

2012 Voter Guide & Candidate Survey



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2012 Survey for State Candidates

ABORTION-RELATED QUESTIONS

In its 1973 rulings, Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton, the U.S. Supreme Court created a constitutional "right to abortion" which invalidated the abortion laws in all 50 states, giving us a policy of abortion on demand whereby a woman may obtain an abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy for any reason. Nebraska Right to Life (NRL) believes that unborn children should be protected by law and that abortion is permissible only when the life of the mother is in grave, immediate danger and every effort has been made to save both mother and baby. Under what circumstances, if any, do you believe abortion should be legal?

- 1A. In no case.
- 1B. To prevent the death of the mother.
- 1C. In cases of incest and in cases of forcible rape reported to law enforcement authorities.
- 1D. In cases of fetal deformity.
- 1E. In cases to select the desired sex of the child.

Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton created a "right to abortion" for any reason until "viability" (into the sixth month) and for any "health" reasons, including "emotional" health, even during the first three months of pregnancy. In the 1992 ruling of Casey v. Planned Parenthood, the Supreme Court reaffirmed the core findings of Roe v. Wade and said that any law placing an "undue burden" on access to abortion would be struck down.

2. Do you support reversing or changing the Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions so that elected legislative bodies (the State Legislatures and U.S. Congress) may once again protect unborn children by limiting and/or prohibiting abortion?
3. Would you support banning the use of public facilities, employees or funds for the performance of or referral for abortion?
4. Would you support de-funding federal and state tax dollars from organizations such as Planned Parenthood using a tiered approach that shows preference for public tax dollars to public health entities that have no ties to abortion?
5. Abortion clinics in Nebraska are largely unregulated. Would you support requiring abortion clinics to meet the same public health standards as other out-patient surgical facilities?

MEDICAL ETHICS QUESTIONS

Note: For Questions 6 & 7, the term "use" means: "the sale, purchase, research and/or transplantation of"

6. Would you support banning the "use" of human embryonic

stem cells, either multiple frozen embryos created through in vitro fertilization or embryos created for the express purpose of medical research?

7. Would you support banning the "use" of cloning (somatic cell nuclear transfer) of new human embryos either for therapeutic research or for reproductive purposes?
8. Would you support protecting the rights of medical professionals and institutions not to be forced into actions that violate their moral and ethical beliefs regarding abortion, euthanasia and unethical medical research?

INVOLUNTARY EUTHANASIA

Some hospitals have implemented formal policies authorizing denial of life-saving medical treatment against the will of the patient or the patient's family if an ethics committee thinks the patient's so-called "quality of life" is unacceptable. The federal Patient Self Determination Act currently requires health care facilities receiving Medicare or Medicaid to ask patients upon admission whether they have an advance directive indicating their desire to receive or refuse life-saving treatment under certain circumstances.

9. Would you support a ban on physician-assisted suicide?
10. Would you oppose involuntary denial of life-saving medical treatment on the basis of a view that treats extending the life of an elderly, disabled or terminally ill individual as of lower value than extending the life of an individual who is younger, non-disabled or not terminally ill?
11. Would you oppose involuntary denial of life-saving medical treatment on the basis of the health care provider's disagreement with how the patient or surrogate values the trade-off between extending the length of the patient's life and the risk of disability?

HEALTH CARE RESTRUCTURING LEGISLATION: THE PATIENT PROTECTION & AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (OBAMACARE)

On March 23, 2010, President Obama signed into law The Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act which Congress passed over the objections of National Right to Life and its state affiliates. The PPACA provides subsidies for private health plans that cover elective abortion and contains provisions that are likely to result in further expansion of abortion through administrative actions by various federal agencies.

12. Do you support the repeal of the Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act (Obamacare)?

POLITICAL FREE SPEECH QUESTION

NRL Political Action Committee is registered under the Nebraska Accountability & Disclosure Commission to conduct political activity advocating for or against specific candidates as well as for or against ballot issues. As such, NRL PAC funds are entirely separate from other funds and NRL PAC reports all expenditures and income for its PAC to NADC. The following issue does not involve NRL PAC, but non-political contact and issue advocacy by citizens groups, which NRL Inc. engages in.

In recent years, some powerful members of Congress and special interest groups have pushed for enactment of regulations on what they call "grassroots lobbying," by which they mean organized efforts to encourage citizens to contact elected officials to express a point of view about a public policy issue. NRL believes that such communication by citizens to their leaders should be encouraged and that such activity should not be hampered by record keeping and reporting requirements.

- 13. Would you oppose legislation that would impose new regulatory burdens on efforts to motivate citizens to contact elected officials?
- 14. Would you oppose legislation that would penalize corporations, including non-profit corporations such as NRL Inc., for

engaging in the types of free speech that the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled are protected by the First Amendment?

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS REGARDING LEGISLATURE; FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES ONLY

(Federal, State Constitutional Officers, State Board of Education & Board of Regents candidates need not answer the following)

- 15. Would you vote to "pull" a bill out of committee to the floor if the committee is holding or kills a pro-life bill?
- 16. In the Legislature, many want to be known as pro-life and will vote pro-life, but few senators are willing to introduce pro-life bills. Can Nebraska Right to Life count on you to seriously consider introducing pro-life legislation that we would like to see pursued?
- 17. Can Nebraska Right to Life count on you to seriously consider "prioritizing" a pro-life bill to help it move out of committee, receive floor debate and final passage?

LEGISLATIVE VOTES ON PRO-LIFE BILLS

- 18. Final vote on passage of LB 521, Stop Web Cam Abortions.
- 19. Final vote on passage of LB 690, Parental Consent.
- 20. Final vote on passage of LB 22, Opt Out of Abortion Insurance
- 21. Final vote on passage of LB 599, Prenatal Care

Answers to Survey

Nebraska Right to Life Political Action Committee Pro-Life Endorsed Candidates are in CAPITAL LETTERS, Underlined, Bolded and Check Marked.

SURVEY KEY
Y = Yes, Pro-Life In Most Cases N = No, Against Pro-Life In Most Cases
- = Did Not Answer Yes or No * = Comments on File #’s 18-21, Y=Yes which means they voted pro-life on the bill

U.S. PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT

MITT ROMNEY & PAUL RYAN (National Right to Life Committee PAC has endorsed Romney & Ryan as the only pro-life presidential ticket that can win. A vote for anyone else is, in effect, a vote for Barack Obama.)

Barack Obama & Joe Biden are endorsed by Planned Parenthood Action Fund & NARAL Pro-Choice America.

U.S. Senate

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEB FISCHER	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Bob Kerrey (Did Not Respond) (Pro-abortion voting record when in Senate)																									

U.S. House

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JEFF FORTENBERRY	-	Y*	-	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							-*
Korey Reiman (Did Not Respond)																									
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LEE TERRY	-	Y	-	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							
John W. Ewing Jr. (Did Not Respond)																									
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADRIAN SMITH	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Mark Sullivan																									

Vote Pro-Life Nov. 6th!

See Criteria For Endorsement Box on Page 4

STATE LEGISLATURE

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DAN WATERMEIER	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Jerry Joy (Did Not Respond)																									
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BILL KINTNER	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R. PAUL LAMBERT	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							N
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCOTT PRICE	-	Y	-	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Susan McNamara (Did Not Respond)																									

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✓ HEATH MELLO	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	-*	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
✓ Dist. 7																										
✓ JEREMIAH J. NORDQUIST	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Christopher N. Geary	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
✓ Dist. 9																										
✓ ERICA FISH	Y	N*	N*	N*	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Sara Howard (Did Not Respond)																										
✓ Dist. 11																										
Brenda J. Council (Did Not Respond)																						N	NV	N	Y	
Ernie Chambers (Did Not Respond)																										
✓ Dist. 13																										
Tanya Cook (Did Not Respond)																						N	N	N	Y	
Timothy Ashford (Did Not Respond)																										
✓ Dist. 15																										
Charlie Janssen	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	N	
Mike Petersen (Did Not Respond)																										
✓ Dist. 17																										
✓ DAVE BLOOMFIELD	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	
Van Phillips	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-*	Y	Y	Y	Y	
✓ Dist. 19																										
✓ WILLIAM GOODPASTURE	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
✓ JIM SCHEER	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
✓ Dist. 21																										
✓ MIKE HILGERS	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Ken Haar (Did Not Respond) (Meant to vote "NO" on LB 22, but he wasn't allowed to change vote)																							N	N	Y*	Y
✓ Dist. 23																										
✓ JERRY JOHNSON	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Vern Barrett	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	-*	-*	Y	Y	Y	Y	
✓ Dist. 25																										
Kathy Campbell (Did Not Respond)																							N	N	N	Y
✓ Dist. 27																										
✓ COLBY COASH	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Kyle Michaelis	N	Y	Y	-	-	-*	-	-	-	N*	-	-	-	-	-	N*	-	-	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
✓ Dist. 29																										
✓ LARRY ZIMMERMAN	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Kate Bolz (Did Not Respond)																										
✓ Dist. 31																										
✓ ACELA TURCO	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Rick Kolowski (Did Not Respond)																										
✓ Dist. 33																										
✓ MARVIN "BUTCH" HUGHES	Y	-	-	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Les Seiler (Did Not Respond)																									Y	
✓ Dist. 35																										
Mike Gloor (Did Not Respond)																							Y	Y	Y	Y
✓ Dist. 37																										
Galen Hadley	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-*	-*	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Josiah H. Woodward (Did Not Respond)																										
✓ Dist. 39																										
✓ BEAU MCCOY	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	
Judy Domina (Did Not Respond)																										
✓ Dist. 41																										
✓ KATE SULLIVAN	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-*	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Brook Curtiss	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
✓ Dist. 43																										
✓ JOHN RAVENSCROFT	Y	-	-	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Al Davis	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	N*	Y	-*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
✓ Dist. 45																										
✓ RICHARD CARTER	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Sue Crawford	N	Y	Y	-*	N	Y	-*	-*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y*	N*	-*	Y	-*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
✓ Dist. 47																										
Ken Schilz (Did Not Respond)																							Y	Y	Y	N
✓ Dist. 49																										
✓ JOHN MURANTE	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
✓ FRANK C. WELLENSTEIN	Y	-	-	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

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NOTE On REGENTS' RACES: The only pro-life issue that has come up before the Board of Regents in recent history has been the issue of using human embryos for research, aborted fetal tissue research and human cloning, all of which Nebraska Right to Life opposes. One Regent claimed he was pro-life on these issues on previous NRL PAC surveys and he was endorsed. He subsequently voted against the pro-life position on the one vote that came up on the issue while he was a Regent, resulting in us losing a pro-life policy by which research should be conducted at UNMC. It is imperative that Regent candidates be scrutinized closely as we have been burned in the past. For that reason, we are telling you when a Regent candidate says one thing on the survey but does another thing.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dist. 3																		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DAVID COPPLE	-	Y	Y*	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JIM PILLEN	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dist. 4																		
Larry Bradley	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	N*	N*
Bob Whitehouse (Did Not Respond, Incumbent who voted AGAINST policy that would limit expanded unethical medical research.)																		
Dist. 5																		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LAVON HEIDEMANN	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
(Heidemann had a pro-life voting record while in Legislature including voting AGAINST unethical medical research.)																		
Mike Jones*	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y*
(Jones is not endorseable as pro-life due to his comments in interview negating his answer on #6. He said he could not confirm he would vote AGAINST unethical medical research using embryos.)																		
Dist. 8																		
Ann Ferlic Ashford (Did Not Respond, public statements indicate she would not vote AGAINST unethical medical research using embryos.)																		
Hal Daub (Did Not Respond, will not commit to voting AGAINST unethical medical research using embryos.)																		

State Board of Education

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOB VAN VALKENBURG	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lillie Larson (Did Not Respond)																		
Dist. 2																		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARK QUANDAHL	-	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dist. 3																		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TOM SCHOMMER	-	Y*	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rachel Wise (Did Not Respond)																		
Dist. 4																		
Rebecca Valdez (Did Not Respond)																		



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upon it, it does!**

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NRL PAC CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT CRITERIA

Nebraska Right to Life PAC sends a survey to every candidate for State and Federal office. If the survey is not returned by deadline, a "Did Not Respond" is put by the candidate's name. NRL PAC representatives interview candidates for major offices either prior to the Primary or between the Primary and General Elections. We rely on input from Board members and members of our local Chapter network around the State, as well as pro-lifers from the candidate's district. Criteria for a pro-life endorsement includes a returned survey and agreement with major principles on the survey. Concurrence with NRL PAC's position on every survey question is not required for a pro-life endorsement. Some issues are "deal-breakers" for an endorsement such as overturning Roe v. Wade, opposition to abortion funding, euthanasia and unethical bio-medical research. Incumbents to an office or current elected officials seeking a different office are held to a higher standard by virtue of the fact that they have a voting record which we also take into consideration. However, a 100% pro-life voting/action record is a rarity and not required to receive an endorsement. Newcomers with no previous record of action/voting can claim to be 100% but there is nothing to base that on. When incumbents seeking the same office have a good pro-life record, they are given special consideration with a sole endorsement, even if a pro-lifer is challenging them. NRL PAC will consider Federal Democrat races on a case by case basis. NRL PAC is one of the few groups which prints all of the answers of every candidate who responds to our survey. We feel it is the only fair way to let the pro-life voter know where the candidates stand.