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Since Roe v Wade was overturned, the language surrounding the abortion issue has become increasingly vague. When I attended the League of Women Voters forum on June 28th, 2022 for the primary election, **every candidate** claimed to be pro-life. The term “pro-life” used to mean against abortion. [Pro-life Definition & Meaning - Merriam-Webster](#). This is to mean that one is against all abortions. However, since the Supreme Court ruling, candidates who were previously pro-choice (a few months ago), sense the pressure to conform to the opinion of the voters, that are predominantly pro-life.

72% of all Americans, including 60% of Democrats, 70% of registered independents, and 75% of women, believe abortion should not be allowed after 15 weeks.

[HHP June2022 KeyResults.pdf \(harvardharrispoll.com\)](#).

However, when we listen carefully to answers from candidates, there are nuances that reflect their core values, either for or against abortion. When a candidate says, “my personal thoughts are that I would always choose life,” and “I don’t see that (abortion law in WA state) changing” what does this actually mean? [NWPB Vote 2022 - Northwest Public Broadcasting](#) (the abortion question starts at the 48:30 min mark).

What we are now hearing from pro-choice candidates is that they are all pro-life when it comes to their own personal choice. This is a pro-choice statement, not a pro-life statement.

Since the primary election, my opponent and I were emailed a questionnaire aimed at bringing clarity to this issue. My opponent has still not responded, despite a 2nd request to respond to the questionnaire. The questionnaire was sent by John Trumbo, a now retired journalist and Kennewick city councilman.

The questionnaire asked: “If abortion is the willful termination of the life of an unborn human being, is it murder, and under what circumstances would it be considered justifiable homicide?”

This was my submitted answer:

Abortion is murder. Justifiable homicide is defined as killing without evil or criminal intent, for which there can be no blame. Some definitions say, "without criminal guilt."

When something is morally wrong, there is always personal guilt associated with the moral crime. That's why giving women resources and help to keep their babies is much more humane towards women than allowing them to commit murder. I don't like to see people suffer from psychological and emotional pain when the culture tells the woman that she did the right thing instead of helping her emotionally heal.

Criminal guilt is simply where we draw the line on what moral wrongs should be allowed by law.

I do not believe any institution or government should make decisions about who lives or dies. The mother or family should make this very difficult and personal decision.

Because the left is quickly manipulating the word "abortion" to include more medical procedures, I provided a principled answer.

Abortion can be allowed when the mother's life is at stake. However, to my knowledge there are no medical procedures required to save the life of the mother that the medical community would call an abortion.

I wonder where Washington state citizens would stand on a heartbeat law, or a bill that banned abortion 15 weeks after fertilization? I would suggest we find out by submitting the legislation, because I am pro-life and will seek any legislation that will protect the lives of the unborn. I am not willing to say that abortion laws will not change in Washington state, because I intend to fight for the lives of the unborn and I am optimistic that lives will be saved.

There are just four weeks left, until ballots are mailed. Your grass roots support is essential. Please share this email, donate, volunteer, and encourage your friends to vote. Our future depends on your involvement.

Thank you!

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