

## 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](mailto:amerkwae@aclu-wi.org) or by mail to 207 E. Buffalo St., Suite 325, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202 by **Tuesday, August 6, 2024.**

Name

Email  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.

Reproductive decisions should be decided by the mother, not an elected official. The government has no right to tell a woman what she can or cannot do with her own body.

**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.

It's remarkable that we are having this conversation in 2024. IVF is one of the great advancements in reproductive healthcare, and has been utilized for nearly 50 years. Policing women and their bodies is a grotesque and archaic abuse of power.

**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.

Free and fair elections are a foundational premise of democracy. Voters determine who they want to represent them. Win or lose, we the people make that decision and candidates must respect the process.

**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.

Failure to legalize Cannabis is political malpractice, both from a fiscal and safety perspective. Hundreds of millions of dollars that could be utilized right here in our state is being funneled to neighboring states because elected officials subscribe to long debunked fallacies.

**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.

Information is knowledge, and knowledge is power. Attempts to restrict access to information is antithetical to a free democracy and the silencing of dissenting or different ideas is authoritarian.

**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.

Americans are free to marry the person they love.