

CATHOLICS IN THE NEW CONGRESS SPLIT ON ABORTION

The 119th session of the Congress that began on January 3 is overrepresented by Christians. While most are Protestant, 28 percent are Catholic. Nationwide, Christians make up 62 percent of the population, but they make up 87 percent of the new Congress. Almost three-in-ten Americans are religiously unaffiliated (28 percent), though the three Congressmen who fall into this category make up less than 1 percent of Congress.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has repeatedly said that abortion is the “preeminent priority” for voters. Accordingly, we examined the voting record of every returning Catholic member of Congress, and sought to ascertain the position on this issue as expressed by Catholic freshmen when they were running for office.

We used the scorecard of National Right to Life, and the scorecard of Reproductive Freedom (formerly NARAL), to see how they rated these Catholics. As expected, the results of the pro-life organization and the pro-abortion organization showed wide agreement.

To simplify matters, we will refer only to the National Right to Life scorecard.

In the House of Representatives, there are 126 Catholics: 71 Democrats and 55 Republicans. From our analysis, more Catholic representatives are pro-abortion (70) than are pro-life (54); two can be regarded as moderates.

Six-in-ten (59) Catholic representatives received a score of 0 percent from National Right to Life, and all of them were Democrats. Two scored near zero (both Democrats) and two scored near the middle (one from each Party). There were 44

Catholic representatives who received a 100 percent rating from National Right to Life, and all were Republicans. Nineteen, all freshman, had no scores.

In the Senate, there are 23 Catholics: 13 Democrats and 10 Republicans. From our analysis, more Senators are pro-abortion (14) than are pro-life (8); one, a Republican, can be regarded as a moderate.

Of the 14 Catholic Senators who are pro-abortion—they received a score of 0 percent from National Right to Life—all but one was a Democrat. There were 7 Catholic Senators who received a pro-life score of 100 percent; one was a freshman without a score, though he was endorsed by the Susan B. Anthony List.

The data show how sharply the Parties differ. The Republican Party is overwhelmingly pro-life and the Democrats are overwhelmingly pro-abortion.

<i>National Right To Life: RTL Reproductive Freedom For All (Formerly NARAL): RFFA</i>								
NAME	RTL	RFFA	OTHER	NAME	RTL	RFFA	OTHER	
Sen. Lisa Murkowski (AK-R)	0%	83%		Rep. Mike Levin (CA-D)	0%	100%		
Rep. French Hill (AR-R)	100%	0%		Rep. Juan C Vargas (CA-D)	0%	100%		
Sen. Mark Kelly (AZ-D)	0%	100%		Rep. Jeff Hurd (CO-R)	N/A	N/A	Pro-Life	
Sen. Ruben Gallego (AZ-D)	0%	100%		Rep. John B Larson (CT-D)	0%	100%		
Rep. David Schweikert (AZ-R)	100%	32%		Rep. Joe Courtney (CT-D)	0%	100%		
Rep. Greg Stanton (AZ-D)	0%	100%		Rep. Rosa DeLauro (CT-D)	0%	100%		
Rep. Raul M Grijalva (AZ-D)	0%	100%		Sen. Marco Rubio (FL-R)	100%	0%		
Rep. Paul Gosar (AZ-R)	100%	0%		Rep. Neal Dunn (FL-R)	100%	0%		
Sen. Alex Padilla (CA-D)	0%	100%		Rep. John Rutherford (FL-R)	100%	0%		
Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-D)	0%	100%		Rep. Darren Soto (FL-D)	0%	100%		
Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (CA-D)	0%	100%		Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (FL-R)	100%	0%		
Rep. Nancy Pelosi (CA-D)	0%	100%		Rep. Carlos Gimenez (FL-R)	100%	23%		
Rep. Kevin Mullin (CA-D)	0%	100%		Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (IA-R)	100%	5%		
Rep. Sam Liccardo (CA-D)	N/A	N/A	Pro-abortion	Rep. Zach Nunn (IA-R)	100%	0%		
Rep. Jimmy Panetta (CA-D)	0%	100%		Sen. Jim Risch (ID-R)	100%	0%		
Rep. Jim Costa (CA-D)	0%	100%		Sen. Richard J. Durbin (IL-D)	0%	100%		
Rep. David Valadao (CA-R)	100%	32%		Rep. Jesus "Chuy" Garcia (IL-D)	0%	100%		
Rep. Salud Carbajal (CA-D)	0%	100%		Rep. Darin LaHood (IL-R)	100%	0%		
Rep. Luz Rivas (CA-D)	N/A	N/A	Pro-abortion	Rep. Frank J Mrvan (IN-D)	0%	100%		
Rep. Gil Cisneros (CA-D)	0%	100%		Rep. Jefferson Shreve (IN-R)	N/A	N/A	Pro-Life	
Rep. Pete Aguilar (CA-D)	0%	100%		Rep. Mark Messmer (IN-R)	N/A	N/A	Pro-Life	
Rep. Jimmy Gomez (CA-D)	0%	100%		Rep. Steve Scalise (LA-R)	100%	0%		
Rep. Norma J Torres (CA-D)	0%	100%		Sen. Edward J. Markey (MA-D)	0%	100%		
Rep. Ted Lieu (CA-D)	0%	100%		Rep. Richard E Neal (MA-D)	0%	100%		
Rep. Linda T. Sanchez (CA-D)	0%	100%		Rep. Jim McGovern (MA-D)	0%	100%		
Rep. Robert Garcia (CA-D)	0%	100%		Rep. Lori Trahan (MA-D)	0%	100%		
Rep. Nanette Barragan (CA-D)	0%	100%		Rep. Stephen F Lynch (MA-D)	0%	100%		
Rep. Lou Correa (CA-D)	0%	100%		Rep. William Keating (MA-D)	0%	100%		

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Rep. Andy Harris (MD-R)	100%	0%		Rep. John W. Mammion (NY-D)	N/A	N/A	Pro-abortion
Rep. April McClain Delaney (MD-D)	N/A	N/A	Pro-abortion	Rep. Joseph D Morelle (NY-D)	0%	100%	
Sen. Susan Collins (ME-R)	75%	83%		Rep. Tim Kennedy (NY-D)	0%	N/A	Pro-abortion
Rep. Debbie Dingell (MI-D)	0%	100%		Sen. Bernie Moreno (OH-R)	NA	NA	Pro-Life
Rep. Tom Barrett (MI-R)	N/A	N/A	Pro-Life	Rep. Bob Latta (OH-R)	100%	5%	
Rep. Kristen McDonald Rivet (MI-D)	N/A	N/A	Pro-abortion	Rep. Marcy Kaptur (OH-D)	0%	100%	
Rep. Lisa McClain (MI-R)	100%	0%		Rep. David Joyce (OH-R)	100%	27%	
Rep. Brad Finstad (MN-R)	100%	0%		Rep. Mike Carey (OH-R)	100%	0%	
Rep. Betty McCollum (MN-D)	0%	100%		Rep. Stephanie Bice (OK-R)	100%	0%	
Rep. Tom Emmer (MN-R)	100%	0%		Rep. Cliff Bentz (OR-R)	100%	0%	
Rep. Michelle Fischbach (MN-R)	100%	0%		Rep. Val Hoyle (OR-D)	0%	100%	
Rep. Pete Stauber (MN-R)	100%	0%		Rep. Andrea Salinas (OR-D)	0%	100%	
Sen. Eric Schmitt (MO-R)	100%	0%		Rep. Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-R)	71%	74%	
Rep. Ann Wagner (MO-R)	100%	32%		Rep. Brendan F Boyle (PA-D)	0%	100%	
Rep. Bob Onder (MO-R)	N/A	N/A	Pro-Life	Rep. Madeleine Dean (PA-D)	0%	100%	
Sen. Thom Tillis (NC-R)	100%	0%		Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon (PA-D)	0%	100%	
Rep. Greg Murphy (NC-R)	100%	0%		Rep. Rob Bresnahan Jr. (PA-R)	N/A	N/A	Pro-Life
Rep. Virginia Foxx (NC-R)	100%	0%		Rep. Dan Meuser (PA-R)	100%	0%	
Sen. John Hoeven (ND-R)	100%	0%		Rep. John Joyce (PA-R)	100%	0%	
Rep. Julie Fedorchak (ND-R)	N/A	N/A	Pro-Life	Rep. Mike Kelly (PA-R)	100%	32%	
Sen. Pete Ricketts (NE-R)	100%	0%		Rep. Chris Deluzio (PA-D)	0%	100%	
Rep. Mike Flood (NE-R)	100%	27%		Sen. Jack Reed (RI-D)	0%	100%	
Rep. Maggie Goodlander (NH-D)	N/A	N/A	Pro-abortion	Rep. Gabe Amo (RI-D)	0%	N/A	Pro-abortion
Rep. Jeff Van Drew (NJ-R)	100%	0%		Sen. Mike Rounds (SD-R)	100%	0%	
Rep. Christopher H Smith (NJ-R)	100%	0%		Rep. Chuck Fleischmann (TN-R)	100%	44%	
Rep. Frank Pallone Jr. (NJ-D)	0%	100%		Rep. Pat Fallon (TX-R)	100%	0%	
Rep. Rob Menendez (NJ-D)	0%	100%		Rep. Michael McCaul (TX-R)	100%	0%	
Rep. Nellie Pou (NJ-D)	N/A	N/A	Pro-abortion	Rep. Veronica Escobar (TX-D)	0%	100%	
Rep. Mikie Sherrill (NJ-D)	0%	100%		Rep. Joaquin Castro (TX-D)	0%	100%	
Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (NM-D)	0%	100%		Rep. Tony Gonzales (TX-R)	100%	27%	
Rep. Gabe Vasquez (NM-D)	14%	97%		Rep. Henry Cuellar (TX-D)	43%	64%	
Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez (NM-D)	0%	100%		Rep. Sylvia R Garcia (TX-D)	0%	100%	
Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (NV-D)	0%	100%		Rep. Vicente Gonzalez (TX-D)	17%	76%	
Rep. Susie Lee (NV-D)	0%	100%		Rep. Greg Casar (TX-D)	0%	N/A	Pro-abortion
Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (NY-D)	0%	100%		Sen. Tim Kaine (VA-D)	0%	100%	
Rep. Nick LaLota (NY-R)	100%	32%		Rep. Jen Kiggans (VA-R)	100%	N/A	
Rep. Andrew Garbarino (NY-R)	100%	32%		Rep. Ben Cline (VA-R)	100%	0%	
Rep. Tom Suozzi (NY-D)	0%	100%		Rep. Gerald E Connolly (VA-D)	0%	100%	
Rep. Laura Gillen (NY-D)	N/A	N/A	Pro-abortion	Sen. Peter Welch (VT-D)	0%	100%	
Rep. Nydia M Velazquez (NY-D)	0%	100%		Sen. Maria Cantwell (WA-D)	0%	100%	
Rep. Adriano Espaillat (NY-D)	0%	100%		Sen. Patty Murray (WA-D)	0%	100%	
Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (NY-D)	0%	100%		Rep. Michael Baumgartner (WA-R)	N/A	N/A	Pro-Life
Rep. George Latimer (NY-D)	N/A	N/A	Pro-abortion	Rep. Bryan Steil (WI-R)	100%	32%	
Rep. Mike Lawler (NY-R)	100%	55%		Rep. Scott Fitzgerald (WI-R)	100%	5%	
Rep. Pat Ryan (NY-D)	0%	100%		Rep. Tony Wied (WI-R)	N/A	N/A	Pro-Life
Rep. Paul Tonko (NY-D)	0%	100%		Rep. Riley Moore (WI-R)	N/A	N/A	Pro-Life
Rep. Elise Stefanik (NY-R)	100%	0%					

Postscript

On January 22, the U.S. Senate voted on the Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act, a bill that would make it illegal not to attend to a baby born alive after a botched abortion. The American people are strongly in favor of such legislation.

The bill lost. Every Democrat voted to kill it.

