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Are You a Faithful Citizen?

As Catholics, we have a moral obligation to participate in the political process at the ballot box. Most issues/matters that come before voters do not have a "Catholic position." There are <u>5 issues</u> however, which are so intrinsically evil that we must give *grave and serious* consideration as to why we would promote or vote for anyone who supports them.

The 5 Non-Negotiable Issues are:

- 1. Abortion/Infanticide
- 2. Assisted Suicide/Euthanasia
- 3. Embryonic Stem Cell Research
- 4. Human Cloning
- 5. Homosexual "Marriage"

Voter's Guide for Serious Catholics, Catholic Answers, 2008

If a political candidate supported something that is intrinsically evil, would you care what his position is on the economy, health care, taxes or immigration?



"It is a mistake with grave moral consequences to treat the destruction of innocent human life merely as a matter of individual choice. A legal system that violates the basic right to life on the grounds of choice is fundamentally flawed." (#22)

"In making these decisions (i.e. who to vote for), it is essential for Catholics to be guided by a *well-formed* conscience that recognizes that all issues do not carry the same moral weight and that the moral obligation to oppose intrinsically evil acts has a special claim on our consciences and our actions." (#37)

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What's more important than the life of the human person - created in the image and likeness of God Hinself?