

Where Do the Republicans Stand on Life?

	Stem Cell Research	Roe v. Wade	Partial-Birth Abortion
 <p>Rudy Giuliani Former New York City Mayor</p> <p>Rasmussen Poll August 6, 2007 25%</p>	<p>"As long as we're not creating life in order to destroy it, as long as we're not having human cloning, and we limit it to that...I would support [embryonic stem cell research] with those limitations."</p>	<p>"The present state of the law on these issues is not something that I would seek to change."</p> <p>"[U]ltimately, since it is an issue of conscience, I would respect a woman's right to make a different choice."</p>	<p>"I support the ban on partial-birth abortion... but ultimately I think when you come down to that choice, you have to respect a woman's right to make that choice differently than my conscience."</p>
 <p>Fred Thompson Former U.S. Senator from Tennessee</p> <p>Rasmussen Poll August 6, 2007 24%</p>	<p>"I'm for adult stem cell research, not stem cell research where embryos of unborn children are destroyed...there's... promising developments [with] adult stem cell[s]...we don't need to go down that other road."</p>	<p>Voted to oppose <i>Roe v. Wade</i>, the Supreme Court decision that allows abortion for any reason.</p> <p>"I think <i>Roe v. Wade</i> was bad law and bad medical science. And the way to address that is through good judges."</p>	<p>Voted for the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.</p> <p>"The Supreme Court was absolutely right in the... [<i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>] partial-birth abortion decision. The very idea that we could even have a debate over whether or not that atrocious activity should be allowable is very unfortunate..."</p>
 <p>Mitt Romney Former Governor of Massachusetts</p> <p>Rasmussen Poll August 6, 2007 14%</p>	<p>"I will not create new embryos through cloning or through embryo farming because that would be creating life for the purpose of destroying it." "Some stem cells today are obtained from surplus embryos from in-vitro fertilization. I support that research..."</p>	<p>"I do believe...<i>Roe v. Wade</i> does not serve the country well...[it's] an example of judges making the law instead of interpreting the Constitution.... I would like to see the Court return the issue to the people to decide."</p>	<p>"[The] Court [in <i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>] reaffirmed the value of life in America by upholding a ban on a practice that offends basic human decency. [It] represents a step forward in protecting the weakest and most innocent among us."</p>
 <p>John McCain U.S. Senator from Arizona</p> <p>Rasmussen Poll August 6, 2007 11%</p>	<p>Voted in favor of funding research that requires killing human embryos.</p> <p>"I do support embryonic stem cell research..."</p> <p>"I believe that we need to fund [embryonic stem cell research]..."</p>	<p>Voted to oppose <i>Roe v. Wade</i>, the Supreme Court decision that allows abortion for any reason.</p> <p>"...We would be better off by having <i>Roe v. Wade</i> return to the states....I don't believe the...Court should be legislating in the way that they did on <i>Roe v. Wade</i>."</p>	<p>Voted for the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.</p> <p>"Today's Supreme Court ruling [in <i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>] is a victory for those who cherish the sanctity of human life."</p>
 <p>Mike Huckabee Former Governor of Arkansas</p> <p>Rasmussen Poll August 6, 2007 3%</p>	<p>"I don't think it's right to create a life to end a life. That's not a good health decision."</p>	<p>"My convictions regarding the sanctity of life have always been clear and consistent, without equivocation or wavering. I believe that <i>Roe v. Wade</i> should be overturned."</p>	<p>Signed the Arkansas Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act into law.</p> <p>"I applaud the Court's action [in <i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>], which also sends a strong reminder that we must stay vigilant in our cause to protect those who cannot protect themselves."</p>
 <p>Sam Brownback U.S. Senator from Kansas</p> <p>Rasmussen Poll August 6, 2007 2%</p>	<p>Voted against funding stem cell research that requires killing human embryos.</p> <p>"I oppose destructive embryonic stem cell research because it results in the untimely termination of a young human life."</p>	<p>Voted to oppose <i>Roe v. Wade</i>, the Supreme Court decision that allows abortion for any reason.</p> <p>"[The day <i>Roe v. Wade</i> is repealed] would be a glorious day of human liberty and freedom."</p>	<p>Voted for the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.</p> <p>"[The Court's decision in <i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>] is a great step forward for our nation's citizens, born and unborn."</p>
 <p>Duncan Hunter U.S. Congressman from California</p> <p>Rasmussen Poll August 6, 2007 <2%</p>	<p>Voted against funding stem cell research that requires killing human embryos.</p> <p>"I voted against the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act...which would have directed the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct and support research that utilizes human embryonic stem cells."</p>	<p>"I would...provide blanket protection to all unborn children from the moment of conception by prohibiting any state or federal law that denies the personhood of the unborn."</p>	<p>Voted for the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.</p> <p>"The Supreme Court's ruling [in <i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>] to prohibit the abhorrent practice of partial-birth abortion represents a victory in the effort to protect and promote human life."</p>
 <p>Ron Paul U.S. Congressman from Texas</p> <p>Rasmussen Poll August 6, 2007 <2%</p>	<p>Voted against funding stem cell research that requires killing human embryos.</p> <p>"Asking taxpayers to fund research that they could very well be opposed to ethically seems to me to be patently unfair."</p>	<p>"Although the real problem lies within the hearts and minds of the people, the legal problems of protecting life stem from the ill-advised <i>Roe v. Wade</i>, a ruling that constitutionally should never have occurred."</p>	<p>Voted for the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.</p> <p>"...[The Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act] has the possibility of saving innocent human life, and I will vote in favor of it."</p>
 <p>Tom Tancredo U.S. Congressman from Colorado</p> <p>Rasmussen Poll August 6, 2007 <2%</p>	<p>Voted against funding stem cell research that requires killing human embryos.</p> <p>"Stem cell research is nothing more than an attempt to minimize the value of an embryo."</p>	<p>"<i>Roe</i> is a scar on the moral and intellectual history of the country.... To protect life, we also need to educate the public about the second victim of abortion, the mother who is subject to potential life long medical and emotional scarring."</p>	<p>Voted for the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.</p> <p>"Today the Supreme Court [in <i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>] put an end to this barbaric practice of infanticide. One can only hope this is the first step towards ending the tragedy of abortions."</p>

Where Do the Democrats Stand on Life?

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 <p>Hillary Clinton U.S. Senator from New York</p> <p>Rasmussen Poll July 31, 2007 41%</p>	<p>Voted in favor of funding research that requires killing human embryos.</p> <p>"[L]et me be very clear: When I am president, I will lift the ban on stem cell research....This is...one example of how the President puts ideology before science.... And it's...why we're going to send them packing in January 2009, and return progressive leadership to the White House."</p>	<p>Voted to endorse <i>Roe v. Wade</i>, the Supreme Court decision that allows abortion for any reason.</p> <p>Co-sponsor of the "Freedom of Choice Act."</p> <p>"I strongly support <i>Roe v. Wade</i>."</p>	<p>Voted against the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.</p> <p>"[<i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>]" marks a dramatic departure from four decades of Supreme Court rulings that upheld a woman's right to choose..."</p>
 <p>Barack Obama U.S. Senator from Illinois</p> <p>Rasmussen Poll July 31, 2007 23%</p>	<p>Voted in favor of funding research that requires killing human embryos.</p> <p>"Embryonic stem cells can be obtained from a number of sources, including in vitro fertilization. ...We should expand and accelerate research using these embryos..."</p>	<p>Co-sponsor of the "Freedom of Choice Act."</p> <p>"I have consistently advocated for reproductive choice and will make preserving women's rights under <i>Roe v. Wade</i> a priority as President."</p>	<p>"I am extremely concerned that [<i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>] will embolden state legislatures to enact further measures to restrict a woman's right to choose, and that the conservative Supreme Court justices will look for other opportunities to erode <i>Roe v. Wade</i>."</p>
 <p>John Edwards Former U.S. Senator from North Carolina</p> <p>Rasmussen Poll July 31, 2007 14%</p>	<p>"I will do absolutely everything in my power to make sure that America as a nation is funding embryonic stem cell research."</p>	<p>Voted to endorse <i>Roe v. Wade</i>, the Supreme Court decision that allows abortion for any reason.</p> <p>"I have always supported a woman's constitutional right to...reproductive choices."</p>	<p>Voted against the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.</p> <p>"I could not disagree more strongly with today's [<i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>] decision....This...is a stark reminder of why Democrats cannot afford to lose the 2008 election."</p>
 <p>Bill Richardson Governor of New Mexico</p> <p>Rasmussen Poll July 31, 2007 4%</p>	<p>"Congress must maintain pressure...to expand federal funding for the National Institutes of Health to conduct research on embryonic stem cell lines."</p>	<p>"The [<i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>] ruling is a dangerous precedent and a worrying erosion of the right to privacy established in <i>Roe v. Wade</i>. This is a...decision that the government should not be playing a part in."</p>	<p>Voted against the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.</p> <p>"In Congress I voted against [the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act]...and I am disappointed the Supreme Court upheld the ban [in <i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>]."</p>
 <p>Joe Biden U.S. Senator from Delaware</p> <p>Rasmussen Poll July 31, 2007 3%</p>	<p>Voted in favor of funding research that requires killing human embryos.</p> <p>In a 2004 letter to the President, co-signed with 57 other Senators, urged the President to "expand the current federal policy concerning embryonic stem cell research."</p>	<p>Voted to endorse <i>Roe v. Wade</i>, the Supreme Court decision that allows abortion for any reason.</p> <p>"I strongly support <i>Roe v. Wade</i>."</p>	<p>Voted for the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.</p> <p>Has subsequently stated: "I am a long-standing supporter of <i>Roe v. Wade</i> and a woman's right to choose. The Supreme Court's intellectually dishonest and paternalistic opinion in <i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i> makes clear that the Bush-appointed conservative majority is tipping the scales against <i>Roe</i>."</p>
 <p>Dennis Kucinich U.S. Congressman from Ohio</p> <p>Rasmussen Poll July 31, 2007 3%</p>	<p>Voted in favor of funding research that requires killing human embryos.</p> <p>"Embryonic stem cell research will continue with or without the federal government. [The Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act] would have expanded federal research...I disagree with the President's decision to veto this important legislation."</p>	<p>Co-sponsor of the "Freedom of Choice Act."</p> <p>"I have opposed and will continue to oppose any legislation that erodes or undermines the right of a woman to exercise her reproductive rights....it is important to continue protecting the right to choose."</p>	<p>Voted against the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.</p> <p>"What the Supreme Court did [in <i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>] was quite invasive of that very sacred sphere of a woman's health and privacy..."</p>
 <p>Christopher Dodd U.S. Senator from Connecticut</p> <p>Rasmussen Poll July 31, 2007 1%</p>	<p>Voted in favor of funding research that requires killing human embryos.</p> <p>"Stem cell research turns embryos that would otherwise be discarded into the seeds...of science."</p>	<p>Voted to endorse <i>Roe v. Wade</i>, the Supreme Court decision that allows abortion for any reason.</p> <p>"I have always believed in a woman's right to choose....For 26 years in the U.S. Senate, I have never wavered in defending a woman's right to choose – and I never will."</p>	<p>Voted against the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.</p> <p>"I am deeply troubled by today's [<i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>] decision upholding the constitutionality of the Partial-Birth Abortion Act....It has renewed my pledge to continue to support a woman's right to [choose]."</p>
 <p>Mike Gravel Former U.S. Senator from Alaska</p> <p>Rasmussen Poll July 31, 2007 <1%</p>	<p>According to his campaign website, "Stem Cell research is something the Senator feels strongly about — and believes that it is wrong to limit the advancement of science."</p>	<p>According to his campaign website, "the Senator supports the Constitutional right of all Americans to privacy under the 14th Amendment and the 1973 Supreme Court case, <i>Roe v. Wade</i>, which upholds this principle."</p>	<p>"I am opposed to today's Supreme Court ruling [in <i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>] or any ruling that places restrictions on reproductive freedom."</p>