

**Arizona Right to Life
Political Action Committee Questionnaire
2010 Arizona Political Candidates**

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Party Affiliation: [] Democrat [] Republican [] Other _____

Candidate Status: [] Incumbent [] Non-Incumbent

Office sought: _____

Clean Election Candidate?: [] Yes [] No

Note: We understand that not every issue on this questionnaire will come before you in the office you seek. However, because candidates often eventually seek higher office, we believe it important to determine the strength of one's convictions as early as possible in the political ascension process. Thus, even if an issue may not come before you for a vote, we nonetheless appreciate you providing your stance on that issue. Thank you.

Arizona Right to Life Political Action Committee Principles:

AZRTL PAC holds firmly to the principle that every innocent human life is precious and demands utmost respect. In the face of overwhelming and compelling biological evidence (i.e., distinctive genetic composition at conception, heartbeat activity at 18-21 days post-conception, brain activity at 42 days, etc.), we affirm that a new and unique expression and continuum of human life begins at the moment of conception. We affirm that the preborn child *is a person* who is innocent, vulnerable and in need of our protection and the full protection of our laws. We affirm that the right to life of all innocent persons, pre-birth and post-birth, must be protected regardless of race, age, sex, health, degree of disability or circumstances of conception.

Abortion

Roe v. Wade

In its 1973 *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions, the U.S. Supreme Court created a so-called constitutional “right to abortion” that invalidated the abortion laws of all 50 states. Following these decisions, from 1973 until 1989, the federal courts permitted virtually no restrictions on abortion, even after “viability.”

(1) Do you support the complete reversal of the *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions, thereby allowing the Arizona State Legislature and the U.S. Congress to once again protect unborn children to the degree they deem appropriate?

Yes No

Legal Protection/Personhood

The AZRTL PAC affirms that unborn children should be protected by law, and that an abortion should be permitted when it is the ONLY way to prevent the death of the mother, a near modern medical impossibility.

(2) Under what circumstances, if any, do you believe that abortion should be legal?

In no case.

Only to prevent the death of the mother.

To prevent the death of the mother, cases of incest (with the perpetrator reported to law enforcement agencies), and in cases of forcible rape (reported to law enforcement authorities within seven days).

Other: (Please explain) _____

(3) Another alternative for restoring legal rights to the unborn is to amend the U.S. Constitution to affirm "personhood" for all human beings, including the unborn. Would you support ratification of such an amendment establishing "personhood" for the unborn?

Yes No

Abortion Restrictions

In its 1992 *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* decision, the U.S. Supreme Court reaffirmed the “core holdings” of *Roe v. Wade*, but modified *Roe* somewhat to permit states to adopt abortion regulations that do not place any “substantial obstacle” in the path of a woman seeking an abortion. Under this so-called “undue burden test” the Court upheld Pennsylvania regulations requiring with various exceptions that a woman or girl seeking an abortion be offered state-prepared information about fetal development and alternatives to abortion, that she wait 24 hours prior to the abortion, and if she is a minor, that she receive parental or judicial consent prior to an abortion.

Informed Consent

(4) Would you support and vote for an Informed Consent bill requiring that doctors provide information on the development of the unborn child, alternatives to abortion, and the medical risks of abortion 24 hours before an abortion is performed?

Yes No

(5) Would you support and vote for an educational program to provide public information about the development of the unborn child and about alternatives to abortion?

Yes No

Fetal Pain

(6) Would you support and vote for an Informed Consent bill requiring doctors to provide information to a woman about the nervous system development of her unborn child and the unborn child’s ability to feel pain?

Yes No

Partial-Birth Abortion

(7) Would you support a ban on partial birth abortions?

Yes No

Legal Birth Definition

(8) Would you support a law defining when birth begins?

Yes No

Government Funding and Sponsorship of Abortion

(9) Would you support and vote for a bill to remove government from the abortion industry by preventing the use of state facilities or resources to perform abortions not necessary to prevent the death of the mother, and to prevent state employees from performing, referring or counseling for abortions, other than those necessary to prevent the death of the mother?

Yes No

(10) Would you oppose and vote against the use of taxpayer funds for abortion other than to prevent the death of the mother?

Yes No

(11) Would you oppose and vote against the use of taxpayer funds for abortion referrals for government employees other than to prevent the death of the mother?

Yes No

(12) Would you oppose and vote against the establishment or funding of “health clinics” in secondary schools, unless they are explicitly prohibited from performing abortion counseling or referral, or referring to any entity, which counsels for or performs abortions?
[] Yes [] No

Use of Fetal Tissue

(13) Would you oppose and vote against the use of tissues and organs from aborted embryos and fetuses in transplants or medical experiments?
[] Yes [] No

Birth Control Abortions

(14) Would you support and vote for a bill that would prevent the use of abortion as a means of birth control?
[] Yes [] No

Sex-Selection Abortions

(15) Would you support and vote for a bill that would prevent abortion for sex selection?
[] Yes [] No

RU-486

(16) Would you support and vote for restrictions on the marketing, distribution and sale of the abortion-pill “RU 486” and the morning-after pill in Arizona?
[] Yes [] No

Conscientious Clause

(17) Many health care workers conscientiously object to any activities surrounding the performance of an abortion. This may include referrals or disbursement of abortifacients. Would you support and vote for a legislation which protects from discrimination or legal liability health care workers and institutions that conscientiously object to participating in a health care service which offends their ethical, moral or religious beliefs?
[] Yes [] No

Embryonic Protection

The right to life of human beings must be respected at every stage of their biological development. Human individuals who are at the embryonic stage of development should not be used for harmful or lethal medical experimentation. This applies equally to human beings whose lives have begun by means such as in-vitro fertilization or cloning. AZRTL PAC strongly opposes the harvest or experimentation on “stem cells” obtained from living human embryos regardless of origin, since this ultimately results in the death of the human embryo. *Note: AZRTL PAC is not opposed to other research using stem cells which are obtained without killing embryos.*

(18) Will you support and vote for measures to protect living human embryos from being used for medical experiments that would harm or kill them, including *embryonic* stem cell research?
[] Yes [] No

(19) Will you support and vote for measures that would make it easier for couples to adopt so-called “snowflake babies” – un-implanted and stored embryos that are usually discarded as a result of in vitro fertilization?
[] Yes [] No

Human Cloning

Human cloning is a process in which genetic material from one person would be artificially transferred into a human or animal egg cell, thereby beginning the life of a new human individual who has only one parent and who is genetically identical to that parent. AZRTL PAC affirms that human life at every stage of biological development is deserving of respect and protection regardless of the circumstances under which that human life was created. It has been proposed to create human life through cloning for the purpose of destructive experiments on those human beings, resulting in their deaths, and for the purpose of scavenging the bodies of those human beings to obtain tissues and organs, resulting in their deaths.

(20) Would you support a legal prohibition on all forms of human cloning, including therapeutic (somatic cell nuclear transfer - SCNT) and reproductive cloning?

Yes No

(21) Would you oppose and vote against any legislation that would allow for the cloning of human beings for the purpose of embryonic research and that would effectively mandate the destruction and disposal of the resultant cloned human embryos (also referred to as “clone and kill” legislation)?

Yes No

Euthanasia

From its inception, the Pro-Life movement has sought not only to protect the unborn from abortion, but also to protect the vulnerable born, especially older people and those with disabilities, from euthanasia. We consider rationing of health care, resulting in the denial of life-saving medical treatment against the will of the patient, to be unacceptable involuntary euthanasia.

(22) Do you support the current Arizona law, A.R.S. 13-1103, which defines manslaughter as the intentional aiding of another to commit suicide?

Yes No

(23) Would you vote against the legalization of physician assisted suicide?

Yes No

Medical and ethical journals now frequently carry articles advocating denial of life-saving treatment *against the will* of a patient or the patient’s family if health care providers or an ethics committee think the patient’s quality of life is unacceptable, even though the patient and family disagree. In 1991, Oregon approved a health care rationing plan for its Medicaid program. The primary basis for denial of treatment is the expected degree of disability or poor “quality of life” a patient would experience after treatment. This is a form of involuntary euthanasia.

(24) Would you support and vote for legislation that, would prohibit the rationing of health care which intentionally denies treatment on the basis of disability or “quality of life?”

Yes No

(25) Would you vote against involuntary denial of life-saving treatment by providing that in cases where a health care provider is unwilling to provide treatment, food or fluids that is desired by the patient or the patient's surrogate, and medical judgment is necessary to prevent the patient's death, the provider must allow the patient to be transferred to a willing provider and provide the treatment pending the transfer?

Yes No

(26) Arizona's current law (A.R.S. 13-3412.01), supports the administration of analgesics and/or sedatives to terminally ill patients in doses large enough to control pain and other symptoms. Would you vote against legislation that would allow "terminal sedation," the practice of the inappropriate use of medication to induce coma in order to hasten the death of a patient?

Yes No

(27) Hydration and nutrition (food and water) are basic human necessities and should never be considered a form of medical treatment. The provision of nutrition and hydration whether it be administered orally, intravenously or via gastronomy tube, should never be removed without the patient's clearly expressed and informed consent. Would you support legislation which prohibits the withholding or withdrawal of nutrition and hydration from an individual by a health care provider, guardian, surrogate or any other public or private agency or court?

Yes No

Thank you for your time and answers.

I understand that my answers to this questionnaire will be kept on file with the Arizona Right to Life's Political Action Committee, and will be made available to members of the public upon request.

Signature of Candidate _____ Date _____