

2025 Dove Caucus

The Name: The name "Dove Caucus" was chosen because ultimately everything that is wholesome, righteous, and good comes from God. For example, Psalm 119:68 says about God, "You are good and what you do is good." In the New Testament, the Holy Spirit was symbolized by the dove, such as when a dove descended upon Jesus at his baptism in Matthew 3:16. Jesus said about the Holy Spirit in John 16:13 that "When he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth." Therefore, the name "Dove Caucus" was chosen because any legislation promoted through the Dove Caucus should somehow reflect the righteousness and goodness of God.

The Purpose & The Objective: The purpose of the Dove Caucus is to promote, protect and restore conservative, traditional, and biblical values in Nebraska. The objective of the Dove Caucus is to fundamentally change the culture of Nebraska through increased legislation, which reflects these conservative, traditional, and biblical values.

The Strategy: Few Nebraska State Senators want to be known as the socially conservative State Senator. Whenever a single State Senator bears that reputation, he or she becomes a lightning rod for criticism, retribution, and character assassination from Left-wing activists and left-wing State Senators. Therefore, when several State Senators each introduce a single piece of socially conservative legislation, no single State Senator can ever be branded as the socially conservative State Senator.

Left-wing State Senators load up the queue every year with socially liberal/progressive legislation, which forces conservative State Senators and staffers to play defense. Whenever little or no socially conservative legislation gets introduced, committee chairs find themselves in the awkward position of having to resist holding or hold executive sessions on bills they do not like. It is much better to offer committee chairs a fair choice between a socially conservative bill and a liberal/progressive bill which addresses the same issue or topic. Therefore, as a point of strategy it is best to load up the queue with socially conservative legislation, which gives committee chairs a fair choice and to place Left-wing State Senators and their staffers in the awkward position of having to play defense against socially conservative bills.

The Methodology: Today, you, as a staffer, will be presented with a list of socially conservative ideas for legislation. Accompanying each legislative idea will be a bill from another state, a bill from a previous Nebraska Legislative Session, or a prospectus for a bill. Each staffer should sign up for at least one legislative idea. Your job as a staffer is to inform your State Senators about the Dove Caucus and to persuade your boss to introduce the bill or bills that you have signed up for. Ultimately, your boss will decide whether or not to introduce the bill, but remember: This strategy only works when multiple State Senators join in the effort. If there is a bill idea for socially conservative legislation that you or your State Senator prefer but is not part of the Dove Caucus list, that is ok. Naturally, you should promote whatever legislative ideas most appeal to your boss. However, you should consider sharing your idea with the Dove Caucus members in order to avoid duplicate legislation and to advance the idea for future Dove Caucuses.