

Choosing Which Candidate to Support



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Now that the Convention is in its last stages, we look to see what has changed. The election seems to be extremely close and few fans have changed their minds. Stop and consider why you decided to vote the way you will. What if your children said they chose their candidate for the following reasons. Some of the reasons could be A. I like the way the candidate dresses or smiles. B. I like or dislike the candidate's family or spouse. C. The candidate ran without explaining his or her feelings. D. I like who endorses the candidate. E. I like or dislike the church (if any they attended). F. They look Presidential. In all these cases you could be voting for someone who does not believe the same way that you or your children do.

Think about letting your children know they might consider some other way of choosing the candidate. Many newspapers seem to believe it is the economy, including inflation. They also seem to believe that there is too much crime and there is not enough tolerance for others in their religious and political beliefs. The issue of abortion by most people is not a yes or no question. Should it be allowed to go to the limit? You might have other issues important to you and your family. What does your family consider very important, like parents' rights and allowing young persons "right to change their sex".

In the long run, the candidate that feels like you do on the issues may be your best choice because what they do will ultimately be more important than what you think they say. So you should make an effort to choose a candidate that thinks the closest to you on the issues. If you are confused by a candidate's stance on the issues, maybe you should vote for someone else. I realize that many of you would have different questions to ask. But these sets have worked in various forms to get the thought process working and not depending on that little D or R after their name.