

Eagle Mountain International Church

Where Do You Stand on Abortion?

Pastor George Pearsons – Sunday, September 13, 2020

A. Proverbs 29:2—When the Righteous Are In Authority, the People Rejoice: but when the Wicked Rule, the People Mourn

1. My assignment from Brother Copeland on September 22, 2012.
2. George, you need to take the two political platforms and preach on those points.
 - a. Look at what the two parties say about a particular issue.
 - b. Compare the two platforms to God's Word.
 - c. Determine which platform best aligns with how the Kingdom of God operates.
3. Make it really clear that a platform is something you stand on.
 - a. The platform planks represent the individual issues.
 - b. You are standing on the whole stage.
4. To vote for that platform is to attach yourself to it and partake of the judgement of that platform.
5. You could vote for that person for some other reason, but if they are an abortionist, you are an accomplice.
 - a. There is no way out of it.
 - b. Just because you did it for some other reason doesn't get you off the hook.

B. "Nobody Pays Attention to the Platforms"

1. First of all, God knows what is on those platforms.
 - a. He has read them.
 - b. He will hold us accountable to them.
2. Secondly, they were written by, "We the People."
 - a. They are representatives from every state in the Union.
 - b. From the abundance of their hearts, the parties speak.
3. Thirdly, politicians will be making their decisions on our behalf based upon the platform they embrace and stand on.
 - a. The platform is the driving agenda for all legislation.
 - b. It is what they are going to push to accomplish over the next four years — and beyond.
4. "Tell My people wherever you go — those who vote for politicians knowing their immoral policies and platforms and illegal acts had better repent. They are partners with those politicians and will be responsible for every baby's death. You have taken the devil's part by not voting at all." — Kenneth Copeland
5. "I will," saith the Lord, "hold you responsible for voting for whom I tell you to vote. And you can't get out of it by not voting. I'll hold you responsible for voting for the wrong one if you do that. Some are saying they just won't vote. Actually, you just did. You are still an accomplice because you knew about a crime and you did nothing to stop it." — Kenneth Copeland

C. Where Does the Democrat Party Platform Stand on Abortion?

1. (Page 32) Democrats are committed to protecting and advancing reproductive health, rights and justice. We believe unequivocally, like the majority of Americans, that every woman should be able to access high-quality reproductive health care services, including safe and legal abortion. We will repeal the Title X domestic gag rule and restore federal funding for Planned Parenthood, which provides vital preventative and reproductive health care for millions of people, especially low-income people, and people of color, and LGBTQ+ people, including in underserved areas.

NOTE: In 2019, the 9th Circuit Federal Appeals Court ruled in favor of allowing the Trump Administration to enforce the Title X rule banning taxpayer monies for facilities that perform or refer for abortions. The “Protect Life” rule forbids grant recipients from using the funds to, “perform, promote, refer to or support abortion as a method of family planning.”

2. (Page 32) Democrats oppose and will fight to overturn federal and state laws that create barriers to reproductive health and rights. We will repeal the Hyde Amendment, and protect and codify the right to reproductive freedom.

NOTE: The 1976 Hyde Amendment is a legislative provision barring the use of federal funds for abortion except to save the life of the woman, or if the pregnancy arises from incest or rape. The 2016 Democrat platform marked the first time the party included an explicit call to repeal the Hyde Amendment in its platform.

3. (Page 82) Democrats will always protect sexual and reproductive health and rights. We believe that comprehensive health services, including access to reproductive care and abortion services, are vital to the empowerment of women and girls. 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.

NOTE: The Global Gag Rule is a US government policy that blocks US federal funding for non-governmental organizations that provide abortion counseling or referrals, advocate to decriminalize abortion or expand abortion services. It certifies that NGO’s will not perform or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning with non-US funds as a condition for receiving US global family planning assistance. This policy was first implemented in 1984 by the Reagan Administration. Since that time, the rule has been in effect during all Republican Administrations. It has been rescinded at the direction of all Democratic Administrations. The rule was reinstated on January 23, 2017, the Monday following President Donald Trump’s Inauguration.

NOTE: The Helms Amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act is a 1973 amendment, passed by the US Congress in the wake of the Roe v. Wade decision by the United States Supreme Court, to limit the use of US foreign assistance for abortion. The amendment states that, “no foreign assistance funds may be used to pay for the performance of abortion as a method of family planning or to motivate or coerce any person to practice abortions.” In addition, this amendment overturned previous rulings that state that the unborn is not a “person” yet and therefore does not have constitutional rights, changing the stance on abortion not only in funding but also in the courts.

D. Where Does the Republican Party Platform Stand on Abortion?

1. (Pages 13, 14) The Constitution’s guarantee that no one can, “be deprived of life, liberty or property” deliberately echos 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.
2. 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. We urge all states and Congress to make it a crime to acquire, transfer, or sell fetal tissues from elective abortions for research, and we call on Congress to enact a ban on any sale of fetal body parts. In the meantime, we call on Congress to ban the practice of misleading women on so-called fetal harvesting consent forms, a fact revealed by a 2015 investigation. We will not fund healthcare that includes abortion coverage.
3. We support the appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life.
4. We affirm our moral obligation to assist, rather than penalize, women who face an unplanned pregnancy. In order to encourage women who face an unplanned pregnancy to choose life, we support legislation that requires financial responsibility for the child be equally borne by both the mother and father upon conception until the child reaches adulthood. We celebrate the millions of Americans who open their hearts, homes, and churches to mothers in need and women fleeing abuse. We thank and encourage providers of counseling, medical services, and adoption assistance for empowering women experiencing an unintended pregnancy to choose life. We support funding for ultrasound and adoption assistance. We salute the many states that now protect women and girls through laws requiring informed consent, parental consent, waiting periods, and clinic regulation.

5. We applaud the U.S. House of Representatives for leading the effort to add enforcement to the Born-Alive Infant Protection Act by passing the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which imposes appropriate civil and criminal penalties on healthcare providers who fail to provide treatment and care to an infant who survives an abortion. This includes early induction delivery whether the death of the infant is intended. We strongly oppose infanticide. Over a dozen states have passed Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Acts prohibiting abortion after twenty weeks, the point at which current medical research shows that unborn babies can feel excruciating pain during abortions, and we call on Congress to enact the federal version. Not only is it good legislation, but it enjoys the support of a majority of the American people. We support state and federal efforts against the cruelest forms of abortion, especially dismemberment abortion procedures, in which unborn babies are literally torn apart limb from limb.

NOTE: The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act is a congressional bill that would, in most cases, make it unlawful to perform an abortion if the estimated post-fertilization age of a fetus is 20 weeks or more. The bill is based upon the assertion is that a fetus is capable of feeling pain during an abortion at and after that point in a pregnancy. In the legislative findings section, the bill states that pain receptors “are present throughout the unborn child’s entire body”, that “nerves link these receptors to the brain’s thalamus and subcortical plate by no later than 20 weeks after fertilization,” and that anesthesia is routinely administered to fetuses undergoing fetal surgery (thus supporting the conclusion that fetuses feel pain).

The Act has become known as Micah’s Law because of Micah Pickering, a boy from Iowa who was born prematurely at 22 weeks’ gestation in 2012 and survived. He appeared in a 2016 election advertisement criticizing Hillary Clinton’s support for legal abortion after 20 weeks’ gestation. The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act was first introduced in Congress in 2013. It successfully passed the House of Representatives in 2013, 2015, and 2017. The bill has twice received a majority of votes in the Senate, but has failed to reach the 60 votes required to break a filibuster.

6. (Page 37) We support the right of parents to consent to medical treatment for their minor children and urge enactment of legislation that would require parental consent for their daughter to be transported across state lines for abortion. We call for a permanent ban on federal funding and subsidies for abortion and healthcare plans that include abortion coverage.

E. Where Does the Bible Stand on Abortion?

1. Deuteronomy 30:19 (NKJV) “I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live.”
2. Proverbs 6:16-19 (NIV-84) “There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers.”
3. Psalms 139:13-16 (NLT) “You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.”
4. Isaiah 44:2 (NIV) “This is what the Lord says—he who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you.”
5. Isaiah 46:3 (NIV-84) “Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all you who remain of the house of Israel, you who I have upheld since you were conceived, and have carried since your birth.”
6. Jeremiah 1:5 (NIV) “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”
7. Psalms 22:31 (NIV) “They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!”
8. Psalms 78:5-6 (NIV-84) “He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.”
9. Ecclesiastes 11:5 (AMPC) “As you know not what is the way of the wind, or how the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a pregnant woman, even so you know not the work of God, Who does all” (this takes place at 6 weeks in the womb).
10. Luke 1:41 (NIV) “When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.”