

## Candidate Pro-Life Questionnaire 2010: Responses

**Pikes Peak Citizens for Life (PPCFL) recently sent surveys to Democrat and Republican candidates who are campaigning for federal, state and county offices in the 2010 caucuses and/or primaries; and asked the candidates to answer these questions:**

1. Do you consider yourself Pro-Life?
2. Based on the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution do you agree that:
  - a. The primary duty of government is to protect the inalienable right to life given by the Creator.
  - b. Government does not have the authority to declare any part of the human family to be **non-persons**.
3. Does your stand on the sanctity of human life take precedence over loyalty to your political party?
4. At what stage of development did we become **persons**: single cell \* (**S**), birth (**B**), or other (**O**)?
5. Is the sanctity of human life a foundational principle (**P**), or is it one among many issues of equal importance (**I**)?
6. Do you want *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* to be overturned?
7. Will you take a leading role for a pro-life constitutional amendment, state and/or federal, upholding the sanctity of life from single cell stage of development\* to natural death?
8. As a candidate or office holder:
  - a. Would you ever endorse or support the campaign (campaign or walk with, hand out literature for, etc.) of a pro-abortion candidate?
  - b. Would you ever appoint or vote to confirm the appointment of someone who is pro-abortion to any position in government?
9. Will you support federal and/or state efforts to:
  - a. Require anyone considering an abortion to see an ultrasound of the baby?
  - b. Ban embryonic stem cell research?

\* Single cell stage of development covers human cloning and other emerging biotechnologies as well as fertilization.

### Answer Key:

<b>Y</b>	Yes	<b>S</b>	Single Cell (#4)	<b>X</b>	Not Applicable
<b>N</b>	No	<b>B</b>	Birth (#4)	<b>?</b>	Comments are unclear
<b>O</b>	Other	<b>P</b>	Foundational Principle (#5)	<b>--</b>	No Response
<b>U</b>	Undecided	<b>I</b>	One Issue among many (#5)		

NOTE: If the candidate did not respond to – or did not receive -- the survey, PPCFL has provided pro-life stance information (if found) from the candidate's web site, or from other authoritative web sites.

For clarification of the above questions, please call the PPCFL office @ 719-630-1999.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Pty</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2a</u>	<u>2b</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8a</u>	<u>8b</u>	<u>9a</u>	<u>9b</u>	<u>Comments</u>
US Senate	D	Michael Bennet	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	<b>See comments below responses</b>
	R	Ken Buck	Y	Y	Y	Y	S	P	Y	Y	N	N	--	--	
US CD5	D	Kevin Bradley	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Did not respond.
	R	Doug Lamborn	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	<b>See comments below responses</b>
Governor	D	John Hickenlooper	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Did not respond.
	R	Dan Maes	Y	Y	Y	Y	O	P	U	N	N	--	Y	Y	<b>See comments below responses</b>
	I	Tom Tancredo	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Did not respond.
Atty Gen	D	Stan Garnett	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Did not respond.
	R	John Suthers	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	<b>See comments below responses</b>
St Treas	D	Cary Kennedy	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Did not respond.
	R	Walker Stapleton	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Did not respond.
Secty State	D	Bernie Buescher	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	<b>See comments below responses</b>
	R	Scott Gessler	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Did not respond.
CU Regent	D	Melissa Hart	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Did not respond.
	R	Steve Bosley	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Did not respond.
St Bd of Ed	D	Karl A. Beck	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	"Keep it legal, but only in the first trimester."
	R	Paul Lundeen	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Did not locate.
SD 9	R	Kent Lambert	Y	Y	Y	Y	S	P	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	
SD 11	D	John Morse	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	<b>See comments below responses</b>
	R	Owen Hill	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Did not respond.
HD 14	R	Dr Janak Joshi	Y	Y	Y	Y	S	P	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	<b>See comments below responses</b>
HD 15	R	Mark Waller	Y	Y	Y	Y	S	PI	Y	U	Y	Y	U	Y	<b>See comments below responses</b>
HD 16	R	Larry Liston	Y	Y	Y	U	S	I	--	N	N	N	U	U	7. These issues have not been brought up recently by anyone.
HD 17	D	Dennis Apuan	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Did not respond.
	R	Mark Barker	Y	Y	Y	Y	S	P	Y	Y	N	N	U	U	9. Unsure whether it is possible vis-à-vis State and U.S. Constitution.
HD 18	D	Pete Lee	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Did not respond.
	R	Karen Cullen	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Did not respond.
HD 19	R	Marsha Looper	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	<b>See comments below responses</b>
HD 20	R	Amy Stephens	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	<b>See comments below responses</b>
HD 21	D	Jonathon Dooley													Did not locate.
	R	Bob Gardner	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	<b>See comments below responses</b>
Cty Com 1	D	Steve Kjonaas	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	<b>See comments below responses</b>
	R	Darryl Glenn	Y	Y	Y	Y	S	P	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	8. I am defining a pro-abortion candidate as one that publically supports abortion in situations beyond rape, incest and to save the life of the mother.
Cty Com 5	D	Michael Merrifield	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	<b>See comments below responses</b>
	R	Peggy Littleton	Y	Y	Y	Y	S	P	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	<b>See comments below responses</b>
CtyClrkRec	D	Tom Mowle	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	<b>See comments below responses</b>
	R	Wayne Williams	Y	Y	Y	N	O	P	Y	U	Y	Y	Y	Y	<b>See comments below responses</b>
Assessor	R	Mark Lowderman	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Did not respond.
Cty Sheriff	R	Terry Maketa	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Did not respond.
CtySurveyor	R	G.L. Burnett	Y	U	Y	U	--	I	U	N	U	U	N	N	
Cty Treas	R	Bob Balink	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Did not respond.

## Comments and Other Facts Relevant to Candidates' Pro-Life Stance

Candidate for U.S. Senate, **Michael Bennet**, from [OnTheIssues.org](http://OnTheIssues.org):

- **Population Control** - Voted NO on restricting UN funding for population control policies.

Candidate for U.S. House of Representatives, **Doug Lamborn**, from candidate's web site:

- **Abortion** – “Congressman Lamborn believes human life begins at conception, also known as fertilization, and ends at natural death. He has worked tirelessly throughout his 12 years in the state legislature and into his second year in Congress defending the right to life of the unborn and those facing euthanasia. He opposes embryonic stem cell research that destroys human embryos, as well as human cloning. On the positive side, he supports adult stem cell research because it is not destructive of human life and has shown much more success and promise for medical progress.

Candidate for Governor, **Dan Maes**, from comments on survey questions:

4. (We become persons at) conception.
5. (The sanctity of human life is) one of several primary principles.
6. Undecided – don't know what *Doe v. Bolton* is. (NOTE: On his web site, Mr. Maes states, “I am pro-life and disagree with *Roe vs. Wade* but recognize it as the law of the land.)

Candidate for Attorney General, **John Suthers**, from letter sent to PPCFL in response to survey:

- **Abortion** – I do consider myself pro-life.  
I was born out of wedlock and adopted when I was a month old. Given this background, it's not surprising that I consider abortion a morally reprehensible act.  
My religion and its opposition to abortion take precedence over my political affiliations.
- **Definition of “Life”** -- The Declaration of Independence is an aspirational and not a governing document and guarantees that people shall not be denied life, liberty or property without due process of law. I believe that life begins at conception.
- **Roe v. Wade** – I do not believe that *Roe v. Wade* was a well-reasoned Supreme Court decision. However, I do not believe that pro-life organizations are helping the cause by insisting on pursuing Constitutional amendments that clearly lack necessary public support to pass. I believe we must turn the hearts and minds of citizens against abortion and only then can we hope to achieve the societal consensus that we once had and make abortion illegal. We should continue to concentrate on incremental legislative and public policy battles that help us win the hearts and minds of citizens, particularly young people.
- **Embryonic Stem Cell Research** – I do not support embryonic stem cell research.

Candidate for Secretary of State, **Bernie Buescher**, from [ProjectVoteSmart.org](http://ProjectVoteSmart.org):

- **Interest Group Rating on Abortion Issues** - Based on a point system, with points assigned for actions in support of [NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado](http://NARALProChoiceColorado.org)'s position, Secretary Buescher received a rating of **100%**. (2007 and 2008). **NOTE: this is not a voting office.**

Candidate for Senate District (SD) 11, **John Morse**, from [ProjectVoteSmart.org](http://ProjectVoteSmart.org):

- **Interest Group Rating on Abortion Issues** (2008) - Based on a point system, with points assigned for actions in support of [NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado](http://NARALProChoiceColorado.org)'s position, Senator Morse received a rating of **100%**.
- **Interest Group Rating on Abortion Issues** (2007) - Based on a point system, with points assigned for actions in support of [NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado](http://NARALProChoiceColorado.org)'s position, Senator Morse received a rating of **86%**.

Candidate for House District (HD) 14, **Dr. Janak Joshi**, from candidate's web site:

- **Family Values** - As a physician, I am bound by my oath and by my personal beliefs to always favor life.

Candidate for HD 15, **Mark Waller** comments on survey questions:

5. It is a foundational principle but there are other foundational principles as well.
7. It really depends on how well it's drafted.
8. If abortion was a major issue for the candidate, I would not campaign for them. I would rather have a pro-choice Republican elected to office than a pro-choice Democrat. If those are my options I will campaign for the Republican.

Candidate for HD 19, **Marsha Looper**, from [ProjectVoteSmart.org](http://ProjectVoteSmart.org):

- **Interest Group Rating on Abortion Issues** (2008) - Based on a point system, with points assigned for actions in support of [NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado](#)'s position, Representative Looper received a rating of **50%**.
- **Interest Group Rating on Abortion Issues** (2007) - Based on a point system, with points assigned for actions in support of [NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado](#)'s position, Representative Looper received a rating of **0%**.

Candidate for HD 20, **Amy Stephens**, from [ProjectVoteSmart.org](http://ProjectVoteSmart.org):

- **Interest Group Rating on Abortion Issues** (2008) - Based on a point system, with points assigned for actions in support of [NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado](#)'s position, Representative Stephens received a rating of **67%**.
- **Interest Group Rating on Abortion Issues** (2007) - Based on a point system, with points assigned for actions in support of [NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado](#)'s position, Representative Stephens received a rating of **0%**.

Candidate for HD 21, **Bob Gardner**, from [ProjectVoteSmart.org](http://ProjectVoteSmart.org):

- **Interest Group Rating on Abortion Issues** - Based on a point system, with points assigned for actions in support of [NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado](#)'s position, Representative Gardner received a rating of **33%**. (2007 and 2008)
- **Interest Group Rating on Abortion Issues** - Based on a point system, with points assigned for actions in support of [NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado](#)'s position, Representative Gardner received a rating of **33%**.

Candidate for County Commissioner 1, **Steve Kionaas**:

“Abortion is not the answer for birth control [or an] unplanned pregnancy.”

“A woman needs the education, family and her own community support to enable her to make decisions regarding [an] unplanned pregnancy.”

“The decision to terminate a pregnancy is one that will have permanent impact on her life, as well [as] the fetus, and the many people who potentially would have been influenced by the fetus if [it is] allowed to be born.”

Candidate for County Commissioner 5, **Mike Merrifield**, from [ProjectVoteSmart.org](http://ProjectVoteSmart.org):

- **Interest Group Rating on Abortion Issues** - Based on a point system, with points assigned for actions in support of [NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado](#)'s position, Representative Merrifield received a rating of **100%**. (2007 and 2008).

Candidate for County Commissioner 5, **Peggy Littleton**, comments on survey questions:

3. In addition to life, we are to be afforded liberty and the pursuit of happiness.
8. If there were a candidate who was not yet fully on board with single cell, but were against abortion, and there were a candidate who was running as pro-abortion, I would try to get the more conservative candidate elected.

Candidate for County Clerk & Recorder, **Tom Mowle**:

“[Abortion] is a difficult and complicated issue. It is not appropriate to use the power of government to try [to] force people to follow the moral beliefs of others...”

“We need to allow people the liberty and freedom to make their own moral choices, so long as those choices do not cause serious tangible harm to other persons.”

Candidate for County Clerk & Recorder, **Wayne Williams**, comments on survey questions:

1. Sponsored El Paso County Sanctity of Life Resolution.
2. Governments are established to protect inalienable rights, including life, liberty & the pursuit of happiness.
3. Only the Republican Party supports the right to life (of the two major parties).
4. Other = Conception
7. Depends on wording of amendment.
8. e.g., a Republican nominee vs. a Democrat who is also pro-abortion.