






Where Do the Candidates Stand on Life?

Candidates <i>The candidates listed below have announced their candidacies for president and have scored a minimum of 3% in a national poll since 06/26/11.</i>	Taxpayer Funding for Abortion <i>The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act would codify the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits federal funding of abortion. Over one million Americans are alive today because of the Hyde Amendment.</i>	Roe v. Wade & Abortion <i>The 1973 Roe v. Wade and its companion Doe v. Bolton decisions together essentially legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States, resulting in more than 53 million abortions since then.</i>	Funding for Abortion Providers <i>Each year, hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars are given to Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider, reporting 332,278 abortions in 2009.</i>	ObamaCare <i>The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare) will provide funding for health plans that pay for abortion on demand, and will lead to the rationing of lifesaving medical treatments.</i>
 Barack Obama (D) <i>U.S. President</i>	<p>The White House issued a statement attacking the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 3): "If the President is presented with H.R. 3, his senior advisors would recommend that he veto the bill."</p>	<p>"I am pro-choice. I believe in <i>Roe v. Wade</i>."</p> <p>"With one more vacancy on the court, we could be looking at a majority hostile to a woman's right to choose for the first time since <i>Roe v. Wade</i>, and that is what is at stake in this election." (01/22/2008)</p>	<p>On his third day in office, President Obama nullified the pro-life "Mexico City Policy," making organizations that perform and promote abortion as a method of family planning overseas eligible for U.S. foreign aid funds.</p>	<p>On March 23, 2010, signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare) into law, which will provide funding for health plans that pay for abortion on demand, and will lead to the rationing of lifesaving medical treatments.</p>
 Newt Gingrich (R) <i>Former Speaker, U.S. House</i>	<p>Voted for the Hyde Amendment and other bans on government funding of abortion.</p>	<p>"The revolutionary idea contained in the Declaration of Independence is that certain fundamental human rights, including the right to life, are gifts from God and cannot be given nor taken away by government."</p> <p>"...choosing abortion is not acceptable."</p>	<p>"End taxpayer subsidies for abortion by repealing ObamaCare, defunding Planned Parenthood, and reinstating the 'Mexico City Policy,' which banned funding to organizations that promote and/or perform abortions overseas."</p>	<p>"We must repeal and replace the left's big government health bill with real solutions that will lower costs and improve health outcomes."</p>
 Ron Paul (R) <i>U.S. Congressman from Texas</i>	<p>Voted for the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 3).</p> <p>"Forcing taxpayers to subsidize abortion is evil and tyrannical."</p>	<p>"I think the <i>Roe v. Wade</i> situation was a big mistake and the states ought to have the right to decide on the issue, so I would deny jurisdiction to the federal courts on abortion issues."</p>	<p>Voted to cut off funds to Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider.</p>	<p>Voted for a bill (H.R.2) to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare).</p>
 Mitt Romney (R) <i>Former Governor of Massachusetts</i>	<p>"I support the Hyde Amendment, which broadly bars the use of federal funds for abortions."</p>	<p>"I support the reversal of <i>Roe v. Wade</i>, because it is bad law and bad medicine. <i>Roe</i> was a misguided ruling that was a result of a small group of activist federal judges legislating from the bench."</p>	<p>"I will support efforts to prohibit federal funding for any organization like Planned Parenthood, which primarily performs abortions or offers abortion-related services."</p>	<p>Mitt Romney believes that ObamaCare must be repealed. (Statement on Mitt Romney's website)</p>
 Rick Santorum (R) <i>Former U.S. Senator from Pennsylvania</i>	<p>"During my tenure...I have... opposed, and will continue to oppose, the use of federal funds to subsidize abortion in any way."</p>	<p>"I believe we need to overturn <i>Roe v. Wade</i>. I think it was a poorly and horribly decided decision."</p>	<p>"I can't imagine any other organization with its roots as poisonous as the roots of Planned Parenthood getting federal funding of any kind."</p>	<p>"The first order of business is to repeal ObamaCare in this country."</p>