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PRO-LIFE TALKING POINTS

Obama v. Life II His First 100 Days As President

As both a state and U.S. senator, Barack Obama compiled a 100% pro-abortion-on-demand voting record, and he favored abortion-on-demand as a presidential candidate. In his closely-watched first 100 days as President, every relevant decision he made favored abortion. Below is a timeline of President Obama's pro-abortion actions during his first 100 days in office.

Jan. 20, 2009—Obama is **inaugurated** as President.

Jan. 21, 2009—The U.S. Senate confirms Obama appointee **Hillary Rodham Clinton** as **Secretary of State**. She promises to promote abortion "rights" globally.

Jan. 22, 2009—President Obama issues a statement on the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* (1973), the U.S. Supreme Court decision inventing a constitutional right to abortion-on-demand, **praising the court's move**.

Jan. 22, 2009—Pro-abortion **Susan Rice** is confirmed as Obama's **U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations**. Planned Parenthood publicly praised the choice of Rice.¹

Jan. 23, 2009—The next day, an executive order from Obama **negates the Mexico City policy** that formerly withheld U.S. taxpayer dollars from organizations that promote abortion overseas.

Feb. 18, 2009—Obama appoints **Ellen Moran**, the former Executive Director of the radically pro-abortion political action committee (PAC) EMILY's List, as the **White House's Communications Director**. She later leaves to become Chief of Staff for Obama's Secretary of Commerce.

Feb. 27, 2009—Obama begins the process of **revoking the Bush Administration's conscience protections** for doctors and nurses who do not wish to participate in abortion.

"On the 36th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, we are reminded that this decision not only protects women's health and reproductive freedom, but stands for a broader principle: that government should not intrude on our most private family matters." — *Excerpt from President Barack Obama's statement on January 22, 2009*

Mar. 5, 2009—President Obama hosts the **White House Forum on Health Reform**. Attendees include pro-abortion groups such as Planned Parenthood but no pro-life organizations.

Mar. 9, 2009—Obama **rescinds former President Bush's executive order limiting federal funding for stem cell research**. From then on, tax dollars go to harvesting stem cells from new human embryos.

Mar. 11, 2009—Obama signs a spending bill that **eliminates the Kemp-Kasten** legal provision that empowered presidents to withhold funds from groups that enable coercive abortion overseas.

March 12, 2009—The Senate confirms **David Ogden** as **Deputy Attorney General**, the No. 2 position in the Justice Department. Ogden has defended abortion clinics that perform abortion on minors without their parents' knowledge and has defended pornographers in court.²

March 12, 2009—The U.S. Senate confirms **Thomas Perrelli** as **Associate Attorney General**, the No. 3 official at the U.S. Justice Department. Perrelli assisted Terri Schiavo's husband in his successful attempt to have his disabled wife's feeding tube removed.³

March 16, 2009—Reversing the Bush Administration's policy, the State Department gives \$50 million to the **United Nations Population Fund** (UNFPA), which subsidizes forced abortion and sterilization in Communist China.⁴

March 19, 2009—Pro-abortion **Elena Kagan**, Dean of Harvard Law School, is confirmed as Obama's **Solicitor General** of the United States. Kagan is now responsible for defending America's few federal pro-life laws before the courts, including the partial-birth abortion ban.⁵

April 7, 2009—Obama nominates Yale Law School Dean **Harold Koh** to be **Legal Adviser** to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Koh supports the ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), whose committee routinely attempts to force countries to liberalize abortion laws.⁶

April 7, 2009—Obama's Department of **Homeland Security** sends a document to police departments called *Rightwing Extremism: Current Economic and Political*

Climate Fueling Resurgence in Radicalization and Recruitment that says terrorism may come from "groups and individuals that are dedicated to a single issue, such as opposition to abortion or immigration."

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— *The Obama Administration's Dept. of Homeland Security*⁸

April 22, 2009—The **Food and Drug Administration** (FDA) refuses to appeal a court decision ordering it to allow the **morning-after pill** (Plan B) to be sold to 17-year-old girls without a prescription.

April 28, 2009—**Kathleen Sebelius** is confirmed as **Secretary of Health and Human Services** despite, as Governor of Kansas, vetoing late-term abortion bans and taking campaign donations from late-term abortionist George Tiller.⁷

1 Statement by Cecile Richards, President of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Dec. 1, 2008

2 CNS News, March 4, 2009

3 *Legal Times*, Feb. 3, 2009

4 *Weekly Standard*, Jan. 16, 2009

5 LifeNews.com, March 20, 2009

6 Colorado Springs *Gazette*, June 12, 2009

7 Bloomberg News, April 28, 2009

8 From the document: "Right-wing Extremism: Current Economic and Political Climate Fueling Resurgence in Radicalization and Recruitment," dated April 7, 2009.

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