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What does being
PRO-LIFE
really mean?





Pro-Life

means *action*
on behalf of
all human life.

Many candidates say they're pro-life. But do they really have a record to run on?

Here are some important facts for pro-life Americans
to consider when deciding how to vote.

The BEST way to combat abortion is to give women and families the tools they need to choose life.

Studies consistently show that when women and families have health care, jobs, education, and other essential supports they are less likely to have an abortion. In fact, more than three out of four women who obtain an abortion say that economic factors were a primary reason for doing so. Instead of helping struggling American families, our leaders have left them to fend for themselves.

Being pro-life is 1 percent talk, 99 percent ACTION.

Being pro-life is not just about what our elected leaders say they believe. It's about the things they do. During the Clinton Administration, the U.S. abortion rate declined nearly 30 percent without enacting any legal prohibitions on abortion. Under President Bush, this decline stagnated. Even the appointment of two new Supreme Court justices was unsuccessful in making any meaningful progress toward building a culture of human life. For all its talk about being pro-life, the Bush Administration has done very little to protect the unborn.

Pro-life means ALL human life - WITHOUT exceptions.

How can our leaders say they are pro-life, while starting unjustified wars, supporting the death penalty, supporting torture, opposing expanded health care for children, cutting school lunch programs, and standing by as hard-working Americans lose their jobs and retirement protections? They can't. To be pro-life is to answer a deep call to support and defend human life at all stages – from conception until death. It means caring for the unborn, for the children, for the less fortunate, and for all hard-working Americans.

Overturning *Roe v. Wade* will NOT end abortion in America.

All too often, what passes for an authentic pro-life agenda is a candidate's stated opposition to the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision. While legal protections for the unborn are an important part of a pro-life strategy, overturning *Roe v. Wade* would simply let states decide whether abortion should be legal or illegal. In a post-*Roe* America, only a handful of states would impose penalties on those who obtain or perform abortions, and women living in these states could still go elsewhere to get an abortion. Overturning *Roe* cannot be seen as a substitute for policies that can work RIGHT NOW to end abortion, namely supporting women and families.

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