



Where Do the Candidates Stand On Life Issues ?



Alan Keyes

Barack Obama

Live-Birth Abortions

Alan Keyes supported and urged the passage of the federal Born Alive Infant Protection Act which passed the US Senate 98-0 and was signed into law by President Bush on 8/5/02. Said in his acceptance speech 8/8/04, the fact that Barack Obama had cast a vote that would continue to allow for live birth abortions in the State of Illinois was the deciding factor as to whether to run for US Senate. (www.renewamerica.us)

Barack Obama voted against and failed to support legislation which would require that a child "born alive" as the result of an abortion be fully recognized as a person and afforded proper medical care and treatment. (*IL Senate SB 1661 & 1662, 4/4/02; SB 1093, 1094 & 1095, 3/30/01*)

Partial Birth Abortions

Alan Keyes opposes the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on demand. Has said that abortion is the unjust taking of a human life and a breach of the fundamental principles of our public moral code and that partial birth abortion is immediately recognized as horrifically evil. He supports the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act signed into law by President Bush. (www.renewamerica.us, *IFRL Survey*)

Barack Obama supports the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on demand. Failed to support a ban on partial-birth abortions. (*IL Senate SB 230, 3/18/97; HB 382, 5/13/97*)

Parental Notification

Alan Keyes supports Parental Notification. He would support legislation requiring parental notification and consent before an abortion is performed on a minor. (*IFRL Survey*)

Barack Obama failed to support legislation requiring notification to a parent prior to an abortion being performed on a minor. (*IL Senate HB 1900, 5/16/01; SB 562, 4/6/01*)

Government Funding of Abortions

Alan Keyes opposes using tax dollars to subsidize and pay for abortions and would vote in favor of cutting off tax funds to groups that perform and promote abortions. Opposes any effort to fund abortion in national health care plans and would oppose any effort to include federally funded abortion in any Medicaid Reform bill. (*IFRL Survey*)

Barack Obama supports the use of public tax funds being used to pay for abortions. Voted against legislation which would have prohibited the state funding of abortion. (*IL Senate HB 709, 4/7/00; HB 383, 5/21/98*)

Human Cloning Experimentation

Alan Keyes opposes human cloning and would support legislation to prohibit medical/scientific human cloning that creates human embryos for therapeutic or reproductive purposes. (*IFRL Survey*)

Barack Obama voted in favor of allowing human embryos to be cloned and used as a commodity in the State of Illinois. (*IL Senate Committee HB 3589, 5/1/03, 5/5/04, IL Senate HB 3589, 5/12/04*)

The Risk of Breast Cancer from Abortion

Alan Keyes supports the study of a link between breast cancer and abortion. (*IFRL Survey*)

Barack Obama voted against a Task Force to study the link between breast cancer and abortion. (*IL Senate SR8, 5/29/01*)



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