

Where Do the Candidates Stand on Life?

	Roe v. Wade	Partial-Birth Abortion	Taxpayer Funding	Parental Involvement Law	Embryonic Stem Cell Research	Human Cloning
REPUBLICANS						
 Mike Huckabee <i>Former Governor of Arkansas</i>	OPPOSES "My convictions regarding the sanctity of life have always been clear and consistent, without equivocation or wavering. I believe that <i>Roe v. Wade</i> should be over-turned."	OPPOSES Signed the Arkansas Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act into law. "I applaud the Court's action [in <i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>]", which also sends a strong reminder that we must stay vigilant in our cause to protect those who cannot protect themselves."	OPPOSES Worked to pass Arkansas' Unborn Child Amendment, which prevented taxpayer funding of abortion.	SUPPORTS As governor of Arkansas, signed a bill requiring parental consent before an abortion is performed on a minor daughter.	OPPOSES "I am opposed to research on embryonic stem cells."	OPPOSES As governor of Arkansas, signed a law banning human cloning of all types. "I don't think it's right to create a life to end a life. That's not a good health decision."
 John McCain <i>U.S. Senator from Arizona</i>	OPPOSES Voted to oppose <i>Roe v. Wade</i> , the Supreme Court decision that allows abortion for any reason. "...We would be better off by having <i>Roe v. Wade</i> return to the states....I don't believe the... Court should be legislating in the way that they did on <i>Roe v. Wade</i> ."	OPPOSES Voted for the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. "Today's Supreme Court ruling [in <i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>]" is a victory for those who cherish the sanctity of human life."	OPPOSES Voted against legislation that would have allowed federal taxpayer dollars to go to organizations that perform or promote abortion.	SUPPORTS Voted to support a bill that would have required an abortionist to notify at least one parent before performing an abortion on a minor girl from another state.	SUPPORTS Voted in favor of funding embryonic stem cell research.	OPPOSES According to his campaign website, he "opposes the intentional creation of human embryos for research purposes."
 Ron Paul <i>U.S. Congressman from Texas</i>	OPPOSES "Although the real problem lies within the hearts and minds of the people, the legal problems of protecting life stem from the ill-advised <i>Roe v. Wade</i> , a ruling that constitutionally should never have occurred."	OPPOSES Voted for the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. "...[The Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act] has the possibility of saving innocent human life, and I will vote in favor of it."	OPPOSES Voted against legislation that would have allowed federal taxpayer dollars to go to organizations that perform or promote abortion.	OPPOSES Voted against a bill that would have required an abortionist to notify at least one parent before performing an abortion on a minor girl from another state.	OPPOSES Voted against funding embryonic stem cell research. "Asking taxpayers to fund research that they could very well be opposed to ethically seems to me to be patently unfair."	SUPPORTS/OPPOSES Voted against a federal bill which would have banned all forms of human cloning. Wrote that he would support prohibiting cloning "if done by states."
DEMOCRATS						
 Hillary Clinton <i>U.S. Senator from New York</i>	SUPPORTS Voted to endorse <i>Roe v. Wade</i> , the Supreme Court decision that allows abortion for any reason. Co-sponsor of the "Freedom of Choice Act." "I strongly support <i>Roe v. Wade</i> ."	SUPPORTS Voted against the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. "[<i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>]" marks a dramatic departure from four decades of Supreme Court rulings that upheld a woman's right to choose..."	SUPPORTS Voted for legislation to allow federal taxpayer dollars to go to organizations that perform or promote abortion.	OPPOSES Voted to kill a bill that would have required an abortionist to notify at least one parent before performing an abortion on a minor girl from another state.	SUPPORTS Voted in favor of funding embryonic stem cell research. "[L]et me be very clear: When I am president, I will lift the ban on stem cell research..."	SUPPORTS Co-sponsored a bill (S. 1520) in 2005 that would allow the cloning of human embryos for research but prohibit their survival.
 Barack Obama <i>U.S. Senator from Illinois</i>	SUPPORTS Co-sponsor of the "Freedom of Choice Act." "I have consistently advocated for reproductive choice and will make preserving women's rights under <i>Roe v. Wade</i> a priority as President."	SUPPORTS "I am extremely concerned that [<i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>] will embolden state legislatures to enact further measures to restrict a woman's right to choose, and that the conservative Supreme Court justices will look for other opportunities to erode <i>Roe v. Wade</i> ."	SUPPORTS Voted for legislation to allow federal taxpayer dollars to go to organizations that perform or promote abortion.	OPPOSES Voted to kill a bill that would have required an abortionist to notify at least one parent before performing an abortion on a minor girl from another state.	SUPPORTS Voted in favor of funding embryonic stem cell research. "Embryonic stem cells can be obtained from a number of sources including in vitro fertilization. ...We should expand and accelerate research using these embryos..."	SUPPORTS Co-sponsored a bill (S. 1520) in 2005 that would allow the cloning of human embryos for research but prohibit their survival.