

JOE TEIRAB KEY FACTS

It is critical that polling and focus groups be performed to test each of the messages below.

ABORTION

Roe v. Wade

Teirab supports the Supreme Court decision that overturned Roe v. Wade and allowed states to ban abortions with no exceptions.

"I think the Supreme Court did the right thing by putting the decision back to the states."¹

Leader of College Abortion Group

As a college student, Teirab was a leader in his school's anti-abortion club² and told his school's newspaper that "the unborn have a right to life too, regardless of the conception."³

"I can see where the pro-choice people are coming from," Joe Teirab '09 said. "But the unborn have a right to life too, regardless of the conception. ... The government should support women more comprehensively and give women resources collectively."

Crisis Pregnancy Center

Joe Teirab is on the board of a Minnesota crisis pregnancy center in Minnesota⁴⁵ that misleads women about the side effects of abortion⁶ and provides unproven "abortion pill reversal" treatments that the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists say are "not supported by science."⁷

Teirab also supports legislation allowing federal dollars to go toward these crisis pregnancy centers.

TEIRAB: One of the things that I'm proud to be supporting of, of is this bill that, uh, Representative Fischbach is putting out there regarding supporting crisis pregnancy centers who do God's work, literally, God's work in our communities to give women real options. They're not shoving them one way or the other. They're giving them real options to say, hey, you can bring this baby to term. You can support life. They're giving diapers to them. They're giving real options. I'm proud to do that work, and I think we need more of that in Congress to say, hey, how can we actually support women and give people the funding to make those real decisions? So I'd be against any taxpayer funding of abortion.⁸

Statements on Abortion

¹ ["Former federal prosecutor launches campaign against U.S. Rep. Angie Craig," Torey Van Oot, Axios, 10/18/2023](#)

² ["What Is CCF?" Cornell4life.org, Archived 1/28/2010](#)

³ ["Lecture Calls Abortion 'A Betrayal of Feminism,'" Lucy Li, Cornell Daily Sun, 4/2/2009](#)

⁴ [12:17, DFL Tracking Audio, Le Sueur County GOP Meeting, 11/6/2023](#)

⁵ [Annual Report-2021-2022," New Life Family Services, 02/2023](#)

⁶ ["24 Minnesota crisis pregnancy centers promote 'dangerous' abortion pill reversal," Molly Castle Work, The Post Bulletin, 8/5/2022](#)

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⁸ [Minnesota CD2 Scott County GOP Debate, 1/18/2024 \[59:55\]](#)

Teirab has said that he is “100% pro-life” and that “hurts [his] heart” that “we even had abortion in this world.” He says he wants to “be part of the solutions and consensus to make [abortion] go away,” and wants to “put through pro-life legislation.”

Yeah, I am 100% pro-life. Part of my story is that when I was in college, I was involved in a pro-life group because it's always been something that's near and dear to my heart. And as part of this group, I got some DVDs sent home to where my folks were. They were living in Windom at the time. They now live in Worthington. And my mom sent me this letter back and she said in this letter, 'Hey, Joe, I want to tell you something that I haven't told you,' that when she was pregnant with me, she didn't know what she wanted to do. She thought about all the options. She thought about abortion, adoption, and then she ended up getting plugged into, by God's grace, this place called New Life Family Services, it's a crisis pregnancy center. And they have a few centers in Minneapolis, in the Twin Cities area. And they encouraged her to have me. And I'm only here because of the good work of people who work at New Life Family Services crisis pregnancy centers across the country.

And it hurts my heart that this has happened since 1973, that we even have abortion in this world. I want to be part of the solutions and consensus to make it go away. And so I'm 100% pro-life and I want to do what I can to not only put through pro-life legislation, but at the same time, given my story, my mom's story, I want to help support women in these tough situations because it is tough. And so I think we need to kind of come at it with grace and compassion and humility. And so that's kind of how I come on it.⁹

Teirab has also said that he supports enacting “pro-life policies that do support a culture of life,” including abortion bans that have exceptions for rape, incest and life of the mother. He also claimed that Rep. Craig supported “abortion up until the moment of birth.”

Walter Hudson: Joe, the Democrats will weaponize the abortion debate again in 2024 [inaudible] to incite the left. What is your stance and how are you going to address and speak about this issue with Angie Craig?

Joe Teirab: I think we need to step back for a moment and just acknowledge that this is a deeply personal and emotional issue that deserves all of our grace, compassion, and humility. When I was 22, I found out from my mom for the first time that when she was pregnant with me, she didn't know what she wanted to do. She thought about all the options, including abortion, and had even called the Planned Parenthood. But thankfully, and by the grace of God, she got plugged into a crisis pregnancy center that loved her, supported her, and encouraged her to have me. And so now here I am, and I'm on the board of that crisis pregnancy center, and I'm honored to do it. And so I am pro-life because all life is precious and all life is created in the image of God. At the same time, we have a democracy, right? And there are some people on different sides who have different views on this that I respect. And we have a Supreme Court that said that this is a federal issue and not a state issue. And so I'd be against a federal ban, but I'd be for pro-life policies that do support a culture of life, and I would be for pro-life policies that have those exceptions for rape, incest, and life of the mother.

But I think we need to move forward where we have consensus on this issue. Can't we all agree that adoption and foster care should be a heck of a lot easier? Can't most of us agree that taxpayers, you and me, should not be paying for abortion? And yes, we're going to call out the

⁹ [DFL Tracking Audio, Le Sueur County GOP meeting, 11/6/2023, \[12:17\]](#)

Democrats for their extreme on this. Angie Craig won't ever say that she's against abortion up until the moment of birth, because that's what she supports. We need to support life. All life is precious. All life should be treated with dignity and respect. Women and the unborn.¹⁰

SOCIAL SECURITY

Joe Teirab supports raising the retirement age and privatizing Social Security.

JOE TEIRAB: But then, you know, you do need to make sure that under a certain age you have to change what the retirement age is going to be. Or maybe I've heard a better option is this. Graduate it, so if you're, you know, 30 to 40, well actually, I'm sorry. If you're like 40 to 50 you have an option to, for half of what your benefits might be, opt out into putting it basically, putting your own social security, like private account. As you go down in age, you basically make it more... [indiscernible]

ATTENDEE: So can you invest that on your own anywhere? Or is it like you have certain options to invest because some people would do something crazy?

TEIRAB: That's true. I think it would be...Yeah, I think you would have to make it limited option because otherwise there is some sense of, hey, people are going to, not going to, you know, make wise decisions. Part of it is like you do get older, but you do kind of as you get younger in age where, hey, someone my age, I'm 37, retirement age should maybe change for me or I should get more of an option to have it privatized.¹¹

INFLATION REDUCTION ACT

Joe Teirab opposes the Inflation Reduction Act, which allows Medicare to negotiate with drug companies and caps insulin costs to \$35 a month for seniors.

ATTENDEE: So that's a bad bill isn't it?

TEIRAB: I'm sorry, which bill are we talking about?

ATTENDEE: The Inflation Reductions?

TEIRAB: Oh, yeah, of course.

ATTENDEE: That the mayor's talking about.

TEIRAB: Yup Yup Yup

ATTENDEE: It's terrible

TEIRAB: Yup Yup. No doubt. Yeah.¹²

¹⁰ [Minnesota CD2 Scott County GOP Debate, 1/18/2024 \[30:16\]](#)

¹¹ [DFL Tracking Audio, SD53 Pints and Politics, 2/15/2024, \[30:22\]](#)

¹² [DFL Tracking Audio, Pre-CD2 Debate Social, 1/18/2024, \[1:52\]](#)

REPUBLICAN STUDY COMMITTEE

Joe Teirab has taken over \$144,000 from the leadership PACs and campaign committees of Republican Study Committee members.

Earlier this year, the RSC released a budget that would raise the retirement age and privatize Medicare, cutting benefits for millions of seniors. The RSC’s plan also endorsed passing a national abortion ban that could threaten access to IVF.¹³

Teirab Donations from RSC Members

Donor	Amount
AMERICAN REVIVAL PAC (LPAC for Speaker Mike Johnson)	\$10,000.00
FIRST IN FREEDOM PAC (LPAC for Rep. Richard Hudson, R-NC)	\$7,500.00
AMERICAN GRIT PAC (LPAC for Rep. Kat Cammack, R-FL)	\$5,000.00
SEAL PAC SUPPORTING ELECTING AMERICAN LEADERS PAC (LPAC for Rep. Ryan Zinke, R-MT)	\$5,000.00
VICTORY AND FREEDOM PAC (VAF PAC) (LPAC for Rep. Virginia Foxx, R-NC)	\$5,000.00
E-PAC (LPAC for Rep. Elise M. Stefanik, R-NY)	\$5,000.00
ELECTING MAJORITY MAKING EFFECTIVE REPUBLICANS (EMMER PAC) (LPAC for Rep. Tom Emmer, R-MN)	\$5,000.00
RICK W. ALLEN FOR CONGRESS	\$4,000.00
LATTA FOR CONGRESS (Committee for Rep. Bob Latta, R-OH)	\$4,000.00
WALBERG FOR CONGRESS (LPAC for Rep. Tim Walberg, R-MI)	\$4,000.00
DAVID ROUZER FOR CONGRESS	\$4,000.00
BUILDING RENEWAL IN AMERICA NOW PAC (LPAC for Rep. Brian Babin, R-TX)	\$3,300.00
LISA MCCLAIN FOR CONGRESS	\$3,300.00
RVFPAC (LPAC for Rep. Guy Reschenthaler, R-PA)	\$3,300.00
ARMSTRONG FOR CONGRESS (Committee for Rep. Kelly Armstrong, R-ND)	\$3,125.00
DAVID PAC DELIVERING AMERICAN VALUES IN DC (LPAC for Rep. David Kustoff, R-TN)	\$3,000.00
BLAKE MOORE FOR CONGRESS	\$3,000.00
DEBBIE LESKO FOR CONGRESS	\$3,000.00
AMERICA'S FIRST PAC (LPAC for Rep. Robert J. Wittman, R-VA)	\$3,000.00
TEXAS RED (LPAC for Rep. Ronny Jackson, R-TX)	\$2,500.00
CONSERVATIVE OPPORTUNITY LEADERSHIP AND ENTERPRISE PAC (LPAC for Rep. Tom Cole, R-OK)	\$2,500.00
UPPER HAND FUND (LPAC for Rep. Bill Huizenga, R-MI)	\$2,500.00
CMR PAC (LPAC for Rep. Cathy McMorris, R-WA)	\$2,500.00
JAM PAC (LPAC for Rep. Lloyd Smucker, R-PA)	\$2,500.00
A NEW NATION PAC (LPAC for Rep. Ann Wagner, R-Mo)	\$2,500.00

¹³ [“House Republican budget calls for raising the retirement age for Social Security,” Sahil Kapur, NBC News, 3/20/2024](#)

LAND OF OPPORTUNITY PAC (LPAC for Rep. Bruce Westerman, R-AR)	\$2,500.00
MISSION FIRST PEOPLE ALWAYS PAC (LPAC for Rep. John James, R-MI)	\$2,500.00
IN THE ARENA PAC (LPAC for Rep. J. French Hill, R-AR)	\$2,500.00
ABRAHAM LINCOLN PAC (LPAC for Rep. Darin LaHood, R-IL)	\$2,500.00
BUDDY CARTER FOR CONGRESS (Committee for Rep. Earl L. "Buddy" Carter, R-GA)	\$2,000.00
CONCERNED AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM & OPPORTUNITY PAC (CAFO PAC) (LPAC for Rep. Adrian Smith, R-NE)	\$2,000.00
BUILDING AMERICA'S REPUBLICAN REPRESENTATION PAC (LPAC for Rep. Andy Barr, R-KY)	\$2,000.00
BURGESS 4 UTAH (Committee for Rep. Burgess Owens, R-UT)	\$2,000.00
AUGUST PFLUGER FOR CONGRESS	\$2,000.00
FRIENDS TO ELECT DR. GREG MURPHY TO CONGRESS (Committee for Rep. Gregory F. Murphy, R-NC)	\$2,000.00
RON ESTES FOR CONGRESS	\$2,000.00
JAKE ELLZEY FOR CONGRESS	\$2,000.00
EMMER FOR CONGRESS (Committee for Rep. Tom Emmer, R-MN)	\$2,000.00
BRETT PAC - THE LEADERSHIP PAC OF US REPRESENTATIVE BRETT GUTHRIE	\$2,000.00
BUCSHON FOR CONGRESS (Committee for Rep. Larry D. Bucshon, R-IN)	\$2,000.00
GUTHRIE FOR CONGRESS (Committee for Rep. Brett Guthrie, R-KY)	\$1,500.00
DO RIGHT BAYOU PAC (LPAC for Rep. Garret Graves, R-LA)	\$1,500.00
ASHLEY HINSON FOR CONGRESS	\$1,000.00
FIGHT ON PAC (LPAC for Rep. Ashley Hinson, R-IA)	\$1,000.00
CHUCK EDWARDS FOR CONGRESS	\$1,000.00
MEUSER FOR CONGRESS (Committee for Rep. Daniel Meuser, R-PA)	\$1,000.00
BIG IDEAS CREATE EXCELLENCE - BICE PAC (LPAC for Rep. Stephanie Bice, R-OK)	\$1,000.00
NATHANIEL MORAN FOR CONGRESS (Committee for Rep. Nathaniel Moran, R-TX)	\$1,000.00
ELECTING REPUBLICANS INDIANA PAC (LPAC for Rep. Erin Houchin, R-IN)	\$1,000.00
REPUBLICANS UNITED TO DEFEND YOU PAC (RUDY PAC) (LPAC for Rep. Rudy Yakym, R-IN)	\$1,000.00
IMPACT COMMITTEE (LPAC for for Rep. Michael R. Turner, R-OH)	\$1,000.00
BUDDY PAC (LPAC for Rep. Earl L. "Buddy" Carter, R-GA)	\$1,000.00
CITIZENS FOR TURNER (Committee for Rep. Michael R. Turner, R-OH)	\$1,000.00
Grand Total	\$144,525.00

RESIDENCY

Teirab admitted when he joined the race in October 2023 that he only recently moved to the Second Congressional District and was renting a place in Burnsville.¹⁴ However, he owned a Minnetonka townhouse outside the district up until November 2023, a month after he announced his run for Congress. Teirab transferred ownership of the property to his brother, Adam Teirab.

¹⁴ ["Former federal prosecutor launches campaign against Minnesota U.S. Rep. Angie Craig," Torey Van Oot, Axios, 10/18/2023](#)

County: Hennepin

Owner: Adam Teirab

Relevant Past Owner: Joseph Teirab

Current Assessed Value: \$252,500

Current Zillow Estimate: \$298,700

Timeline: 7/22/2022 – 11/17/2023

Property Info: This is a 1,248 sqft town house with an attached garage. The property has two bedrooms and 1.5 bathrooms.

Land Records History

Date	Doc Type	Seller/Lender	Grantee/Borrower	Amount
7/22/2022	W. Deed	Jess & Jamie Dvorak	Joseph Teirab	\$275,000
11/17/2023	Quit Claim Deed	Joseph Teirab	Adam Robert Teirab	\$500

ITHACA JOURNAL ARTICLE, 10/4/08

Joe Teirab, executive director of the Cornell College Republicans, made phone calls for Mike Huckabee's campaign during the Republican primary season last winter and plans to travel to Pennsylvania to campaign for McCain as soon as he's finished taking the law school admission test.

Though he favors McCain on foreign policy, the economy and education, Teirab said his biggest issue is opposing abortion.

"I feel like (Obama's) views on abortion are really radical and not within the mainstream of America," Teirab said. "That issue in and of itself to me basically disqualifies me from supporting Obama."