



Every Election is an Abortion Election

Since the Dobbs Decision of 2022, all elections have become elections where the abortion question becomes relevant. In up to 15 states, candidates in 2024 and 2026 will have state constitutional amendments to make abortion legal or able to be regulated. All candidates must be prepared to give answers on their position on abortion.

Answering "Are You Extreme?" and Avoiding the Gotcha Question

1. State your most reasonable position
2. State your opposition's position
3. Give examples of policies you want
4. If there is time, tell a story
5. Restate your position and find consensus

Sample: What about rape and incest?

In the cases of rape and incest, I want survivors to be provided the health care and mental health counseling they need, and I want our state to prosecute these crimes aggressively. My opponent voted for abortion through all nine months of pregnancy, including painful late-term abortions. Abortion lobbyists like the ones who support my opponent think that parents and law enforcement should not be involved in sex abuse victims' decisions. Just last week, an undercover video was released of an abortion clinic director speaking with an admitted statutory rapist, about how he and his 13 year old victim were safe inside the clinic because she would not report their sexual relationship. I think that any time someone underage seeks an abortion for statutory rape or incest, it should be reported to the cops, and crime scene investigators should collect the baby's remains for genetic testing. Can we agree that all rapes and incest must be reported to the cops, and if there is an abortion, authorities must collect the baby's remains so the rapists can be sent to jail?

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Sample: Do you want to outlaw all abortion?

I want no woman in our state to feel she needs to have an abortion. We know that up to 80% of abortions are forced or coerced, and more than 90% of women say they don't want to have an abortion, but they think they need to have one. This amendment does nothing to help these women. Why aren't we pushing to make fathers pay for child support before the baby is born? Why are we not using the Medicaid expansion to pay for birth if a woman cannot? Companies that give \$4000 for abortion should give \$4000 to pay for birth. Organizations provide childcare for families in need. We should support them to support the new families. Should women who want to be a mother be forced or coerced into abortion? If you answered NO, you must vote no on this radical, pro-abortion amendment.

Strongest Messages to Move Voters Toward a Pro-Life Position

1. Men coerce women into aborting babies the women want so the men can get what they want. (Sex Trafficking relies on abortion)
2. Parental Rights are under attack – especially concerning the trans-ideology and the right to know about teens' abortions
3. This removes medical protections that women who choose abortion rely upon. (Health inspections of facilities,
4. Abortion hurts women.
5. This allows painful late-term abortions.

What about abortions to save the health or life of the mother?

"Lifesaving medical care is always available to any pregnant women. This includes care for miscarriage and ectopic pregnancy. But because of medical advances in the past five to ten years, a good doctor can treat both the mom and the baby. If the baby dies, that is a tragedy, not an abortion."

"Miscarriage care is necessary to save the women's health and fertility. It does not kill a preborn baby; therefore, it is not an intentional abortion and is always legal."

"Treatment for ectopic pregnancy is necessary to save the woman's life and is always legal."

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