President William Clinton
1993-2001

President Bill Clinton said he has “always been pro-choice” and has “never waivered” in his “support for 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.”

- President Clinton urged the Supreme Court to uphold Roe v. Wade.

- The Clinton Administration endorsed the so-called “Freedom of Choice Act,” (a bill to prohibit states from limiting abortion even if Roe v. Wade is overturned). FOCA was defeated in Congress.

- President Clinton unsuccessfully attempted to repeal the Hyde Amendment, the law that prohibits federal funding of abortion except in rare cases.

- President Clinton twice used his veto to kill legislation that would have placed a national ban on partial-birth abortions.

- The Clinton Administration ordered federal funding of experiments using tissue from aborted babies. President Clinton’s appointees proposed using federal funds for research in which human embryos would be killed.

- President Clinton ordered U.S. military facilities to provide abortions.

- President Clinton ordered his appointees to facilitate the introduction of RU-486 in the U.S.

- The Clinton Administration resumed funding to the pro-abortion UNFPA, which participates in management of China’s forced abortion program.

- President Clinton restored U.S. funding to pro-abortion organizations in foreign nations. His administration declared abortion to be a “fundamental right of all women,” and ordered U.S. ambassadors to lobby foreign governments for abortion.

- President Clinton ordered federally funded family planning clinics to counsel and refer for abortion.

- The Clinton Administration’s representatives to the United Nations and to U.N. meetings worked to establish an international “right” to abortion.

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