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U.S. Presidential Candidates




John McCain
U.S. Senator
Republican




Barack Obama
U.S. Senator
Democrat

U.S. Senatorial Candidates



Dick Durbin
U.S. Senator
Democrat



Steve Sauerberg
Family Physician
Republican

	John McCain	Barack Obama	Dick Durbin	Steve Sauerberg
Reversal of Roe v. Wade Sanctity of Life	Supports ¹	Opposes ²	Opposes ^a	Supports ^b
Health Insurance for Unborn Children Legislation that would have codified the "Unborn Child Rule" in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), allowing states the option of providing health care insurance for unborn children.	Supports ⁴	Opposes ⁴	Opposes ^c	Supports ^d
Federal Hate Crimes Legislation to establish federal "hate crimes" for certain violent acts based on the actual or perceived race, religion, disability, gender identity, or "sexual orientation" of any person.	Opposes ⁵	Supports ⁵	Supports ^e	Opposes ^d
Workplace discrimination legislation to grant special consideration on the basis of "sexual orientation," to favor homosexuality ENDA	Opposes ⁶	Supports ⁷	Supports ^f	Opposes ^d
(Defense of Marriage Act) Federal DOMA	Supports ⁸	Opposes ⁸	Unknown	Supports ^d
Signed Pledge to Not Raise Taxes Limited Taxes	Yes ¹⁰	No ¹⁰	No ^g	Yes ^d
Timeline to remove American troops Iraq Withdrawal	Opposes ¹¹	Supports ¹²	Supports ^h	Opposes ^d

¹ <http://www.prochoiceamerica.org/choice-action-center/in-congress/congressional-record-on-choice/arizona.html>
² <http://www.prochoiceamerica.org/choice-action-center/in-congress/congressional-record-on-choice/illinois.html>
⁴ Roll Call No. 302 - 8/2/2007
⁵ Roll Call No. 350 - 9/27/2007
⁶ <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/vote.xpd?vote=s1996-281>
⁷ <http://www.barackobama.com/issues/civilrights/> and <http://www.barackobama.com/pdf/lgbt.pdf>

⁸ Roll Call No. 280 - 9/10/1996
⁹ <http://www.windycitymediagroup.com/gay/lesbian/news/ARTICLE.php?AID=4018> and <http://blogs.abcnews.com/politicalradar/2008/06/mrs-obama-reaff.html>
¹⁰ www.atr.org/pledge/national/incumbents.html
¹¹ <http://www.johnmccain.com/Informing/Issues/fdeb03a7-30b0-4ece-8e34-4c7ea83f11d8.htm>
¹² <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/story/2008/07/08/ST2008070803227.html>

^a <http://www.prochoiceamerica.org/choice-action-center/in-congress/congressional-record-on-choice/illinois.html>
^b IFI Candidate Forum 1/22/2008
^c Roll Call No. 302 - 8/2/2007
^d IFI 2008 Candidate Survey
^e Roll Call No. 350 - 9/27/2007
^f Sen. Durbin's Letter to Constituent on ENDA
^g http://www.atr.org/content/html/2008/jan/010408pr-nh_pledge.html
^h http://durbin.senate.gov/issues/prog_iraq.cfm

Illinois Congressional District #17

Question Number

U.S. Congress	Party	Candidate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
USC 17	D	<i>Phil Hare</i>	-	S	S	-	-	-	-	-	S	S

2008 Voter Guide | U.S. Congressional Candidate Survey Questions

U.S. Congressional candidates were asked if they **Support** or **Oppose**:

- 1 | **Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act**, which would ensure that women seeking an abortion are fully informed regarding the pain experienced by their fetus. (H.R. 6099 - 2006)
- 2 | **Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act**, which would allow federal funding of stem cell research on lines of stem cells derived from human embryos. (H.R. 3 - 2007)
- 3 | Adding "sexual orientation" to federal "Hate Crime" laws. (H.R. 1592 - 2007)
- 4 | **The Family and Consumer Choice Act**, which would provide consumers the ability to choose and pay for only the cable networks they want. (H.R. 2738)
- 5 | **A federal marriage amendment** defining marriage as between one man and one woman in the U.S. Constitution. (HJ Res 88 - 2006)
- 6 | Federal legislation making it a federal offense to transport a minor across state lines for an abortion if this is done to evade a state parental involvement law. (H.R. 748 - 2005 Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act.)
- 7 | **Reduce taxes by expanding the per-child tax credit.**
- 8 | **The Pledge Protection Act**, which would remove the jurisdiction of federal courts over cases involving the Pledge of Allegiance. (H.R. 2389 - 2006)
- 9 | **Employment Non-Discrimination Act**, which would prohibit discrimination against employees on the basis of "sexual orientation."
- 10 | **Federal funding of Planned Parenthood and any other organization that performs abortions, both in the U.S. and abroad (even if they use money from other sources).**

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State Senate	Party	Candidate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
SS 36	D	<i>Mike Jacobs</i>	S	-	-	P	S	-	-	S	S
SS 36	R	Michael Bertelsen	O	O	O	S	S	O	S	O	O
SS 44	R	<i>Bill Brady</i>	O	O	O	S	O	O	O	O	O
SS 45	D	Marty Mulcahey	O	S	O	S	S	S	S	O	O
SS 45	R	<i>Tim Bivins</i>	O	O	O	S	O	O	O	O	O
SS 47	D	<i>John M. Sullivan</i>	O	-	-	-	S	-	-	O	O
SS 50	D	John Devine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SS 50	R	<i>Larry K. Bomke</i>	O	O	O	S	O	O	O	O	O
SS 51	R	<i>Frank Watson</i>	O	O	O	S	S	O	O	O	O

State House	Party	Candidate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
SR 71	D	<i>Mike Boland</i>	S	-	-	O	S	S	-	-	S
SR 71	R	Lawrence L. Bruckner	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SR 72	D	<i>Patrick Verschoore</i>	S	-	-	S	S	S	-	-	S
SR 74	R	<i>Donald L. Moffitt</i>	O	-	-	S	S	O	-	-	O
SR 87	R	<i>Bill Mitchell</i>	O	O	O	S	S	O	O	O	O
SR 90	R	<i>Jerry L. Mitchell</i>	O	O	O	●	NV	O	O	O	O
SR 90	D	Kenneth J. Novak	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SR 91	D	<i>Michael K. Smith</i>	S	-	-	S	P	S	-	-	S
SR 93	R	<i>Jil Tracy</i>	O	O	O	●*	S	O*	O*	O	O*
SR 94	R	<i>Richard P. "Rich" Myers</i>	O	O	O	O	●	O	O	O	O
SR 94	D	Earl W. Godt II	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SR 97	R	<i>Jim Watson</i>	O	-	-	S	NV	O	-	-	O
SR 98	D	<i>Gary Hannig</i>	O	O	O	S	O	O	O	O	O
SR 98	R	Jim Curry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SR 99	R	<i>Raymond Poe</i>	O	-	-	S	S	O	-	-	O
SR 99	D	Kent E. Delay	O	O	O	S	S	*	S	O	O
SR 100	R	<i>Rich Brauer</i>	O	-	-	O	S	O	-	-	O
SR 101	D	<i>Bob Flider</i>	O	-	-	S	O	O	-	-	S
SR 102	R	<i>Ron Stephens</i>	O	-	-	S	S	O	-	-	O

2008 Voter Guide | IL House & IL Senate Candidate Survey Questions

IL House & IL Senate candidates were asked if they **Support** or **Oppose**:

- 1 | Taxpayer funding of live human embryonic stem cell research. (S.B. 4 - 2007)
- 2 | Creating "Civil Unions" for same-sex couples having all the same benefits and legal protections as marriage. (H.B. 1826 - 2007)
- 3 | Allowing pharmacists to dispense "morning after" pills (e.g. Plan B) to minors without requiring parental notice or a doctor evaluation. (H.B. 1077 - 2007)
- 4 | Legislation requiring public libraries to filter/block Internet access to illegal obscenity, child pornography, and material harmful to minors. (H.B. 1727 - 2007)
- 5 | Legislation to expand gambling in Illinois with casinos or additional slot machines. (H.B. 2035 - 2007 and H.B. 2651 - 2008)
- 6 | Federal Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) that will require gender-based "equal rights" including protecting "abortion rights" and "same-sex marriages." (HJRCA 2 - 2007)
- 7 | Legislation to provide grants for "comprehensive sex education" which will include instructing students from ages 9-17 about condom usage and birth control. (S.B. 2267- 2006)
- 8 | Legislation permitting authorized persons to legally possess no more than 12 marijuana plants and 2.5 ounces of useable cannabis. (S.B. 650 - 2007)
- 9 | Legislation creating new school health clinics that can distribute birth control to students. (S.B. 715 - 2007)

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