

**NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri PAC
2006 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

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The United States Supreme Court in *Roe v. Wade* ruled that the right to privacy includes a pregnant woman's right to choose to have an abortion. Accordingly, a state: (1) may not unduly restrict a woman's access to abortion during the first three months of pregnancy; (2) may regulate abortion after the first three months of pregnancy to protect a woman's health; and (3) may ban abortion after fetal viability (usually after 26-28 weeks of pregnancy) so long as exceptions are permitted to protect a woman's life or health.

1. Do you support a woman's right to choose to have an abortion? YES NO
2. If *Roe v. Wade* is overturned, would you vote for legislation guaranteeing a woman's right to choose to have a legal abortion in Missouri? YES NO

Under current Missouri law, no publicly-funded facility may be used to perform an abortion unless it is to preserve a woman's life. No state employee may participate in providing an abortion not necessary to save a woman's life, and the University of Missouri Medical School cannot teach students abortion procedures. A woman eligible for state medical assistance may not obtain public funds for an abortion unless the abortion is necessary to preserve her life. Finally, under the so-called Gag Rule, state-employed counselors and physicians cannot provide a pregnant woman with information about abortion or abortion providers unless necessary to preserve her life.

3. Would you vote to repeal the current ban on the use of state facilities and state employees for performing or teaching abortions? YES NO
4. Would you vote to repeal the current ban on funding and allow public funding for abortions:
- a. under any circumstances? YES NO
- b. only in cases of rape and incest and to save a woman's life? ? YES NO
- c. only to save a woman's life? YES NO
5. Would you vote to repeal the Gag Rule that bans state employees from providing a woman with information about abortion, including referrals to abortion providers? YES NO

Under current Missouri law, a woman must make at least two separate visits to a physician and wait at least 24 hours before obtaining an abortion. Physicians must also provide the woman with state-mandated information and counseling. This law is currently being challenged in court and is not yet in effect. However, if enforced, this law would likely have a disparate impact on low-income and rural women, who can ill-afford the additional requirements. In addition, this law is so extreme it has no exception for victims of rape or incest.

6. Would you vote to repeal that part of the law requiring a mandatory delay of 24 hours? YES NO
7. Would you vote to repeal that part of the law requiring physicians to provide state-mandated information and counseling? YES NO

The Missouri General Assembly has eliminated all state funding for family planning, including funding for cancer screenings, gynecological exams, HIV testing, pre-natal care, diabetes screening and breast exams, as well as funding for birth control services and education. Many low-income women now have no access to these services.

8. Would you vote to include funding for family planning in the state appropriations bill? YES NO
9. Would you vote to give this family planning funding to facilities that refer women to abortion providers, or perform abortions, so long as none of the funding is used for those purposes? YES NO

I do not believe that providing health care is a function of the state.

Emergency contraception reduces the need for abortion by preventing pregnancy if administered within 72 hours of intercourse. Emergency contraception does not cause an abortion; instead, like other forms of contraception, it prevents pregnancy. However, the Missouri General Assembly is currently considering bills that would make it more difficult for women to access all forms of contraception. The bills would give individual pharmacists the right to refuse to fill valid prescriptions written by physicians, including prescriptions for oral contraceptive pills and prescriptions for emergency contraception. If passed, the bills would apply even in rural areas where there may be no other pharmacy in which to obtain the needed medication. In addition, hospital emergency rooms are currently not required to offer emergency contraception to a woman who has been sexually assaulted.

10. Would you vote for a bill requiring pharmacies to fill physicians' prescriptions, including prescriptions for oral contraceptive pills and emergency contraception? YES NO
11. Would you vote for a bill requiring pharmacies that do not stock contraceptives (as is the case with nine out of 10 rural pharmacies) to either order contraceptives or refer patients to another local pharmacy? *I do not think the government should interfere with pharmacy business decisions* YES NO
12. Would you vote for a bill requiring hospitals to offer emergency contraception to rape survivors in the emergency room? YES NO

Medically accurate and comprehensive sex education also reduces the need for abortion. Current Missouri law requires all public schools to provide age-appropriate information about the health benefits and side effects of all forms of contraception. However, the Missouri General Assembly is considering bills that would eliminate this requirement, thereby permitting schools to provide information about abstinence only. Teenagers would thereby be deprived of information about all of the ways to prevent unintended pregnancies, as well as all of the ways to prevent sexually transmitted diseases. In addition, the General Assembly is also considering a bill that would deny minors access to contraception without the consent of a parent. This bill would do nothing to prevent young people from becoming sexually active, but it would prevent them from protecting themselves from unintended pregnancy.

13. Do you support current state law requiring public schools to provide age-appropriate and medically accurate information about contraception? *Not a function of schools* YES NO
14. Would you vote against any bill that would permit public schools to exclude from their sex-education curriculum any mention of contraception, family planning or disease prevention? YES NO
15. Would you vote against a bill requiring minors to obtain the consent a parent before receiving contraception? *If parental consent is required for minor treatment, it should be required for an invasive procedure* YES NO

Current Missouri law mandates that a minor under 18 years of age must obtain the consent of one of her parents before obtaining an abortion. If a minor cannot obtain parental consent, she must obtain a "judicial bypass" whereby a judge allows a minor to choose abortion if she is sufficiently mature. Judicial bypass procedures are not a realistic alternative for some young women who are forced to go out of state to obtain confidential health care. However, Missouri law also imposes civil liability on anyone trying to help a minor obtain an abortion outside of Missouri. These laws endanger those young women who—for good reason—choose not to involve a parent in their decision to have an abortion. The government cannot mandate healthy family communication where it does not already exist.

16. Would you vote to repeal the current law that prevents a minor from choosing abortion unless she obtains parental consent or a judicial bypass? YES NO
17. Would you vote to repeal the current law that imposes civil liability on anyone trying to help a minor obtain an abortion outside of Missouri? YES NO
18. Do you want the endorsement of NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri? YES NO

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