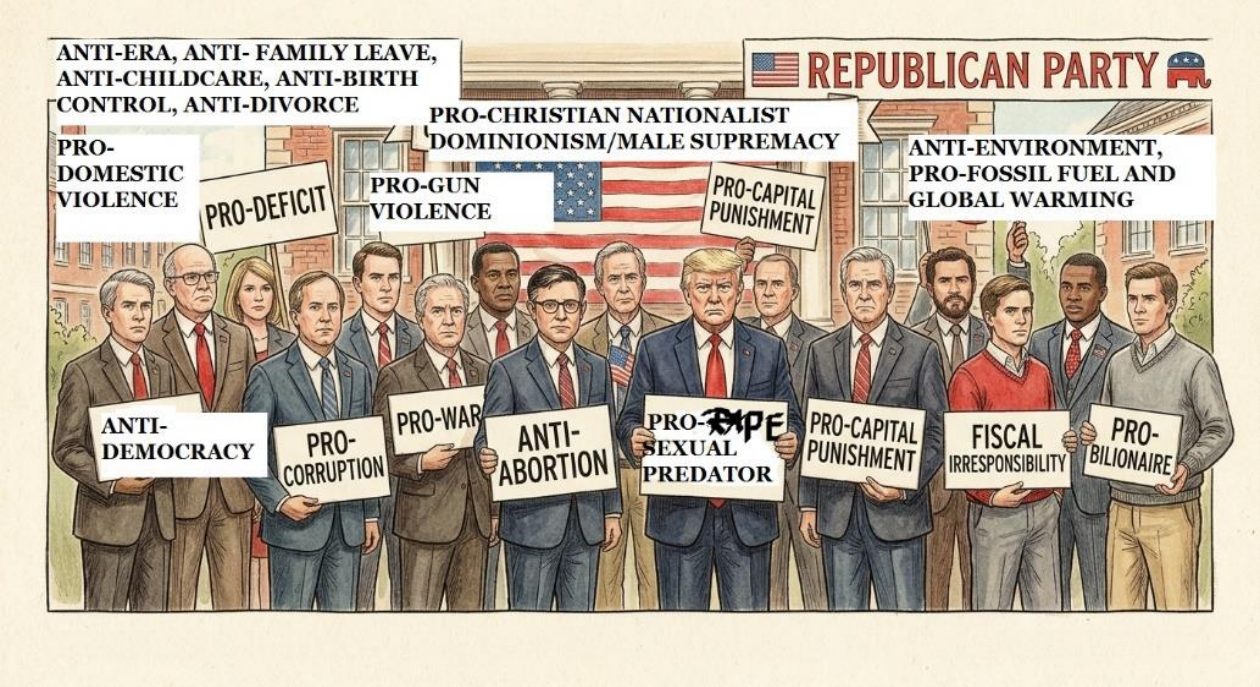

Questions to ask Republicans:

Why ask Republicans and Republican lawmakers/candidates these questions?

There are so many, many issues and policies on which Republicans should be confronted, including their anti-woman, anti-human rights agenda. They are anti-ERA, anti-abortion and birth control, anti-family leave, anti-childcare, anti-divorce, and now some are even talking about disenfranchising women by attempting to repeal the 19th amendment. The Republican Party has become more and more extreme in its alignment with domination, patriarchy, and male supremacy, signaling that they are generally ok with rape, women being battered, and women treated like their only worth is as a subordinate, submissive accessory or a domestic servant, and their voices and victimization unimportant.

The Republican Party is also anti-environment, anti-regulation, anti-immigrant, pro-fossil fuel, pro-gun/anti-gun control, pro-capital punishment, pro-war, pro-billionaire, pro-big business, uber-capitalist, corrupt, and disdainful of democracy, preferring rule by wealthy, authoritarian autocrats and unaccountable billionaires and corporations.

Nevertheless, the Republican Party knows what a woman is, follows objective science (in this regard) rather than a subjective belief system like gender ideology, and respects women and girls' boundaries with regard to sports and separate, sex-specific spaces like bathrooms, changing rooms, locker rooms, shelters, and prisons. They have been the only sane voice on these issues and have been willing to introduce policies and laws to address the egregious disregard of women's rights to sports opportunities and achievements, fairness, dignity, privacy, and safety by Democrats.

The Republican Party has become so extreme in its positions on so many things that benefit corporations and billionaires at the expense of actual people, and is so much in the sway of the woman-hating manosphere and Trump that it has become as cultish as the Democratic trans-activist enablers. So the question remains, how do we pressure Republicans to do more for women in particular (since they claim to care about them?)

Who do we need to target?

We need to acknowledge anyone who has spoken out about women's sex-based rights (e.g. Josh Hawley, Ted Cruz), introduced or co-sponsored legislation to define what a woman is, like Mary Miller and Claudia Tenney (HR 2378) and Roger Marshall (S.1147); or restrict women's prisons to women only like Nancy Mace (HR 1015) and Tom Cotton (S.3481), or women who have indicated support for women's rights like Marjorie Taylor Greene, Lauren Boebert, Lisa Murkowski, or Susan Collins. Then we need to pressure any Republican in Congress who has not signed on to co-sponsor these bills.*

Next, we can pressure the Republicans who acknowledge women's human rights to expand those rights to protecting women from rape (from violent heterosexual men, in addition to trans-identified sex offenders), from domestic violence, physical harm, and even death from not being able to obtain reproductive care. We can pressure them to acknowledge and pursue family leave, freedom to achieve at work (like in sports), child care, equal standing before the law (i.e. the ERA) as legitimate support for mothers, whom they claim to value. We can confront them with the outrageous injustice of their even suggesting that women not be able to exercise a citizen's right to participate in the electoral process, for which women not only fought, but continue to support through a massive amount of volunteer effort. We can assert the basic human right to self-defense and protection from harm from an abusive, violent partner through separating and obtaining a legal divorce, and demand equitable laws.

Perhaps most important, we need to pressure them to begin to hold men accountable for their actions, pursuing the prosecution of perpetrators of rape, assault, battering, spousal, family, and mass murders as vigorously as they do other criminals (and non-criminals). The overarching question is why do Republicans value males over females, while laying blame on females and neglecting to hold males accountable for their behavior? How is this fair or just? Since they often hide behind religion as justification, it seems that pointing out the glaring contradictions between what they profess to believe and their actions would be a worthwhile tactic to employ in questioning their policies.

Here are some suggested questions to ask, depending on the representative in some cases:

1) If you actually value women as mothers and care about declining birth rates, why don't you support family leave, childcare, or offer any kind of support to pregnant women?
2) Why do you hold women responsible for men's behavior? For example, why would you not support single mothers, when they are the ones remaining to raise their children, while the fathers have often abandoned them either financially or totally, or been abusive husbands and/or fathers?
3) Do you seriously think unborn embryos should have more rights than a grown woman should have? Do you so devalue the lives of women that you would countenance such a denial and degradation of their worth?! Why would you even consider passing a "fetal personhood" bill that would value an embryo or zygote's life over its mother's, when the mother's life is primary?

4) Are you aware that you are sentencing women to the possibility of permanent physical harm, inability to conceive, and even death by denying her life-saving birth control and abortions? Doctors are hesitating to intervene, even when a woman's life is at stake, in states where abortion is criminalized and women are dying as a result. Do you think this is ok?!
5) Why do you oppose red flag laws and sensible gun reform even after Parkland and Uvalde?! Why do you seem not to care about the lives of schoolchildren, but are obsessed with the "unborn"? If you don't care about women or children's lives, you are NOT pro-life.
6) Surely you don't think that women should be trapped with a man who exercises coercive control by verbal, sexual, or physical abuse? Why would you deny any woman the ability to extricate herself legally from such a predicament by pursuing legal remedies like divorcing the perpetrator?
7) What are you doing about the fact that when women file criminal complaints and restraining orders, they often go unheeded by law enforcement, leading to their continued harassment, assault, and even murder?
8) Why do you not hold men more accountable for their criminal behavior?! Why do you allow them to go unpunished for sexual assaults on women and rape kits to go untested for years?
9) Why do you support the pursuit of the 2% of rape victims who supposedly report false accusations instead of understanding how shaming and coercive pressure from police, perpetrators, family members, or others is reversing original true accounts and instead extracting false recantation?
10) Why do you not recognize the physical differences between men and women when it comes to sexual assault and battery of women by men, when you recognize the physical differences when it comes to sports? Why are the laws equating the two, when it is men who injure women, not the reverse? What are you doing to help prevent domestic violence and support female victims?
11) It's good that you recognize that women and men are different from each other, but difference does not mean one is superior to the other. So why do you support policies that put women at a disadvantage? Do you believe women are "inferior"? If so, why? Do you endorse Doug Wilson?
12) Do you agree with the Democrats that prostitution is just "sex work"? If not, why don't you speak out about its harms and the entitled attitude of men to women's bodies and the women coerced into it by financial privation, inflicted drug addiction, and abduction? Why do you not work to abolish this degrading, dangerous, and dehumanizing exploitation of women?
13) Why are you tolerating or enabling the rollback of programs to help victims of crimes and violence, who are overwhelmingly women? What are you doing to end rape of women in the armed services?
14) What are you doing about the proliferation of violent, degrading pornography aimed mainly at women and children? When are you going to introduce legislation that addresses this criminal victimization and stops social media platforms from enabling it?
15) What are you doing to protect children from harm once they are born? What about children getting hurt by abusive fathers like the Ohio Representative Max Miller who refuses to drop out of the 2026 race? Can't you see how your positions on domestic abuse have enabled this behavior?
16) Why have you not been speaking up on behalf of the Epstein victims? Why did you vote to confirm Todd Blanche as A.G.? (Lisa Murkowski and Susan Collins were the only 2 Republicans who voted no). Why do you tolerate Todd Blanche's refusal to release the other 3.5 million files?

17) Republicans say they care about the Constitution and women, but where is the concern that a duly ratified constitutional amendment (the ERA) that has met both the requirements (passed by 2/3 of Congress and ¾ of the States) has not been published, implemented, or enforced?
18) Why wouldn't you support the Equal Rights Amendment when it recognizes women as an immutable sex category, rather than as a gender "identity"? Isn't this something you support?! Gender "identity" is a mutable, social construct, while sex is an immutable, material, biological reality recognized in law. This is why we need a firm foundation for sex, which the ERA gives us.
19) If you haven't signed on to co-sponsor the bills that would define what a woman/man is (HR 2378 or S.1147) and the bill to ban trans-identified males from female prisons (HR 1015 or S.3481), why not?! Women need firm definitions and firm boundaries so men who claim they are women cannot keep invading female safe spaces.
20) Why would you support Title IX when it comes to sports, but deny women fair treatment at college for sex crimes committed against them? Female students who have been assaulted on campus need justice, not re-victimization!
21) Do you think women should be consigned to subordinate, submissive roles both in private and public life? If so, how do you justify this? What about all the accomplished women in your party, many of whom have achieved high office? Are you planning on stripping them of their hard-earned success and sending them back to the kitchen?
22) Do Republicans think women should be second-class citizens? If so, then say so plainly, don't gaslight, diminish, try to disenfranchise us by passing a bills like the SAVE Act or even think of attempting to roll back the 19th Amendment after women endured over a century of discrimination and abuse to secure the right to vote.
23) If you are using the Christian religion as your justification, why aren't you following the example provided by Jesus who treated women fairly and with compassion? Why the fixation on the Old Testament Ten Commandments instead of the Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes?
24) Why don't you pass legislation to rein in social media outlets like Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and OnlyFans from corrupting children and exposing them to sexualization and predation? Remember that Jesus said, "It would be better for a man to have a millstone hung around his neck and to be thrown into the sea than to cause one of these little ones to stumble."
25) Why do you elevate money and wealth above the needs of people whom the Bible says were created in God's image? What about the Biblical directive regarding the love of money being the root of all evil and it being easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven?
26) Why do you support Wall Street, corporations, and the Pentagon over the health and welfare of American citizens? How does this square with your claim of having "family values" when children are going hungry and Americans are homeless and have no healthcare?
27) What about Jesus overturning the tables of the moneychangers in the temple, excoriating them for making the "house of prayer" into a "den of thieves"? What are you doing about the amassing of obscene wealth by the few, like the Big Tech billionaires and trillionaire? Why are you giving them government contracts, massive tax cuts, and shifting the tax burden to ordinary citizens, increasing the debt and the cost of living? What are you doing to rein in AI?
28) What about Jesus' statement about love being the fulfillment of the law, and loving God and loving your *neighbor* as yourself being the greatest commandments? Why is there so much

money allocated to war and technology and not to human needs? Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God.” What will you be called?

29) Are you aware that it was the Danbury Baptists who wrote to Thomas Jefferson expressing their concerns about religious freedom? This is what led to Jefferson’s letter regarding the separation of church and state on the federal level. Why do you not support the wall of separation? Do you not understand that Islam could be erected as the official religion rather than Christianity?
30) Do you want to establish a theocracy? How would it differ from the one in say, Iran or Afghanistan? The repression women are experiencing in these places springs from the same kind of misogyny you endorse, so is this what you envision eventually for American women?

*Rep. Greg Steube (R-FL) introduced the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2025, which prohibits federally funded school athletic programs from letting individuals whose biological sex at birth was male compete in female categories, and Rep. Harriet Hageman (R-WY) co-sponsored and championed it

*Rep. Mary Miller (R-IL) introduced the Defining Male and Female Act of 2025 with Sen. Roger Marshall, which would have the federal government legally recognize only two sexes based on biology.

*Rep. Debbie Lesko (R-AZ), through the Republican Study Committee, led the introduction of a "Women's Bill of Rights" to codify sex-based (rather than gender-identity-based) legal protections for women, with RSC chairman Jim Banks (R-IN) also backing it.

*Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA) has also been active on related legislation restricting gender-affirming care.

Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) made single-sex bathroom policy official House policy following Mace's push.

- Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS) has promoted and co-sponsored this category of legislation.
- Sen. Roger Marshall (R-KS), co-sponsor of the Defining Male and Female Act.
- **Protect Women's Sports Act (multiple versions, 2020–2025)**: Cotton co-sponsored this bill repeatedly across several Congresses, alongside senators like Mike Lee, Marsha Blackburn, James Lankford, Ted Cruz, and Tommy Tuberville. The bill defines sex under Title IX athletics provisions as based "solely on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth" and would bar federal funding from programs that let biological males compete in women's/girls' categories.
- **2020 version**: Cotton was one of five original co-sponsors when Kelly Loeffler introduced an early iteration, calling it a defense of "the commonsense principle that women's sports are for women."
- **June 2026 Supreme Court ruling**: After the Court ruled to ban transgender athletes from women's sports, Cotton put out a statement praising the decision as "common sense" and noting that Arkansas was one of the first states to push back on this issue before the ruling came down.

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