-funded solutions, which always end up being just costs to taxpayers and are always far behind the demand curve, so forcing system needs to be repaired, not bandaged.</p>	<p>I do not support further regulatory controls on businesses: these always result in the loss of jobs. I do support expanding economic opportunities and creating a more inviting business climate in which businesses will be forced to compete for labor, which will result in their offering education, family leave, and other employee benefits in order to attract their desired employees. Labor scarcity is always the best driver of</p>	<p>I support legislation that would remove taxpayer support for traditional energy sources. No new taxpayer-supported refineries and pipelines, no tax that goes to energy producers to encourage them to expand. The way to level the energy playing field is to remove supports for fossil fuels, not by adding more taxpayer burdens for unproven technologies.</p>	<p>The release of pollutants into our air and water can be identified as an act of aggression, because it contaminates other people's property and as such the government has a role to play in its mitigation. The question, of course, is what is "reasonable". Most government regulation, unfortunately, doesn't prevent pollution, but rather enforces it. If you release less than 25, then your actions are legal. I want to remove those existing protections for corporate polluters.</p>	<p>I believe firmly that our open lands are Utah's great treasure. I would seek to defend the Governor's Office of Economic Development's taxation efforts, which while well-intentioned, have resulted in our parks being overused and overwhelmed, and our state resources taxed to their limit. I would seek new vision and possible expansion for our state park system, which rather enforces it. If the state's economy, not be a taxpayer burden, and, while I personally value access to our lands, I cannot presume that government ownership of land is required the best form of preservation. Join to the incredible New Mile</p>			
REX P SHEPP	Shepp	72	R													
ZENO B. PERRY	Perry	72	D													
PHILLYMAN	Lyman	73	R													
MARION M HOLLAND	Holland	73	None													
V. LOWRY SNOW	Snow	74	R													
DANIEL HOLLOWAY	Holloway	74	Lib													
				<p>I support repeal of the death penalty. Research shows it is extremely more costly than life in prison. It does not deter murder, AND wrongful convictions do occur, and I feel I rather have a guilty person in prison for life than to kill by death penalty one innocent person.</p>	<p>I support assisted suicide legislation, while also encouraging people not to do it as I find suicide mostly wrong personally, but people should be free to make their own choices about their life, and making a safe process for them to do when terminally ill seems like a choice between the patient and the doctor.</p>	<p>I am LDS and I believe in the LDS is wrong except in cases where there's consent for the life of the child is not expected to live long after birth, or in cases of rape and incest.</p>	<p>In order for someone's 2nd amendment right to be taken away there must be a documented process that would oppose any legislation that would remove any constitutional rights.</p>	<p>I support Earned Income Tax Credit legislation in Utah. I also support any and every tax cut legislation that comes forward.</p>	<p>I oppose legislative efforts to build tax cut legislation that should be left to individuals and the free market.</p>	<p>I would not support legislation to provide such services, but I do support companies to provide them and in a free market a company has incentives to offer benefits to it's employees.</p>	<p>I like the idea of renewable energy, but I support or oppose legislative efforts would depend on what the legislation does and if it fits the proper role of government.</p>	<p>Government regulation is rarely reasonable, and it is as effective as free market forces.</p>	<p>I support preservation of Utah's public lands.</p>			
WALT BROOKS	Brooks	75	R	<p>No, I value life, but I believe the option must be there. We must protect life, however those that are actively seeking to take it away from innocent must have all options available.</p>	<p>No, I have great empathy for those that are suffering. I watched my mother struggle with health issues that resulted in her passing. I believe we are to comfort and soothe those with those that suffer, not just look for the pain of least pain. This is difficult but I believe we should be empathetic and more patient and kind even when faced with such terrible afflictions. I believe God is in control and his ways are not our ways.</p>	<p>I value and when we lose that sense of value our country falters because we are turning away from the greatest God given gift, life. In case of the mother's life, would be an exception. However, in this case I believe all individual shows signs of causing EXTREME harm to others. Family should be able to use DJJ PROCESS to protect their own right to live just as the C articles. I would support a timely process to give due process in certain circumstances.</p>	<p>I stand firm for the 2nd Amendment. The C protects our rights but those rights do not extend to harm others. I have the right to own my arms, but that right ends before I hit your door. If an individual shows signs of causing EXTREME harm to others, family should be able to use DJJ PROCESS to protect their own right to live just as the C articles. I would support a timely process to give due process in certain circumstances.</p>	<p>Generally No. REFUNDABLE tax credits. For those that are struggling I support tax credits to reduce their tax burdens, but efforts not to the point where they are being paid. We have multiple social programs to help those in need and those that truly cannot pay taxes should not.</p>	<p>Generally No. However, there have been situations that have been between the employer and employee not the government.</p>	<p>I support paid family leave, but this should be between the employer and employee not the government.</p>	<p>We have to be careful not to be on the "bleeding edge" of technology. We have a responsibility to not frugal towards of tax payer moneys. The return on investment with many legislation does often be unsound even though it sounds good. There have been some additional efficiencies because renewable sources have forced coal based fuel plants to learn how to power up and down quicker and better resulting in overall improvements in how we utilize energy resources.</p>	<p>I do support efforts to improve air and water quality, however we have a responsibility to look up land and preventing such and the status quo.</p>	<p>Yes, I support preservation of Utah public lands. However I do not believe looking up land and preventing such conservation.</p>			
MICHAEL A GARDNER	Gardner	75	Lib	<p>Yes, repeal the death penalty.</p>	<p>Yes, I support assisted suicide. That doesn't mean I encourage it. I do support a patients right to choose it.</p>	<p>Yes, support legal abortion. I don't support abortion. I support that it is not a matter of the state. Not if it something that taxpayer or insurance should pay for. It is a choice, not a healthcare issue. In the case of a mothers physical life at risk, it then becomes a medical issue.</p>	<p>Yes, if a family member believes it best to have weapons removed from their home for any reason, they are free to do so. I oppose making it a matter of law.</p>	<p>No.</p>	<p>No, it is not the business of state to determine. And when the state becomes involved housing becomes less affordable.</p>	<p>No, if a business chooses to include paid family leave as a benefit, I support their freedom to run their business as they choose. As a matter of law, no.</p>	<p>No, it makes more sense for business to choose that route themselves.</p>	<p>No, your wording is too ambiguous. "Reasonable" is relative, what extent and at what cost. From a government bureaucratic view it looks very different than a business point of view. Yes, I would like clean air and water. Questioning massive legislation does not equate to wanting dirty air and water. I live in this beautiful state also.</p>	<p>Yes, but again it comes down to a question of what extent and at what cost.</p>			
KETH R. KELSCH	Kelsch	75	I	<p>I am not in favor of the death penalty unless the convicted choose to give his life. If they do not choose, the state cannot impose it.</p>	<p>No, I do not support this.</p>	<p>I do not support abortion. We need more local culture involved and less state subsidy.</p>	<p>Yes, but the only police powers should be given to courts, sheriffs, not the state.</p>	<p>Yes, this supports labor.</p>	<p>No, I have a proposal more focused on local philanthropy than state funding. I have 15 years experience in affordable housing and what we can do local is ignored.</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Support</p>				

All State House and Senate candidates were asked the following questions:

SANCTITY OF LIFE ISSUES:

Death Penalty: Do you support or oppose repeal of the death penalty in Utah, leaving life without parole as the highest level of penalty? Please provide a yes or no answer. You may also explain your answer if you would like, including specific proposals you might consider.

Assisted Suicide: Do you support or oppose assisted suicide legislation? Please provide a yes or no answer. You may also explain your answer if you would like, including specific proposals you might consider.

Abortion: Do you support or oppose abortions in all cases, except as required to save the life of the mother? Please provide a yes or no answer. You may also explain your answer if you would like, including specific proposals you might consider.

Gun Violence: Do you support or oppose legislation that would enable family members to seek removal of firearms when an individual shows imminent signs of causing extreme harm to self or others? Please provide a yes or no answer. You may also explain your answer if you would like, including specific proposals you might consider.

DIGNITY OF LIFE ISSUES:

Earned Income Tax Credit: Do you support or oppose Earned Income Tax Credit legislation in Utah? Please provide a yes or no answer. You may also explain your answer if you would like, including specific proposals you might consider.

Affordable Housing: Do you support or oppose legislative efforts to expand access to and inventory of affordable housing across Utah? Please provide a yes or no answer. You may also explain your answer if you would like, including specific proposals you might consider.

Family Leave: Do you support or oppose paid family leave for family members caring for a new or adopted child, or elderly or disabled family member? Please provide a yes or no answer. You may also explain your answer if you would like, including specific proposals you might consider.

CARE OF CREATION ISSUES:

Renewable Energy: Do you support or oppose legislative efforts to encourage renewable energy development? Please provide a yes or no answer. You may also explain your answer if you would like, including specific proposals you might consider.

Air and Water Quality: Do you support or oppose legislative efforts to improve Utah's air and water quality through reasonable business regulation? Please provide a yes or no answer. You may also explain your answer if you would like, including specific proposals you might consider.

Conservation: Do you support or oppose preservation of Utah's public lands for conservation? Please provide a yes or no answer. You may also explain your answer if you would like, including specific proposals you might consider.

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