

Where Do The Candidates Stand On Abortion?



George Bush



Bill Clinton

Roe vs. Wade

GEORGE BUSH has steadfastly called for the reversal of Roe v. Wade. As he told a rally of pro-lifers in Washington, D.C., "The Supreme Court's decision in Roe v. Wade was wrong and should be overturned." Bush appointee, Attorney General William Barr said the Justice Department would continue to urge the Court to reverse Roe in future cases.

BILL CLINTON says he has "always been pro-choice" and has "never wavered" in his "support of Roe v. Wade." "I have believed in the rule of Roe v. Wade for 20 years since I used to teach it in law school." (Roe v. Wade allows abortion for any reason, even as a method of birth control, even in the late stages of pregnancy.)

Appointment of Judges

GEORGE BUSH has sought to appoint judicial conservatives, such as Clarence Thomas, to the courts. Thomas joined three other justices in dissenting from the Court's Casey decision upholding Roe. During the Bush/Reagan years, the pro-abortion majority on the Court has shrunk from 7-2 to 5-4.

BILL CLINTON says that support for Roe v. Wade would be a litmus test for his nominees to the Supreme Court. Referring to the one-vote margin by which the Court recently upheld Roe v. Wade, Clinton said, "As president, I won't make you worry about the 'one justice away' on the Supreme Court."

Unlimited Abortion

GEORGE BUSH has vowed he will veto the "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA). FOCA goes well beyond even Roe versus Wade and forbids any significant limits on abortion. The President pledged, "it will not become law as long as I am President of the United States."

BILL CLINTON has made support for FOCA a key part of his campaign. "I would support a federal Freedom of Choice Act to protect a woman's right to choose."

Abortion Without Parental Consent

GEORGE BUSH will fight proposals to allow minor girls to obtain abortions without parental consent. The President said, "This idea is crazy."

BILL CLINTON boasts that he has "fought against" parental consent laws in Arkansas, and says, "I'm opposed to parental consent, by the way, and I oppose a bill that would do that."

Abortion as Birth Control

GEORGE BUSH has banned promotion of abortion as a method of birth control in federally funded clinics.

BILL CLINTON has said he would issue an Executive Order repealing this pro-life policy on his first day in office.

Government Funding of Abortion

GEORGE BUSH has strongly defended the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits the use of federal dollars to pay for abortions, except to save the mother's life.

BILL CLINTON would repeal the Hyde Amendment. Moreover, abortion on demand would be paid for under his national health program.

Ross Perot has said he would sign the same radical legislation Clinton supports which would guarantee abortion for any reason . . . even as a method of birth control or for sex selection. He supports tax funding of abortion.



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