



SENATOR JOHN McCAIN RECORD ON ABORTION

in the United States Senate

"If I am fortunate enough to be elected as the next President of the United States, I pledge to you to be a loyal and unswerving friend of the right to life movement."

-Senator John McCain

- John McCain supports overturning *Roe v. Wade*. He voted against an amendment that read, "It is the sense of the Senate that the decision of the Supreme Court in *Roe v. Wade* was appropriate and secures an important constitutional right; and such decision should not be overturned."
- John McCain voted in favor of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. When the Act was upheld by the Supreme Court on April 18, 2007, Sen. McCain said, "Today's Supreme Court ruling is a victory for those who cherish the sanctity of life and integrity of the judiciary. The ruling ensures that an unacceptable and unjustifiable practice will not be carried out on our innocent children."
- John McCain voted in favor of the Unborn Victims of Violence Act ("Laci and Conner's Law"). The bill establishes that when an unborn child is injured or killed during the commission of a violent federal crime, the assailant may be charged with a second offense on behalf of the second victim, the unborn child.
- John McCain voted in support of a bill to require an abortionist to notify a parent before performing an abortion on a minor who lives in another state.
- John McCain opposes the "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA), a bill which would prohibit states from placing limits on abortion, including the types now permitted by the Supreme Court, such as parental involvement laws and waiting periods, and which would make partial-birth abortion legal again.
- John McCain voted against an amendment to nullify the "Mexico City Policy." The Mexico City Policy cut off U.S. "family planning" funds to private organizations that perform or promote abortions overseas.
- John McCain voted against repealing the law that prohibits performance of elective abortions in military medical facilities.
- At a speech at Wake Forest University, John McCain described the kind of people he would nominate to the Supreme Court. "I have my own standards of judicial ability, experience, philosophy, and temperament. And Chief Justice [John] Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito meet those standards in every respect. They would serve as the model for my own nominees if that responsibility falls to me."