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## Compare the Candidates

### Hillary Clinton

There is nothing more sacrosanct to Hillary Clinton than a woman's right to choose, writes Grove City College Political Science Professor Paul Kengor in a recent op-ed piece. It is her alpha and omega, beyond doubt her highest priority. I wrote an entire book on the faith of Hillary Clinton, and the one thing that struck me above all else, from start to finish, was her absolute fealty to Roe v. Wade. It is Hillary's hill to die on. I believe Hillary Clinton would give her life for Roe v. Wade. Dr. Kengor's book, published in 2008, is titled, *God and Hillary Clinton*.

Clinton has a long history as a champion of abortion on demand, which she calls a fundamental human right. She has made it a top priority in her presidential campaign, pushing her abortion advocacy to new extremes in the process. She frequently calls for doing away with the Hyde amendment and openly condones full-term abortions.

The Hyde amendment ensures that federal Medicaid funds are not used to pay for abortions. First adopted in 1976, it is estimated to have saved two million human lives.

As a U.S. senator in 2003, Clinton voted against banning partial-birth abortion every chance she got. She also voted that year to endorse the Roe v. Wade decision, which authorizes abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy for any reason or no reason.

In April 2007, Clinton was one of 13 Democratic senators who cosponsored S.1173, the infamous Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA). The legislation was an attempt to reverse the Supreme Court decision that upheld the federal Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. FOCA would have gone even farther than Roe v. Wade. Practically all pro-life laws that had been upheld by the courts in the decades after Roe would have been swept away, including: restrictions on government funding of abortion; parental consent, informed consent, and waiting period requirements; prohibitions on abortions in public hospitals; conscience protection laws for health care workers; laws requiring that abortions be done only by licensed

physicians; and limitations on third trimester abortions.

In January 2016, during an interview ([tinyurl.com/htnpucj](http://tinyurl.com/htnpucj)) with an extreme-liberal online and cable news source called Fusion, Clinton not only defended government funding of Planned Parenthood but called for increasing it. Planned Parenthood already receives over half a billion taxpayer dollars a year. Clinton also talked about doing away with the Hyde amendment, and how every proud she was to be endorsed by the Planned Parenthood Action Fund. It was the first time ever that Planned Parenthood endorsed a presidential candidate in a primary election. If she is elected, said Clinton, Planned Parenthood will be one of her partners at the table.

On April 3, 2016, Clinton appeared on NBC's *Meet the Press* insisting that the unborn person doesn't have constitutional rights. On April 5, as a guest on *The View* ([tinyurl.com/hv9lkqv](http://tinyurl.com/hv9lkqv)), she doubled-down. She was asked, "Are you saying that a child on its due date, just hours before delivery still has no constitutional rights?" "That this is the case," Clinton replied. She went on to declare her unflinching support for Roe v. Wade, which does indeed sanction very late abortions.

In a speech to the April 2015 Women in the World Summit in New York City, Hillary Clinton stated, "Far too many women are denied access to reproductive health care [aka. abortion] and safe childbirth, and laws don't count for much if they're not enforced." In order to expand worldwide access to abortion, she went on to say, "deep-seated cultural codes, religious beliefs and structural biases have to be changed."

During the second presidential debate on October 9 in St. Louis, Clinton focused on abortion like a laser beam, promising a pro-abortion litmus test when asked about Supreme Court appointments. "I want a Supreme Court that will stick with Roe v. Wade and a woman's right to choose," she declared. "Now, Donald has put forward the names of some people he would consider and

among the ones that he has suggested are people who would reverse Roe v. Wade, she continued. "I think that would be a terrible mistake and would take us backwards."

Clinton has even likened pro-life Americans to terrorists. Speaking about abortion during a campaign event in



Cleveland, Ohio, she said, "Now, extreme views about women, we expect that from some of the terrorist groups, we expect that from people who don't want to live in the modern world, but it's a little hard to take from Republicans who want to be the president of the United States."

Clinton's choice of Tim Kaine as her vice-presidential running mate is entirely consistent with her passion for unlimited abortion.

As a U.S. senator, Kaine has voted against the pro-life position at every opportunity. He voted against the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, which would limit elective abortions after five months, an age when unborn babies are widely thought to feel excruciating pain during an abortion. He even voted against a law to prevent the transportation of minors across state lines for an abortion without the consent of a parent.

Kaine took his most extreme pro-abortion action in 2015 when he co-sponsored the so-called Women's Health Protection Act. This bill would nullify nearly all existing state and federal abortion limitations and regulations, and prohibit states from enacting meaningful pro-life laws in the future. It is a revamped version of the

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long-stalled Freedom of Choice Act to Clinton cosponsored in 2007.

Kaine used to be one of the many pro-abortion Democrats who supported the Hyde amendment. But now that he has teamed up with Hillary Clinton, he wants to kill it.

## Donald J. Trump

On January 23, 2016, the day after the 43rd March for Life in Washington, DC, Donald Trump published an op-ed piece in the *Washington Examiner*. "Let me be clear: I am pro-life," he began. "I did not always hold this position," he continued, "but I had a significant personal experience that brought the precious gift of life into perspective for me." (The *Examiner* is owned by Philip Anschutz, who has financed and distributed films with Christian themes, such as *Amazing Grace* and *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.)

Ambivalence about abortion was evident in Trump's thinking as early as 1999. During October of that year, when asked by NBC's Tim Russert about partial-birth abortion, Trump relied on a politically correct and common cliché, saying he believed in "choice." But he also expressed considerable revulsion over the "choice" in question. "I hate the concept of abortion," he said. "I hate it. I hate everything it stands for. I cringe when I listen to people debating the subject." Notably, he didn't call abortion "reproductive choice," or "women's health care," or "a constitutional right." He did say, rather passionately, that he hated the very concept.

Only a few months after the Russert interview, in January 2000, Trump published a book titled, *The America We Deserve*. He mentions in the book that after consulting with physicians and getting the full story about partial-birth abortion, he had concluded that he would, in fact, support a ban on the procedure.

Trump's position on "choice" continued to change, drastically, over the next decade.

Trump's youngest child, his only child with his wife Melania, was born in 2006. A close associate, Roger Stone, has pointed to this event as a watershed moment in Trump's thinking about the preciousness of human life. Exactly what role, if any, this played in his thinking about abortion as a public policy issue, we may never know.

In 2011 Trump declared publicly that he was "pro-life," meaning that he favored legal protection for unborn children. He has stuck by that position consistently throughout the presidential campaign.

On January 23, 2016, Trump published an op-ed piece in the *Washington Examiner* titled, "My Vision for a Culture of Life" ([tinyurl.com/hxe972a](http://tinyurl.com/hxe972a)).

The entire essay is worth reading, but here are just a few of the concluding words:

America, when it is at its best, follows a set of rules that have worked since our Founding. One of those rules is that we, as Americans, revere life and have done so since our Founders made it the first, and most important, of our "unalienable" rights [life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness]. Over time, our culture of life in this country has started sliding toward a culture of death. Perhaps the most significant piece of evidence to support this assertion is that since *Roe v. Wade* was decided by the Supreme Court 43 years ago, over 50 million Americans never had the chance to enjoy the opportunities offered by this country. They never had the chance to become doctors, musicians, farmers, teachers, husbands, fathers, sons or daughters. They never had the chance to enrich the culture of this nation or to bring their skills, lives, loves or passions into the fabric of this country. They are missing, and they are missed.... A culture of life is too important to let slip away for convenience or political correctness. It is by preserving our culture of life that we will Make America Great Again.

In May 2016, Trump released a list of conservative judges he would consider to fill a Supreme Court vacancy. All 11 are pro-life, according to the National Right to Life Committee.

In mid-September, Trump announced the formation of a Catholic advisory board, naming 35 Catholic conservatives. Among them are many pro-life stalwarts such as: Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the Susan B. Anthony List; Father Frank Pavone, national director of Priests for Life; former U.S. Senator Rick Santorum; and former U.S. Senator Sam Brownback, currently the governor of Kansas.

Brownback was a driving force in the U.S. Senate against the major push some years ago to fund embryonic stem cell research.

On September 29, Trump released a long list of proven pro-life leaders to head a "Pro-Life Coalition," Catholics and non-Catholics alike, to better-inform the public about the potential consequences of this election for the pro-life cause and the positions of the candidates on human life issues. Marjorie Dannenfelser was named national chairman. Included in this list are such seasoned pro-life veterans as Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council; Day Gardner, president of National Black Pro-Life Union; and Charmaine Yoest, senior fellow at American Values and former president and CEO of Americans United for Life.

In a letter to his Pro-Life Coalition, Trump wrote that he is committed to: (1) nominating pro-life justices to the Supreme Court, (2) signing the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, (3) defunding Planned Parenthood, and (4) making the Hyde amendment a permanent law.

Trump has referred to Planned Parenthood as an "abortion factory" and denounced its trafficking in the organs and bodies of aborted babies, comparing it with "selling parts to an automobile."

Trump spent an hour, late this summer, with the executive board members of the National Right to Life Committee. One of the attendees later wrote: "In the hour-long meeting, held in the Trump Tower board room, [Donald Trump] was humble, genuine, and sought our counsel on many pro-life issues. We left the meeting feeling confident he will nominate pro-life justices to the Supreme Court and be an advocate for our cause."

Trump is supported by the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation as well as the National Right to Life Committee.

Some cynics may say that Trump has embraced the pro-life cause just to garner political support for his presidential campaign. But even if that were the case, would it not be just as likely that he would continue to embrace the pro-life cause if elected, if only to garner support for his administration and support for a second term in office?

For many skeptics, lingering suspicions about Trump's motives were greatly reduced by his selection of Indiana Governor Mike Pence to be his vice-presidential running mate. Pence served in the U.S. House of Representatives for 12 years, from 2000 to 2011 and has a solid pro-life record, including strong support for passage of the "Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act." In 2011, he introduced the Pence amendment to defund Planned Parenthood and brought it to a successful vote. As governor of Indiana, Pence championed a long list of pro-life measures including: health and safety standards for chemical abortions, protection for unborn children with disabilities such as Down Syndrome, stronger informed consent requirements, a \$1,000 adoption credit, tighter health, safety, and reporting regulations for abortion facilities, and many others.

## PRO-LIFE TABLES & BOOTHS

People for Life presented an educational table or booth at 15 events this summer, including two new events: the Wine Festival in North East and the Erie County Medical Society Expo at the Millcreek Mall. Our next event will be the Erie Catholic Diocese Family Fest on November 13.

## LIFE RUN THANKS

Our annual 5K run & walk took place on October 8. Many thanks to our host Burch Farms, our sponsors, the volunteers, and most of all, our intrepid runners and walkers who made the very best of a rather damp morning! See some pictures of our event and the race results at [www.Facebook.com/LifeRunErie](http://www.Facebook.com/LifeRunErie).

### Get Active this January

Make your reservations now for our 44th annual March for Life Bus Trip. Seats are still just \$55. Act by December 22 and get a special discount price of only \$46! If the cost is still a problem, please ask about sponsorships. The March itself will take place on Friday, January 27. Buses leave Thursday evening.

Tickets are now available for the 39th Annual Pro-Life Breakfast on January 14. Our speakers will be Evangelist Billy Graham's daughter Ruth Graham and her daughter Windsor Bauders. They will share a very powerful and moving pro-life testimony that you don't want to miss.

The Erie March for Life will take place in downtown Erie on Saturday, January 21, the eve of the 44th anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

### Clinton's abortion roots run very deep

While doing research for his book, *God and Hillary Clinton*, Grove City College Professor Paul Kengor made a remarkable discovery. When Bill & Hillary Clinton finished law school and moved to Arkansas, Hillary became a regular gynecological patient of the state's leading abortionist. His name was Dr. William F. Harrison. He and the Clintons became close friends.

In later years, Harrison boasted about having carried out tens of thousands of abortions. He was so invested in abortion that he wrote about it in a novel, a story about a small-town abortionist. The abortionist valiantly saves a beautiful, unwed mother of

two from a third pregnancy. She is spared another child only to become a target in an uncivil war being waged by pro-life religious fundamentalists.

Kengor asked Harrison during an interview for his book if he thought Hillary Clinton would reverse the pro-life progress that had been made under President George W. Bush. The abortionist replied emphatically and with religious zeal, "Oh, absolutely... I hope to God she does." He recognized Hillary Clinton as the torchbearer of the pro-abortion movement, a position that she continues to occupy in 2016.

Dr. Paul Kengor was the special guest speaker at People for Life's 37th annual Pro-Life Breakfast in January 2015.

## Memorials

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People for Life is a volunteer-based, non-profit, non-sectarian, citizen organization committed to affirming the intrinsic value of human life. We are dedicated to advancing true justice by working for the protection of all innocent human lives, whatever the age, race, sex, physical condition, economic status, or place of residence (including the womb). We encourage local involvement through

education and by fostering political awareness. We advocate loving alternatives to the primitive and violent solutions of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. Working together, we are determined to achieve a society in which all human lives are valued and protected. The Erie Echo is published in Erie, PA by People for Life Inc., Tim Broderick, Editor.

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## Election Report

The following candidates will appear on ballots in the Erie-area. Their stances on human life issues have been evaluated by the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation as follows:

### U.S House of Representatives

District 3: Mike Kelly (R), pro-life (unopposed).  
District 5: Kerith Strano Taylor (D), pro-abortion / Glenn GT Thompson (R), pro-life.

### PA Senate

District 21: Incumbent Scott Hutchinson (R), pro-life (unopposed). District 25: Jerri Buchanan (D), unknown / Joseph Scarnati (R), pro-life. District 49: Sean Wiley (D), pro-abortion / Dan Laughlin (R), unknown.

### PA House of Representatives

District 1: Patrick Harkins (D), leans pro-life / William Crotty (R), unknown. The *Erie Times-News* reported in April 2016 that Crotty described himself as being liberal on social issues. District 2: Flo Fabrizio (D), pro-abortion / Pat Fuller (R), pro-life. District 3: Ryan Bizzarro (D), leans pro-life / Greg Lucas (R), pro-life. District 4: Curt Sonney (R), pro-life (unopposed). District 6: Peter Zimmer (D), pro-abortion / Brad Roae (R), pro-life. District 7: Mark Longietti (D), pro-life (unopposed). District 8: Judy Hines (D), unknown / Tedd Nesbit (R), pro-life. District 12: Christian Rieger (D), pro-abortion / Daryl Metcalfe (R), pro-life. District 64: John Kluck (D), unknown / R. Lee James (R), pro-life. District 65: Troy Clawson (D), unknown / Kathy Rapp (R), pro-life.

### PA Statewide Offices

The Pro-Life Federation lists the following candidates for statewide office as pro-life: for Attorney General John Rafferty (R), for Auditor General John Brown (R), and for Treasurer Otto Voit (R). The Democratic candidate for each of these offices is pro-abortion.

### SPONSORS NEEDED

March for Life Bus Trip: \$55 covers the cost for one student or other deserving person.

### Notes for PA House and Senate

Incumbent state Senator Sean Wiley was endorsed by Planned Parenthood when he initially ran for office in 2012. They endorsed him again for 2016 after giving him 100% pro-abortion ratings for 2013, 2014, and 2015. On June 5, 2013, Wiley was one of only 19 state Senators who voted against House Bill 818, a bill to prevent Obamacare insurance plans offered in Pennsylvania from including abortion coverage. The PA General Assembly overwhelmingly approved the measure, by a 2-1 vote in the state Senate and nearly a 3-1 vote in the state House of Representatives.

Dan Laughlin's position was listed as unknown because the Pro-Life Federation did not receive a completed questionnaire from the candidate. He did, however, speak with People for Life Director Tim Broderick. McLaughlin said he is opposed to government funding of abortion and that he would support a bill to lower the maximum gestational age for elective abortion from six months to five months. Going further, he proposed lowering the maximum age to four months. McLaughlin also expressed an interest in becoming more familiar with human life issues and asked a number of thoughtful questions.

Although Ryan Bizzarro and Pat Harkins have had pro-life positions and pro-life voting records, both state Representatives joined pro-abortion Rep. Flo Fabrizio in voting against House Bill 1948. This is a bill to

prohibit the dismemberment abortion procedure, where a child bleeds to death as it is torn apart limb by limb during the second trimester. The vote occurred in June of this year. The bill was passed by the state House on a bipartisan, two-thirds majority vote of 132-65. H.B. 1948 would also lower the maximum age for elective abortion from six months to five months.

### U.S. Senate: Toomey / McGinty

Democrat Kathleen McGinty supports a policy of abortion on demand and would allow unborn children to be aborted for any reason. She wrote an op-ed piece in June bashing Sen. Pat Toomey's pro-life record and attacking a Pennsylvania bill (H.B.1948) to stop dismemberment abortion, a gruesome second-trimester procedure where living unborn babies are torn apart limb by limb. Ironically, a Communication Concepts poll taken in June 2015 found that a 61% of Pennsylvanians and a whopping 84% majority of Erie residents support a ban on this barbaric abortion method.

McGinty is endorsed by Planned Parenthood and the radical, pro-abortion political action committee Emily's List. As of October 15, Planned Parenthood has poured in \$2.7 million to elect McGinty. Emily's List spent \$1.8 million to help McGinty win the primary election and committed another million dollars to the race in June.

In contrast, Republican Sen. Pat Toomey has a 100% pro-life record. He co-sponsored and voted to advance the "Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act," which seeks to prohibit abortions after 20 weeks to protect unborn babies from the intense pain caused by late-term abortions. Toomey supports a ban on dismemberment abortion and wants to defund Planned Parenthood. He is also committed to reversing the abortion-expanding and rationing effects of Obamacare.

Sen. Toomey is endorsed by National Right to Life and the PA Pro-Life Federation.

## 2016 PRO-LIFE CALENDAR 2017

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| <b>Nov. 8</b>  | 2016 Presidential Election  |
| <b>Nov. 11</b> | Crawford County Citizens for Life Banquet - Saegertown, 6:30 p.m. |
| <b>Dec. 10</b> | International Human Rights Day                                    |
| <b>Dec. 23</b> | Last day for March for Life Bus Trip special discount offer       |
| <b>Jan. 9</b>  | Final due date for reservations - Pro-Life Breakfast              |
| <b>Jan. 14</b> | Pro-Life Breakfast - Bayfront Convention Center, 9 a.m.           |
| <b>Jan. 21</b> | Erie March for Life, on eve of the of the Roe v. Wade anniversary |
| <b>Jan. 22</b> | 44th anniversary of Roe v. Wade                                   |
| <b>Jan. 20</b> | Inauguration Day  |
| <b>Jan. 26</b> | March for Life Buses depart from Erie, 11 p.m.                    |
| <b>Jan. 27</b> | 44th Annual March for Life - Washington, DC                       |
| <b>Jan. 28</b> | March for Life Buses Return - approximately 2 a.m.                |
| <b>April 1</b> | People for Life Student Essay Contest - Entry Deadline            |
| <b>May 14</b>  | Mother's Day / Mother's Day Carnation Project                     |