



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS
2020 Candidate Questionnaire Project



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DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE...

<p>ABORTION FUNDING BAN: Maintaining the prohibition on the use of federal funds to pay for or provide insurance coverage for elective abortions?</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: Never allow federal government funds to pay for abortions. Ever.</i></p>	
<p>ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE: Preserving the state option for Medicaid expansion, which would allow Florida to expand coverage in the future?</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: The State of Florida should have the flexibility to either expand or deflate Medicaid funding representing the will of the people through their elected officials.</i></p>	
<p>CONSUMER PROTECTION: Capping the interest rate on consumer credit loans (e.g., payday loans and vehicle title loans) at 36%?</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: Generally, I would allow for the free market to decide. But, in this case, I feel a little bit of protection is warranted to protect those at the lower income spectrum. Perhaps, the cap should be even less than 36%.</i></p>	
<p>DEATH PENALTY REPEAL: Repealing the federal government's use of the death penalty?</p>	<p>OPPOSE</p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: Tell me that former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin doesn't deserve the death penalty.....I'll vehemently disagree!</i></p>	
<p>ENVIRONMENT: Investing federal funds in renewable energy innovation to mitigate harm to the natural environment?</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: The federal government funds research on many areas of Innovative science. Environmental research should be no different.</i></p>	
<p>GUN CONTROL: Restricting access to firearms by requiring universal background checks?</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: *WITH MAJOR CAVEATS....I support a background check that ensures that convicted felons cannot purchase a firearm.. On the other hand, I do not support state or federal gun registries or "RED FLAG" laws, as I believe these measures infringe upon the citizens Constitutional right to bear arms.</i></p>	
<p>HUMAN SEXUALITY: Maintaining currently protected classes of individuals without adding new ones based on "sexual orientation" and "gender identity"?</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: I believe the Constitution of the United States currently equally protects all Americans, as written.</i></p>	
<p>IMMIGRATION: Achieving comprehensive reforms that offer a path to citizenship for the undocumented who live in the U.S. and do not have a criminal record, expand family reunification and worker visas, secure our borders, and establish humane enforcement?</p>	<p>NO RESPONSE</p>
<p><i>Optional Comments: This question had too many variables to either oppose or support. Here is my list of priorities for immigration policy: 1. Secure the border with both virtual and actual barriers. 2. Reduce to a trickle "worker visas". Post COVID-19 we have upwards of 15 million unemployed workers. American workers deserve first shot at American jobs. 3. Humane easily understood procedures for Application of entry into the United States. 4. UN refugee statute clearly says that refugees must register at the FIRST COUNTRY they encounter when they leave their unsafe country. What exactly does that mean? It means that in the vast majority of persons seeking asylum in America, should be requesting asylum in Mexico, not, the United States. When people don't follow the law, Chaos reigns! 5. If you came to this country illegally. Under no circumstances (except, perhaps those brought as children) will you be afforded the opportunity to become a United States citizen. This will act as a disincentive.</i></p>	

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE: Maintaining funding for U.S. international humanitarian and development assistance, which currently represents 1% of the federal budget?

SUPPORT

PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT: Providing individuals and businesses federal tax credits for donations to state-based scholarship programs for K-12 education?

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Optional Comments: Thumb's up to school choice and charter schools!