





## ORTL Wins Free Speech Victory in Court

On Wednesday, September 15th, Federal District Court Judge George C. Smith approved a consent decree upholding the Ohio Right to Life Society's constitutional right to free speech. Prior to this ruling, restrictions had been placed on organizations, unions and corporations regarding what could be said publicly in support of or in opposition to a political candidate during the weeks leading up to an election. With these restrictions ruled unconstitutional (based on the ruling of the Citizens United case earlier this year) this means that ORTL can continue to advocate for life year-round.

Mike Gonidakis, Executive Director of ORTL said, "Our mission is to protect life in Ohio 365 days a year. Like any advocacy organization, we have an obligation to talk about our beliefs when the public is choosing those who will have the power to make crucial decisions on whether to protect innocent human life." This story made the front page of the Columbus Dispatch and was covered by others in the media as well.

## Quinnipiac Poll Shows Pro-Life Values Make a Difference In Elections:

In a recent poll released by Quinnipiac University, pro-life Republican John Kasich had a double digit percentage lead over Governor Ted Strickland, 54 to 37 percent. When asked about values, voters also shared that Kasich was more in tune with their beliefs.

Peter A. Brown of the polling institute said, "Kasich even has a 53 - 35 percent lead over Strickland when voters are asked who most shares their values, a measurement that tends to favor Democrats. Often Republicans win because voters see them as the more competent, but at this point Kasich is seen not only better able to do the job, but also more in tune with voters' values."

While the economy and jobs are topics which have dominated this election season, this poll demonstrates that voter values are also key in determining an election. Over the past year our Ohio Cultural Index consistently found approximately 70% of voters oppose tax-payer funded abortions - a belief which front-runner Kasich also shares with us. This proves that being pro-life is critical to many Ohioans - and in this state, that value carries a lot of weight when it comes to elections.

## Prolife Resources

The Ohio Life Wire - [www.ohiolifewire.org](http://www.ohiolifewire.org)

Knowledge is Empowering - [www.knowledgeisempowering.com](http://www.knowledgeisempowering.com)

National Right to Life - [www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org)

LifeNews.com - [www.lifenews.com](http://www.lifenews.com)

Life Issues Institute - [www.lifeissues.org](http://www.lifeissues.org)

Feminists for Life - [www.feministsforlife.org](http://www.feministsforlife.org)

American Life League - [www.all.org](http://www.all.org)

Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity - [www.cbhd.org](http://www.cbhd.org)

Human Life International - [www.hli.org](http://www.hli.org)

International Anti-Euthanasia Task Force - [www.internationaltaskforce.org](http://www.internationaltaskforce.org)

Amor a la Vida (Español/Spanish) - [www.interartis.com/amoralavida](http://www.interartis.com/amoralavida)

Stop Prejudice (against the unborn) - [www.stopprejudice.com](http://www.stopprejudice.com)

Choose Life License Plates - [www.ohchoose-life.org](http://www.ohchoose-life.org)

Pro Life Connection - [www.ProLifeConnection.com](http://www.ProLifeConnection.com)

Belmont Co. Right to Life  
P O Box 324  
Bridgeport OH 43912

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Permit #12  
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**Please visit these websites:**

[www.BelmontCountyRighttoLife.org](http://www.BelmontCountyRighttoLife.org)  
[www.Ohiolife.org](http://www.Ohiolife.org)  
[www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org)  
[www.lifeissues.org](http://www.lifeissues.org)

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