



## **CPWYO Platform approved at the 2018 State Convention, Lusk, Wyoming**

### **Our Foundational Plank**

The only legitimate role of government is to secure our God-given right of life, liberty, and the ownership and control of property. Individuals have the right and responsibility to protect these God-given rights. Because government derives its power from the consent of the governed, the only power it rightfully has is to provide protection for these rights. When government assumes other functions, it becomes tyrannical.

### **Character & Moral Conduct**

Party leaders and candidates of the Constitution Party of Wyoming (CPWYO) are expected to be of good character -- exhibiting qualities of honesty, integrity, reliability, fidelity, prudence, temperance, justice, fortitude, and courage.

Each elected official of the Constitution Party will be conversant with the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Wyoming. These officials, party leaders, and all candidates for public office endorsed by the CPWYO must commit themselves to adhere to these qualities and this platform.

### **Defense**

We affirm that Wyoming has the right to a militia. We support an active, trained, and equipped state militia. We oppose any use of foreign forces on Wyoming soil and will not recognize orders or directives from the United Nations or any other international organization.

### **Cost of Big Government**

We propose to cut spending substantially by reducing the structure and function of Wyoming state government to their constitutional limits.

## Cronyism & Corruption

We favor competitive bidding for all Wyoming tax-financed projects. We oppose taxpayer money being given out as grants to businesses, preferring instead to let the free market and private initiative decide who will be economic winners and losers.

## Crime & Law Enforcement

The individual is the first line of defense against crime and shall not be subject to civil or criminal liability for practicing self-defense. Crime should be dealt with by state and local governments without unrequested federal intervention or use of military force. We support the traditional principle of the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878. The county sheriff is the primary law officer in his county; any active law enforcement entity who enters a county must obtain permission from the sheriff. We insist that the sheriff protect individuals against unconstitutional federal intrusion.

## Sanctity of Life

We oppose abortion and euthanasia. We affirm that human life begins at conception and stand for the protection of human life from conception to natural death.

## Education

We oppose accepting federal funds for education. The authority and responsibility of educating children belongs to their parents. We oppose compulsory attendance laws, testing, and taxation as mandated by the government. We support the unimpeded right of parents to provide for the education of their children in the manner they deem best, including home, private, religious, or other schools.

## Executive Orders

We oppose executive orders that usurp the constitutional authority of the legislative or judicial branches of the federal government or the constitutional authority of the state or of the people.

## Family

The law of our Creator defines marriage as the covenanted union between one man and one woman, which is the foundation of the family. We oppose any legal recognition of homosexual "marriage" or civil unions and oppose government funding of benefits for partners of unmarried individuals.

## Gun Control

The God-given unalienable right to keep and bear arms is guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and the Declaration of Rights in the Wyoming State Constitution. We uphold this right, and oppose all attempts to control or restrict the possession and use of guns and ammunition. We oppose attempts to require registration of guns and ammunition.

## Health Care & Government

We oppose any federal intrusion in health care, including health insurance. We support the freedom to choose medical coverage and treatment without government interference. We support the nullification of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.

## Religion

The Constitution of the United States grants no authority to the federal government either to grant or deny the religious expressions of its citizens in any place.

## State & Federal Relations

Whereas the acceptance of federal funds always results in the imposition of federal regulations, we support operating Wyoming government without federal funds to avoid federal regulations.

## Constitutional Amendments

We favor amending the Constitution of the United States through the traditional congressional method that has protected our freedoms for more than two centuries. We oppose the calling of any constitutional convention(s) by Congress by application of state legislatures.

## Privacy

We oppose all warrantless federal and state electronic surveillance as violations of the natural right to privacy guaranteed in the Ninth and Tenth Amendments. We therefore oppose national databases of citizens' personal information and national identification cards or numbers for people.

## Searches and Seizures

We affirm that the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution forbids activity such as general and warrantless electronic surveillance.

## Land

We affirm that the U.S. Constitution forbids the federal ownership of land within states' borders except for constitutional military bases.

## Welfare

The provision of charity by any government is not only unconstitutional, it is immoral and socially destructive. Under no circumstances should citizens be taxed to fund welfare. Charity must be voluntary. Individuals, families, religious entities, and other private organizations are God's intended providers.

## Wildlife

We affirm that the state of Wyoming has the right to manage all wildlife within its confines for the benefit of the people.

## Emergency Management

We support Wyoming managing its own emergencies to the exclusion of federal agencies.

## State Sovereignty

All powers relating to Wyoming, its people, lands, and issues not specifically delegated to the United States by the Constitution nor prohibited by it to Wyoming, are reserved to the state of Wyoming itself or its people.

## Nullification

We affirm the natural right of the states to nullify the actions of federal agencies and court decisions that usurp powers not enumerated to them by the U.S. Constitution.

## Presidential Electors

We advocate the selection of Wyoming Presidential electors in the following manner: one by the Wyoming Senate, one by the Wyoming House of Representatives, and one by popular vote in each congressional district. We oppose the participation of Wyoming in the National Popular Vote Compact that requires participating states' presidential electors to vote for the winner of the maximum nationwide popular vote.

## Private Property

Ownership and control of personal and private property is an unalienable right and key to a successful free market. We oppose the actions of any entities (organizations, agencies, persons) that would diminish private property rights.

We favor specific Wyoming legislative action to forbid any Wyoming governmental subdivision from participating in any such agenda or organization, specifically prohibiting ICLEI (International Council of Local Environmental Initiatives) and Economic Development organizations.

## Accountability

We support recall, initiative, and referendum at all levels of state and local government. We support the removal of elected and appointed officials who violate their oath of office.