

Barack Obama: Extreme On Abortion

As an Illinois state senator:

- Barack Obama twice voted "Present" -- essentially "No"¹ -- on legislation to ban the gruesome late-term procedure known as partial-birth abortion. **68% of Americans supported legislation to ban partial-birth abortions.² But not Barack Obama.**
- Obama twice voted "Present" on legislation requiring parental-notification for abortions.³ **71% of Americans support parental consent legislation.⁴ But not Barack Obama.**
- Obama voted "Present" -- meaning "No" -- three times on legislation requiring that babies who survived abortions receive immediate medical treatment.⁵ **Such legislation is so uncontroversial that even the pro-abortion group NARAL did not oppose it.⁶ But Barack Obama did. That's extreme!**

As a United States Senator:

- Voted to increase taxpayer-funded spending on contraception by \$100 million.⁷
- Voted to provide taxpayer funding to organizations that provide and promote abortions overseas.⁸
- Voted to filibuster the nomination of pro-life Samuel Alito to the Supreme Court.⁹
- Voted to provide taxpayer funding of life-destroying embryonic stem cell research.¹⁰
- Voted against legislation that sought to prevent the transportation of minor girls by non-relatives across state lines for abortions.¹¹
- Co-sponsored the Freedom of Choice Act, which would have declared abortion a "fundamental right" and repealed pro-life state laws, including parental notification, waiting periods and ultrasound laws.¹²

As President:

- Appointed NARAL's Legal Director Dawn Johnsen to be an Assistant Attorney General.¹³
- Appointed Ellen Moran, executive director of EMILY's List, to be White House Communications Director.¹⁴
- Appointed Melody Barnes, a former board member of EMILY's List and Planned Parenthood, to be Director of the White House Office of Domestic Policy.¹⁵
- Issued an executive order repealing the Mexico City Policy, thereby allowing taxpayer-funding of organizations that promote and provide abortions overseas.¹⁶ **Only 35% of Americans support spending tax dollars to provide abortions overseas.¹⁷**
- Issued an executive order repealing conscience clause protections for doctors and nurses who do not want to be forced to perform abortions.¹⁸ **77% of Americans oppose forcing medical professionals to participate in procedures or practices that violate their values.¹⁹**
- Appointed pro-abortion judge Sonia Sotomayor to the Supreme Court.²⁰
- Appointed pro-abortion Solicitor General Elena Kagan to the Supreme Court.²¹
- Signed Obamacare, which includes funding for abortions.²² **56% of likely voters want Obamacare repealed.²³**
- Is using Obamacare to force religious institutions to pay for procedures and services that violate their values.²⁴ **Only 36% of Americans believe churches and religious institutions should be forced to pay for contraception and abortion-inducing drugs in violation of their core values.²⁵**
- Opposed legislation to ban abortions performed solely because of the baby's sex.²⁶ **77% of Americans support a ban on sex-selection abortions.²⁷**
- Vice President Joe Biden refused to "second guess," much less condemn, China's brutal one-child policy, through which the communist government has forced many women to have abortions against their will.²⁸

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- ⁵ http://voices.washingtonpost.com/fact-checker/2008/02/obamas_voting_record_on_aborti_1.html
- ⁶ <http://www.humanevents.com/2006/12/26/obama-more-prochoice-than-naral/>
- ⁷ http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=1&vote=00075
- ⁸ http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=1&vote=00083
- ⁹ http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00001
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- ¹⁵ <http://www.lifenews.com/2008/11/24/nat-4607/>
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