



# Where Do the Candidates Stand on Abortion?



## George W. Bush

## John Kerry

### Partial-Birth Abortion

**President George W. Bush** promoted and signed the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act into law.

**Senator John Kerry** voted against the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act every chance he got -- six times.

*The partial-birth abortion procedure -- used from the fifth month on -- involves pulling a living baby feet-first out of the womb, except for the head, puncturing the skull and suctioning out the brain. The great majority of partial-birth abortions are performed on healthy babies of healthy mothers.*

### Abortion on Demand

**George W. Bush** opposes the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on demand and he supports legal protection for unborn children.

**John Kerry** supports the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on demand -- even as a method of birth control.

### Government Funding of Abortion

**George W. Bush** opposes using tax dollars to pay for abortion. During his first week in office, President Bush reinstated the Mexico City Policy, which cut off tax funds to groups that promote abortion overseas.

**John Kerry** supports using tax dollars to pay for abortion. Kerry said that his first executive order would be to "reverse the Mexico City Policy," and thereby give tax funds to groups that promote abortion overseas.

### Record on Life

**George W. Bush** has repeatedly supported legislation which would protect unborn children and people with disabilities.

**John Kerry**, during his 20 years in the Senate, voted 79 times to support abortion.

**George W. Bush** signed "Laci and Conner's Law," which recognizes as victims unborn children who are killed or injured in violent federal crimes.

**John Kerry** voted against "Laci and Conner's Law," which recognizes as victims unborn children who are killed or injured in violent federal crimes.

**George W. Bush** supported legislation to prevent minor daughters from being taken across state lines for secret abortions in order to avoid parental notice laws.

**John Kerry** voted against notifying a parent before performing an abortion on a minor daughter.

### Supreme Court Appointments

**George W. Bush** stated that he will appoint Supreme Court justices who share his conservative philosophy and who will strictly interpret the Constitution according to its text. (The text of the Constitution contains no right to abortion.)

**John Kerry** has stated that if elected president he would appoint only Supreme Court justices who support the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on demand. He declared, "...I will support only pro-choice judges to the Supreme Court. Some may call this a litmus test..."



## Dick Cheney

**Dick Cheney** has taken a strong pro-life position. During his 10 years in Congress, he compiled a 100% pro-life voting record. He opposes partial-birth abortion and he voted against tax funding of abortion.



## John Edwards

**John Edwards**, in his six years in the Senate, has compiled a 0% pro-life voting record. He voted to keep partial-birth abortions legal and he supports tax funding of abortion.