



## Questions for Candidates

*These questions are designed to provoke revealing answers from candidates that oppose our rights. Please research their policy positions before you meet with them and tailor questions as needed. Where possible, use first person when asking questions that reflect your life experiences. Framing questions in a personal way shows candidates that their support of policies impacts real people.*

Candidate, what will you do to preserve and protect my reproductive freedom?

As a woman the cost of pregnancy and raising a child can be financially prohibitive. Therefore, unrestricted and affordable access to birth control is integral to women's economic security. What legislation would you support and/or introduce to ensure unrestricted and affordable access to birth control?

Wages have stagnated, the minimum wage hasn't been raised in 5 years and the cost of living has dramatically increased. You don't support raising the minimum wage. What are you going to do for the many millions of families living in poverty?

I work a minimum wage job that does not provide healthcare. You oppose raising the minimum wage and you oppose Obamacare. What legislation would you support or introduce to help hardworking Americans like myself?

Banks receive a lower interest rate than students asking for loans. Why? What action would you take to make a college education more accessible and affordable?

In 6 out of 10 households with children women are the sole or co-breadwinners but are still on average making 77 cents to a man's dollar. When two thirds of minimum wage workers are women a lack of support for increasing the minimum wage and advancing pay equity means women and their families struggle to make ends meet. Would you support legislation increasing the minimum wage and the Paycheck Fairness Act?

In 2 out of 3 tipped workers are women and 1 out of 3 tipped workers are parents but the federal minimum wage for tipped workers, \$2.13, hasn't increased in 23 years. Would you support raising the minimum wage for tipped workers, lifting them and their families out of poverty?

The average cost of center-based daycare in the United States is \$11,666 per year (or \$972 a month) but two thirds of minimum wage workers are women and are still on average making 77 cents to a man's dollar. Would you support or introduce legislation that made quality childcare more accessible and affordable?

In light of the Supreme Court's recent decision on Hobby Lobby I am concerned about my boss making healthcare decisions for me. Would you support legislation that ensures that I will have access to the healthcare I need and can make my own healthcare decisions?



Do you support adding the ERA to the constitution, guaranteeing women equal rights under the law?

Many Americans sacrifice earnings to provide care to loved ones at some point in their career, which lowers their future Social Security benefit and jeopardizes retirement. Would you support caregiver credits?