

# U.S. President



## Where Do the Candidates Stand on Abortion?



### Donald Trump

### Joe Biden

#### Abortion on Demand

**Donald Trump opposes abortion on demand and supports protections for unborn children and their mothers.** He has implemented pro-life policies through executive action, promised to sign pro-life legislation if passed by Congress (such as a bill to protect pain-capable unborn children), and pledged to veto any legislation that would weaken existing pro-life laws or policies. Trump says, *“Let me be clear—I am pro-life.”*

**Joe Biden supports abortion on demand.** He says he wants to “codify *Roe v. Wade*,” the Supreme Court decision that eliminated laws protecting unborn children nationwide. Biden says his Justice Department “will do everything in its power to stop” state laws protecting unborn children and their mothers—including such laws as parental notification requirements (for minors) and abortion facility health and safety standards.

#### Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

**Donald Trump opposes using tax dollars to pay for abortion.** His administration issued regulations to prevent Title X funding from going to facilities that perform or refer for abortions. Trump also implemented the Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance policy to stop funding of groups that perform or promote abortion overseas, and he cut off funding for a U.N. agency because of its involvement in China’s forced abortion program.

**Joe Biden supports using tax dollars to pay for abortion.** He wants to repeal the Hyde Amendment, the longstanding measure that prevents federal Medicaid funding of elective abortions. Biden promises to issue executive orders on his “first day in office” to restore Title X taxpayer funding to Planned Parenthood and to allow taxpayer funding of groups that perform or promote abortion in other countries.

#### Judicial Nominations

**Donald Trump has appointed more than 200 federal judges, including two Supreme Court justices.** These judges are considered likely to faithfully apply the Constitution rather than strike down pro-life laws or impose abortion-expanding policies. In a 2020 case, both of the Supreme Court justices appointed by Trump voted to uphold a requirement that abortion practitioners obtain hospital admitting privileges.

**Joe Biden pledges that his judicial nominees would “support the right of privacy, on which the entire notion of a woman’s right to choose is based.”** He said in a 2020 primary debate, *“I’m the reason why this right [to abortion] wasn’t taken away a long time ago because [while in the Senate] I almost single-handedly made sure that [President Reagan’s nominee] Robert Bork did not get on the Court.”*

### Mike Pence

### VP Candidates

### Kamala Harris

**Mike Pence compiled a strong pro-life record in Congress and as governor of Indiana.** As vice president, he cast the tie-breaking Senate vote for a bill to allow states to deny Title X funds to Planned Parenthood. Pence says, *“I believe the day will come in our lifetime when we’ll see Roe v. Wade sent to the ash heap of history and we’ll put the sanctity of life back at the center of American law.”*

**Kamala Harris has a 0% pro-life voting record in the U.S. Senate,** according to National Right to Life. She voted against protection for unborn children after 20 weeks (when they can feel pain) and against protection for babies who survive abortion. Harris says, *“Abortion is a fundamental issue of justice in America and we will never stop fighting for it.”*



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