



SPECIAL: Election Edition

"We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern." - Pope Francis, 9/16/13



As of 2020, Colorado does not limit the gestational age at which an abortion can be performed. Proposition 115 would prohibit abortions after a fetus reaches 22 weeks gestational age as calculated from the first day of the woman's last menstrual period.

The Catholic Church's teachings proclaim abortion as an egregious offense against the sanctity of life and a mortal sin.

Earlier this year, many of you signed a petition to get this Proposition on November's ballot. It is hoped that you will continue your support to change the

laws of Colorado in favor of life by placing a “YES on 115” sign in your yard. These signs are available by the side entrance doors near the crib.

[Visit the Due Date Too Late website for more information.](#)

A Comparison of the Republican and Democratic Platforms

A non-partisan guide on issues
of concern to the electorate
Quotes taken from platforms
in effect 2020-2024

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

KEY ISSUE

DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM

"The Constitution's guarantee that no one can 'be deprived of life, liberty or property' deliberately echoes the Declaration of Independence's proclamation that 'all' are 'endowed by their Creator' with the inalienable right to life. Accordingly, we assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed. We support a human life amendment to the Constitution and legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment's protections apply to children before birth." (p.13)

"We oppose the use of public funds to perform or promote abortion or to fund organizations, like Planned Parenthood, so long as they provide or refer for elective abortions or sell fetal body parts rather than provide healthcare." (p.13)

"We support the appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life." (p.13)

"We support options for learning, including home-schooling, career and technical education, private or parochial schools, magnet schools, charter schools, online learning, and early-college high schools. We especially support the innovative financing mechanisms that make options available to all children: education savings accounts (ESAs), vouchers, and tuition tax credits." (p.34)

"We renew our call for replacing 'family planning' programs for teens with sexual risk avoidance education that sets abstinence until marriage as the responsible and respected standard of behavior." (p.34)

"The integrity of our country's foreign assistance program has been compromised by the ...[Obama] Administration's attempt to impose on foreign recipients, especially the peoples of Africa, its own radical social agenda while excluding faith-based groups — the sector with the best track record in promoting development — because they will not conform to that agenda. We pledge to reverse this course...." (p.62)

Human Life

"Democrats believe every woman should be able to access ... abortion. We oppose and will fight to overturn federal and state laws that create barriers to women's reproductive health and rights, including by repealing the Hyde Amendment and protecting and codifying the right to reproductive freedom." (p.42)

Planned Parenthood

"We will repeal the Title X domestic gag rule and restore federal funding for Planned Parenthood" (p.32)

Judges

"We will appoint U.S. Supreme Court justices and federal judges who look like America ... and will respect and enforce foundational precedents, including ... *Roe v. Wade*."(p.39)

Education/ School Choice

"Democrats oppose private school vouchers and other policies that divert taxpayer-funded resources away from the public school system." (p. 67)

Sex Education

"We recognize that quality, affordable comprehensive health care; medically accurate, LGBTQ+ inclusive, age-appropriate sex education; and the full range of family planning services are all essential to ensuring that people can decide if, when, and how to start a family." (p.32)

Foreign Assistance

"We will support the repeal of the global gag rule (also known as the Mexico City Policy) and measures like the Helms Amendment, which limit safe access to abortion. We will also restore and expand American contributions to the United Nations Population Fund" (pp. 62-63)

This flier and the full texts of the party platforms may be found at www.VotingInfo.net.

This guide has been legally approved for distribution by Churches and 501-(c)-3 organizations.
Legal letter and online version at VotingInfo.net. The Republican Party reaffirmed their 2016 platform without change.

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Forming Consciences



This information from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is intended as a starting point to help us respond to our choices in the current political landscape.

[Click here to read the shorter insert](#)
[Click here to read the entire document](#)

[Click here to read information from the Colorado Catholic Conference.](#)

Included is a **Hierarchy of Values** to Guide Voting as a Catholic



Are you prepared to vote?

- Moral Principles
- Specific Issues
- Moral Guide
- Party Comparison

Catholic voter's guide: ewtn.com/vote

Everything Catholic voters need to know before picking up a ballot.

[Click here for details.](#)

2020 Colorado Catholic Voting Guide

As faithful Catholics, it is our duty and obligation to take part in shaping the moral character of our community, our state, and our country through voting. The Catholic bishops of Colorado offer a hierarchy of values, informed by the Catechism, when voting on candidates and issues. All of the listed values are important; however, some are more foundational and therefore require more priority.

Hierarchy of Values to Guide Voting as a Catholic:

- 1 Sanctity of Life
- 2 Marriage and Family
- 3 Religious Liberty
- 4 Economic Justice, Poverty, & Welfare
- 5 Health Care
- 6 Immigration & Promoting Foreign Peace
- 7 Education
- 8 Restorative Justice
- 9 Energy & Environment
- 10 Technology



COLORADO CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

On the ballot this year is an important proposition for Life – the preeminent value. All Faithful Catholics **MUST VOTE YES ON PROP. 115**, which ends late term abortion after 22-weeks gestation. Babies at 22-weeks can live outside the womb.

The Colorado bishops said,

“Ending the legal protection for abortion is the most important political objective of Colorado Catholics because these children are deprived of their right to live.”

This is why all Catholics must vote YES on 115.

Please visit www.CoCatholicConference.org for more information on the hierarchy of values, ballot propositions, a chart of Republican and Democrat platforms, and registration to vote.



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