JOE BIDEN AND KAMALA HARRIS ON THE ISSUES

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JOE BIDEN ON

SENATE VOTING RECORD (PRO-ABORTION):

- Against pro-life constitutional amendment 1983
- Against restrictions on D.C. funding for abortions <u>1985/86/87</u>
- Against excluding abortion providers from federal programs like Title X 1990/2007
- Against restrictions on foreign defense programs that promote abortion 1991
- Against parental consent for minors seeking abortions <u>1991/2008</u>
- Supported a ban on peaceful demonstrations outside of abortion clinics 1994
- Supported repeal of ban on foreign U.S. military hospitals doing abortions <u>1998/2000</u>
- Against criminalizing transporting minors across state lines to get abortions <u>1998/2006</u>
- Against ban on federal funds paying for morning after pill on school grounds $\underline{2000}$
- Supported government funding of abortion for military personnel 2002
- Supported repeal of Mexico City Policy (which bans funds for foreign abortion providers) 2003/2005
- Against additional penalties for killing a fetus during a violent crime 2004
- Supported embryonic stem cell research 2006 (twice)
- Against including unborn children in the State Children's health insurance program 2007

SENATE VOTING RECORD (PRO-LIFE):

- Supported Hyde Amendment (banning taxpayer funding in Medicaid) <u>1981/93/97</u>
- Against weakening Hyde Amendment to include abortion funding in instances of rape/incest <u>1984</u>
- Supported Helms Amendment (banning taxpayer-funded abortions overseas) <u>1982/1984</u>
- Supported banning UNFPA funding for China's coercive abortion policy <u>1989/1995</u>
- Supported partial-birth abortion ban <u>1995/96/97/98/99</u>

VICE PRESIDENTIAL RECORD:

Notable Quotes:

- 2012 vice presidential debate Biden stated he believed life begins at conception but will not impose his views on women. (See <u>video</u>)
- September 2015 Biden was asked if it was difficult to take positions on abortion that put him at odds with U.S. Bishops. He said: "It has been hard...l'm prepared to accept that at the moment of conception there's human life and being, but I'm not prepared to say that to other God-fearing [and] non-God-fearing people that have a different view. Abortion is always wrong...But I'm not prepared to impose doctrine . . ." (See link)

KAMALA HARRIS ON

SENATE VOTING RECORD (PRO-ABORTION):

- Against repealing Obamacare/fixing the pro-life concerns with Obamacare 2017
- Against Trump administration fix to the ACA contraception mandate $\underline{2017}$
- Supported Obama's Title X rule stopping states from defunding abortion providers 2017
- Against defunding Planned Parenthood 2018
- Against Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act 2018/2020
- Against No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act $\underline{2019}$
- Against Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act 2019/2020

RECORD IN THE SENATE (PRO-ABORTION):

- 100% on Planned Parenthood Scorecard (See link)
- Original cosponsor of the Global HER Act, which would permanently repeal the Mexico City policy (See <u>link</u>)
- Statement on SCOTUS striking down restriction on abortion (See link)
- Her vote against Born-Alive is contrasted with her position on protecting animals (See link)

CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL RECORD:

- Harris went after David Daleiden and CMP for exposing Planned Parenthood on the illegal sale of aborted baby body parts (See link)
- Harris went after pregnancy resource centers to compel them to violate their consciences by posting pro-abortion messages with which they disagreed (See <u>link</u>)
- Harris filed an amicus brief pushing for more abortion access before the Supreme Court in *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*. (See link) She tweeted: "As CA's Attorney General, I was proud to be 1 of 13 Attorneys General to file a brief on *Whole Woman's Health*, urging the Supreme Court to reverse the lower court's decision that undermined abortion access. I fought then & will never stop fighting to defend our reproductive care." (See link)

2020 CAMPAIGN TRAIL:

According to <u>NYT abortion survey</u>:

- Codify *Roe v. Wade*? Yes
- Require judicial nominees to support *Roe v. Wade* as settled law? Yes
- Repeal the Hyde Amendment? Yes

2020 CAMPAIGN TRAIL:

According to <u>NYT abortion survey</u>:

Codify Roe v. Wade?	Yes
 Require judicial nominees to support Roe as settled law? 	Yes
Repeal the Hyde Amendment?	Yes
 Require private insurers to cover contraception? 	Yes
Repeal the "global gag rule"?	Yes
 Repeal the "domestic gag rule"? 	Yes
 Preserve Planned Parenthood funding? 	Yes

• Ban state "TRAP" laws?

"Biden's Justice Department will do everything in its power to stop the rash of state laws that so blatantly violate the constitutional right to an abortion, such as so-called TRAP laws, parental notification requirements, mandatory waiting periods and ultrasound requirements."

No answer

No answer

No answer

No answer

No answer

No answer

No

- Require preclearance for state abortion laws?
- Repeal the Helms Amendment?
- Make misoprostol and mifepristone available over the counter?
 No answer
- Make hormonal birth control available over the counter?
- Ban abstinence-only sex ed?
- Would you sign a budget that included the Hyde Amendment?
- Require private insurers to cover abortion?
- Consider a running mate who opposes abortion rights?

Other:

- On June 2, 2019, Joe Biden reversed his position on the Hyde Amendment. (See link)
- On June 22, 2019, Biden talked about abortion at a Planned Parenthood event, without saying the word "abortion." (See link)

OTHER QUOTES:

• Quotes on abortion 1998-2008 (See link)

CAMPAIGN WEBSITE:

- Restore federal funding for Planned Parenthood (See link)
- Stop state laws violating Roe v. Wade (See link)
- Rescind the Mexico City Policy that Pres. Trump reinstated & expanded (See link 1, link 2)
- Restore the ACA's contraception mandate in place before the U.S. Supreme Court's *Hobby Lobby* decision (See <u>link</u>)

KAMALA HARRIS ON LIFE continued

 Would you sign a budget that included the Hyde Amendment? Require private insurers to cover abortion? Require private insurers to cover contraception? Repeal the Helms Amendment? 	Unclear Yes Yes Yes
Repeal the "global gag rule"?Repeal the "domestic gag rule"?	Yes Yes
Ban state "TRAP" laws?	Yes
Require preclearance for state abortion laws?Make misoprostol and mifepristone available over the counter?	Yes Unclear
Make hormonal birth control available over the counter?	Yes
Ban abstinence-only sex ed?Preserve Planned Parenthood funding?	Yes Yes
Consider a running mate who opposes abortion rights?	No

OTHER QUOTES:

- She introduced a reproductive rights plan in which any pro-life state laws would first have to be cleared by the Justice Department (full plan is not available and instead links to Biden for President.) (See link)
- Re-tweeting MSNBC on June Medical: "A huge victory for reproductive rights. Abortion is a fundamental issue of justice in America and we will never stop fighting for it." (See <u>link</u>)
- On June 26, 2020, Senator Harris congratulated the new president of Planned Parenthood: "Congratulations, Alexis! As attempts to restrict critical health and reproductive care continue, I'm grateful for your leadership. Proud to be a partner in the fights ahead." (See link)



JOE BIDEN ON MARRIAGE, FAMILY, TRADITIONAL VALUES

SENATE VOTING RECORD (OPPOSED):

- Against ban on fed funds for obscene/indecent artwork through National Endowment 1989
- Against prohibiting the distribution of condoms without parental consent 1994
- Against repeal of marriage tax penalty <u>2000/01/03</u>
- Against constitutional amendment defining marriage as one man and one woman 2006

SENATE VOTING RECORD (SUPPORTIVE):

Voted for the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) <u>1996</u>



JOE BIDEN ON HUMAN SEXUALITY

SENATE VOTING RECORD (PRO-LGBT):

- Supported the Employment Nondiscrimination Act <u>1996</u>
- Against separate barracks for men and women in the military 1998
- Supported broadening hate crimes definition to include SOGI 2002/04/07

SENATE VOTING RECORD (PRO-FAMILY):

Supported ban on HHS funds to promote homosexuality as normal/natural 1989

VICE PRESIDENTIAL RECORD:

Behind Obama's evolution on LGBTQ rights (See link)

CAMPAIGN TRAIL:

- Biden Plan to advance LGBTQ+ equality in America and around the world (See link) Within Biden's LGBTQ+ plan, he vows to appoint senior leaders to coordinate LGBTQ+ issues at the State Department, USAID, and the National Security Council. The plan also prioritizes passage of the Equality Act and promises to reinstate Obama-era guidance that would allow service members who identify as transgender to openly serve in the armed forces and reinstate policies that allow students who identify as transgender to use showers, locker rooms, and bathrooms based on their gender identity.
- Biden Campaign Announces LGBTQ Steering Committee (See link)
- Biden: "Unconscionable" for Trump to roll back LGBTQ protections (See link)



KAMALA HARRIS ON MARRIAGE, FAMILY, TRADITIONAL VALUES

POLICY POSITIONS:

Supports legalizing prostitution. (See link)



KAMALA HARRIS ON HUMAN SEXUALITY

RECORD IN THE SENATE: (PRO-LGBT)

- Original co-sponsor of the Equality Act in the Senate. This issue came up during a Democratic primary debate. (See link)
- Original co-sponsor of the Therapeutic Fraud Prevention Act of 2019 (See link)
- Harris, Murray to Barr: "Anti-LBTQ" discrimination; Protect trans workers from discrimination (See link)
- Harris/Brown/Feinstein/Smith introduce resolution recognizing June as LGBT pride month (See link)

OTHER QUOTES:

- On June 15, she tweeted: "There's still work to do. The Senate must pass the Equality Act, ensuring the LGBTQ+ community has explicit, comprehensive protection from all forms of discrimination. No one should ever be denied a place to live or service because of their sexual orientation or gender identity." (See link)
- On June 28, she tweeted: "51 years ago at Stonewall, brave LBGTQ+ New Yorkers—led by transgender women of color-galvanized a movement. To honor their legacy, we must continue to speak out against transphobia and homophobia in our nation. We cannot relent. Work still remains to ensure equal rights for all." (See link)
- She tweeted: "Five years ago today, the highest court in the land affirmed that every American can marry the person they love. We will never give up fighting for equality for the LGBTQ+ community. #LovelsLove"(See link)
- She tweeted: "A major victory for LGBTQ+ rights. No one should be discriminated against because of who they are or who they love." (See link)



JOE BIDEN ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

SENATE VOTING RECORD (ANTI-RELIGIOUS LIBERTY):

- Against constitutional amendment to allow voluntary prayer in school <u>1984</u>
- Against barring fed courts from taking cases involving prayer in public schools <u>1985</u>
- Against adding the Soviet Union to sanctions on China following Tiananmen Square Massacre 1989
- Against denying funds to schools that don't protect voluntary prayer in school 1994

SENATE VOTING RECORD (PRO-RELIGIOUS LIBERTY):

Supported the Religious Freedom Restoration Act 1993

RECORD AS VICE PRESIDENT:

- Discusses the importance of religious freedom for all (See link)
- Calls for upholding religious freedom (See <u>link</u>)

CAMPAIGN TRAIL:

- Statement on faith (See <u>link</u>)
- Plan for safeguarding America's faith-based communities (See link)
- "We need a president who respects religious freedom" (See link)
- "Tough road ahead on religious freedom" (includes quotes) (See link)
- His communion denial highlights faith-politics conflict (See link)
- "Schools should ramp up 'Islamic Faith' studies"; Muslims must 'mobilize' against Trump (See link)



KAMALA HARRIS ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

RECORD IN THE SENATE: (ANTI-RELIGIOUS LIBERTY)

- In both the 115th and 116th Congress, Harris introduced the Do No Harm Act, which would gut RFRA in the context of nondiscrimination (See link)
- Original co-sponsor of the Every Child Deserves a Family Act (S. 1791 the opposite of CWPIA – on adoption/religious freedom) (See <u>link</u>)

CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL RECORD:

• As California AG, Harris filed a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court asking it to refuse Hobby Lobby's request to deny women health care coverage for contraception because of the craft-store chain owner's religious beliefs. (See link)



JOE BIDEN ON EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM

SENATE VOTING RECORD: (OPPOSED)

- Against funding/tax credits for tuition or vouchers to private schools <u>1983/94/98/98/01</u>
- Supported expanded federal childcare program 1989
- Against D.C. school voucher program <u>1997/2004</u>
- Supported nationalized education standards 2000
- Supported raising taxes to increase federal education spending 2004

SENATE VOTING RECORD: (SUPPORTIVE)

- Supported using retirement funds for education expenses 1997
- Supported tax-free education savings accounts for public and private schools 2000

CAMPAIGN TRAIL:

We're going to create a 21st century care and early childhood education workforce (See link)



SENATE VOTING RECORD: (OPPOSED)

Against expanding 529 savings accounts to cover K-12 education & homeschooling 2017



SENATE VOTING RECORD:

(AGAINST THESE PRO-LIFE, FAMILY, AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM NOMINEES)

- Jeff Sessions for AG (See link)
- Tom Price for HHS Secretary (See <u>link</u>)
- Neil Gorsuch for SCOTUS (See link)
- Amy Barrett for U.S. Seventh Circuit (See link)
- Sam Brownback for IRF Ambassador (See link)
- Russ Vought for Deputy Director of OMB (See link)
- Russ Vought for Director of OMB (See link)
- Kyle Duncan for U.S. Fifth Circuit (See link)
- Mike Pompeo for Secretary of State (See link)
- Brett Kavanaugh for SCOTUS (See link)
- Sarah Pitlyk for Judge on Eastern District of MO (See link)

RECORD IN THE SENATE: (ENGAGED IN RELIGIOUS TESTS FOR NOMINEES).

- November/December 2018 <u>Paul Matey</u> and Judge <u>Brian Buescher</u> received questions about their membership with the <u>Knights of Columbus</u>, a "Catholic fraternal benefit society" that provides extensive charitable services. Senator Kamala Harris (D-Calif.) questioned both nominees about whether they agreed with the organization's traditionally held views on the sanctity of marriage and life.
- October 2018 <u>Allison Rushing</u> received questions from Senators Feinstein, Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), Whitehouse, Chris Coons (D-Del.), Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Hirono, Booker, and Harris about her participation in programs led by Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), a nonprofit law firm created to litigate First Amendment violations <u>affecting the Christian community</u>. Senator Harris also asked Rushing whether she believed "that LGBT rights cannot be reconciled with religion."
- May 2018 <u>Judge Peter Phipps</u> received questions about his membership in the Knights of Columbus from Senator Harris. Senator Harris asked whether Judge Phipps, as a member of the Knights of Columbus, would "defend the right to life of every human being, from the moment of conception to natural death," whether he had to "swear an oath in order to join [the] organization," whether "litigants in [his] court [could] expect a fair hearing" "[w]hen [the] group's organizational values conflict with litigants' constitutional rights," and "how [he would] approach [the] constitutionally-protected right [of abortion] in [his] courtroom" "[a]s a member of a group that avowedly opposes abortion."
- In her own words: Kamala Harris Speaks out Against Judicial Nominees.



SENATE VOTING RECORD:

- Voted against Voter ID law 2006
- Voted for federalizing voting procedures in states <u>2002/2003</u>
- Voted for authorization for use of force in Iraq $\underline{2002}$
- Voted for limiting contributions to political parties to \$2,000 2002



KAMALA HARRIS ON OTHER

POLICY POSITIONS:

- Supports Medicare for All. (See link)
- Supports Statehood for Washington, D.C. (See June 26 tweet)

STATEMENTS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF SUPREME COURT:

- August 6, 2020: "Justices have a duty to uphold the law, not be a partisan hack for the Trump administration. Pence did get one thing right though—the future of the Supreme Court is on the ballot in 2020, which is why we must vote for <u>@JoeBiden</u> on November 3rd." (See <u>link</u>)
- August 3, 2020: "On November 3, the future of the Supreme Court is on the ballot." (See link)
- June 30, 2020: "The future of the Supreme Court is on the ballot in November." (See link)

OTHER QUOTES:

- July 28, 2020: "Bill Barr has been an aider and abettor to the most corrupt president we've ever had." (See <u>link</u>)
- Clip from a Harris speech about 18 to 24-year-olds not being smart. (See link)

THE BIDEN/HARRIS TICKET HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY:

Groups Opposed to Life, Family, and Religious Freedom:

- Human Rights Campaign
- Indivisible
- End Citizens United
- League of Conservation Voters
- MoveOn
- NARAL Pro-Choice America
- National Association of Social Workers
- National LGBT Chamber of Commerce
- National Organization for Women
- Planned Parenthood
- The Lincoln Project

- Individuals:
- Barack and Michelle Obama
- Bernie Sanders
- Michael Bloomberg
- Al Sharpton
- Tom Steyer
- Ilhan Omar



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