

U.S. Congress Candidate Questions for the Uinta County Herald

1. What is your background, including your qualifications for the office you're seeking?

I graduated from Sheridan High School in 1984, from the US Air Force Academy in 1988, and have been a resident of Wyoming since age six after my Father completed a tour as an Air Force Staff Sergeant. I've earned a Bachelor's in Biology, completed two and Masters degrees: 1) Aeronautical Science, and 2) Military Operational Arts and History.

I am a God-Fearing Family Man, a Life-long Wyoming Republican, Staunch Conservative, Champion of the Constitution, and Defender of Individual Rights. Wyoming is my home. I became a small business owner and entrepreneur after retiring at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. I served as an air-refueling pilot in Combat, Combat Support, and Disaster Relief Operations worldwide.

I'm a staunch conservative, well-versed in our Constitution (both the US and Wyoming) and have led major committees to bring accountability and transparency in our municipal, county, and state governments to the forefront in the Wyoming State Republican Party.

My word has been my bond since I was a young man working on ranches west of Sheridan, the same area Susan, my wonderful wife of 30 years this December and I now live.

Check my website out to find out more at www.bryanmiller4senate.com.

2. Recent stimulus packages passed by Congress to assist those hurt due to losses associated with the COVID-19 pandemic included some assistance to state and local governments; however, that assistance cannot be used to make up for revenues lost due to the pandemic. For example, Wyoming is facing a \$1.5 billion shortfall yet can't use CARES Act dollars to help close that gap. Do you believe Congress should provide additional assistance to state and local governments to help them handle the lost revenues? Why or why not?

No. Not every state and local government is in the same position with their budget. Adding several more Trillions of dollars to our national debt will not make things better. It will only reward those governments who've made poor decisions and allow them to do the same again. Poor decisions of the past are not a sufficient reason to give a pass even in these tougher times. Our own legislature and governors watched and contributed to our deficit's growth every year for the past four years and done nothing of significance to rein in spending.

For example, in just one attempt to cut our bloated budget, a Representative from Sheridan County put forth legislation to cut just 1/10th of 1% off the top of the budget and it failed. Shameful! Our budget deficit has doubled each year reaching \$800 million last March; it'll be \$1.5 billion by years end. From my perspective, and that of thousands around the state who lost their jobs, businesses, homes, etc., this additional growth is based on press induced fears concerning a coastal COVID crisis that drove irrational decisions by state and county leadership as we shut down our schools, summer events, thus our economy.

3. Black Lives Matter protests have occurred across the country in recent months. What do you believe can be done to address the racial inequities that minorities state continue to persist in modern America? What is the responsibility of Congress in addressing racial inequity?

I've spent over three decades serving in the military and working with both government and private organizations. I've seen situation after situation where inequity or inequality in some form was charged by people of all skin colors, ages, sexes, backgrounds, etc. Federal laws were always used to determine the merits of these cases and never was there a case that could not be resolved by legislation that was already in place, at least in the legal sense. Why?

Congress has addressed racial inequality. I believe that the U.S. Constitution and in our state's case, the Wyoming Constitution, encompass the full spectrum of Civil Rights. Thus, I won't vote to grant special civil or political rights to any individual or group of individuals beyond the text in these great documents.

This is not what BLM is all about now that radical organizations like Antifa have infiltrated its ranks turning it into a bastion of Marxist ideology. BLM calls for violence and disunity and vilifies our local police forces, those there to protect us from the criminal activity BLM now promotes. BLM is dividing America by race, class, ethnicity, political beliefs, and religion. I believe it has become a domestic terrorist organization.

4. As the pandemic continues, many Americans are facing staggering hospital bills from care received during illness. At the same time, many Americans are losing employer-provided healthcare coverage. What can be done to fix America's healthcare system to ensure accessibility and affordability for all Americans, including those who lose their insurance due to job loss?

America's healthcare system is the best system for overall access and success in the world. It is also the most expensive for many reasons. When the Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare) was enacted in 2010, the claim was that at some point each year 15 million Americans did not have health insurance. Key provisions for success were

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included to reduce the cost of private healthcare insurance to make it more affordable through subsidies programs and expanding Medicaid eligibility.

In 2018, the comparable number was 27.5 million Americans. The entire medical system had been revamped to meet ObamaCare requirements and yet it failed miserably. Especially in Wyoming where our health insurance choices turned into single insurer on the exchange!

So how does that translate here? Four things can certainly be done: 1) Get Wyoming and America back to work today, 2) Eliminate regulations that create barriers to the free market (e.g. allow insurers to cross state lines, encourage healthcare Co-ops), 3) Support insurance transportability, parent-student extensions, and temporary coverage assistance between jobs, and 4) Allow access expanding and cost reducing measures to be instituted (e.g. as other states do, Wyoming should allow trained Optometrist's to perform laser surgery to increase competition).