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Governor

Open seat (Gov. Mark Gordon term-limited). Rated Solid Republican by Cook Political Report (Oct 2026).



Eric Barlow

REPUBLICAN · OPEN SEAT

Wyoming state senator and former House speaker; veterinarian, rancher and Marine Corps veteran.



Ken Casner

DEMOCRAT · OPEN SEAT

Vietnam veteran and longtime Wyoming National Guard member; owner of an Elk Mountain café since 1998.

Where the candidates stand on the issues Pope Leo XIV has raised, in their own words and votes. Bracketed numbers link to sources. We do not rate, score, or endorse candidates.

WAR & PEACE

POPE LEO XIV *Leo invited citizens of every country involved in the war with Iran to contact their leaders and members of Congress "to work for peace and to reject war and violence."* Remarks at Castel Gandolfo, Apr. 7, 2026 (Vatican News via The Good Newsroom)

ERIC BARLOW

No public position found.

KEN CASNER

No public position found.

AI & THE DIGNITY OF WORK

POPE LEO XIV *"No one can be reduced to productivity, to cognitive performance, or to mere data."* Magnifica Humanitas presentation, May 25, 2026

ERIC BARLOW

Says data-center proposals "should be decided locally," with the state protecting water and electricity rates; backs career and technical education and apprenticeships.

[1] WyoFile election guide: Eric Barlow

KEN CASNER

No public position found.

THE POOR & THE SAFETY NET

POPE LEO XIV *The preferential choice for the poor is "a source of extraordinary renewal both for the Church and for society."* Dilexi Te, Oct. 4, 2025

ERIC BARLOW

Calls health-care access and affordability "core issues"; proposes a "healthcare strike team" to recruit providers, support rural hospitals and expand behavioral health and telehealth.

[1] WyoFile election guide: Eric Barlow

KEN CASNER

Calls universal health care his top priority: "I want to give you universal health care."

[1] Your Wyoming Link: Ken Casner's priorities (Aug. 2026)

ELECTIONS & CIVIC LIFE

POPE LEO XIV *Authentic democracy, "far from being a mere procedure," "recognizes the dignity of every person and calls each citizen to participate responsibly in the pursuit of the common good."* Message to the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, Apr. 9, 2026

ERIC BARLOW

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KEN CASNER

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LIFE OF THE UNBORN

POPE LEO XIV *Abortion "cuts short a growing life and refuses to welcome the gift of life."* Address to the Diplomatic Corps, Jan. 9, 2026

ERIC BARLOW

Says he is "firmly pro-life" and would not want exceptions to an abortion ban except possibly to save a mother's life in a medical emergency.

[1] Barlow campaign: Positions
[2] Cowboy State Daily: Governor candidates and the Christian lobby (June 2026)

KEN CASNER

No public position found.

THE DEATH PENALTY

POPE LEO XIV *Someone who opposes abortion but favors the death penalty "is not really pro-life."* AP via PBS NewsHour, Sept. 30, 2025

ERIC BARLOW

No public position found.

KEN CASNER

No public position found.

IMMIGRANTS & REFUGEES

POPE LEO XIV *"Defending human life also includes welcoming, protecting and assisting immigrants."* Letter on the 250th Anniversary of the United States, June 25, 2026

ERIC BARLOW

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KEN CASNER

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RELIGIOUS LIBERTY & EDUCATION

POPE LEO XIV *Religious freedom is "the right of every person to worship according to conscience."* Letter on the 250th Anniversary of the United States, June 25, 2026

ERIC BARLOW

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KEN CASNER

No public position found.

CARE FOR CREATION

POPE LEO XIV *"We cannot love God, whom we cannot see, while despising his creatures."* AP, Oct. 1, 2025

ERIC BARLOW

Supported legislation protecting coal, oil, gas and uranium production; opposes a "wholesale, fire sale" of Wyoming's public lands and supports keeping them in public hands.

[1] Barlow campaign: Positions
[2] WyoFile election guide: Eric Barlow

KEN CASNER

Says politicians focus on energy industries rather than people: "It's all based on investors."

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