

# How are whole-life Democrats different from other Democrats?

Some Democrats talk about destroying a fetus as if it is comparable to trimming a fingernail or removing a tumor.

*Michigan Democrats for Life* believes that everyone's life naturally begins in the womb, and that killing someone at any stage of their life cycle robs them of their future.

The nature of the human life cycle is a matter of science and logic, not a matter of religious or political belief

Some Democrats talk about life issues only in terms of ensuring that abortions are available and safe. (Even if they support policies that would reduce the economic pressure to have an abortion, many Democrats neglect to mention those policies in the context of life issues.)

*Michigan Democrats for Life* believes that an important part of addressing abortion is addressing the factors that can lead women to feel that it is their only feasible choice.

Democrats can promote human life in ways that Republican politicians fail to do.

Some Democrats seek to give abortion clinics a free pass with regard to issues of safety and informed consent.

*Michigan Democrats for Life* supports regulations that protect women without creating unnecessary burdens for providers.

The regulation of abortion clinics should follow the same principles as regulation of any other activity where people's health is at risk.

Some Democrats believe not only that decisions about abortion are best handled by a woman and her doctor, but also that the doctor's role is limited to technical matters concerning medical procedure.

*Michigan Democrats for Life* also respects the roles of women and their doctors, but we believe that doctors who serve pregnant women have a responsibility to seek the health of both of their patients, i.e. both the mother and her child.

The whole-life principle requires promoting the health and welfare of both the mother and her child—not disregarding one or the other.

Some Democrats believe that people who disagree with their position on abortion should not be allowed to participate in the Democratic Party.

*Michigan Democrats for Life* believes that the Democratic Party needs to be a 'big tent' in which people seek to understand those with differing views instead of driving them to join the Republicans.

Gallup polls show that roughly half of the U.S. population identifies with the term 'pro-life.' (The percentage is higher in some districts and lower in others.)  
Telling half of the population that they have no place in the Party is not a path to success.

**Democrats can promote respect for every human life.**  
(And many of us do.)

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# How are whole-life Democrats different from pro-life Republicans?

Republican politicians typically focus too much on punitive criminal approaches to the abortion issue.

*Michigan Democrats for Life* focuses primarily on policies that empower women to choose life.

Regardless of what the law says, a woman does not have much freedom of choice if having a child would force her into poverty and homelessness.

Republican politicians have a history of opposing health coverage for low-income women.

Democrats overcame Republican opposition to implement health coverage for low-income pregnant women in Michigan and to enact 'Obamacare' nationwide.

'Obamacare' saved the lives of more unborn children than any other legislation in recent history.

Republican politicians typically oppose most initiatives that would reduce the economic pressure to have abortions.

*Michigan Democrats for Life* supports:

- raising the minimum wage
- implementing maternity leave, sick leave and family leave for all workers
- restoring and strengthening Earned Income Tax Credits
- finding a solution for unaffordable childcare
- expanding access to affordable healthcare
- improving the social safety net.

The most central reproductive right is the right to have and raise children.

Republican politicians typically seek to maximize regulatory burdens in order to force clinics to close.

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Republican politicians typically place corporate profits ahead of the lives and health of farmworkers, consumers, and everyone who breathes air, eats food, and drinks water.

*Michigan Democrats for Life* supports effective environmental and consumer protections that safeguard people's lives and health.

As a matter of logical consistency, being pro-life requires being pro-life for the whole life.

Republican politicians have disregarded the lives and welfare of immigrants and refugees.

*Michigan Democrats for Life* recognizes the human rights and dignity of all people.

Disregarding the lives of one class of people places everyone's life at risk.

**Democrats promote life more than most voters think.**

(And many pro-life voters have more in common with Democrats than with the Republicans that they tend to vote for.)

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