

# Northeast Indiana Right to Life 2010 General Election Voter Guide

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## SURVEY GUIDELINES

- ◆ **Comments on File** - The responses from candidates who included comments are marked with an asterisk (\*). Due to space limitations, comments were not included in our standard voter education material but are available upon request by calling 574-551-0239 or via e-mail: [davekoontz@protectinglife.com](mailto:davekoontz@protectinglife.com)
- ◆ *Candidates represent LaGrange, Noble, DeKalb and Steuben counties*

Y – YES  
 N – NO  
 U – UNSURE  
 DNR—Did Not Respond  
 \* Comments on File (See explanation)  
 NOTE: ALL CANDIDATES WERE CONTACTED VIA LETTER. THOSE WHO CHOSE NOT TO RESPOND ARE LISTED AS “DID NOT RESPOND.”

**Copies may be made of this voter guide**

## STATE CANDIDATES - Survey Questions

1. Do you support Indiana’s informed consent law that requires that women considering abortion be given facts on the risks of abortion, information on alternatives to abortion, and information on fetal development, at least 18 hours prior to an abortion?
2. Do you support Indiana law that prohibits partial-birth abortion, the procedure that kills a living child during delivery?
3. Do you support legislation requiring that doctors who do abortions at freestanding abortion clinics be required to maintain local hospital admitting privileges, just as required of all other doctors who do surgeries at Indiana ambulatory outpatient surgical centers?
4. Do you support conscience clause legislation that would give pharmacists the right to refuse filling prescriptions that may be used to cause abortions?
5. Would you oppose any attempts to change the current Indiana standard of teaching abstinence-only education in public schools by replacing it with so-called “comprehensive” sex education that includes, among other things, teaching Indiana schoolchildren how to use condoms and other birth control?
6. Do you support current Indiana law that bans assisted suicide?
7. Do you support a ban on all efforts to clone human embryos?
8. Do you support a ban on fetal stem cell research that requires the destruction of human embryos?
9. Do you support enforcing statutory penalties against abortion clinics, “family planning” clinics, or others, who fail to report suspected child abuse, as required by Indiana law, when a child under the age of 14 provides evidence of sexual activity?
10. Are you opposed to using taxpayer funding to pay for elective abortions?
11. Do you support the removal of all state funding for Indiana’s largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood of Indiana?
12. Do you support legislation that clarifies that human life begins at fertilization, when a human ovum is fertilized by a human sperm?
13. Do you support legislation requiring that women considering abortion be fully informed that an unborn child may feel pain during an abortion?
14. Do you support legislation requiring that Indiana high schools include fetal development in required health education curriculum?
15. Under what circumstances do you believe abortion should be legal?  
 A) Abortion should never be legal. B) To save the life of the mother only. C) To save the life of the mother, rape and incest. D) If the child is determined to have mental or physical disabilities. E) Abortion should be legal in all cases.

Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>State Senate - District 14 - Dennis Kruse</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
<b>State Representative - District 18 - David A. Wolkins</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C
<b>State Representative - District 51</b>															
Richard Dodge	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	B
Codi Ross						Did Not Respond									
<b>State Representative - District 52</b>															
Chuck Hanneman	Y	Y	U	Y	N	N	N	U	Y	Y	U	Y	Y	Y	B
Steve Smart						Did Not Respond									
David Yarde II	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C
<b>State Representative - District 83</b>															
Kathleen Heuer	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A,B
Wray McCalester						Did Not Respond									
<b>State Representative - District 85</b>															
Paul Leslie	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	U	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	U	B
Phyllis J. Pond	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	B

**A note on candidates for judicial retention:** - In Indiana, judicial candidates may be disciplined if they answer IRTL’s questionnaires about abortion. Currently we do not have enough information on the candidates for judicial retention to accurately identify their positions. Indiana Right to Life is one of several plaintiffs seeking Supreme Court review of state regulations that place limits on the ability of judicial candidates to campaign for judicial office.

