

John Kerry AND George W. Bush



YOU DECIDE



→ Fights for a Woman's Right to Choose ←

John Kerry has consistently protected the right to choose, and has cast over 100 pro-choice votes in the U.S. Senate. He believes that decisions involving pregnancy and medical care should be left to women and their doctors, not politicians.

KERRY
YES

BUSH
NO

When he ran for governor in 1994, Bush said he would "do everything in my power to restrict abortions." He has kept that promise, signing two anti-choice bills into law, issuing eleven executive actions, and selecting more than forty anti-choice nominees for federal court appointments.

→ Supports Personal Privacy ←

The first written statement John Kerry submitted as a Senator was to President Reagan in support of *Roe v. Wade*, which, he wrote, "made clear [that] the right to choose is a fundamental right based on each woman's right to privacy. Neither the Government nor any person has the right to infringe on that freedom."

KERRY
YES

BUSH
NO

Under President Bush's Attorney General, John Ashcroft, the Justice Department flooded health care providers across the nation with subpoenas for thousands of private medical records of women who had abortions. The department even argued that patients "no longer possess a reasonable expectation that their histories will remain completely confidential."

→ Supports Policies to Prevent Unintended Pregnancies ←

John Kerry believes in the importance of family planning and the right for all women to have equal access to health care services and information in making decisions about their reproductive choices.

KERRY
YES

BUSH
NO

Ignoring the overwhelming recommendations of its own experts, the Bush Administration's FDA rejected an application that would allow women to purchase emergency contraceptive pills without a prescription.

→ Will Appoint Fair Judges to the Supreme Court ←

John Kerry consistently opposes extreme anti-choice nominees to the federal courts. When asked, Kerry said about the judicial nominees he would appoint as president, "The test is basic – any person who thinks it's his or her job to push an extreme political agenda rather than to interpret the law should not be a Supreme Court justice."

KERRY
YES

BUSH
NO

President Bush appointed one federal judge – even after the Senate refused to confirm him – who called *Roe v. Wade* "abominable," and has said that Justices Clarence Thomas and Antonin Scalia are his ideal judges--both have repeatedly voted to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

→ Supports Family Planning Services ←

John Kerry said that his first executive order as President would be to overturn the "global gag rule" that blocks U.S. funds from family-planning clinics and millions of women overseas.

KERRY
YES

BUSH
NO

As his first official action as President, Bush re-imposed the "global gag rule," a policy that forces overseas health care clinics not to use their OWN non-U.S. funds to provide or counsel women about abortion options.

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