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## THE ABORTION ISSUE

# Where Do The Candidates Stand?



**MICHAEL  
DUKAKIS**

*“I support the Supreme Court decision on abortion.” “I believe that abortion is a personal decision which can only be made by the individual woman... I do support federal funding of abortion services...”*

Michael Dukakis

As a Massachusetts state legislator:

- Introduced a bill to legalize abortion in Massachusetts in 1970, three years prior to the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion nationwide.

As Governor of Massachusetts:

- On four occasions, vetoed legislation or a state budget because it contained restrictions on government funding of abortions.
- Appointed an abortion advocate as Secretary of Human Services.
- Keynote speaker at a 1986 abortion rights “celebration.”

Stated position:

- Supports the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision.
- Supports Medicaid funding of abortion.
- The National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL) says: “As a legislator and as a Governor, Dukakis has been a consistent and strong supporter of reproductive rights for women.”
- The National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) says: “This is the most pro-abortion presidential ticket in history.”

### Lloyd Bentsen

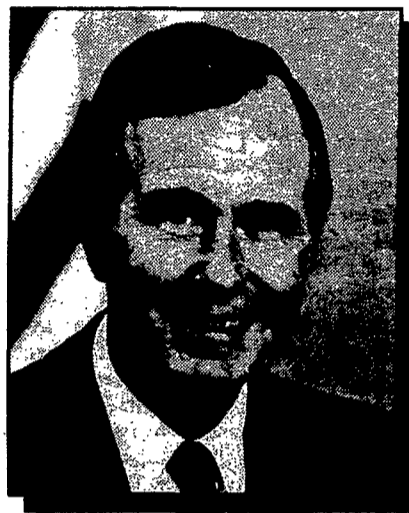
Sen. Bentsen has consistently supported legal abortion on demand and federal funding of elective abortion.

Bentsen’s Senate voting record according to:

- Planned Parenthood—43 “pro-choice” votes, 2 “anti-choice” votes, 5 absences.
- National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL)—42 “pro-choice” votes, 3 “anti-choice” votes, 9 absences. “Bentsen has only once voted against [of abortion]. On the whole, Sen. Bentsen’s voting record on our issue has been very good.”
- National Right to Life Committee (NRLC)—39 pro-abortion votes in support of federal funding of abortions, 1 pro-life vote, 5 absences. [The number of votes differ because the different groups recorded slightly different time periods and issues.]

### Democratic Party Platform

- Calls abortion “the fundamental right of reproductive choice.”
- Calls for federal funding of abortion.



**GEORGE  
BUSH**

*“I believe that abortion is wrong... Federal funds should not be used to finance abortion... I believe we need a Human Life Amendment. Our Constitution is and should be designed to protect human life.”*

George Bush

- ★ Opposes the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion throughout the nine months of pregnancy.
- ★ Opposes the funding of abortion with taxpayer dollars.
- ★ Favors a Human Life Amendment to overturn the Supreme Court decision.
- ★ The National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) says: “George Bush has been a consistent supporter of pro-life efforts while serving as Vice President with Ronald Reagan.”
- ★ The National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL) says: “Vice President Bush is anti-choice and supports President Reagan’s opposition to abortion.”

### Dan Quayle

- ★ Voted in 1982 for pro-life legislation which stated that life begins at conception.
- ★ Voted in 1983 for the Hatch/Eagleton Human Life Amendment (HLA), which stated that a right to abortion is not secured by the Constitution.
- ★ Has voted consistently against federal funding of abortion.

### Republican Party Platform

- ★ Calls for a Human Life Amendment to the Constitution.
- ★ Calls for the appointment of federal judges and justices who support the sanctity of innocent human life and traditional family values.
- ★ Opposes federal funding of abortion; commends providers of alternatives to abortion.
- ★ Declares that, “The unborn child has a fundamental, individual right to life which cannot be infringed.”

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