

Kansas Catholic Conference Candidate Survey - Webster Roth

Question 1:

Given this legal and cultural reality regarding abortion in Kansas, what is your position on the following questions? Check all that apply. Hodes Abortion Ruling Abortion Coercion Act Born Alive Infant Protection Act Abortion Pill Reversal and Right to Know Legislation Kansas Life Affirming Tax Package

Answer:

I disagree with the Kansas State Supreme Court ruling (Hodes, 2019). In response, we need to support women who experience an unplanned pregnancy and keep searching for a legal path that will allow reasonable safeguards that include, but are not limited to, abortion clinic inspections and licensing, parental notification for minors seeking an abortion and more.

I support the Pregnancy Compassion Act that directs public funds to qualified Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRCs) as a way of assisting women with unplanned pregnancies who need help with the birth and care of their child.

I support the recently passed Abortion Coercion Act that makes it a crime to coerce someone into having an abortion.

I support the Born Alive Infant Protection Act which ensures that a child born alive, even after a botched abortion, will receive care like any other child.

I support Abortion Pill Reversal and Right to Know Legislation. Women seeking a chemical abortion should be informed by the abortionist that a qualified health professional may administer progesterone to the woman to counteract the effects of the chemical abortion drug and possibly save her preborn child.

I support the recently passed Kansas Life Affirming Tax Package that gave PRCs a sales tax exemption on supplies they use to help women with unplanned pregnancies, a 70% tax credit for donations to PRCs, and adoption-friendly savings accounts and tax credits for families seeking to adopt.

Question 2:

Please provide your other comments/positions about abortion (100 words or less).

Answer:

Question 3:

What is your position on these issues? Fairness in Women's Sports Act Kansas Women's Bill of Rights Kansas County Jail Modernization Act Kansas Help Not Harm Act

Answer:

I support the Fairness in Womens Sports Act , which became law and ensures that Kansas girls and women compete only against other girls and women in athletics.

I support the Kansas Womens Bill of Rights, which became law that legally designates in statute what is a woman.

I support the Kansas County Jail Modernization Act, which became law, that requires sheriffs to ensure that male and female inmates are housed separately.

I support the Kansas Help Not Harm Act, which passed the legislature but was vetoed, that would have ended surgical and medical "gender transitioning" for children in Kansas.

Question 4:

Please provide your other comments/positions about pro-family legislation (100 words or less).

Answer:

Question 5:

Regarding Medicaid Expansion:

Answer:

I support Medicaid Expansion.

Question 6:

Please provide your other comments/positions about expanded access to healthcare (100 words or less).

Answer:

My answer is no unless we need to increase medicaid reimbursement rates and reduce the IDD waitlist before moving forward in a discussion about Medicaid expansion. Thank you

Question 7:

Regarding MHIT and other mental health funding:

Answer:

I support mental health service funding for non-public school students.

Question 8:

Please provide your other comments/positions about MHIT and/or mental health funding in Kansas (100 words or less).

Answer:**Question 9:**

Regarding the issue of educational choice, sometimes referred to as "school choice," your position is:

Answer:

I support school expanding educational choice in Kansas through legislation known as Educational Savings Accounts (ESAs).

I support expanding educational choice in Kansas through tax credit legislation.

Question 10:

Please provide your other comments/positions about educational choice (100 words or less).

Answer:**Question 11:**

Regarding the death penalty, your position is:

Answer:

I support current law that allows the death penalty in Kansas.

Question 12:

Please provide any other comments regarding the death penalty in Kansas. (100 words or less).

Answer:

My answer is not yes or no. The reality of the death penalty being acted upon is probably not going to happen in Kansas in my opinion.

Question 13:

Regarding Payday Loan reform, your position is:

Answer:

I support Payday Loan Reform—lower allowable interest rates and make repayment procedures more reasonable and less onerous on consumers.

Question 14:

Please provide any other comments regarding pay day loans in Kansas. (100 words or less).

Answer:**Question 15:**

Regarding public policies addressing the complex needs of the poor, what is your position or thoughts on this issue? Please be as specific as possible (150 words or less).

Answer:

I think the Bible addresses this as we should take care of the poor, widows, and needy.

Question 16:

What elements of public policy on the state level would you advocate for if elected? Please be as specific as possible (150 words or less).

Answer:

Lower Taxes, Lower Property Taxes, Reducing burdensome regulations, maintaining our infrastructure, and more!

Question 17:

Please add any additional comments.

Answer:

Yes or No questions are difficult as you could have a bill come through the Legislature and by the time amendments are added something you said yes to you have to vote against because of the amendments. Then you can use a yes answer against the candidate when they had to vote no for overwhelmingly good reason.