



Evidence of Jim Schultz's Anti-Abortion Extremism

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1) Jim Schultz's Leadership Position at the Human Life Alliance

Jim Schultz [served on the board of directors](#) for the Human Life Alliance, an anti-abortion non-profit that distributes information in an effort to ban abortion, some of which is false and dangerous. [In their mission statement](#), the Human Life Alliance says:

“Human Life Alliance promotes awareness of the inherent dignity and personhood of human life, born and preborn, without exception or compromise. Human Life Alliance proclaims and defends a culture of life and chastity through education, social and political awareness and life-affirming alternatives to abortion, infanticide, assisted suicide and euthanasia. Human Life Alliance accomplishes its mission in a spirit of prayer and non-violence.... **HLA's goal is to distribute its life-saving materials around the globe to make abortion not just illegal, but unthinkable.**”

The Human Life Alliance has distributed dangerous medical disinformation about abortion in their effort to “make abortion not just illegal, but unthinkable.” [Per the Minnesota Reformer](#):

A Human Life Alliance publication called “She’s a Child, Not a Choice” says abortion doesn’t heal a woman who was raped, but just “adds another emotionally traumatic experience.”

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The publication erroneously claims late-term abortions are “never” needed to save a woman’s life. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, life-threatening conditions can develop later in pregnancy, including early severe preeclampsia, newly diagnosed cancer and intrauterine infection, often in conjunction with the premature rupture of the amniotic sac.

The anti-abortion publication also claims women keeping abortions secret can lead to depression, drug and alcohol abuse and increased risk of breast cancer, infertility, miscarriages, eating disorders, suicide and death.

The American Cancer Society says scientific research has not found abortions cause breast cancer, and the American Psychological Association says abortion is not linked to mental health issues, although restricting access to abortion is.

2) Jim Schultz's Responses to Minnesota Concerned Citizens for Life's Survey

[Minnesota Concerned Citizen for Life distributes a survey](#) to candidates for public office. One of the questions in that survey reads as follows:

2. Incremental strategy

MCCL has a proven record of lifesaving victories at the Legislature, each carefully crafted to further our strategic plan for creating a pro-life Minnesota. This strategic plan involves an incremental approach which allows for the greatest number of lives saved while working toward our ultimate goal of establishing respect for human life in our laws and culture. Do you support MCCL's incremental approach and will you work with MCCL (as appropriate to the office you are seeking) to advance the approach?

Schultz answered yes to this question. Schultz himself said he supports MCCL's "strategic plan" to take an "incremental approach" to "establishing respect for human life in our laws."

Given that MCCL [has described their mission as working to](#) "secure protection for innocent human life from conception until natural death through effective education, legislation, and political action," and given that they have openly talked about working to "[end abortion](#)," the incremental approach MCCL asked candidates about is clearly an approach to ban abortion in Minnesota.

3) Jim Schultz's Defense of Pharmacists for Refusing to Fill Prescriptions for "Abortion Drugs"

At an Alpha News debate during the Republican Attorney General primary, [Jim Schultz was asked about religious liberty](#) and responded by saying:

"In the First Amendment, for a reason, is a fundamental right, not just to worship, the Democrats like to focus on the right to worship, no it's a right to act in accordance with the dictates of your faith. And that is being eroded in many areas. You see it with pharmacists being forced to prescribe abortion drugs. You see it in many areas, in which the rights to exercise your rights of faith, of freedom of religion are being undermined in our country. As Attorney General, I will aggressively stand up and defend those rights, whether it be from the federal government, from the state government, or from municipal governments."

Here, Jim Schultz says he would use the office of Attorney General to defend pharmacists who refuse to fill prescriptions for medication related to abortion. Schultz's plan to give pharmacists veto-power over the reproductive healthcare of Minnesotans could put abortion services out of reach for some Minnesotans, or at the very least make them far more difficult to access.

This not only underscores how anti-abortion Jim Schultz is, but also his willingness to mischaracterize his position on abortion. [It has been reported that](#) Jim Schultz "has repeatedly said the office of attorney general should be apolitical and he wouldn't use the position to advocate for changes to abortion policy." Giving pharmacists veto power over whether Minnesotans can fill prescriptions for a medication abortion would profoundly change abortion policy in Minnesota.