

Provincial Election Questionnaire

Please answer yes or no, attaching additional comments (if required) on a separate sheet.

	Question	Yes/No
1	Do you acknowledge that human life begins at conception (fertilization)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2	Are there any circumstances under which you believe a woman should have access to abortion? If yes, please explain <i>*A surgical or medical intervention, designed to prevent the death of the mother (e.g. In the case of tubal pregnancy or cervical cancer) but which results in the unintended and undesired death of the pre-born child, is not an abortion.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3	Will you support measures to stop funding abortions with taxpayers' money in Newfoundland and Labrador?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4	Do you agree women have the right to be thoroughly informed about the serious health consequences of abortion, the development of their child in the womb and the alternatives to abortion?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5	Will you protect the rights of parents to educate their children according to their faith in matters of moral principles and beliefs concerning abortion, contraception and homosexuality?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6	Will you oppose euthanasia and assisted suicide, and instead, support measures to promote "palliative care", the purpose of which is to alleviate pain, and enhance the quality of life for terminally ill patients and those with disabilities? <i>*Euthanasia is the direct and intentional killing of a person by action or omission, with or without that person's consent, for what people mistakenly believe are compassionate reasons.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7	Will you support legislation to protect the right of health care workers who refuse to participate in procedures which are in violation of their religious or conscientious beliefs?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8	Do you consider yourself pro-life or pro-choice? (Check one only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pro-life <input type="checkbox"/> Pro-choice

Candidate Name (please print) _____

Party _____ Riding _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Explanation of each question:

#1. This question is designed to find out where the candidate stands on the basic issue of the beginning of life itself.

#2. Some candidates state they are opposed to abortion but would still allow it under specific conditions. These exceptions vary widely depending upon these candidates' understanding of the issue or personal experiences or beliefs. It is important that the voters are aware if there are any such exceptions. "The life of the mother exception" is often misunderstood by candidates noting that exception. In the case of an ectopic pregnancy (baby implanted in the fallopian tube), the mother's life is endangered by that situation and the child is certain to die as it grows. Removal of the fallopian tube to protect the mother's life is not a direct killing of the unborn child within the tube. It is considered treatment of the mother and is NOT an abortion. Similarly, when a pregnant woman is discovered to have cancer and is treated for that cancer with radiation and/or chemotherapy, the possible resulting death of her unborn child is NOT considered an abortion. That is because the measures are directly intended to treat the mother and NOT to kill her unborn child. As for intended abortions, there are no longer ANY valid reasons to consider such abortions being necessary to save a mother's life. The medical profession has for some time now been capable of treating BOTH mother and child in all situations. However, it is common for physicians to strongly suggest, in response to difficult pregnancies, that a mother's life is endangered. Abortion is then frequently and unnecessarily recommended in order to lessen complications, extra costs and possible lawsuits. If you accept abortion for rape and incest, you kill the child for the crime of the father.

#3, 4,7. These questions address your commitment to support a wide range of proposals that would increase respect and support for unborn human life without compromising the essential principle of respect for all human life. This could include such measures as defunding of abortion, conscience clauses for health care workers, mothers' right-to-know legislation, funding and promotion of crisis pregnancy centers and many other measures.

#5. Currently parents have the right to control the education of their child. This includes exempting them from unwanted material for any reason.

#6. This refers to your position on legalizing the killing of sick, disabled, elderly or other vulnerable persons by active euthanasia or euthanasia by omission and assisted suicide. There is often poor understanding of this issue. The removal of burdensome and useless medical treatment from a dying patient is neither assisted suicide nor euthanasia. However, basic nutrition and hydration are not medical treatment and may never be removed unless the patient is completely unable to assimilate them.

#8. This asks how you sincerely view your overall position on the life issues. Do you support a woman's choice to have an abortionist kill her unborn child? Most candidates view themselves as being one or the other, although often to significantly varying degrees. If further information is required please do not hesitate to call and ask for a CLC election issues specialist toll free at 1-800-730-5358 (available 8 a.m. to 8p.m.)