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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

FROM: Debbie Fine

SUBJECT: National Right to Life Committee

FYI: Attached are materials distributed by the National Right to Life Committee in Virginia this past weekend. On Friday their leadership was quoted as being more concerned with inclusion of a tolerance clause on choice in the Democratic platform than in the Republican platform, stating they will not "vigorously fight" such a statement in the GOP plank.

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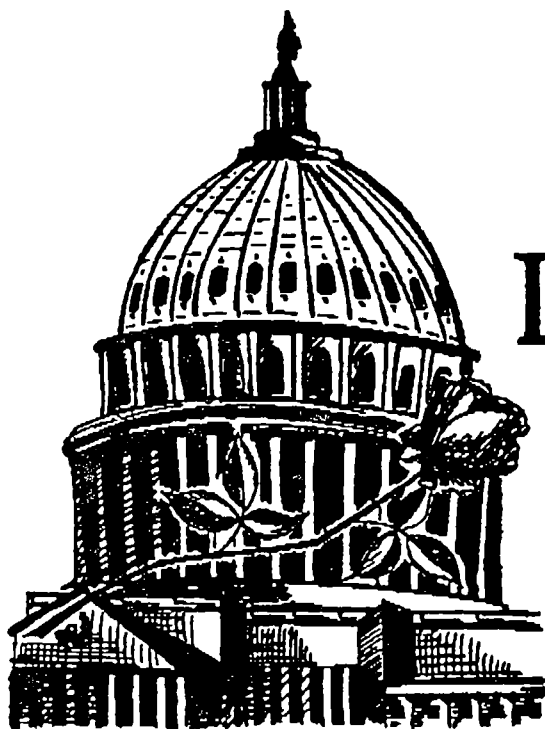
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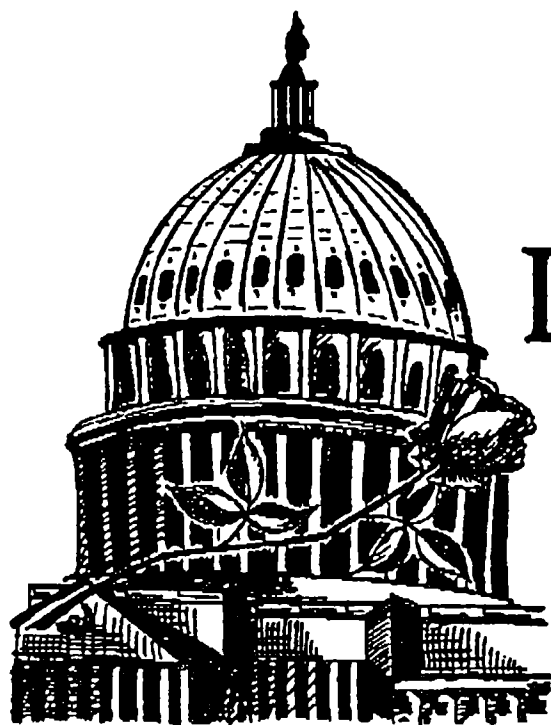
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SOME KEY ABORTION POLICY ISSUES

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Some of President Clinton's defenders prefer to summarize his abortion policy as, "The President favors keeping the law as it is." However, when the press adopts that formulation, it does so at the expense of accuracy, since President Clinton has initiated or endorsed numerous proposals that would make sweeping *changes* in the current landscape of abortion law-- nullifying existing federal *and state* limitations on abortion, and/or vastly expanding access to abortion on demand. For example:

- President Clinton endorsed the so-called "Freedom of Choice Act" (103rd Congress HR 25), the purpose and effect of which was to nullify virtually all state and federal limits on abortion, including several broad classes of state regulations always permitted under *Roe v. Wade* (1973) (doctor-only laws, exclusion of abortion from public hospitals, etc.), and other limitations now permitted under *Casey v. Planned Parenthood* (1992) (waiting periods, informed consent, etc.).
- President Clinton submitted to Congress a health care proposal that would have made abortion, without limitation, a "guaranteed benefit" that all working Americans would have been forced to pay for through government-mandated "premiums" and regular taxes. The bill also required physical access to such guaranteed benefits in every region of every state-- in effect, a mandate for many hundreds of new abortion facilities.
- President Clinton formally urged Congress to entirely repeal the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits federal Medicaid funding of most abortions, and to repeal similar laws that prevent funding of elective abortions in other federal programs. In 1993, the Congressional Budget Office estimated that repeal of these limitations "the federal government would probably fund between 325,000 to 675,000 abortions each year."
- President Clinton's appointees declared abortion to be "part of the overall approach to population control" (Dee Dee Myers, press briefing, April 1, 1993). Secretary of State Christopher sent a cable to all U.S. embassies abroad, urging them "to approach host governments" to lobby for the Administration's abortion doctrine: "The United States believes that access to safe, legal and voluntary abortion is a fundamental right of all women..." (March 16, 1994 State Department cable) The Administration is providing massive funding to groups that seek to legalize abortion in Africa, Latin America, etc.
- On April 10, 1996, President Clinton vetoed a bill to ban partial-birth abortions, except to save the life of the mother. The partial-birth abortion procedure-- used beginning at 4½ months, and often to six months and later-- involves pulling a living baby feet-first out of the womb, except for the head, puncturing the skull, and suctioning out the brains. The great majority of partial-birth abortions are purely elective. President Clinton opposes the bill because "it does not specifically reference, consistent with *Roe v. Wade*, the type of protection that has protected the privacy right of a woman to make her own choice... the President shares the view of many that it would represent an erosion of a woman's right to choose." (Press secretary Mike McCurry, Dec. 8, 1995)

ROBERT DOLE

DEFENDER OF LIFE

Pro-life Congressman Henry Hyde called Senator Bob Dole "a consistent opponent of abortion" and said that "Bob Dole has been in the trenches for many years casting a pro-life vote."



Kate Michelman, President of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL), stated that Bob Dole "constitutes one of the major threats to reproductive choice that this nation has ever seen."

Since the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision, Senator Robert Dole has been steadfast in his defense of the unborn child. In over 25 years of voting, Senator Dole has compiled an amazing 94% pro-life voting record.

BOB DOLE'S RECORD

- * Has cast 107 pro-life votes in the United States Senate.
- * Supports reversal of *Roe v. Wade*.
- * Supports a constitutional amendment to prohibit abortion except in cases of life of the mother, rape, and incest.
- * Has pledged to reverse Bill Clinton's pro-abortion executive orders.
- * Opposes tax funding of abortion.
- * Supports a ban on partial-birth abortions.

BOB DOLE'S WORDS

"For more than 20 years I've opposed *Roe v. Wade*, and I support a constitutional amendment to overturn *Roe v. Wade*."

"All our talk about a less violent, more caring society will come to nothing unless we protect the sanctity of human life."

VOTE FOR LIFE
VOTE BOB DOLE FOR PRESIDENT

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Join The National Campaign to End Partial-Birth Abortions

We won't let this issue die with President Clinton's veto!

- ★ Join National Right to Life in our efforts to end partial-birth abortions in America. ★
We will continue the battle to end this grisly procedure throughout the summer months. And it will require the tireless efforts of all of us working together.

The Successes of the Pro-Life Movement: *We Can Do It!*

- FOCA -- Only three years ago, many "experts" announced the so-called Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) was as good as passed. A majority in both houses of Congress and the President supported FOCA, and it took a major effort on the part of the grassroots pro-life movement to see that it failed. But we made that effort and FOCA was defeated.
- The Clinton Health Care Rationing Plan -- Two years ago, conventional wisdom said that Clinton's health plan was also a "done deal." It came complete with paying for abortion on demand with your health insurance premiums, and rationing your health care if some bureaucrat decided your "quality of life" was not worth the cost of treating you. It took a major effort on the part of the pro-life movement to see that it failed. Again, we made the effort and Clinton's health care rationing plan failed as well.
- We can do it again for the Partial-Birth Abortion Bill!

A Grassroots Campaign: What You Can Do

- ★ **Brochures:** Distribute "National Campaign to End Partial-Birth Abortion" brochures at church, door to door, at your county fair, community events, *anywhere!*
- ★ **Ads:** Run the "What the Nurse Saw" ad in your local newspaper, Diocesan newspapers, local Christian newspapers, *anywhere!*
- ★ **Public Service Announcements:** Run PSAs on your local radio stations.
- ★ **Church Bulletin Inserts:** Encourage local pro-life churches to put a partial-birth abortion insert from National Right to Life in their bulletin.
- ★ **Petition:** Circulate the National Petition to End Partial-Birth Abortions.
- ★ **Bumper Stickers:** Distribute "Stop Partial-Birth Abortion Now" bumper stickers.

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

—Edmund Burke

**Do what you can!
Order materials today.**

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