

### LEADING ECONOMIC GROWTH BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES CREATING OPPORTUNITIES







### SEPARATING MYTH FROM REALITY

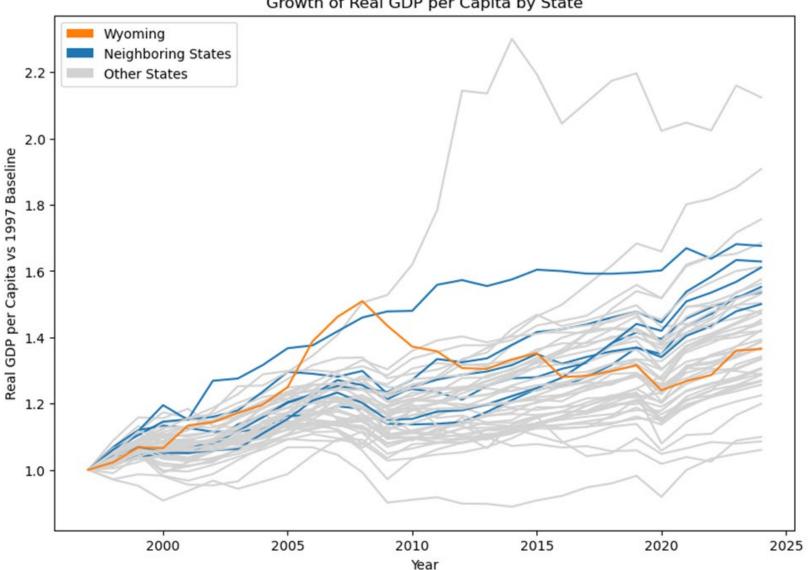


# MYTH: WYOMING'S ECONOMY IS DOING FINE.



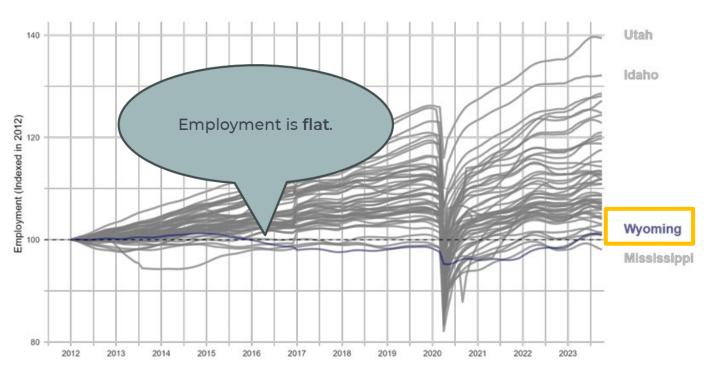
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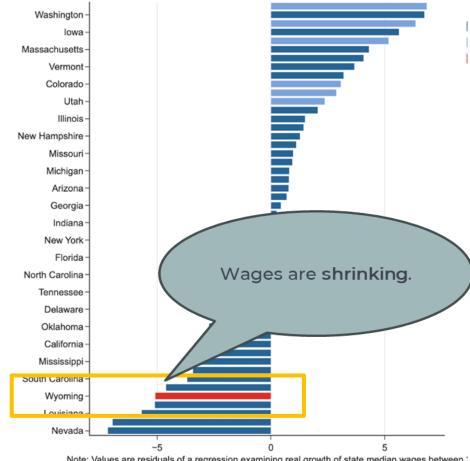


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Source: Author's elaboration based on Bureau of Labor Statistics -Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

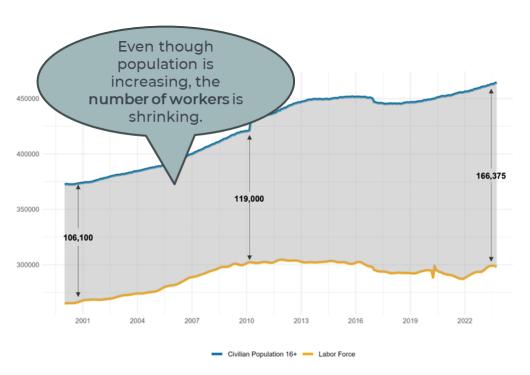


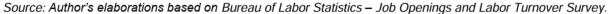


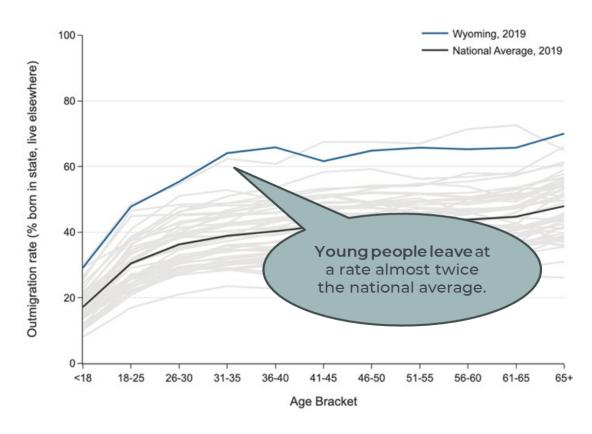
Note: Values are residuals of a regression examining real growth of state median wages between ; controlling for starting median wages.



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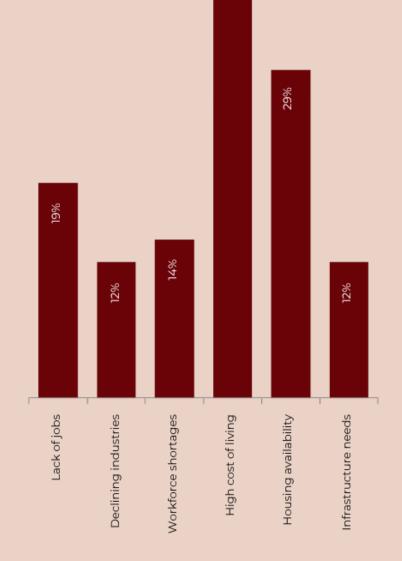
Source: Author's elaboration based on American Community Survey 2015-2019.



## 3 OUT OF 4 PEOPLE SAY THEIR LOCAL ECONOMY IS STAGNANT OR IN DECLINE.



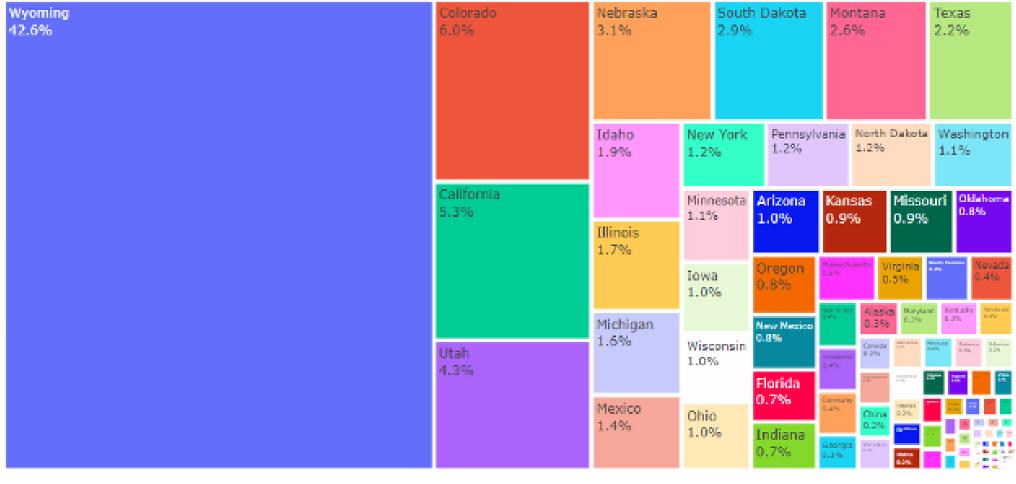
## COST OF LIVING & HOUSING AVAILABILITY TOP THE LIST OF CONCERNS.





### MYTH: THE WYOMING "BOOMERANG"







### REALITY: IT IS A SMALL BOOMERANG



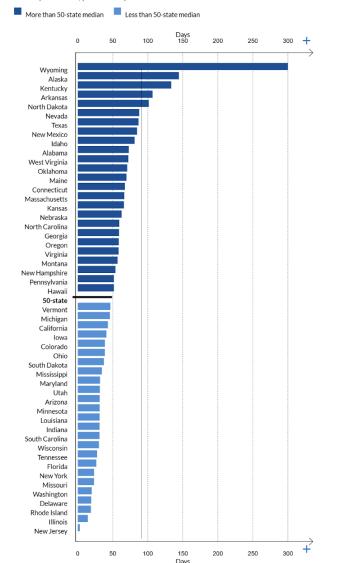
### MYTH: THE STATE IS BROKE.



### REALITY: WE HAVE SIGNIFICAL SAVINGS.

#### Days Each State Could Run on Only Rainy Day Funds

Fiscal year 2024, preliminary actual



| ltem  | Amount                 |
|---|------------------------|
| Rainy day funds<br>Wyoming 2024   | \$1.496 <b>billion</b> |
| Days covered by rainy day funds in Wyoming                                      | 302.2 days             |
| Days covered by rainy day funds in Alaska                                       | 144.4 days             |
| 1 day of spending in WY   | \$4.95 million         |
| If Wyoming had<br>145 days of rainy<br>day funds<br>(1 day more than<br>Alaska) | \$717.8 million        |
| Difference that<br>could be used in<br>Wyoming if it had<br>145 days of savings | \$778.1 million        |







### WE WANT INVESTMENT IN FOUNDATIONAL ELEMENTS, SPLITTING PRIORITIES BETWEEN JOB CREATION (50%) & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT (44%).



### MYTH: MOST PEOPLE DON'T WANT WYOMING TO GROW.





# NEARLY TWO-THIRDS (65%) OF US SUPPORT POPULATION GROWTH IF IT MEANS MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR FAMILY, FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS.



## 8 OUT OF 10 PEOPLE WANT THEIR COMMUNITY TO TAKE STRONG ACTION TO GROW JOBS + THE ECONOMY.

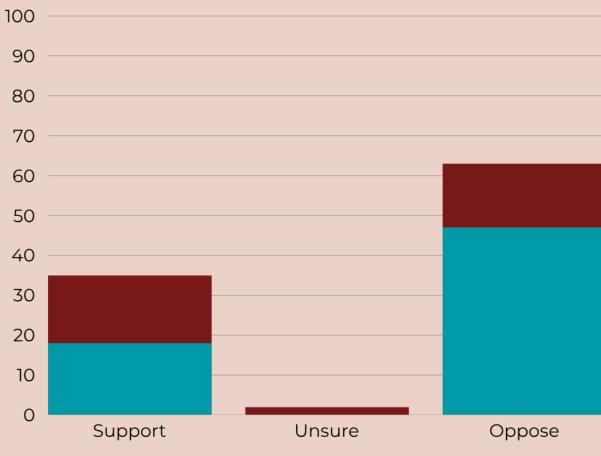


## 9 OUT OF 10 OF US AGREE THAT KEEPING & ATTRACTING YOUNG PEOPLE IS ESSENTIAL TO OUR FUTURE.



### MYTH: NOBODY WANTS TAXES TO INCREASE.





**STRONGLY** 

### REALITY: Support Unsure YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED.





### MYTH: LOW TAXES INCREASE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY.



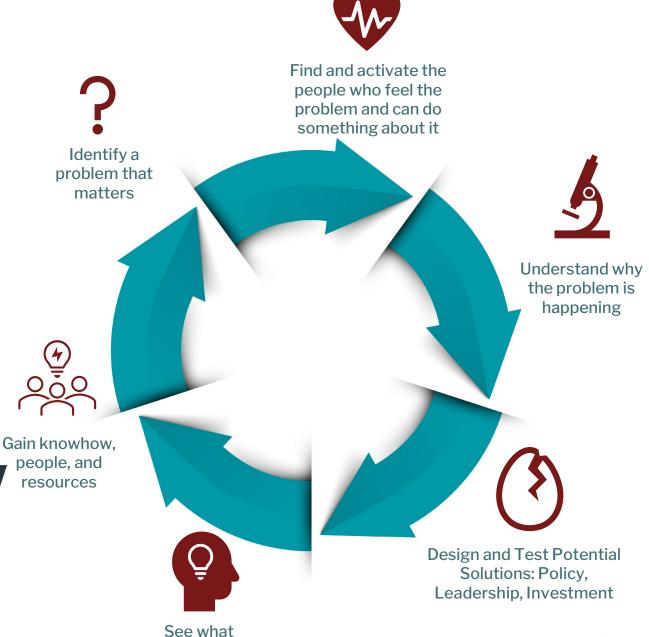
# REALITY: OUR FISCAL SYSTEM INCENTIVIZES DECLINE.



### MYTH: WE SHOULDN'T DO ANYTHING THAT WILL CREATE MORE PROBLEMS.



**REALITY:** PERFECT SOLUTIONS DON'T EXIST, BUT WE **CAN GET BETTER AT SOLVING PROBLEMS BY** SOLVING PROBLEMS.

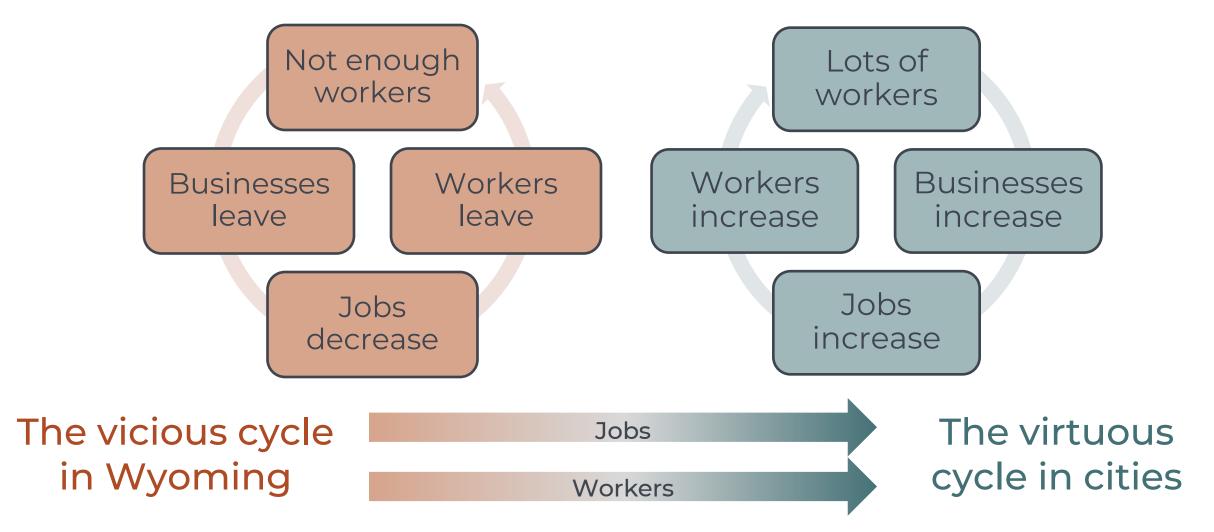


happens



### MYTH: WE HAVE TIME TO FIX THIS.

### REALITY: IT IS AN URGENT SITUATION





### WE ARE MANDATING

CHANGE.

Job opportunities

More locally owned businesses

More available housing

Road and infrastructure improvements

High speed internet access

Improved emergency services like fire, police, and medical

Recreational spaces like parks, trails, and sports facilities

Healthcare services

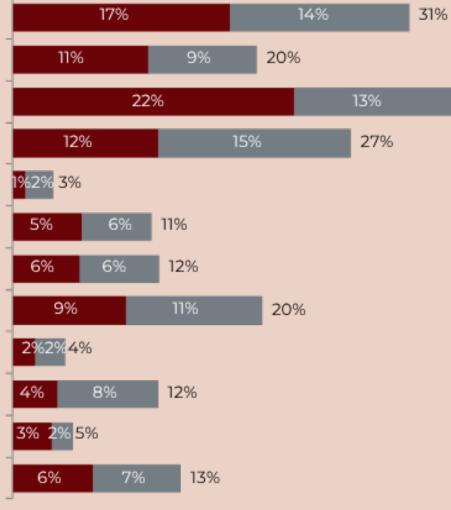
Public transportation

1st Choice

Educational programs and training

Environmental conservation efforts

Services for seniors and veterans



2nd Choice

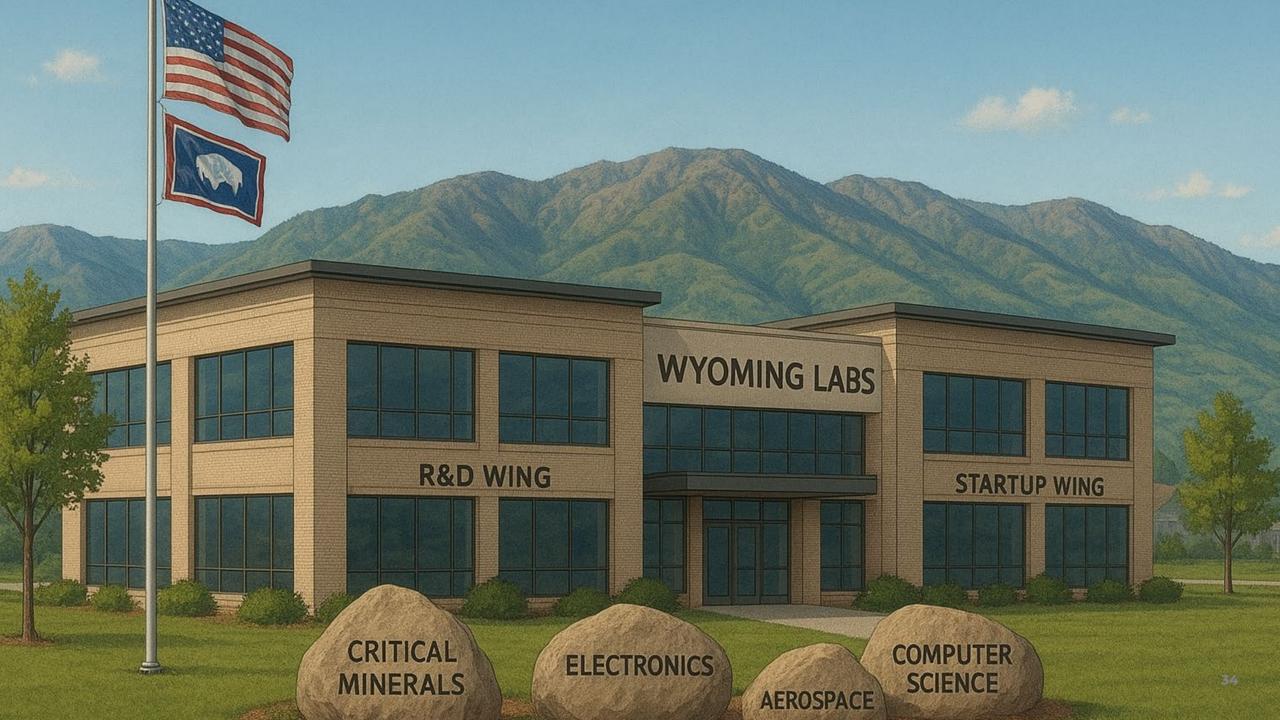
35%



# MYTH: NOBODY KNOWS WHAT TO DO.

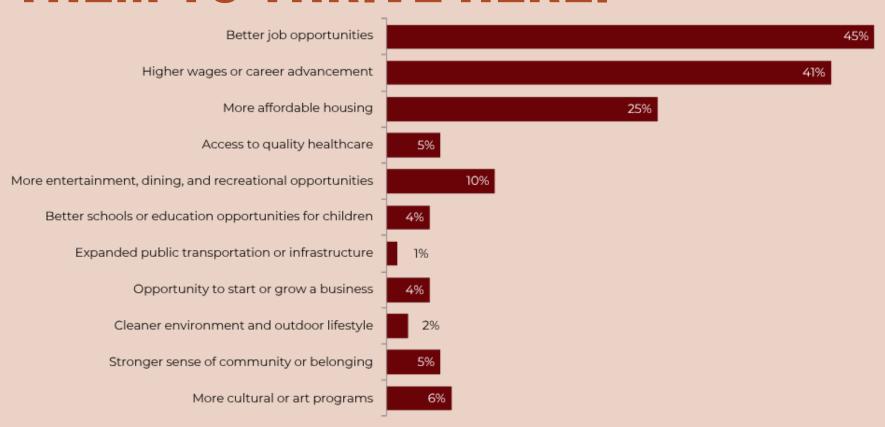


## PEOPLE WANT LOCAL GOVERNMENT & THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO LEAD ECONOMIC GROWTH.





## TO RETURN & RETAIN OUR YOUTH, WE MUST CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM TO THRIVE HERE.







## NEARLY HALF (45%) OF US DOUBT OUR COMMUNITY'S CURRENT CAPACITY TO MANAGE & SUSTAIN GROWTH.



### MYTH: THE SILENT MAJORITY EXISTS



### REALITY: SILENCE ISN'T WORKING

#### **FEATURED TOP STORY**

### Radiant scraps Wyoming nuclear microreactor manufacturing facility

California-based Radiant Industries cited the state's ban on spent nuclear fuel waste and said it will build a manufacturing plant in Tennessee.



by **Dustin Bleizeffer** 

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#### LATEST NEWS



Amid \$400 million highway funding shortfall, Wyoming lawmakers reject fuel tax increase



### MYTH: THERE ISN'T MUCH I CAN DO



### REALITY: LEADERS NEED SUPPORT, YOU CAN GIVE IT TO THEM.





### MYTH: NOBODY IS WILLING TO LEAD.



## REALITY: MEAGE MEAGE



