

BIDEN'S EVOLVING VIEWS ON ABORTION

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on Joe Biden's changing views on abortion:

Joe Biden entered the senate in 1973, the same year the Supreme Court legalized abortion in its *Roe v. Wade* decision. He has evolved from being strongly pro-life to rabidly pro-abortion. Here is a list of his changing positions.

1974: A year after *Roe v. Wade* was decided, he said the ruling had gone "too far" and that a woman seeking an abortion should not have the "sole right to say what should happen to her body."

1976: He votes for the "Hyde Amendment" which bans federal funding of abortions.

1981: He introduces the "Biden Amendment" which prohibits foreign-aid funding of biomedical research involving abortion.

1982: He votes for a constitutional amendment allowing states to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

1983: He votes against a constitutional amendment allowing states to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

1984: He votes for the Mexico City Policy which bans federal funding for abortions.

1987: He becomes chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and leads the fight against Supreme Court nominee Judge Robert Bork, whom he said was opposed to *Roe v. Wade*.

1994: He says, "Those of us who are opposed to abortion should not be compelled to pay for them."

1995: He votes to ban partial-birth abortion.

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2007: He criticizes the Supreme Court decision upholding the ban on partial-birth abortion, calling it "paternalistic."

2008: He says he is opposed to overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

2012: He says the government does not have "a right to tell other people that women, they can't control their body."

2019: He says he is opposed to the "Hyde Amendment" which bans the federal funding of abortion.

2020: He says he supports abortion "under any circumstances."

There is no one in public life who has undergone such a dramatic transformation. He did not change because of the Catholic Church: it did not change its position on abortion. He did not change because of science: it did not change its position on when life begins. It was Biden who changed, and he did so for totally political reasons.