On January 22, 2011, the 38th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion on demand, President Obama issued an official statement heralding Roe as an affirmation of “reproductive freedom,” and pledging, “I am committed to protecting this constitutional right.”

- **Supreme Court:** President Obama appointed pro-abortion advocates Elena Kagan (2010) and Sonia Sotomayor (2009) to the U.S. Supreme Court. As a key political aide to President Clinton, Kagan helped direct a political strategy that blocked the enactment of a ban on partial-birth abortions during the Clinton Administration. Sotomayor had previously helped direct the litigation projects of a private organization that filed multiple pro-abortion lawsuits, including challenges to parental notification requirements.

- **Health care law:** In 2010, President Obama narrowly won enactment of a massive health care law (“ObamaCare”) that will result in federal funding of health plans that pay for elective abortion, and will lead to large-scale rationing of lifesaving medical treatments. Obama actively worked with pro-abortion members of Congress to prevent effective pro-life language from becoming part of the final law.

- **Funding Abortion Providers:** In 2011, President Obama indicated he would veto the entire federal spending bill -- forcing a government shutdown -- rather than accept a provision cutting funding to Planned Parenthood, the nation’s largest abortion provider. The Obama Administration later blocked efforts by several states to cut off government funds to Planned Parenthood.

- **Embryo-Destroying Research:** In March 2009, President Obama issued an executive order to allow federal funding of research that requires the killing of human embryos.

- **Sex-Selection Abortion:** In May, 2012, the White House announced President Obama’s opposition to a bill to prohibit the use of abortion to kill an unborn child simply because the child is not of the sex desired by the parents. The White House said that the government should not “intrude” on “private family matters.” (H.R.3541)

- **Abortion Funding:** In 2011, the Obama White House issued formal veto threats against the Protect Life Act (H.R. 358), a bill that would repeal the abortion-expanding provisions of the 2010 ObamaCare law, and the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 3), a bill to permanently prohibit any federal program from funding elective abortions.

- **International Abortion Advocacy:** In 2009, President Obama ordered U.S. funding of private organizations that perform and promote abortion overseas. His Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, told Congress that the Administration would advocate world-wide that “reproductive health includes access to abortion.”

- **Conscience Protection:** In February 2011, the Obama Administration rescinded a regulation that had been issued by the Bush Administration, which would have protected health-care providers from being penalized for refusing to participate in providing abortions. In 2012, the Administration issued a “final rule” to force many groups, including religious schools and hospitals, to provide health plans covering certain drugs and procedures, even if it violates their religious and moral convictions.