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President Barack Obama's Pro-Abortion Record: A Pro-Life Compilation

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Washington, DC (LifeNews.com) -- The following is a compilation of bill signings, speeches, appointments and other actions that President Barack Obama has engaged in that have promoted abortion before and during his presidency. While Obama has promised to reduce abortions and some of his supporters believe that will happen, this long list proves his only agenda is promoting more abortions.

During the presidential election, Obama selected pro-abortion Sen. Joe Biden as his vice-presidential running mate.

Post-Election / Pre-Inauguration

November 5, 2008 - Obama selects pro-abortion Rep. Rahm Emanuel as his White House Chief of Staff. Emanuel has a 0% pro-life voting record according to National Right to Life.

November 19, 2008 - Obama picks pro-abortion former Sen. Tom Daschle as his Health and Human Services Secretary. Daschle has a long pro-abortion voting record according to National Right to Life.

November 20, 2008 - Obama chooses former NARAL legal director Dawn Johnsen to serve as a member of his Department of Justice Review Team. Later, he finalizes her appointment as the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of the Legal Counsel in the Obama administration.

November 24, 2008 - Obama appoints Ellen Moran, the former director of the pro-abortion group Emily's List as his White House communications director. Emily's List only supported candidates who favored taxpayer funded abortions and opposed a partial-birth abortion ban.

November 24, 2008 - Obama puts former Emily's List board member Melody Barnes in place as his director of the Domestic Policy Council.

November 30, 2008 - Obama named pro-abortion Sen. Hillary Clinton as the Secretary of State. Clinton has an unblemished pro-abortion voting record and has supported making unlimited abortions an international right.

December 10, 2008 - Obama selects pro-abortion former Clinton administration official Jeanne Lambrew to become the deputy director of the White House Office of Health Reform. Planned Parenthood is "excited" about the selection.

December 10, 2008 - Obama transition team publishes memo from dozens of pro-abortion groups listing their laundry list of pro-abortions actions they want him to take.

Pro-Abortion Presidential Record - 2009

January 5, 2009 - Obama picks pro-abortion Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine as the chairman of the Democratic Party.

January 6, 2009 - Obama chooses Thomas Perrelli, the lawyer who represented Terri Schiavo's husband Michael in his efforts to kill his disabled wife, as the third highest attorney in the Justice Department.

January 22, 2009 - Releases statement restating support for Roe v. Wade decision that allowed virtually unlimited abortions and has resulted in at least 50 million abortions since 1973.

January 23, 2009 - Forces taxpayers to fund pro-abortion groups that either promote or perform abortions in other

nations. Decison to overturn Mexico City Policy sends part of \$457 million to pro-abortion organizations.

January 26, 2009 - Obama nominee for Deputy Secretary of State, <u>James B. Steinberg</u>, tells members of the Senate that taxpayers should be forced to fund abortions. Nominee erroneously says limits on abortion funding are unconstitutional.

January 29, 2009 - President Obama nominates pro-abortion David Ogden as Deputy Attorney General.

February 12, 2009 - Obama nominates pro-abortion Elena Kagan to serve as Solicitor General.

February 27, 2009 - Starts the process of <u>overturning pro-life conscience protections</u> President Bush put in place to make sure medical staff and centers are not forced to do abortions.

February 28, 2009 - Barack Obama nominates pro-abortion <u>Kathleen Sebelius</u> to become Secretary of Health and Human Services.

March 5, 2009 - The Obama administration <u>shut out pro-life groups</u> from attending a White House-sponsored health care summit. Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion business, made the invitation list as did other pro-abortion groups.

March 9, 2009 - President Barack Obama signed an executive order <u>forcing taxpayer funding</u> of embryonic stem cell research.

March 10, 2009 - Obama announces the creation of a new foreign policy position to focus on women's issues. He names Melanne Verveer, an abortion advocate, to occupy the post.

March 10, 2009 - Reverses an executive order to press for more research into ways of obtaining embryonic stem cells without harming human life. The order Obama scrapped would have promoted new forms of stem cell research.

March 11, 2009 - Obama signed an executive order establishing a new agency within his administration known as the White House Council on Women and Girls. Obama's director of public liaison at the White House, <u>Tina Tchen</u>, an abortion advocate, became director of it.

March 11, 2009 - Obama administration promotes an unlimited right to abortion at a United Nations meeting.

March 11, 2009 - Obama administration officials deny negative effects of abortion at United Nation's meeting.

March 17, 2009 - President Barack Obama makes his first judicial appointment and names pro-abortion federal <u>Judge</u> <u>David Hamilton</u> to serve on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

March 26 - President Obama announced \$50 million for the UNFPA, the UN population agency that has been criticized for promoting abortion and working closely with Chinese population control officials who use forced abortions and involuntary sterilizations.

- April 7 The Vatican has rejected three Obama ambassador nominees because of their positions in favor of abortions.
- April 7 Obama has named pro-abortion law professor Harold Hongju Koh as the top lawyer for the State Department.
- April 7 Put more abortion advocates on his White House advisory council for faith-based issues.
- April 8 Obama nominee for assistant attorney general for legislative affairs, Ron Weich, is pro-abortion.
- April 14 Obama administration releases document that claims pro-life people may engage in violence or extremism.
- April 17 Obama administration <u>releases the proposed guidelines</u> that implement his decision to allow taxpayer funding of embryonic stem cell research that involves the destruction of human life.
- April 23 Refused to appeal a ruling requiring the FDA to allow 17-year-old girls to purchase the morning after pill

without either a doctor visit or parental involvement beforehand.

- April 27 Obama's women's ambassador Melanne Verveer touted Obama's decision to send \$50 million to the United Nation's Population Fund.
- May 5 Details emerge about a terrorism dictionary the administration of President Barack Obama put together in March. The <u>Domestic Extremism Lexicon</u> calls pro-life advocates violent and claims they employ racist overtones in engaging in criminal actions.
- May 8 President Obama releases a new budget that allows the <u>Legal Services Corporation</u> to use tax dollars to pay for pro-abortion litigation.
- May 8 President Obama's new budget calls for taxpayer funded abortions in the nation's capital.
- May 8 President Obama's budget eliminates all federal funding for abstinence-only education.
- May 15 Appointed pro-abortion New York City health commissioner <u>Thomas Frieden</u> as head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- May 17 During his commencement speech at Notre Dame, Obama deceived listeners into thinking he wants a <u>conscience clause</u>, <u>promoted embryonic stem cell research</u> and <u>misstated</u> his pro-abortion record.
- May 26 Appoints appeals court judge <u>Sonia Sonotmayor</u> as a Supreme Court nominee. Sotomayor agrees that the courts should make policy, such as the Roe v. Wade case. Sotomayor is later opposed by pro-life groups and supported by pro-abortion groups and those who know her say she will support abortion on the high court.
- July 2- Calls for an unlimited right to abortion at a United Nation's meeting.
- July 7- The Obama administration <u>admits it ignored</u> the majority of Americans who opposed the proposed guidelines that would implement Obama's decision to force taxpayers to fund embryonic stem cell research.
- July 14 Obama science czar nominee John Holdren is revealed to have written before that he favors forced abortions.
- July 30 Awards several pro-abortion activists with the 2009 Presidential Medal of Freedom.
- July 31 Tells the National Institutes of Health to adopt rules that allow embryonic stem cell research.
- August 4 Information becomes public that <u>Ezekiel Emanuel</u>, an Obama advisor at the Office of Management and Budget and a member of Federal Council on Comparative Effectiveness Research, supports rationing health care for disabled Americans that could lead to euthanasia.
- August 6 Obama criticized for asking for people to "snitch" on groups and people who oppose the pro-abortion health care bills in Congress.
- August 13 Obama wrongly said a senator backed the pro-euthanasia components of the health care bill.
- August 23 Said pro-life advocates were making "phony claims" about the health care bills. Also said the claims were false.
- August 24 Releases veterans guide promoting euthanasia.
- September 13 Misleads on the federal conscience clause in a health care speech and misleads on abortion funding.
- September 13 Obama <u>waits two days</u> to comment on shooting of pro-life advocate whereas he commented immediately on shooting of abortion practitioner.
- September 15 Senate confirms Obama's new regulatory czar Cass Sunstein, who is pro-abortion.
- October 5 Selected pro-abortion lawyer and Georgetown University law professor Chai Feldblum for the EEOC.

October 5 - Anounces he will give the keynote speech for pro-abortion group Human Rights Campaign.

- October 19 Obama's serve.gov web site promotes the Planned Parenthood abortion business.
- October 21 Obama administration web site promotes pro-abortion health care bills.
- November 6 Endorsed the House version of the <u>health care bill</u> that, at the time, contained massive abortion funding, rationing and assisted suicide promotion.
- November 26 Copies Thanksgiving proclamation of President Bush but leaves out pro-life message.
- December 2 Authorized taxpayer funding for embryonic stem cell research that kills days-old unborn children.
- December 3 A pro-abortion Obama judicial pick, Louis Butler, is approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee.
- December 7 Announces his endorsement of the pro-abortion Senate health care bill.
- December 16 Obama administration forces Americans a second time to spend millions more on embryonic stem cell-research that destroys human life.

December 17 - Signed a bill that overturned the 13-year-long ban on <u>funding abortions with tax dollars in the nation's</u> capital.

Pro-Abortion Presidential Record - 2010

- January 18, 2010 Gives speech supporting pro-abortion Senate candidate Martha Coakley.
- January 26, 2010 Renominations radical pro-abortion activist <u>Dawn Johnsen</u> to a top Justice Department position.
- January 28, 2010 Promotes the pro-abortion health care bill in the State of the Union address.
- February 2, 2010 Submits <u>new budget</u> calling for taxpayer funding of abortions and more money for Planned Parenthood.
- February 5, 2010 The Obama administration <u>issued a new order</u> for the U.S. military requiring all military hospitals and health centers to stock the morning after pill.
- February 8, 2010 The Obama administration admitted it <u>improperly conducted a threat assessment</u> on pro-life groups in Wisconson who were preparing to rally against a new abortion center at a University of Wisconsin health clinic.
- February 16, 2010 White House visitor logs reveal Obama has gien Planned Parenthood president Cecile Richards frequent access to top staffers.
- February 22, 2010 Unveils changes to the pro-abortion health care bill that <u>keep abortion funding</u>, <u>expands</u> abortion funding, and require a <u>monthly abortion fee</u> on Americans.
- February 24, 2010 Obama administration proposes expanding embryonic stem cell research further.
- February 26, 2010 Obama has selected pro-abortion magistrate judge <u>Timothy Black</u> for the District Court Bench for the Southern District of Ohio. Black gets the endorsement of NARAL.
- March 3, 2010 Officially decides to use the controversial <u>reconciliation</u> procedure to pass the pro-abortion health care bill over the filibuster rights of those opposed.
- March 22, 2010 Signs the pro-abortion health care bill into law that contains massive abortion funding, no conscience protections and rationing.
- March 24, 2010 <u>Signs executive order</u> purporting to ban abortion funding that leaves taxpayer funding of abortions in place.

March 26, 2010 - White House visitor logs show pro-abortion NARAL activist Nancy Keenan meeting with key Obama staffers frequently and invited to social functions.

March 29, 2010 - Uses recess appointment to name pro-abortion activist Chai Feldblum to the EEOC.

March 30, 2010 - Signs the <u>reconciliation health care bill</u> that does not contain and fixes for the massive abortion funding.

April 6, 2010 - Battle begins over pro-abortion Obama appeals court nominee Goodwin Liu.

April 7, 2010 - Obama administration pressures Kenya to adopt a new constitution that would legalize unlimited abortions.

April 15, 2010 - WHO applauds Obama administration for promoting abortion worldwide.



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