



THE PRESIDENTIAL RECORD ON LIFE

President Donald J. Trump 2017-present

“America, when it is at its best, follows a set of rules that have worked since our Founding. One of those rules is that we, as Americans, revere life and have done so since our Founders made it the first, and most important, of our ‘unalienable’ rights.”

-President Donald J. Trump

- **Supreme Court:** President Trump appointed Neil Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court. As a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit since 2006, Gorsuch showed support for conscience rights in two cases involving Obamacare mandates. Gorsuch has written that “human life is inherently valuable, and that the taking of human life by private persons is always wrong.”
- **Mexico City Policy:** President Trump restored the “Mexico City Policy,” which prevents tax funds from being given to organizations that perform abortions or lobby to change the abortion laws of host countries.
- **Abortion Funding:** In 2017, President Trump issued a statement affirming his strong support for the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act saying he “would sign the bill.” The bill would permanently prohibit any federal program from funding elective abortion.
- **Funding Abortion Providers:** President Trump signed a law dealing with Title X and Planned Parenthood. Title X of the Public Health Service Act is a major federal “family planning” program. In 2016, the Obama Administration issued a regulation to prevent individual states from directing funds from Title X away from providers deemed unsuitable, such as Planned Parenthood. The law restores the previous authority of states to direct Title X funds to the providers that they deem suitable.
- **Appointments:** President Trump has appointed numerous pro-life advocates in his administration and cabinet including Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Counselor to the President Kellyanne Conway, Secretary of Health and Human Services Tom Price, Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos, Secretary of Energy Rick Perry, United Nations Ambassador Nikki Haley, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Ben Carson, and Chief of Staff Reince Priebus.
- **Defunding Planned Parenthood:** President Trump supports directing funding away from Planned Parenthood, the nation’s largest abortion provider. In a September 2016 letter to pro-life leaders, he noted that “I am committed to... defunding Planned Parenthood as long as they continue to perform abortions, and re-allocating their funding to community health centers that provide comprehensive health care for women.”
- **International Abortion Advocacy:** The Trump Administration cut off funding for the United Nations Population Fund due to that agency’s involvement in China’s forced abortion program. Additionally, President Trump instructed the Secretary of State to apply pro-life conditions to a broad range of health-related U.S. foreign aid.
- **Protecting the Unborn:** President Trump supports the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. This legislation extends protection to unborn children who are at least 20 weeks because by this point in development (and probably earlier), the unborn have the capacity to experience excruciating pain during typical abortion procedures.