



# THE PRESIDENTIAL RECORD ON LIFE

## President William Clinton 1993-2001

*President Bill Clinton said he has "always been pro-choice" and has "never wavered" 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.
- The Clinton Administration urged Congress to make abortion a part of a mandatory national health insurance "benefits package," forcing all taxpayers to pay for virtually all abortions. The Clinton Health Care legislation died 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.
- President Clinton ordered federally funded family planning clinics to counsel and refer for abortion.
- 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.
- The Clinton Administration's representatives to the United Nations and to U.N. meetings worked to establish an international "right" to abortion.