

WHERE THEY STAND – SCHWERTZ VS. JEFFERSON

SCHWERTZ

Abortion

- Art is an ardent supporter of the position that life begins at conception. Further, he will work to end the Federal funding of abortions as well as to prevent the use of Federal facilities for abortions.

Parental Choice in Education

- Art believes in allowing the parents of children to choose the education that is best for their children through the use of education vouchers.

Homosexual Agenda

- Art has signed the *Family Research Council's* Marriage Protection Pledge indicating that he will fight for a Constitutional Amendment defining Marriage as the “union of one man and one woman”.
- Art will fight to prevent sexual orientation from becoming a “protected class” under Federal law.

JEFFERSON

Abortion

- Mr. Jefferson has voted to allow abortions in Military Hospitals every year between 1997 – 2004.
- He voted to attempt to allow Partial Birth Abortions in cases where the mother’s health is “deemed” in danger in 2002 and 2003.
- He voted to allow minors to be taken across state lines for abortions *without parental consent*.

Parental Choice in Education

- Mr. Jefferson voted against allowing the parents of school children in Washington, D.C. to have the opportunity to choose the best education available for their children.

Homosexual Agenda

- Mr. Jefferson has indicated that he “does not think that an amendment to the Constitution is necessary” to define marriage as being between one man and one woman.
- Mr. Jefferson has voted eight (8) times since 1995 to try and make sexual orientation a “protected class”.
- It should be noted that Mr. Jefferson did vote in favor of the final passage of the Defense of Marriage Act in 1996. ***However, this was only after voting twice for amendments which would have effectively “killed” the act.***
- Jefferson voted against the Marriage Protection Act of 2004.

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SCHWERTZ

Taxes

- Art is an ardent supporter of the position that taxes on the “working poor” should be reduced.
- Art supports fair taxation for married couples.

JEFFERSON

Taxes

- Mr. Jefferson voted against making permanent the 10% tax bracket which affects those individuals making \$10,050 or less per year or couples making \$20,100 or less per year.
- Mr. Jefferson voted against making permanent the marriage penalty relief which was passed in 2001. Had the marriage penalty relief not been made permanent married couples would have been taxed at a higher rate than two single individuals living together.