

2008 Survey for State Candidates

ABORTION-RELATED QUESTIONS

1. 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. Only 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.
2. Do you support the complete reversal of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton, thereby the issue to return to each State and allowing each State to decide abortion policy as in the past?
3. Would you support a ban on partial-birth abortion?
4. Nebraska currently has a parental involvement law requiring notification of one parent prior to a minor having an abortion. Would you support consent of one parent prior to a minor obtaining an abortion (with judicial bypass as required by U.S. Supreme Court allowed.)?
5. Would you support banning the use of public facilities, employees or funds for the performance of or referral for abortion?
6. Would you support banning the use of public funds for organizations such as Planned Parenthood, the largest providers and promoters of abortion in the U.S.?
7. 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?
8. Would you support banning the funding and creation of school-based health clinics in public schools which could counsel and refer for abortion without parental consent?

MEDICAL ETHICS QUESTIONS

Note: For Questions 9 & 10, the term “use” means: “the sale, purchase, research and/or transplantation of”

9. 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?
10. Would you support banning the “use” of cloning (somatic cell nuclear transfer) of human embryos either for therapeutic research or for reproductive purposes?

EUTHANASIA QUESTIONS

11. Would you oppose efforts to legalize physician-assisted suicide?
12. Do you believe that food and water (nutrition and hydration) along with other basic comfort care, should always be provided to patients, especially persons with disabilities, the chronically ill and elderly?

POLITICAL PARTY QUESTION

13. Would you support a pro-life plank in your county, state and national political party platform?

POLITICAL FREE SPEECH QUESTION

14. Would you support the First Amendment right of issue-oriented groups to organize Political Action Committees (PACs) and to conduct “independent expenditures” that support or oppose candidates?

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)

In 1992 the Nebraska Legislature adopted the cloture rule; whereby bills that are filibustered can go through up to 8 hours of debate on each of three stages and pass a 33 vote test to invoke cloture to move the bill on to the next stage. When pro-life legislation is filibustered in the Legislature; the standard for passing pro-life bills moves from 25 votes to 33 votes. It is difficult to achieve and maintain 33 votes in a body of 49 people when some may be ill, excused for the vote, etc. For that reason, please indicate your position on the following:

15. Would you support eliminating the cloture rule or reducing the number of votes needed to reach cloture?
16. Would you support a motion to suspend the rules to take up a vote on a pro-life bill? (30 votes needed.)
17. Would you support voting to “pull” a bill from a committee which is not passing pro-life legislation to the floor?
18. Would you support voting to overrule the Chair to move a pro-life bill forward? (25 votes needed.)
19. If the Governor vetoed pro-life legislation would you vote to override the veto?
20. If the Governor vetoed pro-abortion legislation would you vote to uphold the veto?
21. Would you seriously consider naming a pro-life bill as one of your “priority” bills during a two year cycle?

Answers to Survey From Page 1



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

Please note that we identify those candidates who are endorsed or supported by our Opposition:
Planned Parenthood Voters of Nebraska (PPVN) & Nebraska Research PAC (NRP) (supports unethical medical research).

U.S. President/Vice President

Nebraska Right to Life PAC does not endorse in presidential races but defers to our parent organization, National Right to Life Committee, in supporting **JOHN MCCAIN and SARAH PALIN**. Senator McCain and Governor Palin have consistent pro-life records and both oppose Roe v. Wade. Senators Barack Obama and Joe Biden are supported by pro-abortion groups. They both have pro-abortion records and they both support only the appointment of US Supreme Court justices who would vote to keep Roe v. Wade, the decision which allows abortion on demand.

U.S. Senate

Name	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MIKE JOHANN (Pro-life former Gov)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Scott Kleeb (Did not respond to survey)																		
Steve Larrick (Did not respond to survey)																		
Kelly Rosberg (Did not respond to survey)																		

U.S. Congress

Dist. #, Name	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIST. 1 JEFF FORTENBERRY (Pro-life Incumbent)	Y*	-*	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y
Dist. 1 Max Yashirin (Did not respond to survey)																		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIST. 2 LEE TERRY (Pro-life Incumbent)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jim Esch (Did not respond to Primary survey) (First requested survey on 8/25/08)	-	Y	-	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIST. 3 ADRIAN SMITH (Pro-life Incumbent)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dist. 3 Jay C. Stoddard	-	Y	Y	N	N	Y*	Y	-	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

State Legislature

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIST. 1 LAVON HEIDEMANN (Pro-life Incumbent)	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
District 1 Jerry Joy (Did not respond to survey) (Endorsed by NRP, unethical research PAC)																									
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIST. 3 GAIL KOPPLIN (Pro-life Incumbent)	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
Dist. 3 Scott Price	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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIST. 5 REBECCA BARRIENTOS-PATLAN	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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIST. 5 HEATH MELLO	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIST. 7 CHRISTOPHER MOLES	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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIST. 7 JEREMY NORDQUIST	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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Dist. 9 Gwen Howard (Incumbent) (Did not respond to survey) (Endorsed by Planned Parenthood & NRP, unethical research PAC)																									
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Dist. 11 Brenda Council (Did not respond to survey) (Endorsed by Planned Parenthood)																									
Dist. 11 Dennis Womack (Did not respond to survey)																									
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIST. 13 KURT GESCHWENDER	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
Tanya Cook (Did not respond to survey)																									
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	Y	Y
Dist. 15 Richard Register (Did not respond to survey)																									

See Criteria For
Endorsement
Box on Page 4

Answers to survey from Page 1, continued

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✓	DIST. 17 DOUGLAS GARWOOD	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
✓	DIST. 17 ROBERT GIESE	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
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✓	DIST. 18 SCOTT LAUTENBAUGH (Pro-life Appointee)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	-*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Dist. 18 Carl Lorenzen	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	(Endorsed by NRP, unethical research PAC)																									
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✓	DIST. 19 MIKE FLOOD (Pro-Life Incumbent)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	-*	-*	-*	Y	Y	Y*
	Dist. 19 Daniel Truman Barrows (Did not respond to survey)																									
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✓	DIST. 21 JAMES ARTHUR JEFFERS	-	Y	-	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 to survey) (Endorsed by Planned Parenthood, Spouse is Chris Funk, CEO of Planned Parenthood/Neb/Council Bluffs which has abortion facilities in Lincoln and Council Bluffs) (Endorsed by NRP, unethical research PAC)																									
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✓	DIST. 23 CHRIS LANGEMEIER (Pro-life Incumbent)	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*
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	Dist. 25 Kathy Campbell (Did not respond to survey) (Endorsed by NRP, unethical research PAC)																									
	Dist. 25 Travis Wagner (Did not respond to survey)																									
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✓	DIST. 27 COLBY COASH	Y	-	-	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Dist. 27 Dan Marvin (Did not respond to survey) (Endorsed by Planned Parenthood & NRP, unethical research PAC)																									
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✓	DIST. 29 TONY FULTON (Pro-life Appointee)	Y*	-	-	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*
	Dist. 29 Susan Scott (Did not respond to survey) (Endorsed by Planned Parenthood & NRP, unethical research PAC)																									
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	Dist. 31 Rich Pahls (Pro-life Incumbent) (Did not respond to survey)																									
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✓	DIST. 33 DENNIS UTTER	-	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*
	Dist. 33 Chuck Shoemaker (Did not respond to survey, comments on file) (Endorsed by NRP, unethical research PAC)																									
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✓	DIST. 35 MIKE GLOOR	-	Y	-	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*
✓	DIST. 35 GREGG NEUHAUS	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*
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✓	DIST. 37 JIM GEORGE	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
	Dist. 37 Galen Hadley (Did not respond to survey) (Endorsed by NRP, unethical research PAC)																									
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✓	DIST. 39 BEAU MCCOY	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. 39 REX MOATS	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*
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✓	DIST. 41 PAUL EUREK	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y*
✓	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	Y
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✓	DIST. 43 DEB FISCHER (Pro-life Incumbent)	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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✓	DIST. 45 ABBIE CORNETT (Pro-life Incumbent)	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
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✓	DIST. 47 KEN SCHILZ	Y	-	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*
	Dist. 47 Bernard Fehringer (Did not respond to survey)																									
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	Dist. 49 LeRoy Loudon (Pro-life Incumbent) (Did not respond to survey)																									
	Dist. 49 Michael Jacobson (Did not respond to survey)																									



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University Board of Regents

Dist. # Name	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIST. 1 TIM CLARE	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dist. 1 Earl Scudder (Did not respond to survey) (Endorsed by Planned Parenthood & NRP, unethical research PAC)																		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIST. 2 HOWARD HAWKS (Pro-life Incumbent)	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
State Board of Education																		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIST. 1 BOB EVNEN	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIST. 2 KERRY WINTERER	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dist. 3 Jim Scheer (Did not respond to survey)																		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIST. 4 TIM HELLER	-	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dist. 4 Rebecca Valdez (Did not respond to survey)																		

Local Candidates (not all listed were surveyed):

Douglas County Board of Commissioners

- Dist. 3: Chris Rodgers (Endorsed by Planned Parenthood)
- DIST. 5: CHIP MAXWELL (Incumbent) (Endorsed by Nebraska Right to Life PAC)**
- Dist. 5: Marc Kraft, (Endorsed by Planned Parenthood)

Omaha-Metropolitan Utilities District

- TIM CAVANAUGH (Incumbent) (Endorsed by Nebraska Right to Life PAC)**
- Mike McGowan (Non-Incumbent, but responded pro-life)

Omaha-Metropolitan Community College

Dist. 1 Carol Russell is former President of Planned Parenthood/Neb and former President of Nebraskans for Research (unethical medical research group)

Omaha Board of Education

Dist. 4: Nancy Huston (Endorsed by Planned Parenthood)
Dist. 10: Kersten Borer (Endorsed by Planned Parenthood)

Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

Dist. 2: Barbara Baier, (Endorsed by Planned Parenthood)
Dist. 4: Nancy Intermill, (Endorsed by Planned Parenthood)

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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 survey is not returned a "Did not respond" is put by the candidate's name. NRL PAC representatives interview candidates for major offices and rely on input from board members and pro-lifers from a candidate's local area. Criteria for a pro-life endorsement includes a returned survey and agreement with major principles on the survey, including bioethics issues. 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, when incumbents seeking the same office have a good pro-life record, they are given special status with a sole endorsement, even if a pro-lifer is challenging them. NRL PAC is one of the few groups that prints all of the answers of every candidate who responds to our survey. We feel it is the only fair way to let you, the pro-life voter, know where the candidates stand.

