

Women's Issues

- I believe that although there is a divide on the issue of abortion, we can work on the common ground that bridges the divide. We can bring people together by working to reduce the incidence of abortion, focusing on the economic and social forces in society that make mothering a hardship for many women. There is much work to be done addressing the forces that drive many women to make, what for them, is a choice of desperation. When the economic and social barriers to pregnancy, childbirth and child-raising are seriously addressed, then the legal standing of abortion can begin to be discussed with some hope of consensus. Abortion will be unthinkable & unnecessary when we truly have a culture dedicated to the preservation of all life on this planet.
- I support the concepts advanced in the equal rights amendment: eradicating pervasive gender discrimination in employment, insurance, health care, education, social security and other sectors, and the continuation of existing protections, like Title VII (employment discrimination) and Title IX (equal educational opportunities). Since the passage of the amendment has for all practical purposes, failed, these must be assured through legislative action.
- I support increased funding for women-owned businesses.
- I will vote to tear down economic and social barriers to pregnancy, childbirth and child-raising.