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Position and District Sought*: Ohio Stat Representative - 30th District

Are you an incumbent for this office?*: NO

Have you previously held an elected position?*: NO

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: I only seek endorsements for those concerned with preserving what democracy we have left in this republic.

: 1. I wish to reduce the influence of money in politics.
2. I will do this by introducing as many provisions as possible of the model legislation known as the American Anti-Corruption Act.

1. Do you support reversal of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton?:

Comment - Question 1: Why I Have a Moral Issue with On-Demand Abortions After the 4th Month of Pregnancy

There are presently two "camps" of thought concerning abortion: Pro-Life and Pro-Choice. Unfortunately, both are based upon false premises but, oddly enough, both are based upon the issue of human life.

The Declaration of Independence mandates three unalienable rights: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Note that life comes first, and therefore should be held in highest (if not sacred) esteem. Liberty is second, and thus, must succumb to the right to life.

The Pro-Choice encampment bases it's "woman's liberty over her body" issue on the fact that Roe vs. Wade indicated that only a viable fetus has the right to life. In 1973 (the year of the Roe vs Wade decision), this meant that the courts (correctly) stated that this only protected the fetus during the third trimester (7th, 8th, and 9th months) of pregnancy. However, that decision was made 50 years ago. Medical science has now advanced to the point where a spontaneously aborted fetus during the 5th month of pregnancy has survived. This indicates that Roe vs. Wade, at

the very least, should be revisited if not revamped.

On the other hand, the Pro-Life encampment claims that human life begins at the point of conception. This, too, is a false premise. Up to twelve days after conception (after the fertilized egg has divided many times over and even after it has been implanted into the womb of the mother), a natural process (generically called "twinning") can occur - and now instead of one entity possibly developing into a human being, there are two entities possibly developing into identical twins. Obviously, the entities, and resultant lives, of the identical twins did not begin at conception.

1000 years ago Thomas Aquinas held to the philosophy that something begins and then proceeds to a whole. This philosophical viewpoint still stands true today. However, when does human life begin? For the identical twin, it definitely did not begin with conception - that was only a part of the process. If not conception, why would it be that the life of an identical twin begins when that fertilized mass of cells splits into two identical entities? That could also be construed as part of the process that leads to human life.

When does human life begin? I can't tell you - nobody can. However, we do know that a spontaneously aborted fetus in its 5th month can survive which means that viability can occur by that time during pregnancy. If "Pro-life" adherents wish to be (to be continued at question #2)

2. Do you support federal and state legislation to ban abortion-on-demand from fertilization to birth?:

Comment - Question 2: guided by beliefs rather than facts, that is guaranteed by the 1st Amendment under freedom of religion. However, they may not enforce their beliefs upon other people who are not of their persuasion - that is also a protected 1st Amendment right.

Hence, my conservative stance on abortion: no one knows when human life begins, but fetal viability has been shown to occur during as early as the 5th month of pregnancy.

ADDENDUM:

I think that everyone agrees with the ideal statement: the less abortion - the better.

Abortion was available (illegally) before Roe vs Wade. If it becomes illegal again, abortion will still be available (illegally).

Criminalization of abortion is not the answer.

Both Popes John Paul II and Francis have urged the necessity to address the primary need for which women seek an abortion. Here are two facts to think about:

While England is only 8% Roman Catholic, America is 25% Roman Catholic; yet England has fewer abortions per capita than does America.

In America 3 out of every 4 abortions are performed on woman who fall below the poverty line.

England has a form of universal health-care which America does not. It is apparent to me that on-demand abortions in America are mostly motivated by the cost factors of little or no health-care for the pregnant and no social safety-net for raising children. In short, pregnant women in America who seek on-demand abortion do so primarily because of economic reasons. Perhaps some form of universal health-care as well as other social safety-net programs could drastically reduce the number of on-demand abortions which occur in this country.

This is no small matter to consider in the abortion debate.

3. Do you support legislation that prohibits distributing tax money for any reason to organizations that promote or perform abortions domestically and in foreign countries?:

Comment - Question 3: As you can tell by #1 and #2, I consider the question of abortion a far more complicated matter than your "loaded" questions that you are presenting to me. I wish it were an unambiguous situation, but it is not. Reading the rest of your questions, I can see the same familiar

pattern in them. If you want simplistic answers, back someone simplistic. I won't bullshit my way through this questionnaire so that you may make either/or decisions in a complicated world.

4. Do you support medical standards, regulations, and inspection of abortion facilities?:

Comment - Question 4:

5. Do you oppose abortion being funded, subsidized, or otherwise promoted in government programs or education?:

Comment - Question 5:

6. Do you oppose any legislation that promotes or encourages healthcare rationing for the elderly and other vulnerable people?:

Comment - Question 6:

7. Do you support legislation prohibiting the killing of human embryos used for scientific research?:

Comment - Question 7:

8. Do you support legislation prohibiting all cloning of human beings?:

Comment - Question 8:

9. Do you support legislation prohibiting assisted suicide in Ohio?:

Comment - Question 9:

10. Will you vote for leadership in the Ohio House/Senate that upholds pro-life principles?:

Comment - Question 10:

11. Do you support the union of one man and one woman as the only definition of marriage that should be legally recognized at all levels of government?:

Comment - Question 11: The term "marriage" is a relic term from a religious past. Its use should have remained with those so influenced. It is unfortunate that civil unions were not made the law of the land and the term "marriage" was not relegated to secondary status long ago. Having made that statement, studies continue to indicate that the standard male-female relationship remains the most stable form of civil union.

12. Will you oppose any law or regulation that infringes upon an individual's or organization's rights of conscience by forcing participation in abortion or other immoral practices?:

Comment - Question 12:

13. Would you work actively to revoke any such laws, regulations or ordinances that infringe upon an individual's or organization's rights of conscience?:

Comment - Question 13:

14. List all organizations to which you have contributed time or money in the past four years.: