

WHERE THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES STAND ON LIFE



THE RIGHT TO LIFE

DONALD TRUMP'S views on abortion changed after seeing friends experience a crisis pregnancy. "It is my profound honor to be the first President in history to attend the March for Life. We're here for a very simple reason: to defend the right of every child, born and unborn, to fulfill their God-given potential."

JOE BIDEN Despite opposing Roe v. Wade in the early 1980s, Joe Biden supports elective abortions at any point in pregnancy. In the U.S. Senate, Biden voted against the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, "Lacy and Conner's Law," which allows additional criminal penalties if a pregnant victim's unborn child is also harmed by a violent crime.

ROE V. WADE AND THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

DONALD TRUMP President Trump followed through on his commitment to appoint justices who believe in the rule of law. He opposes Roe v. Wade: "The Supreme Court in 1973 based its decision on imagining rights and liberties in the Constitution that are nowhere to be found."

JOE BIDEN promises to "codify Roe v. Wade" if it is overturned, allowing abortion-on-demand through all nine months of pregnancy. Biden led the U.S. Senate effort to "bork" (oppose) Supreme Court nominee Robert Bork in 1987, widely recognized as forever changing the partisan and vicious nature of Supreme Court nomination hearings.

LATE-TERM ABORTIONS AND INFANTICIDE

DONALD TRUMP was the first presidential candidate to describe a late-term abortion procedure during a presidential debate. He supported efforts in Congress to ban late-term abortions and protect babies who survive botched abortions: "We should not be one of seven countries that allows elective abortions after 20 weeks. It goes against our core values."

JOE BIDEN repudiated his past support for partial-birth abortion bans during his presidential primary campaign for the 2008 election. He criticized the Supreme Court's ruling in Gonzales v. Carhart, which upheld the federal partial-birth abortion ban: "This is all code for saying, 'Here we come to undo Roe v. Wade.'"

TAXPAYER FUNDING OF ABORTIONS

DONALD TRUMP President Trump was the first president to ever defund a portion of Planned Parenthood's budget directly. He has constantly supported the Hyde Amendment, which prevents direct federal taxpayer funding of abortion.

JOE BIDEN After intense criticism from fellow Democrats, Joe Biden repudiated his support for the Hyde Amendment. His health care plan will force taxpayers to pay for abortions: "That's why at the same time I announced that policy, I announced that I could no longer continue to abide by the Hyde Amendment." Biden now fully supports using tax dollars to pay for abortions.