



THE PRESIDENTIAL RECORD ON LIFE

President Joseph R. Biden 2021-present

President Joe Biden called the pro-life perspective
“an extremist agenda that is antithetical to everything we believe as Americans.”

(Remarks delivered from the Roosevelt Room of the White House, July 8, 2022.)

- **Abortion Funding:** President Biden supports the use of taxpayer dollars to fund abortions. He has called for the elimination of the Hyde Amendment, which prevents federal funds from being used to pay for abortions in many federal programs. Biden has vowed to veto legislation like the “No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act,” which would apply Hyde principles on a government-wide basis.
- **Unlimited Abortion Until Birth:** President Biden has pledged to sign the “Women’s Health Protection Act,” a bill that would enshrine unlimited abortion until birth in federal law and do away with virtually all existing protections for unborn children and their mothers on both the federal and state levels, including parental involvement laws.
- **Funding Abortions Abroad:** In one of his first acts in office, President Biden repealed the Trump-era “Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance” policy, which prevented American taxpayer funds from being used to fund organizations that perform or promote abortion in other countries.
- **Chemical Abortion:** Under President Biden, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) suspended safeguards established for women undergoing chemical abortions, such as seeing the abortionist in person. The in-person requirement helped to prevent complications resulting from an ectopic pregnancy, which can be fatal and can only be diagnosed with an in-person evaluation. Biden’s FDA also now permits pharmacists to dispense abortion drugs, and it even allows abortion drugs to be sent by mail.
- **Funding Abortion Providers:** In April 2021, President Biden’s Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) overturned the Trump Administration’s “Protect Life Rule” on Title X family-planning funding. The Biden rule allows millions of dollars in Title X funding to flow to facilities that perform or refer for abortions like Planned Parenthood, the nation’s largest abortion provider.
- **Abortion Funding in the Military:** President Biden’s Department of Veterans Affairs announced they will pay for and provide abortions for “health reasons,” defined broadly as to be for any reason. This has been statutorily prohibited since 1992. In addition, the Biden Administration’s Department of Defense announced it will pay the travel and transportation costs for military members and dependents to travel to obtain elective abortions.
- **Vice President:** President Biden’s second-in-command is former California Senator Kamala Harris. Like Biden, Harris supports a nationwide policy allowing unlimited abortion for any reason until birth. She made history in 2024 by becoming the first sitting Vice President to visit an abortion facility.
- **The Judiciary:** President Biden promises to only nominate judges who support a “right to abortion.” In 2022, he appointed Ketanji Brown Jackson to the U.S. Supreme Court. Her nomination was strongly backed by the nation’s leading pro-abortion groups.
- **Abortion-Expanding Mandates:** In an effort to override protective pro-life state laws, the Biden Administration issued guidance in July 2023 asserting that EMTALA requires access to unlimited abortion. The federal EMTALA law regulating emergency rooms exists to protect patients, not create a right to unlimited abortion. In 2022, the “Pregnant Workers Fairness Act,” meant to protect pregnant women in the workplace, became law. However, in 2024, the Biden Administration finalized a rule establishing a nationwide requirement that employers with 15 or more employees provide employees leave to obtain elective abortions under the new law. Litigation on both actions is ongoing.
- **Endorsements:** The Biden-Harris ticket is endorsed by groups that advocate abortion without limits including Planned Parenthood Action Fund, EMILY’s List, and Reproductive Freedom for All (formerly NARAL).