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- Preborn children (abortion policy)
- Impressionable youth (pornography laws and education policy)
- Husbands and wives (marriage and divorce laws)
- Hurting souls (religious freedom laws)

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So this election year, prayerfully commit to:

- ☑ Be registered.
- ☑ Be informed.
- ☑ Vote your values.

See reverse for more ideas to vote your values.

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DOES MY VOTE REALLY MATTER?

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- **63 percent** of the freshman U.S. congressmen elected were pro-life.
- **77 percent** of the freshman U.S. senators were pro-life.

By increasing pro-life representation in Congress in the 2002 and 2004 elections, America witnessed the first four major abortion-restricting bills enacted since *Roe v. Wade*:

- Infants Born Alive Protection Act
- Unborn Victims of Violence Act
- Partial-Birth Abortion Ban
- Fetal Farming Ban

In addition, those senators helped confirm strict constructionists John Roberts and Samuel Alito to the U.S. Supreme Court.

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- **Only 31 percent** of the freshman U.S. congressmen elected were pro-life.
- **Only 10 percent** of the freshman U.S. senators elected were pro-life.
- *The Baltimore Sun* labeled the 2007 Congress as “the most pro-choice Congress in the history of the Republic.”

Your vote does matter, and you have the opportunity to protect life, marriage and family.

Will you commit to cast your vote in support of the family this November?

Source: David Barton, “American Voters and the Abortion Issue,” *WallBuilders*, January 2008, wallbuilders.com/LIBissuesArticles.asp?id=6449 (April 7, 2008).

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VOTE YOUR VALUES:

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- Choose a race: Know what the candidates stand for. Weigh the candidates’ values against yours, and choose the candidate whose values best represent you and Scripture.
- Final questions: Do the candidates you plan to vote for share your deepest values?

PRAY FOR THE ELECTION:

Election Day is fast approaching, and much is at stake. In many ways, the future of our nation hangs in the balance. We encourage all concerned Christians to devote themselves to prayer for the election and our nation. Remember, how you vote today impacts tomorrow!



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