

**POSTION: 44th President of the United States of America**

**NOMINEE:** Barack Obama

**Born:** Honolulu, Hawaii (yes that IS part of the United States), August 4, 1961

**Family:** Wife, Michelle, and two children.

**Occupation:** 44th President of the United States, January 20, 2009; U.S. Senator for the state of Illinois, January, 2005 – November, 2008; Illinois State Senator, January, 1997 – November, 2004

**Education:** Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School *magna cum laude* 1991

**SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE**

**On *Roe v. Wade* and promoting abortion**

“Throughout my career, I’ve been a consistent and strong supporter of reproductive justice, and have consistently had a 100% pro-choice rating with Planned Parenthood and NARAL Pro-Choice America. When South Dakota passed a law banning all abortions in a direct effort to have *Roe* overruled, I was the only candidate for President to raise money to help the citizens of South Dakota repeal that law. When anti-choice protesters blocked the opening of an Illinois Planned Parenthood clinic in a community where affordable health care is in short supply, I was the only candidate for President who spoke out against it. And I will continue to defend this right by passing the Freedom of Choice Act as president.” Obama Statement on 35th Anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* Decision, January 22, 2008.

[http://www.barackobama.com/2008/01/22/obama\\_statement\\_on\\_35th\\_annive.php](http://www.barackobama.com/2008/01/22/obama_statement_on_35th_annive.php)

**Supports forcing private insurers and using federal taxpayer money to pay for abortion**

“Senator Obama believes that reproductive health care is basic health care. His health care plan will create a new public plan, which will provide coverage of all essential medical services. Reproductive health care is an essential service - just like mental health care and disease management and other preventive services under his plan. And private insurers that want to participate will have to treat reproductive care in the same way.” Sen. Barack Obama's RH Issues Questionnaire, December, 2007. <http://www.rhrealitycheck.org/blog/2007/12/21/sen-barack-obamas-reproductive-health-questionnaire>

**Parental Consent on issues of abortion**

Opposes , also supports giving the sometime abortifacient, Plan B, to young girls. SOURCE Sen. Barack Obama's RH Issues Questionnaire, December, 2007.

<http://www.rhrealitycheck.org/blog/2007/12/21/sen-barack-obamas-reproductive-health-questionnaire>

**Voted against stopping ne'er-do-well adults taking minors across state lines for an abortion:** S.Amdt 4335 to S.Con.Res. 70, Roll Call 08-S71, March 13, 2008.

[http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll\\_call\\_lists/roll\\_call\\_vote\\_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=2&vote=00071](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=2&vote=00071)

**Voted against parental notification of minors who get out-of-state abortions:** S.403, Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act, Roll Call 06-216, July 25, 2006.

[http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll\\_call\\_lists/roll\\_call\\_vote\\_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00216](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00216)

### **On taxpayer funding**

**Voted for increasing taxpayer funding for destructive embryonic stem cell**

**experimentation:** S.5/H.R. 3, Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act, Roll Call 07-127, April 11, 2007.

[http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll\\_call\\_lists/roll\\_call\\_vote\\_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00127](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00127)

**Voted for increasing funding to Planned Parenthood and similar clinics by \$100 million:**

S.Amdt. 244 to S.Con.Res 18, Appropriation to expand access to preventive health care services, Roll Call 05-75, March 17, 2005.

[http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll\\_call\\_lists/roll\\_call\\_vote\\_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=1&vote=00075](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=1&vote=00075)

### **Opposes Hyde Amendment**

**(a provision barring the use of federal funds to pay for abortions)**

“Obama does not support the Hyde amendment. He believes that the federal government should not use its dollars to intrude on a poor woman's decision whether to carry to term or to terminate her pregnancy and selectively withhold benefits because she seeks to exercise her right of reproductive choice in a manner the government disfavors.” Sen. Barack Obama's RH Issues Questionnaire, December, 2007. <http://www.rhrealitycheck.org/blog/2007/12/21/sen-barack-obamas-reproductive-health-questionnaire>

### **Opposes federal support for pregnancy care centers**

Sen. Barack Obama's RH Issues Questionnaire, December, 2007.

<http://www.rhrealitycheck.org/blog/2007/12/21/sen-barack-obamas-reproductive-health-questionnaire>

### **Supports full funding for the United Nations Family Planning Fund (UNFPA)**

**(Evidence shows UNFPA subsidizes coercive abortions)**

S. Amdt. 2708 to H.R. 2764, Roll Call 07-320, September 6, 2007

[http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll\\_call\\_lists/roll\\_call\\_vote\\_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00320](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00320)

### **Supports subsidizing international abortion agencies**

S.Amdt. 2719 to H.R. 2764, Roll Call 07-319, September 6, 2007

[http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll\\_call\\_lists/roll\\_call\\_vote\\_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00319](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00319)

**NOTE: Senator Obama co-sponsored the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) in the 109th and 110th Congresses and vowed to an audience at a Planned Parenthood rally that passing FOCA would be the first thing he would do as President**

**(SOURCE:<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uUI99id2SvM>.) FOCA would overturn hundreds of state laws on the books that limit abortion. (SOURCE: <http://www.frc.org/papers/focus-on-foca> .)**

## **MARRIAGE AND HOMOSEXUAL AGENDA**

**Voted against the Marriage Protection Amendment:** S.J.Res. 1, Roll Call 06-163, June 7, 2006.

[http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll\\_call\\_lists/roll\\_call\\_vote\\_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00163](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00163)

### **Opposes the Defense of Marriage Act:**

“Well, it is my strong belief that the government has to treat all citizens equally. I come from that, in part, out of personal experience. When you’re a black guy named Barack Obama, you know what it’s like to be on the outside. And so my concern is continually to make sure that the rights that are conferred by the state are equal for all people. That’s why I opposed DOMA in 2006 when I ran for the United States Senate.” Transcript of LOGO debate on August 9, 2007.

<http://www.kitchentableblog.com/EF08H02.pdf>

**Voted in favor of the Federal Hate Crimes Act:** Thought crimes amendment to the Department of Defense Authorization that would establish federal “hate crimes” for certain violent acts based on the actual or perceived race, religion, disability, gender identity or sexual orientation of any person. S. Amdt. 3035, Roll Call No. 07-350, September 27, 2007.

[http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll\\_call\\_lists/roll\\_call\\_vote\\_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00350](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00350)

### **For allowing gays in the military:**

“Senator Barack Obama pledges to end Don't Ask Don't Tell - and to help reinstate gays and lesbians kicked out of the military due to this policy” HRC Backstory

<http://www.hrcbackstory.org/2007/11/senator-barack.html>

### **Supports special rights for homosexuals**

Obama believes the Employment Non-Discrimination Act should be expanded to include sexual orientation and gender identity. Obama sponsored legislation in the Illinois State Senate that would ban employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Obama '08 Campaign Flyer. <http://www.barackobama.com/pdf/lgbt.pdf>

## **ON JUDICIAL LITMUS TESTS**

“(J)udicial philosophy should be weighted more seriously than such evaluations. We need somebody who's got the heart, the empathy, to recognize what it's like to be a young teenage mom. The empathy to understand what it's like to be poor, or African-American, or gay, or disabled, or old. And that's the criteria by which I'm going to be selecting my judges.” Obama on Judges, Supreme Court, MSNBC, July 17, 2007.

<http://firstread.msnbc.msn.com/archive/2007/07/17/274143.aspx>

Voted against confirming Samuel Alito (January, 2006) and John Roberts (September, 2005) for the Supreme Court.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Pro-Abortion payback?**

Dawn Johnsen, former NARAL legal director, nominee for Assistant Attorney General for the Office of the Legal Counsel.

Ellen Moran, named White House communications director. Emily's List is a national political action committee that only supports female candidates who favor taxpayer funded abortions and oppose a partial-birth abortion ban.

Melody Barnes, former Emily's List board member, named director of the Domestic Policy Council.

Thomas Perrelli, the lawyer who represented Terri Schiavo's husband Michael in his efforts to starve his wife to death, as associate attorney general.