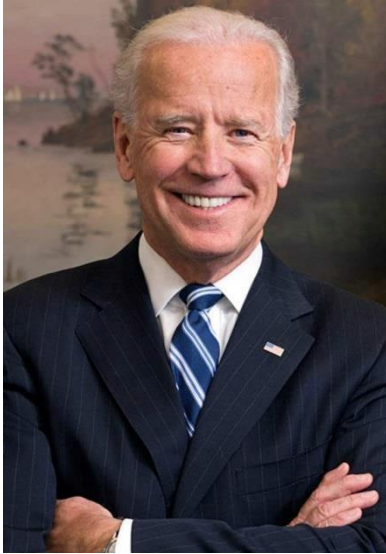


# Joe Biden and Kamala Harris On Abortion And Abortion Related Religious Liberty Attacks

## Master of the Flip-Flop!



Joe Biden is now the most committed pro-abortion presidential candidate in the history of the United States. He went from “personally opposed to abortion” in 1973 to supporting abortion throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy in 2020. Biden also voted against the Hatch Eagleton Human Life Amendment in 1983. According to the July 2019 Marie Claire Magazine, Kamala Harris challenged Biden’s support of the Hyde Amendment. In June 2020 Biden flip-flopped again and bowed to Harris’s challenge and now opposes the Hyde Amendment and supports tax payer funding of all abortions.



Kamala Harris is a strong supporter of unrestricted abortion at any time for any reason throughout pregnancy. In the Senate she voted against the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act which requires life-saving medical treatment for babies born alive due to attempted abortions. Harris also voted against the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act that would have ended abortions after 20 weeks. She cosponsored S1645 that, if enacted, would invalidate nearly all state and federal limitations on abortions. Ignoring the First Amendment, Harris also publically questioned candidates’ ability to be unbiased on abortion issues, if confirmed for judicial appointments, targeting their Catholic religion and membership in the Knights of Columbus.



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# Background

## Joe Biden

**Born:** November 20, 1942, Scranton, Pennsylvania

**College:**

- **University of Delaware, 1965, double major in history and political science**
- **Syracuse University College, 1968, received a law degree in spite of being accused of plagiarizing five of fifteen pages of a law review article. He later said he found law school "the biggest bore in the world"**

**Political Career:**

- **In 1969, Biden was elected to represent the 4th district on the New Castle County Council and served from 1970 to 1972.**
- **In 1972, Biden was elected to the United States Senate where he served continuously until 2009.**
- **In 2008, Biden was elected Vice President of the United States and was re-elected in 2012.**

## Kamala Harris

**Born:** October 20, 1964, in Oakland, California

**College:**

- **Howard University – graduated in 1986 with a degree in political science and economics.**
- **University of California, Hastings College of the Law--graduated with a Juris Doctor in 1989.**

**Political Career:**

- **In 2004 Harris was elected District Attorney of San Francisco and served from 2004 to 2011.**
- **In 2011 Harris was elected Attorney General of California and served from 2011 to 2017.**
- **In 2017 Harris was elected to the U.S. Senate where she is still serving.**

# Joe Biden Now Supports ALL Abortions

## First Presidential Debate *September 29, 2020*

Joe Biden completed his pro-abortion transformation with his final flip-flop. During his first Presidential debate with Donald Trump, Biden unilaterally assumed the throne of the Democratic Party and claimed approval for their entire party platform. During the debate, Biden clearly and emphatically stated his position:

***"I am the Democratic Party right now.  
The platform of the Democratic Party  
is what I, in fact, have approved of."***

The Daily Wire September 29, 2020

**(Almost one million unborn babies die each year in the United States from Abortion)**

# Democrat 2020 Party Platform On Abortion

The 2020 Democratic Platform has again plans to enshrine abortion and overturn and block any pro-life legislation to protect innocent human life. It also, specifically seeks to repeal the Hyde Amendment which currently prohibits the Federal Funding of abortion. The platform makes no reference to any limitations on abortion during the entire 9 months of pregnancy and allows for abortion for any reason whatsoever.

The following is presented in the 2020 Democratic Party Platform on page 42 under the subhead of [Protecting Women's Rights:](#)

*“Like the majority of Americans, Democrats believe every woman should be able to access high-quality reproductive health care services, including safe and legal abortion. We oppose and will fight to overturn federal and state laws that create barriers to women’s reproductive health and rights, including by repealing the Hyde Amendment and protecting and codifying the right to reproductive freedom.”*

## Joe Biden Said He Will Only Appoint Supreme Court Justices Who He Knows Will Uphold the Roe v. Wade Abortion On Demand Decision

”They have to have an expansive view of the Constitution. Recognize the right to privacy, unenumerated rights that exist in the Constitution. Not the Federalist Society view that if it’s not listed, it doesn’t exist. And they have to be, they acknowledge the unenumerated rights and a right to privacy in the Constitution, and the “penumbra” [laws] and the Ninth Amendment, then in fact that means I know they will in fact support Roe v. Wade.” New York Times January 17, 2020

# Joe Biden – The Early Years In Congress 1973 - 1998

During the early years in the House of Representatives, 1973 to 1998 Biden favorite statements to his constituents and the media included:

- I am personally opposed to abortion
- the issue of abortion is a personal one
- although I am personally opposed to abortion, I have opposed a Constitutional Amendment which would prohibit abortions
- the Supreme Court decided that the states' anti-abortion laws are in violation of a woman's right to privacy as guaranteed in the Bill of Rights.

During this period Biden rarely showed any support for pro-life legislation except for the Hyde Amendment type legislation to prevent the government from funding abortion.

**“However, because the issue is personal, it is also my belief that if the Federal government should not prohibit abortion, it also should not finance it. For this reason I supported the Bartlett Amendment, just as I would oppose a Constitutional Amendment.”**

# Joe Biden – The Early Years In Congress

## Letters to Constituents

Ironically Biden was sworn in to the U.S. Senate on January 3, 1973 only 20 days before the U.S. Supreme Court's decisions in *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* on January 22, which struck down every law restricting abortion in the entire country

### Constituent Letter #1

As early as June 28, 1973, Biden supported the Supreme Court's abortion decision writing to [Mrs. John O. Gardener](#) (see attachment: [page 7](#)), a constituent in Wilmington, as follows:

*“As you are probably aware, the Supreme Court decided that the states’ anti-abortion laws are in violation of a woman’s right to privacy as guaranteed in the Bill of Rights.”*

Biden continues in the same letter, trying to indicate his “personal opposition” to abortion while simultaneously strongly justifying his support of it as a “religious freedom” issue saying:

*“Disturbing as the decision is, however, I feel it is consistent with the tenets of religious freedom and individual choice which underlie our democratic form of government.”*

### Constituent Letter #2

Biden wrote to another constituent, [Mr. Ralph Smith III](#) (see attachment: [Biden page 8](#)) on December 6, 1974 in which he again states his “personally opposed” to abortion position and includes his opposition to a constitutional amendment which would prohibit abortion saying:

*“It is my belief that the issue of abortion is a personal one. For that reason, although I am personally opposed to abortion, I have opposed a Constitutional Amendment which would prohibit abortions.”*

Biden again attempts to mollify Mr. Smith, by telling him that he opposes legislation that would prohibit abortion while he supported the Bartlett Amendment which would prevent the Federal Government from financing abortions saying:

*“However, because the issue is personal, it is also my belief that if the Federal government should not prohibit abortion, it also should not finance it. For this reason, I supported the Bartlett Amendment, just as I would oppose a Constitutional Amendment.”*

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

June 28, 1973

Mrs. John O. Gardner  
1818 Walter Drive  
Northcrest  
Wilmington, Delaware 19810

Dear Mrs. Gardner:

I appreciate your taking the time to share with me your views on the troubling issue of abortion.

As you are probably aware, the Supreme Court recently decided that the States' anti-abortion laws are in violation of a woman's right of privacy as guaranteed in the Bill of Rights. The Court had to weigh the rights and welfare of an expectant mother and her family with those of the fetus. Citing precedents which do not acknowledge the fetus as a legal person, the Court decided in favor of a mother's rights.

The legal disposition of the abortion issue is less than satisfactory and perhaps runs counter to your philosophical-religious beliefs as it does mine. Disturbing as the decision is, however, I feel that it is consistent with the tenets of religious freedom and individual choice which underlie our democratic form of government. From this perspective, I do not believe that the highly personal issue of abortion lends itself to a Constitutional amendment. Instead, my position emphasizes the role of individual responsibility for the precious gift of human life.

In order to ensure the religious rights and personal freedom of those of us who oppose abortion, I cosponsored Senate Joint Resolution 64 which would guarantee that no doctor or hospital opposed to abortions or sterilizations would be required to perform such services. I am pleased to report that on March 27, the Senate passed the Resolution as an amendment to the Public Health Service Act Extension of 1973.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
United States Senator

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

December 6, 1974

Mr. Ralph F. Smith, III  
3351 Altamont Drive  
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for sharing with me your views on abortion, and on the Bartlett Amendment to the HEW appropriation, which would restrict the use of Federal funds to pay for abortion.

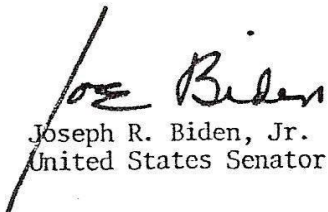
It is my belief that the issue of abortion is a personal one. For this reason, although I am personally opposed to abortion, I have opposed a Constitutional Amendment which would prohibit abortions. While the decision on abortions rendered by the Supreme Court runs counter to my own philosophical and religious beliefs, I agree with the Court that abortion should be a personal choice, and that the Federal government should not be involved.

However, because the issue is personal, it is also my belief that if the Federal government should not prohibit abortion, it also should not finance it. For this reason, I supported the Bartlett Amendment, just as I would oppose a Constitutional Amendment.

I realize of course, that you and I may not agree on this interpretation. However, I feel that this position is consistent with my view of the issue, and I do hope that we can agree to disagree with the realization that the issue is an emotional one.

Once again, I appreciate your views, and hope you will continue to share them with me.

Sincerely,

  
Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
United States Senator

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## **Biden Voted Against The Hatch Eagleton Human Life Amendment In 1983**

**The Hatch Eagleton Human Life Amendment was strongly supported by the American Catholic Bishops, National Right to Life and almost all major pro-life organizations.**

The amendment would have reversed the Roe v. Wade decision and allowed for state and federal laws to restrict and prohibit abortions.

Biden voted **AGAINST** the amendment in spite of strong public statements and lobbying by Catholic bishops, priests and clergy and the vast majority of pro-lifers.

## **Biden Co-Sponsored The Freedom Of Choice Act In 1992**

The Freedom of Choice Act had it been enacted, would have enshrined abortion on demand for any reason in federal law.

# Joe Biden – 1999 to 2009 the Senate The Final Flip-Flop

Beginning in 2009 Biden progressively flip-flopped, expressing support for only the Hyde Amendment until in 2019. According to the July 2019 Marie Clare Magazine, Kamala Harris challenged (questioningly) Biden's support of the Hyde Amendment. In June 2020 Biden caved to Harris challenge and made his final flip-flop and announced his opposition for the Hyde Amendment and he now supports all tax payer funded abortions.

His pro-abortion voting record reflects his commitment to abortion on demand with no restrictions regardless of fetal development, length of pregnancy or viability of the unborn. During this ten year period Biden voted on the pro-life side only 3 times out of 26 counted votes or almost 90% of the time against pro-life issues.

## Biden's Voting Record for 1999 to 2009



# Joe Biden – On The Campaign Trail Again

- [The Catholic Issue](#) - Joe Biden in addition to being a master of the flip-flop is ironically ingenious at trying to walk down both sides of an issue without losing his balance. But this time he may have gone too far. The “CATHOLIC” issue has not gone away and seems to be getting more and more attention.
- [Little Sisters of the Poor](#) - One recent example of his recent flip-flop on an issue near and dear to almost all Catholics and most people in general is the case of the Little Sisters of the Poor who take care of the sick and infirmed of the poorest of the poor at no cost. The Obama administration wanted to force the Little Sisters of the Poor to provide insurance coverage for drugs and devices that violate their conscience and religious convictions. The Little Sisters of the Poor won their case before the U.S. Supreme Court in 2020 but now both Biden and Harris want to retry the case again.

*The Supreme Court once again ruled in favor of the Little Sisters of the Poor in 2020. Following that decision, Biden, a Catholic, pledged to remove their court-ordered exemption if he is elected president.* Catholic News Agency August 20, 2020

- [I’m a Catholic but Abortion is OK](#) - Biden professes to be a Roman Catholic and yet his position and voting history on the issue of abortion is totally out of line with the fundamental teaching and doctrine of the Catholic Church.

But this time there have been numerous clergy, lay leadership, academics and a multitude of Catholic pro-lifers who are determined to dog Biden’s campaign trail challenging his dichotomy. Many have encouraged Biden not to receive Communion and others have questioned him claiming to be Catholic.

According to Wikipedia the Catholic Church is the largest religious denomination in the United State claiming 23% of the general population.

# Kamala Harris Position On Abortion And Religious Liberty Attacks On Crisis Pregnancy Centers And Judicial Candidates



Kamala Harris has a long and aggressive history of supporting abortion and using religious liberty attacks on both crisis pregnancy centers and candidates for judicial appointments.

- [Exposure Of Planned Parenthoods' Sale Of Aborted Unborn Baby Parts](#) - Attorney General of California Kamala Harris enabled Planned Parenthood to file legal action against freelance investigative journalist David Daleiden for filming and releasing audio and video meetings with Planned Parenthood abortionists discussing the sale of aborted baby parts. Harris at the behest of Planned Parenthood authorized a raid on David Daleiden's apartment and confiscated all electronic media, cameras, computers, hard drives and notes. Court cases are proceeding.

**Kamala Harris' support for Planned Parenthood draws fire after raid on anti-abortion activist**

APRIL 7, 2016 Los Angeles Times

- [The Reproductive FACT Act - Harris's Attack On Personal And Religious Liberty Of Pregnancy Help Centers](#) – was passed In 2015, and would have required pro-life pregnancy centers to inform all clients about state programs that provide abortions. It was designed to reduce the effectiveness of Pregnancy Help Centers and encourage pregnant women to seek abortions. It was **very strongly supported by Attorney General Kamala Harris, who joined NARAL Pro-Choice California and Black Women for Wellness.** After a lengthy legal battle asking the courts to strike the Act, which was led by the National Institute Of Family And Life Advocates, the U.S. Supreme Court struck the Act as unconstitutional on June 26, 2018.

- **Harris Wants States To Get Permission To Pass Pro-Life Legislation** - During the 2020 Primary, Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris targeted state pro-life laws.

“Harris says if she won the White House, she would require states seeking restrictive abortion laws to first obtain federal approval through the Department of Justice.” Associated Press May 28, 2019

- **Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act** - As a United State Senator, Kamala Harris voted against the Born- Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act which would have required medical treatment for babies born alive after unsuccessful botched abortions.
- **Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (S. 3275)** – Harris voted against the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act which would have required medical treatment of unborn babies born alive as a result of a botched abortion. This measure was passed by the House and defeated by the Senate near party lines.

- **[Harris's Attack On A Judicial Candidate Because Of A Ruling He Made Upholding Religious Freedom And Rights Of Conscience:](#)** While In The Senate, Harris Expressed Deep concerns about the appointment of Judge Brett Kavanaugh who was a Catholic. In a press release she stated:

*“Judge Brett Kavanaugh represents a direct and fundamental threat to that promise of equality and so I will oppose his nomination to the Supreme Court. Specifically, as a replacement for Justice Anthony Kennedy, his nomination presents an existential threat to the health care of hundreds of millions of Americans.”* Senator Kamala Harris Press Release July 9, 2018

Harris’s press release continued circling back to her abortion concerns and then launched into an attack on Kavanaugh’s earlier ruling in a lower court that supported an individual’s religious freedom and moral right to not provide access to items opposed to their beliefs.

*“Judge Kavanaugh has consistently proven to be a conservative ideologue instead of a mainstream jurist. As recently as last year, he disregarded Supreme Court precedent and opposed the health care rights of a vulnerable young woman. That ruling was overturned by a sitting of all the judges on his court. In 2015, Kavanaugh wrote that an employer, based on their personal beliefs, can deny their employee access to birth control coverage”* Senator Kamala Harris Press Release July 9, 2018

- **Harris's Attack On The Membership In Knights Of Columbus Of A Judicial Candidate:** Harris's questioning of Brian Buescher during his confirmation hearing for a federal judgeship also raises questions among Catholics, especially the Knights of Columbus, of which he had been a member for 15 years.

*Since 1993, you have been a member of the Knights of Columbus, an all-male society comprised primarily of Catholic men. In 2016, Carl Anderson, leader of the Knights of Columbus, described abortion as “a legal regime that has resulted in more than 40 million deaths.” Mr. Anderson went on to say that “abortion is the killing of the innocent on a massive scale.” Were you aware that the Knights of Columbus opposed a woman’s right to choose when you joined the organization? Follow-ups included “Were you aware that the Knights of Columbus opposed marriage equality when you joined the organization?” and “Have you ever, in any way, assisted with or contributed to advocacy against women’s reproductive rights?” National Review December 9, 2019*



## Biden and Harris Summary Of Positions On Abortion and Abortion Related Attacks On Religious Liberty



- Both Biden and Harris strongly support unrestricted abortion on demand at any stage of pregnancy and oppose overturning the infamous Roe v. Wade decision.
- Both Biden and Harris want the Hyde Amendment removed which would then allow tax dollars to pay for all abortions.
- Biden voted against the only Human Life Amendment ever to be voted on by the U.S. Senate – the 1983 Hatch-Eagleton Human Life Amendment
- Harris voted against both the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act and the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Act
- Harris attacked a judicial candidate because of his ruling upholding religious liberty and rights of conscience.
- Harris wants states seeking pro-life protective abortion laws to first obtain federal approval from the Department of Justice
- Harris attacked a judicial candidate's membership in the Knights of Columbus as a reason to reject his approval because the Knights of Columbus opposed abortion.
- Biden pledged to remove the court-ordered exemption, that had been given to the Little Sisters of the Poor, if he is elected president, thus forcing the Little Sisters of the Poor to provide coverage for drugs and devices that violate their conscience and religious convictions.

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