

General Election
November 4th

Nebraska Right to Life

Political Action Committee
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Voter Guide

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2014 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.

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 rape and incest.
- 1D. In cases of fetal anomaly.
- 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?
5. Would you support legislation that would remove from Obamacare the funding of elective abortions?
6. Would you support legislation that would restrict the further expansion of abortion through administrative actions by various federal entities under Obamacare?
7. Abortion clinics in Nebraska are largely unregulated. Would you support requiring abortion clinics to meet the same public health standards as other outpatient surgical facilities?

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 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?

EUTHANASIA

Some hospitals have implemented formal policies authorizing denial of lifesaving 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 lifesaving treatment under certain circumstances.

11. Would you support a ban on physician-assisted suicide?
12. Would you oppose involuntary denial of lifesaving 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?

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 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. 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?
16. 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?
17. Would you vote to “pull” a bill out of committee to the floor if the committee is holding a pro-life bill?

	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U.S. SENATE																		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEN SASSE	Y*	--*	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Todd Watson	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dave Domina (Did Not Respond)																		
Jim Jenkins (Did Not Respond)																		--*
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES																		
Dist. #1																		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JEFF FORTENBERRY	--	Y*	--	--	--	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dennis Crawford (Did Not Respond)																		--*
Dist. #2																		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LEE TERRY	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Brad Ashford, Steven Laird (Did Not Respond)																		
Dist. #3																		
<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 (Did Not Respond)																		
GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR																		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PETE RICKETTS	Y	--*	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MIKE FOLEY	Y*	--	--	--	--	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Chuck Hassebrook (Endorsed by Planned Parenthood, Did Not Respond)																		
Jane Raybould (Did Not Respond)																		
Mark G. Elworth Jr. (Did Not Respond)																		
Scott Zimmerman (Did Not Respond)																		
SECRETARY OF STATE																		
Ben Backus	Y	N	N	N	N	N*	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N*	N*	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
John Gale	--	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	--*	--*	Y	Y
STATE AUDITOR																		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHARLIE JANSSEN	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Amanda McGill (Did Not Respond)																		
STATE TREASURER																		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DON STENBERG	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Michael Knebel	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	--	Y	Y
Michael O'Hara (Did Not Respond)																		
ATTORNEY GENERAL																		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DOUG PETERSON	--	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Janet Stewart (Did Not Respond)																		

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

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State Legislature Ranking Key On Page 3

See Criteria For Endorsement Box on Page 4

Vote Pro-Life Nov. 4th!

New Ranking System For State Legislature Only: The passage of legislation in our Nebraska Legislature is where Nebraska Right to Life has had the greatest public policy impact. In an effort to better engage grassroots voters and educate them about the process, the NRL Board voted in April 2014 to create a new ranking system only for State Legislative candidates. This new ranking rewards those who lead through the much-needed task of introducing and prioritizing pro-life legislation that NRL supports. Hopefully pro-life voters in legislative districts will seek out the candidates and their current state senator and encourage them to take a more active role in introducing and prioritizing legislation as well as working diligently to get bills out of the Judiciary and Health Committees. **For more information, see Legislature Ranking Key on Page 3.**

	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STATE LEGISLATURE																						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #2 BILL KINTNER (EI-VPL)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
#2 Ronald Nolte (New-AM)	N	Y	Y	N	N	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
#3 Carol Blood (New-APL)	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	
#3 Tommy Garrett (Appointee, New-APL)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
#4 Robert Hilkemann (New-APL)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
#4 Stacy Ryan (New-APL)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

STATE LEGISLATURE	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
#6 Joni Craighead (New-APL)	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
#6 John Stalnaker (Did Not Respond)																					
#8 Gwenn Aspen (New-AM)	--	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
#8 Burke Harr (Incumbent, Did Not Respond)																					
#10 Bob Krist (Incumbent, Did Not Respond)																					
#12 Merv Riepe (New-APL)	Y*	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
#12 Greg Hosch (Did Not Respond)																					
#14 Jim Smith (Incumbent, Did Not Respond)																					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #16 LYDIA BRASCH (EI-VPL)	--	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
#16 Scott Japp (New, APL)	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	--*	--*
#18 Brett Lindstrom (New-APL)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
#18 J. Michael Tesar (New-AM)	N	Y*	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	--*	--*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
#20 Matt Lathrop (New-APL)	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
#20 John McCollister (Did Not Respond)																					
#22 Paul Schumacher (RI-VPL)	*	N	*	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
#22 Douglas Liewer (Did Not Respond)																					
#24 Mark Kolterman (New-APL)	Y	--	--	--	--	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
#24 Kirk Tesar (Did Not Respond)																					
#26 Brent Smoyer (New-APL)	Y*	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	--*
#26 Matt Hansen (Did Not Respond)																					
#28 Dallas Jones (New-APL)	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	--*
#28 Patty Pansing Brooks (Did Not Respond)																					
#30 Bob Tiemann (New-APL)	Y*	Y	--	--	--	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	--*	Y
#30 Roy Baker (Did Not Respond)																					
#32 Laura Ebke (New-AM)	N	Y*	N*	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	--*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*
#32 Phil Hardenburger (Did Not Respond)																					
#34 Curt Friesen (New-APL)	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
#36 Matt Williams (New-APL)	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
#36 Luis Sotelo (New-AM)	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	--	--	Y
#38 John Kuehn (Did Not Respond)																					
#40 Tyson Larson (RI-VPL)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
#40 Keith Kube (New-APL)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
#42 Michael Groene (New-APL)	Y	--	--	--	--	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	--*	--*	Y*
#42 Roric Paulman (Did Not Respond)																					
#44 Dan Hughes (New-APL)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
#44 Steven Stroup (New-APL)	Y	--	--	--	--	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
#46 James Michael Bowers (Did Not Respond)																					
#46 Adam Morfeld (Did Not Respond)																					
#48 John Stinner (New-APL)	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
#48 Mike Meister (Did Not Respond)																					

Legislature Ranking Key

ENDORSED INCUMBENT, Leads & Votes Pro-Life: Senators who have either introduced and/or prioritized a pro-life bill and/or have demonstrated exemplary effort to move a bill out of committee as well as votes pro-life on the floor. Must also respond to our NRL PAC survey in agreement with our main principles. (EI-VPL)

RECOMMENDED INCUMBENT, VOTES PRO-LIFE: Senators who vote pro-life on the floor and/or in committee. Must also respond to our NRL PAC survey in agreement with our main principles. (RI-VPL)

NEW, ANSWERED PRO-LIFE: Candidate who is not an incumbent and has responded pro-life to our NRL PAC survey in agreement with our main principles. (New-APL)

NEW, ANSWERED MIXED: Candidate who is not an incumbent and has responded with mixed answers to our NRL PAC survey. (New-AM)

NEW, ANSWERED NOT PRO-LIFE: Candidate is not an incumbent and has answered our NRL PAC survey in disagreement with our main principles. (New-ANPL)

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION																		
✓ #5 CHRISTINE LADE	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
#4 Patricia Timm (Did Not Respond)																		
#6 Maureen Nickels (Did Not Respond)																		
✓ #7 MOLLY O'HOLLERAN	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
#7 Robin R. Stevens (*Comments on File)																		
✓ #8 PATRICK MCPHERSON	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
#8 Bob Meyers (Did Not Respond)																		
STATE BOARD OF REGENTS																		
✓ #1 TIM CLARE	--	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
#2 Howard Hawks Did Not Respond																		
✓ #5 STEVE GLENN	Y	--	--	--	--	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
✓ #5 ROBERT SCHAFFER (Appointee)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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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 biomedical 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 percent 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 percent 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.