



2016 Presidential Candidates on the Life Issues

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| REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES <i>(Links to the campaign websites)</i> | | | |
| <u>Jeb Bush</u> <i>(Campaign website does not currently address abortion.)</i> | LIFE | <u>Defunded</u> Planned Parenthood in Florida. Instituted pro-life <u>license plates</u> . | “A just and compassionate society must take care of them,” and “A culture of life must be maintained.” <u>Read More</u> |
| <u>Ben Carson</u> <i>(“Protecting Innocent Life” page)</i> | LIFE | Was once a Democrat. Once researched on fetal tissue that may or may not have been from abortion. There has been a <u>confusing controversy</u> about a former Ben Carson ad and possible involvement in some past fetal tissue research. | “I believe that once conception has been achieved, that it is a human life.” <u>Read More</u> |
| <u>Chris Christie</u> <i>(Campaign website does not currently address abortion.)</i> | LIFE | Was <u>once pro-choice</u> , though always against publicly funding Planned Parenthood, and is now pro-life. | “Six years ago as the brand-new first-ever pro-life governor in New Jersey since <i>Roe vs. Wade</i> , I defunded Planned Parenthood.” <u>Read More</u> |
| <u>Ted Cruz</u> <i>(“Life, Marriage & Family” page)</i> | LIFE | Believes the USA should respect right to life and wants to <u>prosecute</u> Planned Parenthood. | “Basic decency and our commitment to the right to life does require that we stop taxpayer funding of abortions and any trade in baby parts.” <u>Read More</u> |

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| <p><u>Carly Fiorina</u> (Answers page with a search bar; type in “abortion” for many results.)</p> | LIFE | <p><u>Video</u> with pro-life leaders in response to Planned Parenthood scandal. <u>Video</u> from debate denouncing Planned Parenthood.</p> | <p>“Science is proving us right. The DNA in a zygote is the same as the DNA the day you die; we do have common ground on this issue now.” <u>Read More</u></p> |
| <p><u>Jim Gilmore</u> (Campaign website does not currently address abortion.)</p> | MIXED | <p>Abortion should be <u>legally</u> allowed at 8-12 weeks pregnant, after which it should be limited to save the mother’s life.</p> | <p>“During my administration [we] passed the 24-hour waiting period; we passed parental notification; we passed informed consent.” <u>Read More</u></p> |
| <p><u>Mike Huckabee</u> (“Life, Marriage, & Family - Our Values” page)</p> | LIFE | <p>Wants to defund Planned Parenthood and also <u>go further</u> by working against all abortion.</p> | <p>“I imposed a ban on partial birth abortion, established waiting periods, created parental notification requirements, and passed a bill so mothers who brought a newborn to a hospital or fire station would not be prosecuted for child abandonment.” <u>Read More</u></p> |
| <p><u>John Kasich</u> (“Respecting the Sanctity of Human Life” page)</p> | LIFE | <p>Decreased Planned Parenthood funding as governor while <u>funding</u> pregnancy centers and <u>signing</u> a law banning abortion in Ohio after viability.</p> | <p>“I think there is a way to get this done by giving governors the ability to be able to act to defund Planned Parenthood, but when it comes to closing down the federal government, you’ve got to be very careful about that.” <u>Read More</u></p> |
| <p><u>Rand Paul</u> (“Sanctity of Life” page)</p> | LIFE | <p>A <u>physician who believes</u> we first need to do no harm; he thinks that abortion kills children and the government should not fund abortion. Says he <u>believes</u> life begins at conception — and introduced a law stating this — but is not for trying to legislatively ban birth control that may be abortifacients, as public opinion is not there.</p> | <p>“The government does have some role in our lives. One of the main roles the government has is to [prevent] you from harming another individual, which gets us back to the original debate: where life begins. You can’t have liberty if you don’t protect where your liberty originates from and that is a right to life.” <u>Read More</u></p> |
| <p><u>Marco Rubio</u> (“Planned Parenthood Gets Over \$500 Million in Tax Dollars. Defund It Now” page)</p> | LIFE | <p>Does support easy-<u>access</u> to the morning after pill. Against abortion in all cases.</p> | <p>“And I just think you’ve created an industry now, where you create the situation where very much you’ve created an incentive for people not just to look forward to having more abortions but being able to sell that fetal tissue for purposes — these centers — for purposes of making a profit off of it, as you’ve seen in some of these Planned Parenthood affiliates.” <u>Read More</u></p> |
| <p><u>Rick Santorum</u> (“Sanctity of Life” page)</p> | LIFE | <p>Extremely pro-life <u>leader</u> in the successful effort to ban partial-birth abortion. Daughter Bella has <u>genetic disorder</u> that usually results in most parents aborting.</p> | <p>“We are putting the liberty rights of the mother ahead of the life rights of the child. And that’s wrong. That’s taking — there’s a reason life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are in that order. You can’t have happiness without liberty. You can’t have liberty</p> |

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| | | | without life. And so, I would argue it's fundamentally flawed and needs to be changed." Read More |
| <u>Donald Trump</u> (<i>Campaign website does not currently address abortion.</i>) | LIFE | Was <u>once pro-choice</u> , had a conversion to being pro-life after friends faced unexpected pregnancy and grew to love the child. | "Those videos are horrible. Every time you see them, they get worse and worse. And it's not only that, the messengers are so bad. There always, I mean these people, what they say and the way they, it's like you are selling parts to an automobile or something. It's a terrible situation going on with Planned Parenthood." Read More |
| DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES (<i>Links to the campaign websites</i>) | | | |
| <u>Hillary Clinton</u> (<i>"Women's Rights and Opportunity" page</i>) | ABORTION | Has been <u>defending</u> Planned Parenthood through the video scandal. | "Far too many women are still denied critical access to reproductive health care and safe childbirth. All the laws we've passed don't count for much if they're not enforced. Rights have to exist in practice — not just on paper. Laws have to be backed up with resources and political will. And deep-seated cultural codes, religious beliefs and structural biases have to be changed." Read More |
| <u>Martin O'Malley</u> (<i>Campaign website does not currently address abortion.</i>) | ABORTION | <u>Tweeted</u> #StandWithPP, stating that Republicans are endangering health care for millions. Interestingly, <u>against</u> the death penalty. Got an <u>award</u> from Planned Parenthood in Maryland. | "I believe that there are some decisions that government is no good at making and among them are decisions that should be left to women and their doctors." Read More |
| <u>Bernie Sanders</u> (<i>"Fighting for Women's Rights" page</i>) | ABORTION | Also supports Planned Parenthood and even partial-birth abortion. | "The current attempt to malign Planned Parenthood is part of a long-term smear campaign by people who want to deny women in this country the right to control their own bodies." Read More |

