



**NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO LIFE 2016 VOTER GUIDE**

# Comparing the Presidential Candidates' positions on the Sanctity of Human Life



**Donald Trump**  
*Republican*



**Hillary Clinton**  
*Democrat*

## Roe v. Wade and Judicial Nominees

"Let me be clear — I am pro-life. I support that position with exceptions allowed for rape, incest or the life of the mother being at risk. I did not always hold this position, but I had a significant personal experience that brought the precious gift of life into perspective for me. 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." (Op-ed by Donald J. Trump, Washington Examiner, 1/23/16)

"We must protect the sanctity of life." (Donald Trump at the Faith & Freedom Coalition Conference, 6/10/16). Trump released a well-received list of 11 potential Supreme Court Justices ([www.lifenews.com](http://www.lifenews.com)). "

I am committed to nominating pro-life justices to the U.S. Supreme Court. I am committed to signing the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, which would end painful late-term abortions nationwide." (Sep. 2016 letter to Pro-Life Leaders from Donald J. Trump).

"Roe v. Wade is the touchstone of our reproductive freedom, the embodiment of our most fundamental rights, and no one — no judge, no governor, no Senator, no President — has the right to take it away."

(Statement issued by Hillary Clinton on 1/22/16, 43rd Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision. <https://www.hillaryclinton.com/briefing/factsheets/2016/01/22/lifelong-record-roe-anniversary/>).

"The unborn person doesn't have constitutional rights," (Hillary Clinton on Meet the Press, 4/3/16).

"I do have a litmus test, I have a bunch of litmus tests, because the next president could get as many as three appointments," the former first lady responded... "we've got to make sure to preserve Roe v. Wade, not let it be nibbled away or repealed."

(<http://thehill.com/blogs/ballot-box/presidential-races/268174-clinton-i-have-a-bunch-of-litmus-tests-for-supreme-court>).

## Religious Freedom and Conscience Rights

"We're going to get rid of that horrible Johnson amendment and we're going to let evangelicals, we're going to let Christians and Jews and people of religion talk without being afraid to talk." (Johnson amendment: Trump's 'greatest contribution to Christianity'? *Christianity Today*, article by James Macintyre, 7/18/16)

Trump said he would strike down the IRS ruling (aka the Johnson Amendment) that is said to prevent non-profit groups, including churches, from endorsing political candidates. (6/21/16 Meeting with over 1,000 Evangelical and Pro-Life leaders, NYC, "A Conversation with Donald Trump").

"Far too many women are denied access to reproductive health care and safe childbirth, and laws don't count for much if they're not enforced. Rights have to exist in practice — not just on paper," Clinton said. "Laws have to be backed up with resources and political will," she explained. "And deep-seated cultural codes, religious beliefs and structural biases have to be changed."

(<http://dailycaller.com/2015/04/23/hillary-on-abortion-deep-seated-cultural-codes-religious-beliefs-and-structural-biases-have-to-be-changed/#ixzz4KRI94mEj>)

## Funding Planned Parenthood

"I am committed to defunding Planned Parenthood as long as they continue to perform abortions, and reallocating their funding to community health centers that provide comprehensive health care for women."

(September 2016 letter to Pro-Life Leaders from Donald Trump).

"I will always defend Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood should be funded, supported and appreciated and I will say it consistently and proudly."

(January 11, 2016 Rally in New Hampshire accepting Planned Parenthood's endorsement).

## Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

"I am committed to making the Hyde Amendment permanent law to protect taxpayers from having to pay for abortions."

(September 2016 letter to Pro-Life Leaders from Donald Trump).

"Any right that requires you to take extraordinary measures to access it is no right at all." "...Not as long as we have laws on the book like the Hyde amendment making it harder for low-income women to exercise their full rights."

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