



## 2024 Presidential Candidates

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Candidate	News Source, Attended Event Prepared Remarks or Event Attendee Questions & Responses
<p>Joseph Biden, Jr.</p> <p><i>(1of3 names on Iowa Democrats Mail-in caucus cards)</i></p>	<p>No issue statements found on the candidate’s website.</p> <p>LifeNews.com, 11/29/2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 2020, Cardinal Raymond Burke said Joe Biden should not receive Holy Communion because of his long record of supporting abortion on demand. While Biden claims to be a devout Catholic, he opposes Catholic Church teachings about the sanctity of human life. He supports abortions without restrictions and wants to force taxpayers to pay for them.</li> </ul> <p>LifeNews.com, 11/18/2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new rule proposed by the US Department of Health and Human services would prohibit families who do not support LGBTQ ideology from caring for foster children. Nineteen Republican attorneys general are pushing the Biden administration to back down on the new rule, saying it would effectively exclude Christian families from fostering kids.</li> </ul> <p>LifeNews.com, 11/02/2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nine US Senators signed letter to Biden administration in opposition to Office of Refugee Resettlement proposed rule to include abortion in definition of medical services so that taxpayer money could be used to fund abortion among unaccompanied minors at the southern border.</li> <li>• Biden administration proposed regulation by Equal Employment Opportunity Commission would establish a national mandate on employers to accommodate workers’ abortions under the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act.</li> </ul>
<p>Ryan Binkley</p>	<p>Candidate website, 12/08/2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I'm proudly pro-life, and I believe that every life matters. I was thankful when the court overturned Roe v. Wade because I believe in the worth and value of every human life.</li> <li>• However, when we talk about being pro-life, the children in foster care are often left out of the conversation.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being pro-life means recognizing that every life matters and has a God-given purpose.</li> <li>• My wife and I were blessed with four biological children, and we jumped at chance to adopt another child who has added so much to our family.</li> <li>• My heart breaks for hundreds of thousands of unborn children who lost their lives to abortion last year, but it also breaks for hundreds of thousands of kids without a real home.</li> <li>• There are over 200,000 American children stuck in the foster care system. Many of them will never have a permanent home. It's time to create a culture of adoption in this country that gives every American child a chance at a stable, loving family.</li> <li>• It's time to build a culture of life and adoption in this country so every American child can experience the love and comfort of family.</li> </ul> <p>Iowa Faith &amp; Freedom Coalition Fall Dinner , 09/16/2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports religious liberty</li> <li>• Demonstrate love of God by loving your neighbor</li> <li>• Will stand against the woke agenda</li> <li>• He who blesses Israel, will be blessed</li> </ul>
Chris Christie	<p>No issue statements found on the candidate's website.</p> <p>New Jersey Right to Life website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On 07/01/2016, Governor Christie vetoed bills A3492/S2277 and A1963/S1017 to use tax dollars to fund Planned Parenthood. Governor Christie has consistently vetoed legislation to put these funds back in the budget every year since he took office.</li> <li>• At 01/28/2016 GOP debate: Stated we need to get rid of Planned Parenthood funding for USA. I can't think of anything bigger than thousands upon thousands of unborn children murdered in the womb.</li> <li>• On 08/10/2015, signed bill S122/A4149, which expands the list of sites at which newborn infants may be left safely and anonymously by a parent, or another person acting on the parent's behalf, in accordance with the provisions of the "New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act," to include the premises of fire stations and ambulance, first aid, and rescue squads that are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.</li> <li>• On 09/09/2014, Governor Christie vetoed Bill A2795/S1203 that would provide Medicaid coverage for family planning services to individuals with incomes up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level.</li> <li>• On 06/28/2013, Governor Christie vetoed A4171/S2824 and A4172/S2825 to provide taxpayer funds to Planned Parenthood.</li> <li>• Governor Christie has provided funding in the budget to the 105+ FQHCs (Federally Qualified Health</li> </ul>

	Centers) and the NJ CEED program which provide legitimate and more comprehensive health care services than those provided by Planned Parenthood.
Ron DeSantis	<p>No issue statements concerning the protection of life found on the candidate’s website.</p> <p>Westside Conservative Breakfast Club, 12/20/2023  <b>Q:</b> What is the role of the federal government in protecting the sanctity of life?  <b>A:</b> Provide a culture of life. I signed the Florida heartbeat bill.</p> <p>Debate with Gov. Gavin Newsome, Fox News, 11/30/2023  <b>Q:</b> Why did you sign the fetal heartbeat bill in Florida, which extended the abortion ban from 15 weeks to 6 weeks?  <b>A:</b> I believe in the culture of life. It is extreme to take tax dollars to pay for abortion up to the moment of birth.</p> <p>Presidential Debate, 10/09/2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stated he would support a federal law banning abortions after 15-weeks of pregnancy.</li> </ul> <p>Iowa Faith &amp; Freedom Coalition Fall Dinner , 09/16/2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As governor of Florida, signed pain-capable &amp; heartbeat laws.</li> <li>• Pro-life knowing big donors would pull out.</li> <li>• Women need support such adoption. Baby items are tax-free in Florida.</li> <li>• Churches are part of the answer.</li> <li>• Supports Sen. Tuberville holding up military promotions due to abortion tourism.</li> <li>• To be an effective leader, put on the full armor of God. Power of prayer is real.</li> </ul>
Nikki Haley	<p>Candidate website, 12/08/2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Haley has declined to push for a national abortion ban, instead saying Republican presidential candidates need to "be honest" with the American people that there isn't support in Congress for such a proposal.</li> <li>• Instead, Haley said she wants to "stop demonizing" women over the issue and push to "save as many babies as we can and support as many moms as we can."</li> <li>• "I'm going to do whatever I can to save as many babies as I can."</li> </ul> <p>Presidential Debate, 11/08/2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is a personal issue for every woman &amp; every man.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am unapologetically pro-life.</li> <li>• I don't judge anyone for being pro-choice and I don't want them to judge me for being pro-life.</li> <li>• I support anything [federal law to protect life] that would pass.</li> </ul> <p>Iowa Faith &amp; Freedom Coalition Fall Dinner , 09/16/2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strongly, unapologetically pro-life.</li> <li>• Supports incremental steps to save babies. If it is 6-weeks, that's great. If it is 15-weeks, that's great. We'll save more babies that way.</li> <li>• Maintained that it would be difficult to implement a federal abortion ban, which would need a majority in the House and at least 60 Senate votes. We haven't had 60 Republicans in the Senate in over 100-years. We may have 45 pro-life Senators.</li> <li>• Advocated for more conversations on adoption and not criminalizing women who have had an abortion.</li> <li>• On military abortion policy - don't use military as pawns.</li> <li>• Move federal programs down to the states.</li> </ul>
Asa Hutchinson	<p>No platform statements concerning the protection of life found on the candidate's website.</p> <p>Westside Conservative Breakfast Club, 10/25/2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• While serving as Governor, Arkansas was the #1 pro-life state in America.</li> <li>• If elected President, would sign law to prevent transgender procedures on minor children.</li> </ul> <p>Westside Conservative Breakfast Club, 10/25/2023</p> <p><b>Q:</b> What is the role of the federal government in protecting the sanctity of life?  <b>A:</b> Reasonably restricting abortion with exceptions such as life of the mother.</p> <p>Iowa Faith &amp; Freedom Coalition Fall Dinner , 09/16/2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As Governor of Arkansas, signed one of the strongest pro-life laws in the country.</li> <li>• If elected President, would sign a federal pro-life law.</li> <li>• Need to put resources to help pregnant women.</li> </ul>
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	<p>Kennedy 2024 for President website, 12/08/2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Kennedy's position on abortion is that it is always the woman's right to choose. He does not support legislation banning abortion.</li> </ul>

<p>Dean Phillips</p> <p><i>(1of3 names on Iowa Democrats mail-in caucus cards)</i></p>	<p>Dean Phillips for President website 12/03/2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "The Supreme Court's decision to unravel decades of settled law and allow states to outlaw abortion with no exceptions is both dangerous and shortsighted, and Congress must take action to codify Roe and protect a woman's right to make decisions about her health."</li> <li>• "I will continue to be a fierce advocate for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and the advancement of women's health, economic security, and reproductive freedom in Congress."</li> <li>• Dean is a member of the Pro-Choice Caucus in Congress and he believes patients - not politicians - should have the freedom to make personal decisions about their own health, including reproductive health.</li> <li>• In the wake of the Supreme Court's decision overturning Roe v Wade, Dean co-sponsored and voted for HR 8297, the Ensuring Access to Abortion Act, and HR 8111, the My Body, My Data Act, each of which would protect women seeking reproductive health care out-of-state, as well as HR 3755, the Women's Health Protection Act, which would codify the reproductive freedoms previously guaranteed by Roe.</li> </ul>
<p>Vivek Ramaswamy</p>	<p>No statements concerning the protection of life found on the candidate's website under his 25 policy commitments (only first 5 displays).</p> <p>Westside Conservative Breakfast Club, 12/13/2023</p> <p><b>Q:</b> What is the role of the federal government in protecting the sanctity of life?</p> <p><b>A:</b> I am pro-life and we need to protect life. Marriage is sacred.</p> <p>Iowa Faith &amp; Freedom Coalition Fall Dinner , 09/16/2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Israel - a true friendship; will be strongest by end of his first term.</li> <li>• Judges - will release full list of judges he would nominate who are originalists.</li> <li>• US President can shutdown agencies, cancel regulations, and layoff federal employees.</li> <li>• FBI cannot be reformed; must be shutdown. Sixty years of rot.</li> <li>• Woke policy - no cancel culture. Shouldn't have to choose between speech and earning a living.</li> </ul>
<p>Donald J. Trump</p>	<p>Candidate website, 12/08/2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pledged to end the scourge of human trafficking and defend the dignity of human life.</li> </ul> <p>In 2020, first President in history to attend the March for Life. Statements made during his speech:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We must protect, cherish and defend the sanctity of every human life.</li> <li>• When we see the image of a baby in the womb, we glimpse the majesty of God's creation.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During my first week in office, issued a landmark pro-life rule to govern the use of Title X taxpayer funding.</li> <li>• Notified Congress that he would veto any legislation that weakened pro-life policies or that encourages the destruction of human life.</li> <li>• Unborn children have never had a stronger defender in the White House.</li> <li>• As the bible tells us, each person is wonderfully made.</li> <li>• We have taken decisive action to protect religious liberty.</li> <li>• We are preserving faith-based adoption.</li> <li>• We are protecting pro-life students’ right to free speech on college campuses.</li> <li>• Called upon Congress to defend the dignity of life and to pass legislation prohibiting late-term abortion of children who can feel pain in their mother’s womb.</li> <li>• Every human life, born and unborn, is made in the holy image of Almighty God.</li> </ul>
<p>Marianne D. Williamson</p> <p><i>(1of3 names on Iowa Democrats Mail-in caucus cards)</i></p>	<p>Marianne Williamson for President website, 12/03/2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regarding abortion rights, I am one hundred percent pro-choice.</li> <li>• I believe the decision of whether or not to have an abortion lies solely with a pregnant woman, according to the dictates of her conscience and in communion with the God of her understanding. I trust the moral decision-making of the American woman, and I do not feel the government has a right to deny or restrict her decisions.</li> <li>• Expanding a woman’s understanding of her alternatives to termination is a good thing. But eradicating or limiting abortion rights would not decrease their number. It would simply mean that rich women have safe abortions, while poor women go back to risking injury, or even death, in the modern equivalent of back-alley abortions. That, to me, is morally unacceptable on the part of society.</li> <li>• In several states, restrictive measures such as the closing of abortion clinics and forced vaginal probes are currently in play. Planned Parenthood, a sole source of medical care for millions of women, is under attack in various states in an effort to block the availability of reproductive choice.</li> <li>• As president, I would seek to protect the right of every woman to make her own decisions, in her own way, regarding her reproductive choices. The choice of whether or not to terminate a pregnancy is difficult enough without the government weighing in on the decision. I would vigorously resist any effort to restrict, limit, or diminish the reproductive rights and freedoms granted by Roe v. Wade.</li> <li>• Specifics - The devastating decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to abandon its duty to protect a woman’s fundamental rights and overturn Roe v. Wade has had a devastating impact on millions of women across the U.S. The Supreme Court ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization abandons nearly five decades of precedence and marks the very first time that the Supreme Court has taken away a fundamental right. The Williamson Administration will protect reproductive rights by:</li> </ul>

- Appointing federal judges and Supreme Court judges who acknowledge Roe v. Wade as the law of the land, and support the Constitutional right to Privacy.
- Codify Roe v. Wade into a federal law
- Expand and Restore Funding for Planned Parenthood, and other local healthcare clinics that provide abortion and other services.
- Create a federal program that provides contraception resources, especially for low-income communities.
- Repeal the Hyde and Helms Amendments.
- Ban Targeted Restrictions on Abortion Providers (TRAP) Laws.
- Refuse Title X funding for “crisis pregnancy centers”
- Emphasize reproductive justice and end the Black Maternal Mortality Crisis
- Encourage Congress to pass the Nurse Staffing Standards for Hospital Patient Safety and Quality Care Act (SB. 1567)
- Encourage Congress to expand funding for the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program
- Expand the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- Encourage eligible families to take advantage of the programs’ benefits
- Protect access to reproductive health clinics with a Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) law. Federal law and a few states currently provide FACE Acts.
- Ensure the confidentiality of the home addresses of abortion providers. California has a “Safe at Home” law for the employees of reproductive health clinics who fear for their safety.
- Provide a protected space for patients and staff entering or leaving reproductive health clinics. Colorado, Montana, and a few cities have laws that keep protesters a reasonable distance from people trying to access a clinic.
- Provide a mechanism in civil law that allows abortion providers to hold individuals accountable for acts of violence and harassment.
- Treat crimes perpetrated against clinics, clinic workers, and patients that are motivated by opposition to abortion as hate crimes.
- Ensure that women receive proper care and guidance whether they choose to carry a baby to term, or exercise their right to choose.
- Expand funding for sexual education in K-12 and in Higher Education
- Work to Combat the “Post-Birth Abortion” Myth
- Encourage Congress to pass the Pink Tax Repeal Act (H.R. 3853)
- Vigorously oppose federal and state legislation designed to shame, harass, punish, or further restrict women from exercising their constitutional right to choose.

## Suspended Presidential Campaigns

Candidate	Date Suspended
Douglas Burgum	12/04/2023
Laurence Elder	10/26/2023
William Hurd	10/09/2023
Perry Johnson	10/20/2023
Michael Pence	10/28/2023
Timothy Scott	11/12/2023
Francis Xavier Suarez	08/29/2023
Stephen Patrick Laffey	10/06/2023