

President Barack Obama's Pro-Abortion Record: A Pro-Life Compilation

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Washington, DC (LifeNews.com) — The following is a compilation of bill signings, speeches, appointments and other actions that President Barack Obama has engaged in that have promoted abortion before and during his presidency.

While Obama has promised to reduce abortions and some of his supporters believe that will happen, this long list proves his only agenda is promoting more abortions.

During the presidential election, Obama selected pro-abortion Sen. Joe Biden as his vice-presidential running mate.

Post-Election / Pre-Inauguration

November 5, 2008 – Obama selects pro-abortion Rep. [Rahm Emanuel](#) as his White House Chief of Staff. Emanuel has a 0% pro-life voting record according to National Right to Life.



November 19, 2008 – Obama picks pro-abortion former Sen. [Tom Daschle](#) as his Health and Human Services Secretary.

Daschle has a long pro-abortion voting record according to National Right to Life.

November 20, 2008 – Obama chooses former NARAL legal director [Dawn Johnsen](#) to serve as a member of his Department of Justice Review Team. Later, [he finalizes](#) her appointment as the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of the Legal Counsel in the Obama administration.

November 24, 2008 – Obama appoints [Ellen Moran](#), the former director of the pro-abortion group Emily's List as his White House communications director. Emily's List only supports candidates who favored taxpayer funded abortions and opposed a partial-birth abortion ban.

November 24, 2008 – Obama puts former Emily's List board member [Melody Barnes](#) in place as his director of the Domestic Policy Council.

November 30, 2008 – Obama named pro-abortion Sen. [Hillary Clinton](#) as the Secretary of State. Clinton has an unblemished pro-abortion voting record and has supported making unlimited abortions an international right.

December 10, 2008 – Obama selects pro-abortion former Clinton administration official [Jeanne Lambrew](#) to become the deputy director of the White House Office of Health Reform. Planned Parenthood is “excited” about the selection.

December 10, 2008 – Obama transition team [publishes memo](#) from dozens of pro-abortion groups listing their laundry list of pro-abortions actions they want him to take.

Pro-Abortion Presidential Record – 2009

January 5, 2009 – Obama picks pro-abortion Virginia Gov. [Tim Kaine](#) as the chairman of the Democratic Party.

January 6, 2009 – Obama chooses [Thomas Perrelli](#), the lawyer who represented Terri Schiavo’s husband Michael in his efforts to kill his disabled wife, as the third highest attorney in the Justice Department.

January 22, 2009 – Releases statement restating support for [Roe v. Wade](#) decision that allowed virtually unlimited abortions and has resulted in at least 50 million abortions since 1973.

January 23, 2009 – Forces taxpayers to fund pro-abortion groups that either promote or perform abortions in other nations. Decision to overturn [Mexico City Policy](#) sends part of \$457 million to pro-abortion organizations.

January 26, 2009 – Obama nominee for Deputy Secretary of State, [James B. Steinberg](#), tells members of the Senate that taxpayers should be forced to fund abortions. Nominee erroneously says limits on abortion funding are unconstitutional.

January 29, 2009 – President Obama nominates pro-abortion [David Ogden](#) as Deputy Attorney General. – The Vatican has rejected three Obama [ambassador nominees](#) because of their positions in favor of abortions.

April 7 – Obama has named pro-abortion law professor [Harold Hongju Koh](#) as the top lawyer for the State Department.

April 7 – Put more abortion advocates on his White House advisory council for [faith-based issues](#).

February 12, 2009 – Obama nominates pro-abortion [Elena Kagan](#) to serve as Solicitor General.

February 27, 2009 – Starts the process of [overturning pro-life conscience protections](#) President Bush put in place to make sure medical staff and centers are not forced to do abortions.

February 28, 2009 – Barack Obama nominates pro-abortion [Kathleen Sebelius](#) to become Secretary of Health and Human Services.

March 5, 2009 – The Obama administration [shut out pro-life groups](#) from attending a White House-sponsored health care summit. Planned Parenthood, the nation’s largest abortion business, made the invitation list as did other pro-abortion groups.

March 9, 2009 – President Barack Obama signed an executive order [forcing taxpayer funding of embryonic stem cell research](#).

March 10, 2009 – Obama announces the creation of a new foreign policy position to focus on women's issues. He names [Melanne Vermeer](#), an abortion advocate, to occupy the post.

March 10, 2009 – [Reverses an executive order](#) to press for more research into ways of obtaining embryonic stem cells without harming human life. The order Obama scrapped would have promoted new forms of stem cell research.

March 11, 2009 – Obama signed an executive order establishing a new agency within his administration known as the White House Council on Women and Girls. Obama's director of public liaison at the White House, [Tina Tchen](#), an abortion advocate, became director of it.

March 11, 2009 – Obama administration [promotes](#) an unlimited right to abortion at a United Nations meeting.

March 11, 2009 – Obama administration [officials deny](#) negative effects of abortion at United Nation's meeting.

March 17, 2009 – President Barack Obama makes his first judicial appointment and names pro-abortion federal [Judge David Hamilton](#) to serve on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

March 26 – President Obama announced [\\$50 million for the UNFPA](#), the UN population agency that has been criticized for promoting abortion and working closely with Chinese population control officials who use forced abortions and involuntary sterilizations.

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April 8 – Obama nominee for assistant attorney general for legislative affairs, [Ron Weich](#), is pro-abortion.

April 14 – Obama administration releases document [that claims pro-life people may engage in violence or extremism](#).

April 17 – Obama administration [that implement his decision to allow taxpayer funding of embryonic stem cell research that involves the destruction of human life.touted](#)Obama's decision to send \$50 million to the United Nation's Population Fund.

April 23 – Refused to appeal a ruling requiring the FDA to allow 17-year-old girls to purchase the morning after pill without either a doctor visit or parental involvement beforehand.

April 27 – Obama’s women’s ambassador Melanne Verveer

May 5 – Details emerge about a terrorism dictionary the administration of President Barack Obama put together in March. The [Domestic Extremism Lexicon](#) calls pro-life advocates violent and claims they employ racist overtones in engaging in criminal actions.

May 8 – President Obama releases a new budget that allows the [Legal Services Corporation](#) to use tax dollars to pay for pro-abortion litigation.

May 8 – President Obama’s new budget calls for [taxpayer funded abortions](#) in the nation’s capital.

May 8 – President [Obama’s budget](#) eliminates all federal funding for abstinence-only education.

May 15 – Appointed pro-abortion New York City health commissioner [Thomas Frieden](#) as head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

May 17 – During his commencement speech at Notre Dame, Obama deceived listeners into thinking he wants a [conscience clause](#), [promoted embryonic stem cell research](#) and [misstated](#) his pro-abortion record.

May 26 – Appoints appeals court judge [Sonia Sotomayor](#) as a Supreme Court nominee. Sotomayor agrees that the courts should make policy, such as the Roe v. Wade case. Sotomayor is later opposed by pro-life groups and supported by pro-abortion groups and those who know her say she will support abortion on the high court.

July 2- [Calls for](#) an unlimited right to abortion at a United Nation’s meeting.

July 7- The Obama administration [admits it ignored](#) the majority of Americans who opposed the proposed guidelines that would implement Obama’s decision to force taxpayers to fund embryonic stem cell research.

July 14 – Obama science czar nominee [John Holdren](#) is revealed to have written before that he favors forced abortions.

July 30 – Awards several pro-abortion activists with the [2009 Presidential Medal of Freedom](#).

July 31 – Tells the National Institutes of Health [to adopt rules](#) that allow embryonic stem cell research.

August 4 – Information becomes public that [Ezekiel Emanuel](#), an Obama advisor at the Office of Management and Budget and a member of Federal Council on Comparative Effectiveness Research, supports rationing health care for disabled Americans that could lead to euthanasia.

August 6 – Obama criticized for asking for people to “[snitch](#)” on groups and people who oppose the pro-abortion health care bills in Congress.

August 13 – Obama [wrongly said](#) a senator backed the pro-euthanasia components of the health care bill.

August 23 – Said pro-life advocates were making “[phony claims](#)” about the health care bills. Also said the

claims were [false](#).

August 24 – Releases veterans guide [promoting euthanasia](#).

September 13 – [Misleads](#) on the federal conscience clause in a health care speech and [misleads](#) on abortion funding.

September 13 – Obama [waits two days](#) to comment on shooting of pro-life advocate whereas he commented immediately on shooting of abortion practitioner.

September 15 – Senate confirms Obama's new regulatory czar [Cass Sunstein](#), who is pro-abortion.

October 5 – Selected pro-abortion lawyer and Georgetown University law professor [Chai Feldblum](#) for the EEOC.

October 5 – Announces he will give the [keynote speech](#) for pro-abortion group Human Rights Campaign.

October 19 – Obama's [serve.gov](#) web site promotes the Planned Parenthood abortion business.

October 21 – Obama administration [web site promotes](#) pro-abortion health care bills.

November 6 – Endorsed the House version of the [health care bill](#) that, at the time, contained massive abortion funding, rationing and assisted suicide promotion.

November 26 – Copies [Thanksgiving proclamation](#) of President Bush but leaves out pro-life message.

December 2 – [Authorized taxpayer funding](#) for embryonic stem cell research that kills days-old unborn children.

December 3 – A pro-abortion Obama judicial pick, [Louis Butler](#), is approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

December 7 – Announces his endorsement of the pro-abortion [Senate health care bill](#).

December 16 – Obama administration forces Americans a second time to spend millions more on [embryonic stem cell research](#) that destroys human life.

December 17 – Signed a bill that overturned the 13-year-long ban on [funding abortions with tax dollars in the nation's capital](#).

Pro-Abortion Presidential Record – 2010

January 18, 2010 – Gives speech supporting pro-abortion Senate candidate [Martha Coakley](#).

January 26, 2010 – Renominates radical pro-abortion activist [Dawn Johnsen](#) to a top Justice Department

position.

January 28, 2010 – Promotes the pro-abortion health care bill in the [State of the Union address](#).

February 2, 2010 – Submits [new budget](#) calling for taxpayer funding of abortions and more money for Planned Parenthood.

February 5, 2010 – The Obama administration [issued a new order](#) for the U.S. military requiring all military hospitals and health centers to stock the morning after pill.

February 8, 2010 – The Obama administration admitted it [improperly conducted a threat assessment](#) on pro-life groups in Wisconsin who were preparing to rally against a new abortion center at a University of Wisconsin health clinic.

February 16, 2010 – [White House visitor logs](#) reveal Obama has given Planned Parenthood president Cecile Richards frequent access to top staffers.

February 22, 2010 – Unveils changes to the pro-abortion health care bill that [keep abortion funding](#), [expand](#) abortion funding, and require a [monthly abortion fee](#) on Americans.

February 24, 2010 – Obama administration proposes [expanding embryonic stem cell research](#) further.

February 26, 2010 – Obama has selected pro-abortion magistrate judge [Timothy Black](#) for the District Court Bench for the Southern District of Ohio. Black gets the endorsement of NARAL.

March 3, 2010 – Officially decides to use the controversial [reconciliation](#) procedure to pass the pro-abortion health care bill over the filibuster rights of those opposed.

March 22, 2010 – [Signs the pro-abortion health care bill](#) into law that contains massive abortion funding, no conscience protections and rationing.

March 24, 2010 – [Signs executive order](#) purporting to ban abortion funding that leaves taxpayer funding of abortions in place.

March 26, 2010 – [White House visitor logs](#) show pro-abortion NARAL activist Nancy Keenan meeting with key Obama staffers frequently and invited to social functions.

March 29, 2010 – Uses recess appointment to name pro-abortion activist [Chai Feldblum](#) to the EEOC.

March 30, 2010 – Signs the [reconciliation health care bill](#) that does not contain any fixes for the massive abortion funding.

April 6, 2010 – Battle begins over pro-abortion Obama appeals court nominee [Goodwin Liu](#).

April 7, 2010 – [Obama administration pressures Kenya](#) to adopt a new constitution that would legalize unlimited abortions.

April 15, 2010 – [WHO applauds](#) Obama administration for promoting abortion worldwide.

May 8, 2010 – Obama's federal budget [eliminates abstinence](#) education funding.

May 10, 2010 – Names pro-abortion activist [Elena Kagan](#) to the Supreme Court; she is strongly opposed by [pro-life groups](#).

May 26, 2010 – Congressman Chris Smith reports the Obama administration has spent \$10 million potentially illegally [promoting a pro-abortion constitution in Kenya](#).

May 27, 2010 – Obama selected [Donald Berwick](#) to become the director of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the office that oversees government health care programs. Berwick supports the rationing components of the British medical system.

June 17, 2010 – Obama administration, via FDA panel, approves the use of the new [abortion drug ella](#).

June 23, 2010 – Obama administration approves more federal [taxpayer funding](#) of embryonic stem cell research.

July 7, 2010 – Obama uses a recess appointment to name rationing advocate [Donald Berwick](#) to become the director of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

July 7, 2010 – Obama administration [denies](#) it is funding the campaign for the pro-abortion Constitution in Kenya.

July 13, 2010 – It is discovered that the Obama administration planned to [fund abortions](#) in Pennsylvania in high risk insurance programs created through the national health care law Obama signed.

July 13, 2010 – It is discovered that the Obama administration planned to [fund abortions in New Mexico](#) in high risk insurance programs created through the national health care law Obama signed.

July 16, 2010 – The Obama administration also planned to [fund abortions](#) under the national health care plan in Maryland.

July 19, 2010 – A new report indicates the Obama administration has spent as much as \$23 million to influence residents of [Kenya](#) to vote for a proposed constitution that essentially legalizes abortion.

July 22, 2010 – President Obama's ambassador to Kenya openly [endorses a proposed constitution](#) that would essentially legalize abortion.

August 13, 2010 – Obama administration [clears itself](#) from illegally supporting the campaign for the pro-abortion Constitution in Kenya.

August 16, 2010 – Obama administration [approves new abortion drug Ella](#).

August 24, 2010 – Obama administration [appeals](#) a judge's ruling saying Obama violated a national law

when forcing taxpayers to fund embryonic stem cell research.

August 26, 2010 – [Cuts funding](#) for 176 abstinence education programs.

September 1, 2010 – Obama administration officials tell embryonic stem cell researchers to ignore judge's decision preventing federal funding.

September 10, 2010 – [Funds](#) more embryonic stem cell research.

September 10, 2010 – [Misleads](#) Americans on abortion funding in health care during nationally-televised speech.

September 20, 2010 – Senate plans votes on [pro-abortion lower court judges Obama picked](#).

September 28, 2010 – [Defends](#) legal abortions in an interview.

September 30, 2010 – Obama administration exposed as to how it [partnered with leading pro-abortion organizations](#) to host an FBI training seminar in August with the main focus of declaring as “violent” the free speech activities of pro-life Americans.

November 10, 2010 – [Michelle Obama](#) picks abortion advocate as new chief of staff.

November 22, 2010 – Obama officials approve second [trial](#) of embryonic stem cells on patients despite ethical concerns and tumor and immune system rejection issues.

December 13, 2010 – Suggests [more](#) embryonic stem cell research funding.

December 14, 2010 – Obama administration admits it is [working to rescind conscience protections](#) for medical professionals who don't want to participate in abortions.

Pro-Abortion Presidential Record – 2011

January 5, 2011 – Obama [renominates](#) four pro-abortion judicial picks.

January 7, 2011 – Selects pro-abortion [William Daley](#) as Chief of Staff.

January 23, 2011 – Celebrates anniversary of [Roe v. Wade](#).

January 27, 2011 – Picks pro-abortion activist to lead [Global Health Initiative](#).

January 27, 2011 – Renominates rationing czar [Donald Berwick](#).

January 27, 2011 – [Lobbies faith advocates](#) to support pro-abortion Obamacare.

February 7, 2011 – Obama [rewards](#) Catholic group that supported pro-abortion Obamacare with place on

faith based panel.

February 18, 2011 – President Obama [weakens conscience protections](#) for pro-life medical workers.

March 1, 2011 – [Appeals judge's ruling](#) overturning pro-abortion Obamacare.

March 2, 2011 – Obama administration [refuses to investigate](#) videos showing Planned Parenthood helping alleged sex traffickers get abortions for victimized underage girls.

March 3, 2011 – Obama Secretary of State Hillary Clinton can't say if Obama addressed the topic of [forced abortions](#) with the president of China.

March 4, 2011 – Obama [threatens to veto](#) bill de-funding Planned Parenthood abortion business.

March 8, 2011 – Michelle Obama [hosts Planned Parenthood president](#) Cecile Richards.

March 11, 2011 – Obama officials [refuse to say](#) who met with Obama to develop pro-abortion Obamacare.

March 11, 2011 – Obama administration accused of ignoring [Hyde Amendment](#) on abortions done and paid for via federally-funded college health care plans.

March 11, 2011 – Obama nominates pro-abortion activists [Steve Six](#) for federal appeals court position.

April 11, 2011 – [Refuses Speaker John Boehner's request](#) to cut taxpayer funding to the Planned Parenthood abortion business.

April 14, 2011 – Obama administration [castigates](#) The Vatican over family planning.

April 19, 2011 – Obama [Easter breakfast](#) has pro-abortion religious leaders.

May 2, 2011 – Report shows the Obama administration [met with](#) abortion advocates during consideration of Obamacare.

May 10, 2011 – Senate confirms pro-abortion Obama judicial pick [Edward Chen](#).

May 11, 2011 – Obama [schmoozes](#) with Planned Parenthood abortion business president, Cecile Richards.

May 17, 2011 – Obama administration [targets](#) peaceful pro-life advocate for prosecution.

May 19, 2011 – Names pro-abortion [Morgan Christen](#) to a federal appeals court position.

June 1, 2011 – [Denies](#) Indiana's request to de-fund the Planned Parenthood abortion business.

June 2, 2011 – Obama administration [approves more](#) taxpayer-funded embryonic stem cell research.

June 17, 2011 – [Defends](#) forcing taxpayers to fund the Planned Parenthood abortion business in court.

July 7, 2011 – Report [shows](#) Obama policies resulted in 300 tax-funded abortions in Washington, D.C.

July 21, 2011 – [Demands](#) that New Hampshire make taxpayers fund the Planned Parenthood abortion business.

July 21, 2011 – [Fines](#) a peaceful pro-lifer \$25,000.

August 1, 2011 – [Forces](#) insurance companies to pay for abortion drugs under Obamacare.

August 19, 2011 – Obama administration found to have [spent taxpayer funds](#) promoting pro-abortion Obamacare during the 2010 elections.

August 19, 2011 — Obama administration [approves more](#) taxpayer-funded embryonic stem cell research.

August 22, 2011 – Vice President Joe Biden [fails to condemn](#) China's one-child, forced abortion policy.

August 23, 2011 — Obama administration calls children "[sexual beings](#)," pushes sex on them.

September 14, 2011 – [Forces New Hampshire](#) to fund Planned Parenthood.

September 19, 2011 – [The chief of staff to First Lady Michelle Obama](#) was a keynote speaker at the Power of Choice Summit sponsored by leading pro-abortion activists group NARAL.

September 21, 2011 – Obama's Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius [speaks at a pro-abortion fundraiser](#).

September 28, 2011 – Mandates [additional taxpayer funding](#) of embryonic stem cell research.

October 12, 2011 – [Funds](#) additional embryonic stem cell research with taxpayer funds.

October 12, 2011 – [Threatens to veto](#) a bill that would cut taxpayer funding for abortions.

October 12, 2011 – Obama administration [cuts anti-sex trafficking grant](#) to the nation's Catholic bishops over abortion.

October 21, 2011 – Obama administration found [hiding public comments](#) against Obamacare on the White House web site.

November 11, 2011 – Defends taxpayer funding for the [Planned Parenthood](#) abortion business at a pro-abortion activist dinner.

November 16, 2011 – Report finds Obama administration [broke the law](#) pushing abortion in Kenya.

November 18, 2011 – Obama [hires a pro-abortion activist](#) to head women's outreach.

November 25, 2011 – [Awards grants](#) to embryonic stem cell research.

December 6, 2011 – Republicans were forced to stop an Obama pro-abortion judge, [Caitlin Halligan](#).

December 12, 2011 – Obama administration [blocks Texas' attempt](#) to de-fund Planned Parenthood.

December 12, 2011 — [Hires](#) a former Planned Parenthood abortion business official to run his campaign in North Carolina.

December 18, 2011 – [Appoints](#) a former Planned Parenthood board member to a position as a federal appeals court judge.

December 23, 2011 – Obama administration [sends more taxpayer dollars](#) to embryonic stem cell research.

Pro-Abortion Presidential Record – 2012

January 13, 2012 – [Forces taxpayers](#) to fund more embryonic stem cell research.

January 17, 2012 – A judge stops the Obama administration from [trying to silence a pro-life activist](#).

January 22, 2012 – [Obama celebrates](#) Roe v. Wade decision allowing 54 million abortions.

January 22, 2012 – Puts in place a [new mandate](#) forcing religious employers to pay for birth control and drugs that may cause abortions.

January 27, 2012 – [Michelle Obama lunches](#) with a Planned Parenthood CEO.

January 30, 2012 – A judge stops the Obama administration from [silencing a pro-life activist](#).

January 31, 2012 – [Appoints pro-abortion lawyer](#) who helped craft Roe v. Wade to federal appeals court.

February 7, 2012 – The Obama administration silenced Catholic Army chaplains from reading a letter that criticized the Obama administration on [its new mandate](#) that forces religious employers to pay for coverage for employees that includes birth control and drugs that can cause abortions.

February 10, 2012 – Obama revises the birth control mandate [to require insurance companies](#) to provide it along with free drugs that may cause abortions.