

ELECTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES

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Our elected officials have great authority in our lives. They create laws which we must follow or face punishment. This is a serious responsibility which shouldn't be taken lightly. Unfortunately, many individuals believe that if something is legal, it is therefore "a right." When our elected leaders turn their backs on the first and most basic of all rights, the right to life, it shouldn't be a surprise when many members of our communities embrace abortion as a "right."

In the 2008 election, voters elected as President a man whose public record reflects a support of abortion through all nine months of pregnancy.

Elections do have consequences.

Now, our government not only fails to secure the right to life equally for all, it actively supports violating it. Consider the following consequences since the 2008 election:

- Congress passed a health care reform plan that will allow tax dollars to support insurance plans that cover abortions. It failed to include restrictions on funding abortion in Community Health Centers and other federal programs.
- The President issued an executive order that allows tax dollars to support research that requires the destruction of live human embryos.
- The President rescinded the prolife Mexico City Policy. Organizations that perform and promote abortion in other countries are now eligible for U.S. foreign aid funds.
- Taxpayer funding has been restored to the United Nations Population Fund. The funding was originally canceled when it was discovered that the agency was involved in China's "One-Child Policy," which relies heavily upon coerced abortions.
- The President weakened protections for health care workers who object to participating in procedures that violate their conscience, including abortion. Congress also failed to provide adequate conscience protection in health care reform for health care workers.

The stakes are high, and the choice is in every voter's hands.

Many issues are of deep concern to voters in the upcoming elections beginning with the very important August 3 primary. No issue, however, is of greater importance than the right to life.

We have the power.

Electing prolife candidates in 2010 can help fuel momentum to repeal the abortion provisions in the health care reform law and elect a prolife president in 2012.

According to a Gallup Poll in 2009, 51 percent of Americans identify themselves as prolife. Polls routinely show a majority of Americans reject abortion-on-demand and reject supporting abortion through tax dollars.

There are several things you can do to have a real impact.

- Talk about these issues with friends and family.
- Become informed about prolife candidates and support local prolife organizations.
- Volunteer your time.
- Most importantly, remember to make your voice heard on August 3 and November 2.

Visit www.rtl.org/action_center to find out more about the consequences of elections and what you can do to make a difference.