



## **2004 AAUW Voter Guide**

### **WHAT'S AT STAKE ON NOVEMBER 2**

Your vote is your voice. Our elected officials make decisions that affect your daily life in innumerable ways from taxes to public school financing, to the minimum wage, to health care coverage, to national security. So, their decisions have a major impact on the way in which we live our lives. Consider the following:

- African Americans did not have the right to vote until 1870 when the 15th Amendment was passed.
- Women were not granted the right to vote until 1920 when the 19th Amendment was passed.
- Individuals from 18-20 years of age were granted the right to vote in 1971 when the 26th Amendment was passed.

### **ABOUT THE GUIDE**

This Voter Guide is sponsored by the Rockford Branch of the American Association of University Women. AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change. In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or class.

Candidates' positions on the issues were determined by using voting records, public statements, websites, and mailed questionnaires. Those candidates for which an issue position could not be determined have that position listed as "Unknown." Those candidates who did not specify a position on an issue listed in a questionnaire have that issue listed as "Did not Respond."

The Guide is provided as a public service and does not signify an endorsement of any candidate or political party. The purpose of this Guide is to help citizens cast a thoughtful, informed vote. For questions about this Guide or AAUW-IL, go to <http://www.aauw-il/rockford.org>, or write to:

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# AAUW Positions

These are the positions that the American Association of University Women hold on the issues that are listed in the AAUW Voter Guide for the November 2, 2004 elections.

## National Issues:

1. Oppose
2. Oppose
3. Support
4. Support
5. Support
6. Support
7. Support
8. None
9. Support
10. Support
11. Support
12. Support
13. Support
14. Support

## State of Illinois Issues:

1. Support
2. Support
3. Support
4. Support
5. Support
6. Support
7. Support
8. Support


# National Issues

OFFICE


PRESIDENT

←----- SENATOR -----→

CONGRESSMAN  
16th District

	<i>George W. Bush (R)</i>	<i>John Kerry (D)</i>	<i>Alan Keys (R)</i>	<i>Barack Obama (D)</i>	<i>Jerry Kohn (L)</i>	<i>Albert Franzen (I)</i>	<i>Donald Manzullo (R)</i>	<i>John Kutsch (D)</i>
ISSUES								
1. Reform the Social Security system by encouraging more individual retirement accounts in order to reduce the amount in Social security payments	Support	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Did not Respond	Oppose	Did not Respond	Support
2. Reform Medicare by encouraging the proliferation of privatized health care plans.	Support	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Did not Respond	Support	Did not Respond	Support
3. Improve access to prescription drugs for seniors by allowing drug importation.	Oppose	Support	Unknown	Support	Did not Respond	Support	Support	Support
4. Allow doctors, not insurance companies, to make health care decisions.	Support	Support	Unknown	Support	Did not Respond	Support	Did not Respond	Support
5. Allocate tax dollars for public schools, not private or religious schools.	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Support	Did not Respond	Support	Oppose	Support
6. Continue rigorous enforcement of Title IX.	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Unknown	Did not Respond	Did not Respond	Did not Respond	Support
7. Strengthen gun control by continuing the ban on military-style assault weapons.	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Support	Did not Respond	Did not Respond	Oppose	Support
8. Protect the environment by acknowledging signs of global warming and joining international protocols to reduce it.	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Unknown	Did not Respond	Support	Did not Respond	Support
9. Support no interference in access to family planning.	Oppose	Support	Unknown	Support	Did not Respond	Support	Oppose	Support
10. Safeguard women's rights by no interference in access to doctor managed abortions.	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Support	Did not Respond	Did not Respond	Oppose	Support
11. Expand hate crimes laws to protect women and people with disabilities.	Unknown	Support	Oppose	Unknown	Did not Respond	Oppose	Did not Respond	Support
12. Support affirmative action as a remedy for past discrimination.	Support	Support	Oppose	Support	Did not Respond	Oppose	Oppose	Support
13. Support a strengthened United Nations and its affiliate agencies.	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Support	Did not Respond	Support	Oppose	Support
14. Appoint (by President) & confirm (by the Senate) fair and moderate federal judges.	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Support	Did not Respond	Support	Not applicable	Not applicable

# State Issues

OFFICE	Senate 35th Dist <----- Illinois Legislators ----->							
	<-----35th Dist ----->	67th Dist	<----- 68th Dist ----->	69th Dist	<----- 70th Dist ----->			
	<i>Bradley Burzynski (R)</i>	<i>Bruce Washington (D)</i>	<i>Charles Jefferson (D)</i>	<i>David Winters (R)</i>	<i>Carroll Brumfield (D)</i>	<i>Ronald Wait (R)</i>	<i>Bob Brown (D)</i>	<i>Robert Pritchard (R)</i>
	ISSUES							
1. Support ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.	Did not respond	Support	Support	Did not respond	Did not respond	Did not respond	Did not respond	Oppose
2. Increase funding of support services for victims of violence.	Did not respond	Support	Support	Did not respond	Did not respond	Did not respond	Did not respond	Support
3. Continue funding of subsidies for child care for low income working parents.	Did not respond	Support	Support	Did not respond	Did not respond	Did not respond	Did not respond	Support
4. Continue funding for economic self-sufficiency and job skill/readiness programs.	Did not respond	Support	Support	Did not respond	Did not respond	Did not respond	Did not respond	Support
5. Allocate tax dollars for public schools, not private or religious schools.	Did not respond	Support	Support	Did not respond	Did not respond	Did not respond	Did not respond	Support
6. Support comprehensive reform of the public education system, including equitable and forward funding at all levels, and full funding of mandated programs.	Did not respond	Support	Support	Did not respond	Did not respond	Did not respond	Did not respond	Support
7. Support no interference in access to family planning.	Did not respond	Support	Support	Did not respond	Did not respond	Did not respond	Did not respond	Support
8. Support no interference in a woman's access to doctor managed abortions.	Did not respond	Support	Support	Did not respond	Did not respond	Did not respond	Did not respond	Oppose

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