

## Politics 101 - Back To The Basics

### Meeting Our Elected Officials

**We need to meet our elected officials** - As pro-lifers our elected officials need to see that we exist. If they share our views they need to know that we support them.



Obviously, the first part of meeting our elected officials is finding out who they are and then, where is their office. Depending on what level of government they are in they may have more than one office and/or they could have satellite offices which are open one or more days a week in various parts of their district. This information will probably be on their website.

**Value Their Time** - Our elected officials are people just like us but they are oftentimes busy, so, calling ahead to set up an appointment might not hurt although just walking in is also common. However, be prepared to wait if someone else is already there. If we walked in without an appointment and no one is available be understanding and, if possible, ask when a better time would be. When someone does talk with us be brief. Know what your topic, or topics, are and stick to them. Again, be brief.

**Be Courteous** - What if our elected official is not pro-life? We still have the right to meet with them.



In fact, it is vital that we do because no one else is going to share with them the pro-life side of this debate. But when we meet with them we need to be polite and civil. By that I don't mean weak or afraid but we do need to be respectful.

A huge mistake we make as pro-lifers is not getting to know our elected officials who are pro-choice. Another huge mistake is that when we do meet them we sometimes act hateful.

Most pro-lifers would call themselves Christians and as such we represent the King of the universe; however, far too often we separate our Sunday lives from our weekday lives forgetting that we are on duty as ambassadors of Christ 24 hours of every day and in all of our activities.

**Communicate and Educate** - When the visit is about pro-life here is a package that will work even with an elected official who is pro-abortion. It will also work if the only one you see is the receptionist. The picture to the right is of a package containing the 10 - 12 week old soft baby [model # 751PO](#) available from [Heritage House](#). It is listed on their website, left hand index, under fetal models. Also in the sack is a set of [Precious Feet](#) which are also from Heritage House and are listed under Jewelry/Precious Feet. There are various models in both a gold or a silver appearance. The little see through cloth sack (organza, we recommend white) size 5cm x 7cm can be purchased at Hobby Lobby. This particular one came from an online source called [Pandahall](#).



Put together in a package it shows the [personhood of the pre-born](#), which, as we know, has always been the issue.

**How To Dress** - There is no set protocol and it would probably vary some in some parts of the country but, for the men, a button down collar shirt would never be out of line. A tie would not be necessary. Neat in appearance is never out of style.

**Going as a Couple vs. Going Alone** - It depends on the issue but with pro-life, from the beginning, this issue has been framed as a woman's issue. A woman will always in all settings be able to speak more frankly than a man concerning the subject of pro-life and abortion. A woman brings a presence that a man cannot match.



It is always good to have a friend along. A husband wife team is great. That being said, we just need to go meet our elected officials. If that means going by ourselves, so be it.