

Candidate Name: Robert C. Coogan

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Position and District Sought: Ohio State Representative - District 52

Have you previously held any public office? Please specify: NO.

The 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decisions in Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton did more than just "legalize" abortion-on-demand; they prohibited virtually any federal, state or local laws from protecting pre-born children from death by abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy.

1. Do you support reversal of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton? NO

"People of good conscience can hold good-faith views on all sides of this sensitive issue. My position is that the role of government should be limited in this matter. Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton limit the control that the State can exert over a woman's decisions about her body and health."

2. Do you support federal and state legislation to ban abortion-on-demand from fertilization to birth? NO

"My position is that, after the fetus becomes viable, the State has the duty to protect that unborn life, while also considering the health of the mother. Prior to the fetus becoming viable, the State should not interfere with decisions on health matters involving a woman, her doctor and her conscience."

3. Do you support legislation that prohibits distributing tax money for any reason to organizations that promote or perform abortions? NO

"This question poses "views on abortion" as a litmus test for ANY distribution of tax funds for ANY purpose. I could not support legislation which is so restrictive that it would prohibit funding for a completely separate worthy undertaking of an organization."

4. Do you support medical standards, regulations, and inspection of abortion facilities? Yes

"Yes, but only to the extent that the standards, regulations and facilities inspection procedures are those that are applied to ALL medical facilities and do not unduly target facilities that perform abortions."

5. Do you oppose abortion being funded, subsidized, or otherwise promoted in government programs or education? Yes

"The State's funds should not promote a State position on abortion in programs or education."

6. Do you oppose any legislation that promotes or encourages healthcare rationing for the elderly and other vulnerable people? Yes

"Yes. Individuals are responsible for their own healthcare decisions, not the State. The State should play no role (i.e., rationing) in determining or limiting the healthcare for the elderly or other vulnerable people."

7. Do you support conscience protection legislation for healthcare workers who do not want to participate in abortions or other immoral practices? NO

"I support individuals acting according to their consciences in any circumstance. However, the State has no role to play in policing the personal outcomes of those decisions."

8. Do you support legislation prohibiting the killing of human embryos used for scientific research? NO

"I do not support the broad prohibition suggested by this question, which does not mention the source of the embryos or the alternative fate of the embryos if they are not used for scientific research."

9. Do you support legislation prohibiting all cloning of human beings? NO

"COMMENTS RELATED TO #9: I would support legislation that prohibits ALL State funding for ALL cloning of human beings (therapeutic and reproductive). I would not support legislation prohibiting human cloning if that legislation includes banning therapeutic cloning."

10. Do you support legislation prohibiting assisted suicide in Ohio? No

COMMENTS RELATED TO #10: I am OPPOSED to legislation that would ALLOW assisted suicide in Ohio. I am not supportive of additional State prohibitions beyond those already in place."

11. Will you vote for leadership in the Ohio House/Senate who upholds pro-life principles? "" (no answer)

"I will vote for leadership in the Ohio House who respect the right of individuals to make their own decisions about their lives and their health, and who understand that the State has the duty to protect human life."

12. List all organizations to which you have contributed time or money in the past four years. "Declined."

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