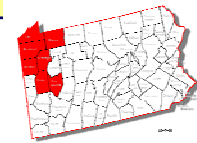


**2008 GENERAL ELECTION – Vote November 4**

**Pennsylvania – U.S. House District 3**



**Democratic—Challenger**

**Republican—Incumbent**

**Kathy Dahlkemper**

**Political experience:** None  
**Background:** Vice President of Board for the Lake Erie Arboretum; Co-owner of family landscape business; degree in dietetics from Edinboro Univ. in 1982  
**Family:** Married (Dan) and has five grown children  
**Web:** [www.kathydahlkemperforcongress.com](http://www.kathydahlkemperforcongress.com) (campaign)  
**Campaign Office:** 814-456-0987  
**E-mail:** form on campaign website



**Phil English**

**Political experience:** U.S. House of Representatives, 1994-present; Erie County Controller, 1985-89  
**Background:** BA in Political Science from Penn State, 1979  
**Family:** Married (Christiane)  
**Web:** [www.house.gov/english](http://www.house.gov/english) (official) and [www.peopleforenglish.org](http://www.peopleforenglish.org) (campaign)  
**Campaign Office:** 814-314-0752  
**E-mail:** No address listed on campaign website



<p>"Mrs. Dahlkemper confirmed Wednesday she would not support the death penalty for bin Laden because of her strict pro-life beliefs, which put her in opposition to abortion, euthanasia and the death penalty." (<i>Sharon Herald</i>, 4/9/2008)</p>	<b>Abortion</b>	<p>Voted for the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act in 2003, the Unborn Victims of Violence Act in 2004, and for restricting internet transport of minors to get abortions in 2005.</p>
<p>"Our economy is in desperate need of affordable energy. The days of cheap oil are past; I believe we must focus on affordable solutions, supply new energy products, and make greater use of current energy sources other than petroleum.</p> <p>I believe a sound energy plan means changing our concept of both supply and demand. Such a plan includes both traditional energy supplies like coal, oil, and natural gas, and newer technologies such as solar, wind, and biofuels." (campaign website)</p>	<b>Energy</b>	<p>"Pennsylvania can lead America nation toward energy independence. We have the resources, talent, and technology to power the nation."</p> <p>"Pennsylvania coal once powered the nation, it can again. New Clean Coal technology makes it possible to exploit this resource in an environmentally safe manner. Tens of thousands of Pennsylvanians already make their living in this industry, with a little federal help, that number could skyrocket over the next few years." (campaign website)</p>
<p>"American healthcare is in crisis; we must make it a priority to cover all of our children, while working towards universal healthcare coverage for all Americans." "We must work to enact a system of universal coverage that is cost effective, puts the consumer in control, includes portability, preventative care, long-term care, and a better prescription drug plan than is currently offered under Medicare."</p>	<b>Health Care</b>	<p>"It's clear, the American healthcare system is facing a financial crisis, and as a lawmaker and advocate of healthcare reform I believe we must do all that we can to advance policies that will guarantee universal access to affordable, quality care for working families and seniors." (campaign website)</p>
<p>"I support Civil Unions and Domestic Partner benefits. On a personal note, I am running for Congress because we have had enough of the so-called family values of the Republican right, ...." (<i>Erie Gay News</i>)</p>	<b>Marriage</b>	<p>Voted for the amendments proposed to protect traditional marriage as the union of one man and one woman in 2004 and 2006.</p>
<p>"We need to stop spending money that we don't have. We have to attack waste in a real way and the government needs to be more transparent in its spending." "It's time we rethink our nation's priorities and shift some of our resources away from massive military spending to our urgent domestic needs." (both quotes from campaign website)</p>	<b>Taxes &amp; Spending</b>	<p>"A strong advocate for lower and fairer taxes, I have supported initiatives that will help to ease the financial burden on local families. I've worked to eliminate the marriage penalty, increase the child tax credit, and create tax incentives to increase access to higher education." (campaign website)</p>
<p>"The time is long overdue to develop a plan for an organized disengagement from Iraq. I support a systematic withdrawal of our troops, bringing them home safely and with honor." (campaign website)</p>	<b>War in Iraq</b>	<p>"This Congress, I have joined a bipartisan group of 28 House lawmakers in unveiling a "Bipartisan Compact on Iraq Debate," a series of eight principles to help guide the U.S. House of Representatives away from political infighting and toward a bipartisan solution on Iraq." (Congressional website)</p>

**The 3rd Congressional District includes Erie County, most of Armstrong, Butler, Crawford, and Mercer counties, and parts of Venango and Warren counties. It includes the cities of Erie, Meadville, Sharon, and Butler.**

**Sources:** Campaign websites of candidates, Project Vote Smart, and others as listed above