

GRTL PAC Endorsement Policy

1. Q: What is the Georgia Right to Life (GRTL) PAC criteria for endorsing candidates?

A: The GRTL PAC uses a 30-page document that focuses on a variety of life issues involving the sanctity of human life at every stage of development. The Personhood Affirmation (PA) concludes with a statement of agreement with our positions. The PA must be signed by any candidate before they can receive the GRTL PAC endorsement.

2. Q: What else do you consider in endorsements?

A: Like most advocacy groups, the GRTL PAC gives preference to candidates who are incumbents who have honored their pro-life commitments while in office. Other factors such as good character, viability as a candidate, and previous actions are taken into account, but the starting point is the Personhood Affirmation.

3. Q: Why are some candidates who say they are pro-life and have even accomplished seemingly good pro-life ends, not endorsed?

A: Some have not asked for the GRTL PAC endorsement. Others have asked for endorsement but have not met the requirements. Unapologetically, the standard is high. Also, a previously endorsed incumbent who has done nothing to jeopardize their endorsement and re-signs the Personhood Affirmation will automatically be endorsed - even over someone who has a reputation of being very pro-life.

4. Q: Is it true the GRTL PAC won't endorse candidates who support abortion in cases of rape and incest?

A: That is correct. The GRTL PAC believes that all human life is God-given and must be protected regardless of the manner of conception. According to Deuteronomy 24:16 the crime of the father should not be the cause of death for the innocent child. Since the early 2000's, all candidates receiving the GRTL PAC endorsement have agreed that babies conceived in such circumstances deserve legal protection.

5. Q: Is it true the GRTL PAC won't endorse candidates who support abortion in cases of a negative fetal diagnosis?

A: That is correct. The GRTL PAC believes that all human life is God-given and must be protected regardless of ability or the possible outcome. Many times the diagnosis is wrong, but even if the child has an anomaly or is not expected to live to or after birth, she should not be torn apart to "protect" her or her parents from this condition. She is still created in the image of God and has value and worth.

6. Q: Does the GRTL PAC allow for exceptions when it's either that or nothing?

A. If exceptions are wrong, they're still wrong, even if that's all we have to vote on.

7. Q: Isn't it better to have them agree with 80-98 percent of your position, instead of denying them your endorsement?

A: That would be true if the GRTL PAC's goal was to gain political power and access, but the GRTL PAC views each human being as made in the image of God and every pre-born child deserves full legal protection. We believe the GRTL PAC's rightful role is to be a standard-bearer, not a king-maker. Therefore, we oppose playing politics with innocent human lives. When the GRTL PAC compromises, innocent human beings die.

8. Q: Do you call IVF immoral?

A: The GRTL PAC sympathizes with couples struggling to have a child and does not oppose IVF treatments if a child is not killed in the process. We do consider it immoral to destroy so-called "excess embryos," or to selectively "reduce" the number of children implanted, which is killing innocent pre-born children. We advocate for legal protection of all human beings from earliest biological beginnings, including embryos outside the womb.

9. Q: Why do other pro-life groups have different requirements for endorsement?

A: The GRTL PAC cannot speak for other groups. In 2000, the GRTL PAC chose to base the endorsement criteria on the value and worth of all innocent human beings because they bear the image of God Himself. We choose to be standard bearers, not kingmakers.

One of the GRTL PAC's key missions is to help all candidates for public office understand that human life is sacred and deserves protection at every stage regardless of age, ability, or condition.