

# Where Do the Candidates Stand on Life?

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<i>By party, in alphabetical order</i>	<i>The 1973 Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton Supreme Court decisions legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States, resulting in more than 57 million abortions since then.</i>	<i>S. 1553 and H.R. 36, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, would prohibit abortions (with narrow exceptions) after the unborn child is capable of feeling pain from abortion.</i>	<i>S. 1881 would end all federal funding of the nation's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood. The money would be given instead to women's health service providers.</i>

## Where Do the Republican Presidential Candidates Stand on Life?

	<b>Jeb Bush (R)</b> Former Governor of Florida	Jeb Bush had a strong pro-life record as governor of Florida. "When we see life not yet born, we should welcome it with love. When we see life compromised by disease or near its natural end, we should treat it as a treasure, not a burden."	"I'm pleased to share my support of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, which will prevent elective abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy, protecting both unborn children and the health of pregnant women."	"As governor of Florida I defunded Planned Parenthood. I created a culture of life. We should, and the next president should defund Planned Parenthood."
	<b>Ben Carson (R)</b> Former Neurosurgeon	"I am unabashedly and entirely pro-life. Human life begins at conception and innocent life must be protected."	"I urge our legislators in Congress to swiftly vote on the legislation known as the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. It is legislation that values life which in the end is what we are here for."	"I'm urging Congress to eliminate every last dime of Planned Parenthood funding."
	<b>Chris Christie (R)</b> Governor of New Jersey	"I am proud to be a pro-life Republican. I believe that every life is an individual gift from God, and that no life is disposable."  "I just stand on my record. I mean, I'm pro-life."	"One proposal that brings Americans together is the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, which would protect unborn children beginning at 20 weeks... based on their ability to feel pain."	"I defunded Planned Parenthood in New Jersey six years ago. We've defunded it every year for the last six years. Now, with the most recent revelation, there's even more reason not to fund [it]."
	<b>Ted Cruz (R)</b> U.S. Senator from Texas	Ted Cruz has a 100% pro-life voting record since joining the Senate in 2013.	Sen. Cruz voted to advance H.R. 36. "I remain a strong supporter of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act...and that is an important step in recognizing the sanctity of life."	"There is no place for taxpayer funding of organizations that profit from taking away innocent life, much less profiting off the bodies of the lives they have stolen."
	<b>Carly Fiorina (R)</b> Former Hewlett Packard CEO	"I am proudly pro-life. I believe that every human life has potential and that every human life is precious."	"I am proud to support the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act and urge both houses of Congress to hold swift votes on this life-saving legislation."	"I would vote to defund Planned Parenthood. It doesn't matter if you are pro-choice or pro-life. Every woman, every man has to look at these videos and think, what has gone wrong in our nation?"
	<b>Jim Gilmore (R)</b> Former Governor of Virginia	"After that period of time [eight weeks] I think there should be no further abortions."  "As governor, I won't ask taxpayers to pay for abortions. I won't support late-term abortion, and I'll make sure parents are involved..."	As governor, Gilmore signed a Partial-Birth Abortion Ban.  "I won't support late-term abortion."	
	<b>Lindsey Graham (R)</b> U.S. Senator from South Carolina	Lindsey Graham has a strong pro-life voting record in Congress. "There is no part of society more vulnerable and in need of our protection than the unborn. The inalienable right to life of every innocent human being is an essential element of a civil society."	Sen. Graham is the lead sponsor of S. 1553, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act in the U.S. Senate. Graham voted to advance H.R. 36.	"I wholly support the defunding of Planned Parenthood... As president, I pledge I would never send a budget to Capitol Hill that contains a penny of funding for Planned Parenthood."
	<b>Mike Huckabee (R)</b> Former Governor of Arkansas	"As governor, I promoted and signed a fetal protection act...a ban on partial-birth abortion, established waiting periods, created parental notification requirements..."	"I am writing to you today to wholeheartedly endorse the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. ...Its passage is an important step in the right direction for our nation."	"Enough is enough. Stand with me as we fight to defund Planned Parenthood."
	<b>Bobby Jindal (R)</b> Governor of Louisiana	While in the U.S. House of Representatives, Bobby Jindal had a 100% pro-life voting record. As governor, he signed many pro-life laws including a pain-capable unborn child protection law, and an ultrasound law.	"This legislation [the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act] is necessary for protecting unborn children nationwide, at 20 weeks or more postfertilization, from painful abortions."	Gov. Jindal opened a state investigation into Planned Parenthood and announced the state's termination of the medical agreement with Planned Parenthood, citing their "fundamental disrespect for human life."
	<b>John Kasich (R)</b> Governor of Ohio	John Kasich had a strong pro-life voting record in the 18 years he served in Congress.  As governor, Kasich has signed 16 pro-life laws.	While in the U.S. House of Representatives, Kasich voted in support of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. As governor, he has signed a law banning abortions after viability.	As governor, Kasich stripped Planned Parenthood funding by \$1.4 million.
	<b>George Pataki (R)</b> Former Governor of New York	George Pataki's record on life is mixed. As a member of the state Assembly, he voted against state funding of abortions. In 1990, he changed his position to "pro-choice" while running for the state Senate. As governor, he supported government funding for abortions.	"Doctors say that at 20 weeks that is a viable life inside the womb. And at that point, it's a life we have the right to protect, and I think we should protect."	"...Roe v. Wade, it's been the law of the land for 42 years and I don't think we should continue to try to change it. But what we can do is defund Planned Parenthood."

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 <p><b>Rand Paul (R)</b> <i>U. S. Senator from Kentucky</i></p>	<p>Rand Paul has a 100% pro-life voting record since his term began in 2011.</p>	<p>Sen. Paul, a cosponsor of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act in the 114th Congress, voted to advance H.R. 36. "I support your efforts to raise awareness of this bill and join your call for consideration in the U.S. Senate."</p>	<p>He pledged to:  <i>"...do whatever I can to stop them and will introduce an amendment to pending Senate legislation to immediately strip every dollar of Planned Parenthood funding."</i></p>
 <p><b>Marco Rubio (R)</b> <i>U. S. Senator from Florida</i></p>	<p>Marco Rubio has a 100% pro-life voting record since his term began in 2011.  <i>"The dignity of each and every human life is fundamental."</i></p>	<p>Rubio, an original cosponsor of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act in the 114th Congress, voted to advance H.R. 36. "Surely we should aspire to be a nation where we protect unborn babies who can feel pain, respond to touch..."</p>	<p><i>"I am sickened by the complete disregard for innocent unborn life evident at Planned Parenthood. I'm proud that one of my first actions in the Senate was voting to defund this organization."</i></p>
 <p><b>Rick Santorum (R)</b> <i>Former U.S. Senator from Pennsylvania</i></p>	<p>Rick Santorum had a strong pro-life voting record throughout his legislative career. In 1997, Santorum led the fight for passage of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban, which was signed into law by President G.W. Bush.</p>	<p><i>"As a committed pro-life American, I believe this legislation [the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act] is an important step towards protecting our nation's unborn children."</i></p>	<p><i>"...always have been and always will be in favor of defunding Planned Parenthood and their destruction and now exploitation of human life."</i></p>
 <p><b>Donald Trump (R)</b> <i>CEO and Businessman</i></p>	<p><i>"I'm pro-life but I changed my view a number of years ago. It really, really troubles me, and it really, really bothers me, the whole concept of abortion."</i></p>	<p>After consulting with doctors about the partial-birth abortion procedure, Trump concluded that he would support a ban on that method.</p>	<p>Trump has given different statements about defunding Planned Parenthood, saying "absolutely they should be defunded," yet agreeing funding could go to Planned Parenthood's "good aspects".</p>

## Where Do the Democratic Presidential Candidates Stand on Life?

 <p><b>Joe Biden (D)</b> <i>Vice President</i></p>	<p>Joe Biden supports the current policy of abortion on demand. Biden voted for the Harkin Amendment to endorse <i>Roe v. Wade</i>, which allows abortion for any reason.</p>	<p>Biden criticized the U.S. Supreme Court majority for upholding the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act in 2007.</p>	<p>August 25, 2008 headline in a Planned Parenthood press release: "Planned Parenthood applauds Barack Obama's choice of Sen. Joe Biden as his vice-presidential nominee."</p>
 <p><b>Lincoln Chafee (I)</b> <i>Former Governor of Rhode Island</i></p>	<p>Lincoln Chafee supports the current policy of abortion on demand, which allows abortion for any reason.</p>	<p>While in the U.S. Senate, Chafee voted against the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.</p>	<p>Chafee tweeted:  <i>"I support Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood has a long record of helping women."</i></p>
 <p><b>Hillary Clinton (D)</b> <i>Former U.S. Senator from New York</i></p>	<p>As a U.S. senator, Hillary Clinton maintained a 0% pro-life record, voting against the pro-life position on every vote. In 2003, Clinton voted against the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, and voted to endorse <i>Roe v. Wade</i>, which allows abortion on demand for any reason.</p>	<p>When the U.S. House passed the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act on May 13, 2015, Clinton issued a statement opposing the bill, referring to it as part of a dangerous trend.</p>	<p>Despite disturbing revelations in undercover videos, Clinton reiterated her support for Planned Parenthood. In 2009, Clinton was awarded Planned Parenthood's Margaret Sanger Award.</p>
 <p><b>Martin O'Malley (D)</b> <i>Former Governor of Maryland</i></p>	<p>Martin O'Malley supports the current policy of abortion on demand, which allows abortion for any reason.</p>	<p>O'Malley supported Maryland's 1992 referendum that declared abortions legal for any reason until the baby is viable.</p>	<p>In April 2014, O'Malley received Planned Parenthood of Maryland's award "for advancing reproductive rights in Maryland."</p>
 <p><b>Bernie Sanders (I)</b> <i>U. S. Senator from Vermont</i></p>	<p>Bernie Sanders has maintained a solid pro-abortion voting record, voting against the pro-life position more than 100 times in his federal legislative career.</p>	<p>Sanders voted against advancing H.R. 36, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. Sanders voted against the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act every opportunity he had.</p>	<p>Sanders voted against advancing S. 1881, the bill to ban federal funding of Planned Parenthood. His vote would allow federal funding of Planned Parenthood to continue.</p>
 <p><b>Jim Webb (D)</b> <i>Former U. S. Senator from Virginia</i></p>	<p>Jim Webb had a 0% pro-life voting record in the U.S. Senate, voting 19 of 19 times against the pro-life position.</p>	<p>Webb supports the current policy of abortion on demand, which allows abortion for any reason.</p>	<p>On April 14, 2011, Webb voted against a bill to cut off federal funding for Planned Parenthood.</p>