

## 2026 Carbon County Democratic Platform

Carbon County Democrats are the party of inclusion and believe the role of government is to serve the needs of all the people.

### Economy

We believe in an economic system where everybody pays a fair share in taxes including American corporations with offshore operations. We believe working people have the right to form unions for collective bargaining to attain at least the minimum wage necessary for a small family to live at 138% of the poverty line with a single, full-time wage earner. We affirm Article 1, Section 22 of the Wyoming Constitution: The rights of labor shall have protection through laws calculated to secure to the laborer proper rewards for his service and to promote the industrial welfare of the state.

### Healthcare

We believe in Medicare for all, cradle to grave. Until then, we advocate for the expansion of Medicaid in Wyoming. Further, we believe every woman and man in America has the right to make private health care decisions. Article 1, Section 38: (a) of the Wyoming Constitution affirms this right. The state of Wyoming shall act to preserve these rights from undue governmental infringement.

### Criminal Justice Reform

We believe criminal justice reform begins with exploring the reason for massive increases in incarcerations, especially for minorities. In 1980 it was 380 people per 100,000. In 2025 it was about 1,500 Black people per 100,000 and 1,300 Hispanic per 100,000. American Indian and Alaskan Native persons also suffered high incarceration rates. This high level of incarceration damages families and results in multiple social issues. Reform needs to aggressively seek alternatives to incarceration.

### Civil Rights

We believe the civil rights movement is a work in progress. We oppose efforts to roll back protections for any American citizen including minorities, LGBTQ citizens and people of color and/or with disabilities who struggle for equal rights.

### Natural Environment

We believe the future depends on urgently addressing climate change and investing in carbon free energy sources. And, as we transition, we need to help the labor force adapt. We believe good stewardship of our public lands helps keep our planet healthy.

## Democracy

We believe in and support the Wyoming Constitution. We believe democracy is imperiled. We believe in free and fair elections which allow all eligible voters equal access to ballots and voting. We seek to ensure that Democrats run for and are competitive in every race.

## Immigration

We believe that America has always been strengthened by immigrants who want to raise families, start businesses, and make cultural contributions to our country. America is a beacon of hope to desperate and optimistic people and we must create understandable, consistent and humane policies for admitting people into our country that provides a defined path to citizenship.

## Education

Public education is the cornerstone of our county. Democrats are not threatened by historical facts, scientific knowledge and robust discussion within our educational system. We believe in partnerships between the community and the education system to ensure our children have premier education. To that end we encourage people of goodwill to run for school board positions and participate in PTA organizations. Furthermore, we affirm Article 1, Section 19 of the Wyoming Constitution: Appropriations for sectarian or religious societies or institutions prohibited. No money of the state shall ever be given or appropriated to any sectarian or religious society or institution. Public education funding should be strictly limited to public school education and activities.

## American Leadership

We recognize the United States wields awesome power and want that power to be used for good: defending democracy against autocracy and protecting the vulnerable from the predatory. We advocate leading with cautious wisdom and understanding of the impact our decisions have on others in the world. We affirm that the House of Representatives has the sole authority to declare war and last declared war on December 8, 1941. We believe in our diplomatic corps and believe diplomacy is our greatest strength as world leaders. We believe America's military should be used cautiously.

*—Adopted March 19, 2026 in Rawlins, WY*