



Wyoming – CPAC Scorecard

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Summary

The eleventh edition of the Wyoming CPAC Scorecard reviews 20 pivotal Senate votes and 20 key House measures from the 2024 Budget Session, capturing a state legislature that remains one of the nation’s most stalwart defenders of conservative principles. In the Senate, Republicans earned an impressive **average score of 82%**, with Democrats lagging **far behind at 30%**, highlighting a chamber defined by sharp ideological contrasts. The House showed deeper divisions, with Republicans posting a **68%** average and Democrats just **4%**, producing an overall environment where nearly every major conservative victory hinged on Republican unity.

This session saw Wyoming lawmakers take decisive steps to protect core freedoms and family rights. They championed bills like **SF 9**, which reinforced parental authority in education, **SF 105** and **SF 109**, which advanced robust protections for Second Amendment rights, and **HB 166**, which created educational savings accounts to give parents more control over their children’s schooling. Meanwhile, the state pushed back hard against progressive cultural incursions by prohibiting public funds from underwriting DEI programs and gender studies at the University of Wyoming—placing Wyoming in direct contrast to states sinking deeper into ideological governance.

Yet, the session also revealed moments where fiscal conservatism wavered. Votes filled with subsidies for rural attorneys and other targeted incentives demonstrated that even in a solidly conservative state, the lure of special carveouts still poses risks to free-market integrity. These instances serve as a critical reminder that Wyoming’s reputation rests not only on opposing left-wing policies but also on consistently upholding economic liberty.

In the broader national landscape, Wyoming continues to stand out as a model of constitutional governance, resisting the regulatory excess, DEI mandates, and top-down educational controls proliferating elsewhere. Its 2024 legislative record reaffirms that with disciplined leadership, a state can still protect individual liberties, preserve parental rights, and maintain a healthy skepticism of both federal and foreign overreach—offering a blueprint for other states seeking to restore principled, limited government.

Key Takeaways

Wyoming as a National Leader on Parental Rights and School Choice

Through bills like **SF 9**, which guarantees parents' control over critical decisions about their children, and **HB 166**, establishing educational savings accounts to empower families, Wyoming fortified itself as a model for protecting parental authority. These measures directly rebuff progressive efforts to centralize educational control and ensure that Wyoming families and not the bureaucrats, shape the upbringing of children.

A Strong Stand Against Cultural Radicalism and DEI Orthodoxy

The legislature took direct aim at left-wing campus ideologies by prohibiting public funding of gender studies (**SF 1 Amd. 3013**) and cracking down on DEI programs at the University of Wyoming (**SF 1 Amd. 3014**). While some similar amendments narrowly failed in the House, these successes show Wyoming's commitment to keeping divisive identity politics out of taxpayer-funded institutions.

Defending the Second Amendment from Every Angle

From the **Wyoming Second Amendment Financial Privacy Act (SF 105)** to bans on red flag gun seizures (**SF 109**) and expansions of lawful concealed carry (**HB 125**), Wyoming lawmakers relentlessly advanced measures to secure the right to keep and bear arms. Even when vetoed by the Governor, these bills displayed overwhelming legislative support for gun rights.

Conservatives Battling Back Door Subsidies and Targeted Giveaways

While Wyoming's scores are enviably high, isolated votes revealed a willingness to support targeted incentives, such as subsidies for rural attorneys (**SF 33**) or selective energy carve-outs. This signals an area where fiscal conservatives must stay vigilant to ensure the state avoids the cronyism plaguing less disciplined legislatures.

Guarding Against Foreign and Federal Overreach

By attempting to block foreign adversaries from buying land near critical infrastructure (**SF 102, though it stalled**) and creating committees to scrutinize federal mandates (**HB 129**), Wyoming demonstrated a keen awareness of sovereignty threats. Such measures are increasingly vital in an era of rising federal and international encroachment.

Highlighted Votes Analyzed

SF 9 – Breaking the Ability of Schools to Maliciously Manipulate Students

This bill prohibits schools from preventing parents from making critical decisions involving their children. It also requires schools to provide parents with information concerning their rights. CPAC supports parents' rights and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on February 29, 2024 by a vote of 26-1, and the House passed it by a vote of 55-7. It later became law.

SF 99 – No Radical Gender Surgeries for Minors in Wyoming

This bill prohibits physicians from performing radical gender surgeries on minors. CPAC supports efforts to prevent the castration and mutilation of minors and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 7, 2024 by a vote of 28-2, and the House passed it by a vote of 55-6. It later became law.

SF 105 – Wyoming Second Amendment Financial Privacy Act

This bill prohibits financial institutions from keeping lists of firearms and firearms owners. CPAC supports Second Amendment freedoms and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on February 27, 2024 by a unanimous vote of 31-0, and the House passed it on March 6, 2024 by a vote of 61-1. It later became law.

SF 109 – Stopping Unconstitutional Gun-Grabbing

This bill prohibits the state from engaging in red flag gun seizures. CPAC supports the preservation of Second Amendment freedoms and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 7, 2024 by a vote of 30-0, and the House passed it on March 6, 2024 by a vote of 54-8. It later became law.

HB 166 – Establishing a School Choice System in Wyoming

This bill establishes educational savings accounts containing funds that parents may use in order to provide education to their children according to their needs. CPAC supports school choice and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 8, 2024 by a vote of 28-3, and the House passed it by a vote of 34-27. It later became law.

SF 1 (Amd. 3014) – Cracking Down on DEI at the University of Wyoming

This amendment prohibits the University of Wyoming from expending funds appropriated to it on DEI programs. CPAC opposes DEI in public life and supported this amendment. The Senate passed this amendment on February 21, 2024 by a vote of 20-11.

Trends and Observations

Republicans Provided the Firewall for Conservative Policy

With Senate Republicans averaging **82%** and House Republicans **68%**, it's clear that the GOP caucuses were the essential backbone holding Wyoming on a steady conservative course. Nearly every victory for parental rights, Second Amendment protections, school choice, and resistance to DEI orthodoxy depended entirely on strong Republican alignment. Without this ideological discipline, the state would look far more like the progressive laboratories to its west.

Persistent Democratic Obstruction on Foundational Rights

The stark contrast with Democrats, who averaged just **30%** in the Senate and **4%** in the House, underscores deep partisan divisions on bedrock issues like gun rights, parental authority, and safeguarding children from radical gender ideology. Wyoming Democrats routinely opposed efforts to protect families and the constitutional freedoms that underpin the state's culture of personal responsibility and limited government. Their voting record paints a clear picture of a party fundamentally at odds with Wyoming values.

Wyoming at the Forefront of Combating DEI and Ideological Capture

Few states tackled DEI programs and radical academic departments as aggressively as Wyoming did this session. By blocking taxpayer funding for gender studies and restricting the University of Wyoming from spending money on divisive DEI initiatives, lawmakers set a standard that many conservative states are only beginning to explore. These efforts position Wyoming as a leader in dismantling the institutional machinery of identity politics.

A Strong but Occasionally Wavering Commitment to Free Markets

Even as Wyoming stood firm on cultural and constitutional fronts, moments of inconsistency on economic purity surfaced. Proposals like subsidies to recruit rural attorneys or the occasional appetite for sector-specific tax adjustments hint at the enduring temptation for lawmakers to use public dollars to pick winners and losers. While small in scale, these trends serve as a caution that even the most conservative legislatures must guard against creeping corporatism.

Standing Guard Against Foreign and Federal Encroachment

Wyoming also took steps to bolster state sovereignty and national security—whether by trying to restrict foreign adversaries from acquiring land near critical infrastructure or by proposing committees to scrutinize federal overreach. Though some of these measures didn't cross the finish line, their broad support illustrates a legislature determined to keep Wyoming's decisions in Wyoming's hands.

Conservative Excellence - Senate

Bo Biteman - 100%

Anthony Bouchard - 100%

Dan Dockstader - 100%

Larry Hicks - 100%

Lynn Hutchings - 100%

Stacy Jones - 100%

John Kolb - 100%

Troy McKeown - 100%

Cheri Steinmetz - 100%

Brian Boner - 90%

Evie Brennan - 90%

Tim French - 95%

Bob Ide - 95%

Dave Kinskey - 95%

Dan Laursen - 95%

Tim Salazar - 95%

Charles Scott - 90%

Conservative Excellence - House

Bill Allemand - 100%

Abby Angelos - 100%

Dalton Banks - 100%

John Bear - 100%

Jeremy Haroldson - 100%

Pepper Ottman - 100%

Rachel Rodriguez-Williams - 100%

Tomi Strock - 100%

Ocean Andrew - 95%

Christopher Knapp - 95%

Chip Neiman - 95%

Tony Locke - 95%

Sarah Penn - 95%

Reuben Tarver - 95%

Jeanette Ward - 95%

Scott Heiner - 90%

Ben Hornok - 90%

Mark Jennings - 90%

Ken Pendergraft - 90%

Daniel Singh - 90%

Allen Slagle - 90%

Scott Smith - 90%

Clarence Styvar - 90%

John Winter - 90%

Conservative Achievement - Senate

None

Conservative Achievement - House

Bob Davis - 85%

Tamara Trujillo - 82%

Art Washut - 80%