



Whitley County Right to Life 2010 General Election Voter Guide

Affiliated with Indiana Right to Life, Inc

SURVEY GUIDELINES

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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?
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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?

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Clerk of the Circuit Court															
Deborah S Beers	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	B*
Janet L. Middlebrook	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C*
County Auditor															
Janet A Hindbaugh															
Jennifer McGuire	Y	Y	Y	U	Y	U	Y	U	Y	Y	N*	Y	DNR	Y	C
County Recorder															
April Whelstone															
County Sheriff - Mark Hodges															
County Assessor - Angela Adams															
County Commissioner - #2															
Michael D. Schrader															
George A. Schrupf	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	B
County Council-#1 - John M Barrett															
County Council #2															
Clifford Crance															
Kim Wheeler	Y	N	Y	U	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	U	U	U	Y	C

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County Council #3															
Glen D. LaRue	Y	Y	Y	Y/U	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
James Prentice					Did Not Respond										
County Council #4 - James D. Bayman					Did Not Respond										

School Board Candidates - SURVEY QUESTIONS

1. Do you oppose school-based clinics that offer abortion counseling, abortion referrals, or access to so-called “emergency contraceptive” pills?
2. Do you support legislation that makes it a crime for an adult counselor or teacher to transport a minor across state lines for an abortion without a parent’s knowledge or consent?
3. Do you support legislation requiring that fetal development curriculum be included in high school health education classes?
4. Do you oppose Planned Parenthood’s use of peer educators who are students trained and paid by Planned Parenthood to promote Planned Parenthood activities and events on campus?
5. Do you support teaching students that abstinence is the only certain way to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases?
6. Do you oppose allowing Planned Parenthood representatives to make classroom presentations that promote premarital sex, contraceptive use, and alternative lifestyles such as homosexuality?
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Smith-Green Community Schools							
Tanya Young - At-Large Dist 1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	DNR	A
Cathy Petrie - At-Large Dist 3	Did Not Respond						
Whitley County Consolidated							
Don Armstrong - Columbia City *	Sent in note declining to respond						
Herschel Aumsbaugh - Columbia City	Did Not Respond						
Christopher Bechtold - Columbia City	Did Not Respond						
Eric Horvath - Columbia City	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
Timothy Bloom - Columbia Twnshp	Did Not Respond						
Terry Smith - Columbia Twnshp	Y	Y	U	Y	Y	Y	C*
Richard Eckert - Thorncreek Twnshp	Did Not Respond						
Leah Heaston - Thorncreek Twnshp	Did Not Respond						
Brooks Langeloh - Thorncreek Twnshp	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	DNR

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.



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State Candidates SURVEY QUESTIONS

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State Senate District 17															
Jim Banks	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	B
State Rep. District 50															
Daniel J. Leonard	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	B*
State Rep. District 83															
Kathleen Heuer	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A,B
Wray McCalester								Did Not Respond							
Secretary of State															
Vop Osili								Did Not Respond							
Mike Wherry								Did Not Respond							
Charlie White	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C
Auditor of State															
Tim Berry	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C
Eric Knipe								Did Not Respond							
Sam Locke								Did Not Respond							
Treasurer of State															
Pete Buttigieg								Did Not Respond							
Richard Mourdock	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	B



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Federal Survey Questions

1. With respect to any health care restructuring legislation, would you vote for language, along the lines of the Stupak-Pitts Amendment, that would cover all provisions of the legislation with strong prohibitions on federal subsidies for abortion and insurance plans that cover abortion, and strong guarantees against federal pro-abortion regulatory mandates, on a permanent basis (i.e. without requiring that Congress renew pro-life restrictions on an annual basis)?
2. **Would you oppose any "health care reform" bill that does NOT contain language, along the lines of the Stupak-Pitts Amendment, that would cover all provisions on federal subsidies for abortion and for insurance plans that cover abortion, and guarantees against federal pro-abortion regulatory mandates, on a permanent basis?**
3. Would you vote for the legal prohibition on all human cloning, including the creation of human embryos by human cloning?
4. Would you oppose all federal funding for stem cell research that requires the destruction of human embryos?
5. Would you vote to oppose any efforts to weaken or eliminate the current Hyde Amendment policy that prohibits federal Medicaid money from being used to pay for most abortions, or for being used for managed-care plans that include abortion?
6. Do you support the full reversal of Roe vs. Wade so that elected state legislative bodies may once again protect unborn children by limiting or prohibiting abortion?
7. Would you vote against any attempt to weaken or repeal current Federal law that prohibits most abortions at overseas U.S. military facilities?
8. Would you vote to reinstate the Mexico City Policy which restricts U.S. funding for most overseas abortions, and would you oppose any legislation that would prohibit a future president from reinstating the policy by executive order?
9. **Would you vote against U.S. funding of the United Nations Population Fund, which participates heavily in China's population-control program that includes coerced abortion and promotes expanded access to abortion worldwide?**
10. Would you vote for the Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act, and oppose weakening amendments, in order to make it a federal crime to transport a minor across state lines for an abortion, if this action circumvents a state law requiring involvement of a parent or judge in the **girl's abortion decision?**
11. Would you vote for legislation that would make abortion clinics, and organizations that operate abortion clinics, ineligible for Title X funding?
12. Would you vote for legislation to ensure that drugs federally controlled under the Controlled Substances Act may not be prescribed or dispensed for the purpose of assisting suicide?
13. Would you refuse to vote for a Speaker of the House, or Senate Majority Leader, who supports abortion on demand?
14. Would you refuse to campaign for, publicly endorse, or contribute to a presidential candidate who supports abortion on demand?
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US Senate															
Dan Coats	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C
Brad Ellsworth															
Jim Miller	Y*	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	*
Jack Rooney															
Rebecca Sink-Burris	Y	Y	U	Y	Y	U	U	U	Y	U	Y	U	N	U	C
US Representative District 3															
Thomas Hayhurst															
Marlin Stutzman	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
Scott Wise															