



# THE PRESIDENTIAL RECORD ON LIFE

## President George W. Bush 2001-Present

*“The promises of our Declaration of Independence are not just for the strong, the independent, or the healthy. They are for everyone -- including unborn children. We are a society with enough compassion and wealth and love to care for both mothers and their children, to see the promise and potential in every human life.”*

*-President George W. Bush*

- During his first week in office, President Bush reinstated the Mexico City Policy, which prevents tax funds from being given to organizations that perform and promote abortion overseas. He threatened to veto an appropriations bill unless a provision overturning the policy was removed.
- President Bush declared that federal funds will not be used for stem cell research that would require the destruction of human embryos. His threat of a veto stopped an attempt in the U.S. Senate to provide funding for such research.
- President Bush has stopped many anti-life initiatives by threatening vetoes -- including proposals to allow abortion to be covered in federal employees' health insurance plans, and allow abortions to be performed in U.S. military medical facilities and within the federal prison system.
- The Bush Administration ruled that federally controlled substances cannot be used to assist suicides. When the decision was overturned in federal district court, the Administration appealed the case.
- President Bush has strongly backed a U.S. ban on human cloning and helped defeat a “clone and kill” proposal in 2001.
- President Bush has helped win U.S. House approval of pro-life measures including the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, the Child Custody Protection Act, and the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act.
- President Bush promoted and signed the Born Alive Infants Protection Act, which protects all infants born alive, including those who survive abortion.
- The Bush Administration's representatives to the United Nations and to UN meetings and conferences have fought repeated efforts to establish an international “right” to abortion.
- The Bush Administration has instituted rule changes to permit states to make unborn children and their mothers eligible for prenatal coverage under the federal-state health insurance program for poor children.