

Comments - Question 4:

5. Judges should refrain from "legislating from the bench." The translation of public policy into law and the creation, extension, modification or limitation of citizens' rights (and governmental authority) are properly within the province of the legislative, not judicial, branch of government.: Agree

Comments - Question 5: Separation of powers IS delineated in the US Constitution

6. An unborn child is biologically human at every stage of his or her biological development, beginning at fertilization.: Agree

Comments - Question 6: That is just plain biology.

7. The law should be applied to pro-life demonstrators in the same manner as it is applied to environmental, anti-war and labor demonstrators.: Agree

Comments - Question 7: First Amendment applies to all citizens.

8. There is no provision in the current Ohio Constitution intended to require the use of public funds for abortion.: Agree

Comments - Question 8:

9. The judiciary does not possess the authority to expand the definition of marriage to include anything but one man and one woman.: Agree

Comments - Question 9: However, the US Supreme Court has done this. As a trial judge, we are now obligated to hear divorce and dissolution cases involving same sex couples unless and until the law changes.

10. The law protects individuals' and organizations' rights of conscience from being forced to participate in abortion or other practices contrary to their moral or religious convictions.: Agree

Comments - Question 10: There is varied case law regarding "other practices"; however, I am not aware of any law requiring forced participation in an abortion.

11. Laws, regulations, or ordinances that restrict individuals' and organizations' rights of conscience are unconstitutional.: Agree

Comments - Question 11: I agree in the context of protest or choosing not to perform an abortion.

Regarding other laws, it would depend on the law and specific activity (ie: avoiding the draft)

12. List all organizations to which you have contributed time or money in the past four years.: West Chester/Liberty Boys and Girls Club
Feed the Children
Shared Harvest