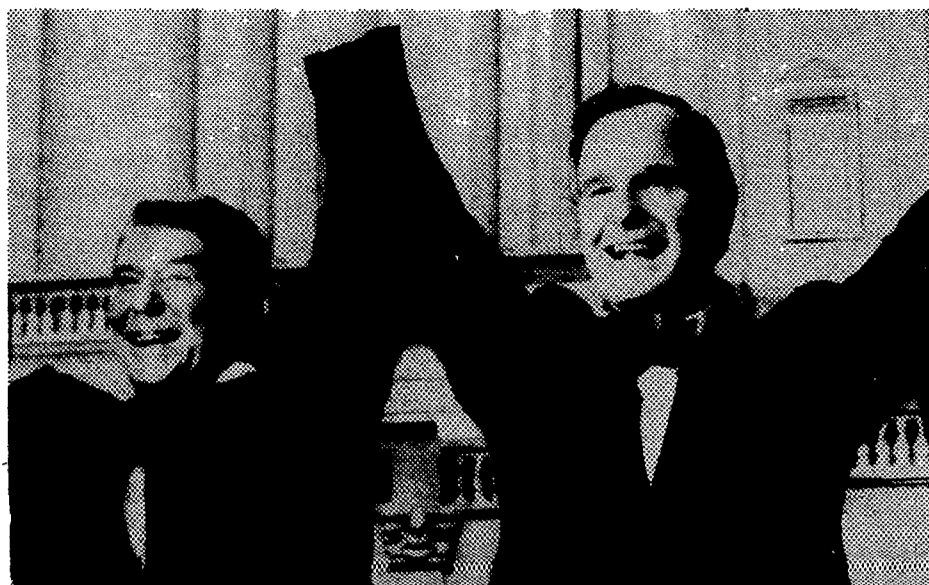


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The Reagan/Bush Record on Abortion 1981-1988



- Eight years ago 7 of the 9 Supreme Court Justices were pro-abortion.
- Eight years ago a pro-abortion administration opposed all pro-life efforts to protect human life by legal restrictions on abortion.
- Eight years ago high-ranking pro-abortion administration officials used their departments to support funding of abortion and pro-abortion organizations, and even funded the exportation of abortion to other countries.

Over the past eight years the Reagan/Bush Administration has carried on a battle against abortion:

- The Reagan/Bush Administration has replaced three pro-abortion Supreme Court justices with Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia, and Anthony Kennedy, who adhere to the text and history of the Constitution. In 1980, there were only two dissenters to the Court's rigidly pro-abortion position. Seven years later, in *Hartigan v. Zbaraz*, the vote was 4-4.
- Recently all three United States Supreme Court justices appointed by President Reagan were part of the five-member majority which upheld the *Adolescent Family Life Act*. This decision ruled in favor of pro-life, pro-adoption "teen pregnancy" programs.
- The Reagan/Bush Administration supported the Hyde Amendment and other bills to virtually end federal tax funding of abortion. In September 1988 when the U.S. Senate tried to weaken the Hyde Amendment, the Reagan/Bush Administration played the key role in preserving the Hyde Amendment by promising to veto the HHS Appropriations bill. The Administration also was key to ending tax funding of abortions in the District of Columbia by promising to veto the DC appropriations bill if it did not prohibit abortion funding.
- The Reagan/Bush Administration supported the Danforth Amendment to the Civil Rights Restoration Act. Without this amendment, the Act would have forced Catholic and other religious hospitals and institutions to participate in abortion. Vice President Bush flew back from campaigning in order to be present in the Senate in case his vote for the Danforth Amendment was necessary to break a tie.

- The Administration played a major role in the battle against infanticide. This culminated when the President signed the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act of 1984. That Act contained the "Baby Doe" amendments to guarantee non-discriminatory medical treatment of disabled newborns.
- The Administration currently is opposing the proposed Title 10 family planning bill because it fails to prohibit operation in elementary and secondary schools of federally funded family planning programs such as school-based clinics which promote, counsel, and refer for abortions; and because the act fails to prohibit the use of research funds authorized by the bill to research, develop and bring to market such abortion pills as RU 486.
- There have been a lengthy series of legislative and regulatory attempts by the Administration to ensure that federal funds are denied to any Title 10 program that encourages, promotes, or advocates abortion in any manner, or performs counseling or referrals concerning abortion.
- The Administration led the way in cutting off American funds for overseas organizations which support or promote abortion, such as the International Planned Parenthood Federation. (The Mexico City Policy.)
- Mr. Reagan supported the Kemp/Kasten and Smith amendments which ended U.S. funding of forced abortion in China.
- The President and Vice President have met repeatedly with pro-life leaders to discuss ways to restore legal protection to unborn children.
- Mr. Reagan has made pro-life appointments to key governmental positions.
- The entire topic of fetal pain was introduced into public debate with a 1983 presidential speech.
- Mr. Reagan wrote the book, "Abortion and the Conscience of a Nation," which outlined the case against abortion and infanticide, and stressed the importance of overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

A Pro-life Administration Does Make a Difference

Thank you President Reagan and Vice President Bush.



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