

# Nebraska Right to Life



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Political Action Committee



## 2010 Voter Guide & Candidate Survey

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# 2010 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 returning the issue to the States and allowing each State to decide abortion policy as in the past?

3. 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 allowed.)?

4. Would you support banning the use of public facilities, employees or funds for the performance of or referral for abortion?

5. 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.?

6. 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?

7. 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 8 & 9, the term "use" means: "the sale, purchase, research and/or transplantation of."*

8. 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?

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

10. Would you support a ban on physician-assisted suicide?

11. Do you believe that food and water (nutrition and hydration) along with other basic comfort care, should be provided to patients, especially persons with disabilities, the chronically ill and elderly.?

## POLITICAL PARTY QUESTION

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

## POLITICAL FREE SPEECH QUESTION

13. 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 have to go through 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. Most pro-life legislation is automatically filibustered in the Nebraska Legislature; the standard for passing pro-life bills has moved 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:

14. Would you support eliminating the cloture rule or reducing the number of votes needed to reach cloture to 30? (only 30 votes are needed to override a Governor's veto, for instance)

15. Would you support a motion to suspend the rules to take up a vote on a pro-life bill? (30 votes needed.)

16. Would you vote to "pull" a bill out of committee to the floor if the committee is holding or kills a pro-life bill?

17. 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?

18. 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?

19. Final vote on passage of LB 1103, Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act

20. Final vote on passage of LB 594, Womens' Health Protection Act

## 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 (Question 1A-E is the exception to this)  
- = Did Not Answer Yes or No \* = Comments on File

### U.S. Congress

Dist. #, Name	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #1 <b>JEFF FORTENBERRY (Incumbent)</b> #1 Ivy Harper (Did Not Respond)	-	Y*	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #2 <b>LEE TERRY (Incumbent)</b> #2 Tom White	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #3 <b>ADRIAN SMITH (Incumbent)</b> #3 Rebekah Davis (Did Not Respond) #3 Dan Hill (Write-in Added After Primary, Not Surveyed)	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

### Governor

Name	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>DAVE HEINEMAN (Incumbent)</b> Mike Meister (Nominated After Primary, Not Surveyed)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

### Secretary of State

Name	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>JOHN GALE (Incumbent)</b> Janet Stewart (Did Not Respond)	N	N*	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y

### State Auditor

Name	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>MIKE FOLEY (Incumbent)</b> Michele Sallach-Grace (Added After Primary, Not Surveyed)	Y	-	-	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

### State Treasurer

Name	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>DON STENBERG</b>	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>MARK STOJ</b>	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

### Attorney General

Name	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>JON BRUNING (Incumbent)</b>	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

### State Legislature

District #, Name	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #2 <b>DAVE PANKONIN (Incumbent)</b> #2 Nate Louderback	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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #4 <b>PETE PIRSCH (Incumbent)</b>	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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #6 <b>JOHN NELSON (Incumbent)</b> #6 Todd Frazier	N*	Y*	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	N*	N*	Y
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #8 <b>JOHN COMSTOCK</b>	-	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"/> #10 <b>BOB KRIST (Incumbent)</b> #10 Tim Lonergan	Y	-*	N	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y*	Y*	Y	Y
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #12 <b>STEVE LATHROP (Incumbent)</b>	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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #14 <b>JIM SMITH</b> #14 Teresa Whitehead (Did Not Respond)	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

Vote Pro-Life Nov. 2nd!  
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #16 LYDIA BRASCH	N	Y	N*	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
#16 Kent Rogert (Incumbent)	-	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	-	-	Y	Y
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #18 SCOTT LAUTENBAUGH (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
#18 Carl Lorenzen (Did Not Respond)																								
#20 Brad Ashford (Incumbent)	N	Y	Y	N	N	N*	-*	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	-*	Y	Y	-*	Y	N*	-	-	-*	-*	Y	N
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #22 MIKE MOSER	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #22 PAUL SCHUMACHER	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y*	-*	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y			
#24 Greg Adams (Incumbent)	N	Y	Y	N	N	-	Y	-	-	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	-	-	Y	Y
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #26 TOM DIERKS	Y	-	-	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y*	Y*		
#26 Amanda McGill (Incumbent, Did Not Respond, Endorsed by Planned Parenthood Voters for Choice in 2006 Election)																							N	N
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #28 NANCY RUSSELL	Y*	-*	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
#28 Bill Avery (Incumbent, Did Not Respond)																							Y	N
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #30 NORMAN WALLMAN (Incumbent)	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
#30 John Knabe	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*		
#32 Russ Karpisek (Incumbent)	-	-	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #34 ANNETTE DUBAS (Incumbent)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	-*	Y	Y	Y	Y
#34 Brandon Hunnicutt	N	-	-	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
#36 John Wightman (Incumbent, Did Not Respond)																							Y	Y
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #38 TOM CARLSON (Incumbent)	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #40 CAP DIERKS (Incumbent)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y
#40 Tyson Larson	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #42 TOM HANSEN (Incumbent)	-	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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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #44 MARK CHRISTENSEN (Incumbent)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
#44 Tom Baker	-	Y	-	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y*	Y	Y	Y*		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #46 CHAD WRIGHT	N	Y	N*	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
#46 Danielle Conrad (Incumbent, Did Not Respond, Endorsed by Planned Parenthood Voters for Choice in 2006 Election)																							N	N
#48 John Harms (Incumbent, Did Not Respond)																							Y	Y

### NRL PAC CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT CRITERIA

Nebraska Right to Life PAC sends a survey to every candidate for State and Federal office except in special circumstances. 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 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 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.

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#6 Kent Schroeder (Incumbent, Did Not Respond, Voted Against Pro-Life in 12/09, ESCR Vote)																	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #7 BOB PHARES (Incumbent, Voted Pro-Life in 12/09 ESCR Vote)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
#7 Frank Svoboda	-	Y	N*	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

### State Board of Education

District #, Name	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #7 CINDI ALLEN	Y	-	-	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #7 MOLLY O'HOLLERAN	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

### Public Service Commission

District #, Name	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #4 ROD JOHNSON (Incumbent)	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #5 JERRY VAP (Incumbent)	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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## NRL PAC Discusses Endorsement Criteria

LINCOLN - Nebraska Right to Life Political Action Committee (NRL PAC) Director Denise Ashby announced that the NRL PAC met March 27th to review its endorsement process and criteria and voted on endorsements for the Primary Election.

"Starting with our January meeting and continuing in March, NRL PAC met to review our endorsement criteria and process, in the wake of two defections of endorsed elected officials from the pro-life position," said Ashby. (Regent Jim McClurg, Embryonic Stem Cell Vote, November, 2009; Senator Ben Nelson, Healthcare Reform, December, 2009).

"NRL PAC has always taken into consideration an elected official's entire record when making endorsements," said Ashby. "We also weigh the gravity of various issues and actions. The PAC concluded that Senator Nelson's decision to become the 60th vote which allowed the passage of the Administrations' healthcare reform, without adequate abortion language; precludes him from ever receiving an endorsement in the future should he decide to run again."

"NRL PAC views LB 1110, prenatal funding, as a pro-life issue," said Ashby. "We weighed that issue with the rest of Governor Dave Heineman's record and felt that his support for LB 1103 and LB 594 this session plus his previous support of LB 675 (Ultrasound, 2009) and LB 606 (Cloning

Ban, 2008) determined our ongoing support of the Governor with a sole endorsement as per our policy for the pro-life incumbent."

"NRL PAC also reaffirmed its non-partisan status," said Ashby. "That is reflected in our endorsements of pro-life Democrats in the State Legislature. To hold pro-life Dems in the State Legislature accountable for the actions of members of their Party at the Federal level would be to hold them to a higher standard than Republicans in the Legislature. That does not reflect a non-partisan stance."

"Why would we ask pro-life Dems to vote for pro-life bills in the Legislature and withhold an endorsement when their Republican counterparts would have the exact same record and receive an endorsement?" said Ashby. "At the Federal level our PAC recognizes that it becomes more difficult because of the influence of the Democratic National Party, therefore, future Federal races will be considered on a case by case basis."

