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Where do the candidates stand on the issue of abortion?

Jim Talent

Jean Carnahan

Partial-Birth Abortion

Partial-birth abortion involves inducing labor, then surgically killing a baby at the moment of birth. This is typically used during the fifth through the ninth months of pregnancy.

While serving in the United States House of Representatives, Jim Talent voted to ban partial-birth abortion except to save the life of the mother.

Jean Carnahan opposes the bill to ban partial-birth abortion except to save the mother's life. She wants a huge loophole for "health," making a ban virtually useless.

Abortion on Demand

Jim Talent supports legal protection for unborn babies and opposes abortion on demand. He has said, "I look forward to the day when our society decides it has room for all the children God gives us."

Jean Carnahan supports the Roe v. Wade decision which legalized abortion on demand.

Human Cloning

Jim Talent opposes human cloning and would support the bill passed by the U.S. House to ban human cloning.

Jean Carnahan does not support the bill to ban human cloning which was passed by the U.S. House and is supported by President Bush.

Pro-Life Appointees

Jim Talent would vote to confirm qualified pro-life appointees such as John Ashcroft.

Jean Carnahan voted against confirming John Ashcroft as United States Attorney General.

Endorsements

Because of his belief in the right to life, Jim Talent has earned the endorsement of Missouri Right to Life PAC and National Right to Life PAC.

Because of her belief in the right to unrestricted abortion, Jean Carnahan has the backing of pro-abortion groups Planned Parenthood PAC (\$10,000), National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League PAC (\$20,000), Voters for Choice and EMILY's List. (EMILY's List supports only female Democratic candidates who oppose all limits on abortion and support full tax funding of abortion.)

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VOTE "NO" ON PROPOSITION A, TOBACCO TAX INCREASE
SIGNIFICANT PRO-LIFE IMPLICATIONS

. . . . See details inside

Thought you'd like to know . . .

..... **Young adults have more pro-life views about abortion than their elders**, a UC Berkeley study has stated. The study, which interviewed over 1,000 randomly chosen Americans nationwide of different age, ethnic and gender groups, assessed the political opinions of different generations. The study noted a significant difference in opinions on abortion between Americans youths aged 15 to 22 and adults aged 27 to 59. Forty-four percent of youths — compared to 34 percent of adults — supported government restrictions on abortions. Increased media attention to abortion may be responsible for the difference, said Douglas Strand, the study's project director. Additionally, pro-life groups in recent years have pressed for more coverage of abortion issues, he said. The long-term goal of the study is to create a continuing survey to evaluate change in political opinion and how people react to political leaders over time.

..... **The nation's largest association of Christian doctors** hailed the passage by the U.S. House of Representatives of the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act by a vote of 229-189. The executive director of the 16,000-member Christian Medical Association, said, "This bill provides important protections for the conscience rights of healthcare professionals and providers. Most Americans support the common-sense principle of this bill, that no one should be forced to violate their conscience by being coerced to take part in abortion."

The Missouri members of the U.S. House "yes"(pro-life) votes were: Akin (R-2), Blunt (R-7), Emerson (R-8), Graves (R-6), Hulshof (R-9), Skelton (D-4); "no" (pro-abortion) votes were Clay, Jr. (D-1), Gephardt (D-3), McCarthy (D-5).

Prolife Infonet, 9/26/02

Tobacco Tax Initiative (Proposition A) on November ballot could fund abortion referrals, life sciences research, abortifacient

On November 5, an initiative that presents great danger to the pro-life cause will be on the Missouri ballot.

Proposition A, billed in the secular media as a tobacco tax, does more than tax cigarettes; it puts the tax money to use for certain vague health purposes without needed pro-life controls.

Possible funding for Planned Parenthood

"Proposition A would take tens of millions of tax dollars available for subsidies to Planned Parenthood and referrals to abortion providers by health officials," said James S. Cole, General Counsel and State Legislative Chair of Missouri Right to Life. "We urge pro-life supporters to vote it down."

Under Proposition A, approximately \$342 million in new tobacco taxes will be split among several purposes, including 43% (\$147 million) to "health care treatment and access" and 14% to "life sciences research." Other categories to be funded include 29% (\$99 million) to "emergency preparedness resources," 7% (\$24 million) to "early care and education," and the remaining 7% (\$24 million) for "tobacco and addiction prevention."

Cole pointed to serious problems in the massive "health care treatment and access" section. "That section incorporates only pro-life protections found in the Revised Statutes of Missouri and the state constitution," Cole said. "Unfortunately, that is a back-door way of allowing the state to subsidize Planned Parenthood, because the current funding restrictions are found only in

annual appropriations bills, not the Revised Statutes or constitution."

Cole also said that current statutes lack prohibitions against referrals by state officials to abortionists. He pointed to federal court decisions in the 1980's: "The state statutes against 'counseling and encouraging' abortions with state money were declared unconstitutional in the 1980's, and the Legislature never revised and re-enacted them."

The lack of any protective language in Proposition A would also allow vast increases in funding for contraception and for assisting minors in obtaining contraceptives behind their parents' backs. Current Missouri law makes it illegal to notify parents that their minor children are obtaining contraceptives. (§431.062(3), RSMo.) Many contraceptives act to cause an abortion when their "conception control" mechanism fails.

Implication for life sciences research

The "life sciences research" section also contains problems related to the destruction of humans at the embryonic stage for research and cloning, Cole maintained. "While there is certain language that incorporates partial protections for new human beings, the language is insufficient to close the door to abuses."

The text of Proposition A may be downloaded from the website of the Missouri Secretary of State. Further information about the pro-life consequences of Proposition A may be obtained from James S. Cole at (573) 635-5110 or by e-mail at jscoble@justice.com.

"We urge pro-life supporters to vote it down."

James S. Cole, General Counsel
and State Legislative Chair
Missouri Right to Life

MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENTS

Unlisted districts have no endorsed candidates. Only major parties are listed.

UNITED STATES SENATE

Jean Carnahan (D) I ☹ PA

JIM TALENT (R) PL

UNITED STATES CONGRESS

Congress - District 2

John Hogan (D) NR
TODD AKIN (R) I PL

Congress - District 3

Richard Gephardt (D) I ☹ PA
CATHERINE ENZ (R) PL

Congress - District 4

IKE SKELTON (D) I PL
James Noland (R) PL

Congress - District 5

Karen McCarthy (D) I ☹ PA
STEVE GORDON (R) PL

Congress - District 6

Cathy Rinehart (D) NR
SAM GRAVES (R) I PL

Congress - District 7

Ron Lapham (D) NR
ROY BLUNT (R) I PL

Congress - District 8

Gene Curtis (D) NR
JO ANN EMERSON (R) I PL

Congress - District 9

Donald Deichman (D) NR
KENNY HULSHOF (R) I PL

Rating (per survey responses, public statements, endorsements, financial support)

- PL Pro-life
- PL- Generally pro-life, but some exceptions
- M Mixed responses
- PA Pro-abortion and/or pro-euthanasia
- R Refused to answer survey
- NR No Response to survey

BOLD = CANDIDATES WITH THE PRO-LIFE ENDORSEMENT OF MRL-PAC

☹ Past and/or current pro-abortion endorsement, voting record, survey, statements, or financial support

MISSOURI SENATE

State Senate 2

EDWARD SCHIEFFER (D) PL
JON DOLAN (R) PL

State Senate 6

BILL GRATZ (D) PL
CARL VOGEL (R) PL

State Senate 8

Bruce Dotson (D) NR
MATT BARTLE (R) PL

State Senate 12

DAVID KLINDT (R) I PL

State Senate 16

Clara Ichord (D) ☹ PA
SARAH STEELMAN (R) I PL

State Senate 18

Sam Berkowitz (D) PL
JOHN CAUTHORN (R) I PL

State Senate 20

Jim Kreider (D) ☹ PA
DAN CLEMENS (R) PL

State Senate 22

STEVE STOLL (D) I PL
George Engelbach (R) PL

State Senate 24

Joan Bray (D) ☹ PA
JOHN LEWIS (R) PL

State Senate 26

Donald Meyer (D) ☹ PA
JOHN GRIESHEIMER (R) PL

State Senate 28

Catherine Johnson (D) ☹ PA
DELBERT SCOTT (R) PL

State Senate 30

Craig Hosmer (D) ☹ PA
NORMA CHAMPION (R) PL

State Senate 32

GARY NODLER (R) PL

State Senate 34

Glenda Kelly (D) ☹ PA
CHARLIE SHIELDS (R) PL

MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PAUL CAMPBELL (D) PL
BRIAN MUNZLINGER (R) PL

State Rep 2

Charles Cooper (D) NR
ROBERT BEHNEN (R) I PL

State Rep 3

Jim Whorton (D) I M
ROSCOE MOULTHROP (R) PL

State Rep 4

Larry Dougan (D) NR
BRAD LAGER (R) PL

State Rep 5

Jeff Wright (D) NR
JIM GUEST (R) PL

State Rep 6

RACHEL BRINGER (D) PL
ROSS WALDEN (R) PL

State Rep 7

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State Rep 8 Tom Shively (D) CHRIS SHOEMAKER (R) I	PL- PL	State Rep 29 Maurice Lawson (D) I ⚡ REBECCA J ROONEY (R)	PA PL	State Rep 54 Troy Leavitt (D) GARY DUSENBERG (R)	NR PL
State Rep 9 WES SHOEMYER (D) I Jeff Hedberg (R)	PL PL	State Rep 30 Meg Harding (D) I ⚡ JASON BROWN (R)	PA PL	State Rep 55 Neal McGregor (D) ⚡ BRYAN PRATT (R)	PA PL
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State Rep 11 WAYNE HENKE (D) CAROL WESSEL (R)	PL PL	State Rep 32 Russell Purvis (D) SUSAN PHILLIPS (R) I	NR PL	State Rep 62 Betty Kowalewich (D) ⚡ DENNIS WOOD (R)	PA PL
State Rep 12 SHERMAN PARKER (R)	PL	State Rep 33 Philip Willoughby (D) I ⚡ JEFF BAILEY (R)	PA PL	State Rep 65 FRED KRATKY (D) Judy Zakibe (R)	PL NR
State Rep 13 Tom Stephens (D) SCOTT RUPP (R)	NR PL	State Rep 34 Robert Saunder (D) ⚡ ANNIE REINHART (R) I	PA PL	State Rep 66 Michael Vogt (D) CHARLES MCCLOSKEY (R)	NR PL
State Rep 14 Judy Davidson (D) JOE SMITH (R)	M PL	State Rep 35 Steve Wolcott (D) DOUG ERVIN (R)	NR PL	State Rep 68 Ruby Vincent (D) LARRY GENE TAYLOR (R)	NR PL
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State Rep 98 TOM HERBST (D) BRIAN NIEVES (R)	PL PL	State Rep 116 Teresa Capps (D) ☹ TOM SELF (R)	PA PL	State Rep 134 James Booth (D) JAMES VIEBROCK (R)	NR PL
State Rep 99 Fred Haase (D) ☹ MIKE SUTHERLAND (R)	PA PL	State Rep 117 Hayes Murray (D) LARRY CRAWFORD (R) I	NR PL	State Rep 135 Syd Smith (D) ROY HOLAND (R) I	NR PL
State Rep 100 SUE SCHOEMEHL (D) MICHAEL ROHRBACKER (R)	PL PL	State Rep 118 JUDI MORIARTY-EBERS (D) TODD SMITH (R)	PL PL	State Rep 136 B. J. MARSH (R) I	PL
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SCOTT LIPKE (R) PL

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Cloning
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Embryonic Stem Cell Research
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beginning of life
need your help!**

**Those at the end of
life need your help!**

As many as 4 million conservative
Christians did not vote in the 2000
presidential election.

Only 25% of Catholics nationwide
actually vote. And many of them
continue to vote for pro-abortion
candidates -- election after election!

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A Most Revealing Gaffe

Dave Andrusko

If I may, I'd like to begin by quoting something for you out of the September 28 Washington Post. The context was the announcement last week by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) of final approval of a rule to allow states to cover an eligible "unborn child" under the State Children's Insurance Health Program (S-CHIP).

The welcomed new rule (well, welcomed by anyone with a modicum of common sense and compassion) allows states to recognize an unborn child as a "child" eligible for services under S-CHIP, which provides medical assistance for a low-income children under age 19.

Of course, pro-abortionists are doing everything they can to minimize the "damage." For one thing, since compliance by states is voluntary, pro-abortion forces could try to keep as many states as possible from joining in.

For another, they are already pushing a bill to extend S-CHIP coverage to an eligible "pregnant woman." This would partly overlap but not nullify the rule. However, the bill would not extend coverage to recent immigrants, as the final version of the rule would.

Now I understand that anyone can make a "mistake," but the response of NARAL President Kate Michelman was a whopper. Michelman told the Post that the change would raise medical and legal dilemmas. "If the pregnant mother [as opposed to her fetus] is ill and must be treated, who is the patient?" she said.

Mistake? What mistake? Michelman had committed the (almost) unpardonable sin: She said "mother."

In the NARAL canon, the term "mother" can only be applied after birth. Prior to delivery the only correct term is "pregnant woman."

This verbal lapse from grace brought to mind Michelman's famous 1993 gaffe. In December Michelman gave an interview to the Philadelphia Inquirer and in the course of the conversation said, "We think abortion is a bad thing. No woman wants to have an abortion." Beg pardon? Abortion "is a bad thing."

Not surprisingly, five days after the story ran

December 11, NARAL sent out a press release declaring Michelman "has never said—and would never say—that 'abortion is a bad thing.'" She had not uttered the unutterable, NARAL insisted. But it didn't end, even after Michelman backed off once she was reminded that Inquirer reporter Jodi Enda had tape-recorded the interview.

A month later Michelman resumed her hard-line position. She told a congressional subcommittee, "The reporter absolutely quoted me incorrectly." When interviewed subsequently by Howard Kurtz of the Post, Michelman insisted, "I would never, never, never, never, never mean to say such a thing." Unfortunately for Michelman, Kurtz read the transcript which showed that Michelman had said exactly what Enda reported her as saying.

For her part, Enda told Kurtz that Michelman's repeated denials are "a little disconcerting. ... If she says she was misquoted, she's not telling the truth." As for Michelman's back-up position—that her remarks were "taken out of context"—Kurtz wrote, "She [Enda] said the article conveyed both the 'context' and 'spirit' of Michelman's remarks."

The new rule, originally proposed last January, will go into effect 30 days after it is published in the Federal Register October 2. In reporting the "controversy" over the new rule, the Washington Post let it slip that the rule is "designed to promote prenatal care." Indeed!

According to the Post, "The change will affect [S-CHIP], a \$40 billion program started in 1997 that, until now, has covered children from birth to age 19." The change means that HHS is "giving states permission to say that coverage can start at conception."

Pro-abortionists predictably condemned treating the unborn as a patient. Pro-lifers, with a truer, more welcoming perspective on the human family, welcomed HHS's rule change.

Sorry, Kate, it's one for the kids—and their "mothers."

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Wise Pro-Life Giving

Many of you have expressed concern about the legitimacy of some of the pro-life groups soliciting donations. This question is well founded. In any social or political activist movement, there are those who see "godliness as a means of gain" *1 Timothy 6: 5-6*.

That being said, keep in mind that there are a number of sincere and dedicated pro-life organizations. The list includes Missouri Right to Life, National Right to Life, Lawyers, Nurses, and Pharmacists for Life, Lutherans for Life, Voice of the Unborn, Vitae Society, and numerous crisis pregnancy centers. This listing is not exhaustive, but only shows the scope of the movement. We have many sister organizations that meet needs and fill niches of service.

There are, however, some groups whose motives might be questionable. There are others still whose intent may be sincere, but who operate in such a manner that they are of no benefit to pro-life efforts. For instance, one group is known to have collected significant funding

nationwide; but for all that were collected, only 1% actually went to the cause while the rest was spent on administrative and fund-raising costs.

A good rule of thumb in giving to any pro-life solicitation is to do some investigating. Find out about the soliciting organization's mission. If the request is from a long-standing, reputable group, such as one of those listed above, it is probably performing a vital and beneficial service; but, if there is any question, ask for a financial statement from the group telling you how past donations have been spent. While this requires work and time on their part, any legitimate group will comply. They have nothing to hide. If they are not using a majority of their funds to carry out their stated mission, you will probably never see a financial statement.

Our desire is to see that your donations go to the cause for which you intend. There is much work to be done and many good organizations doing it!

Please, continue your good work in wisely helping to support the cause of life.

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