

# PRO-LIFE ACCOMPLISHMENTS UNDER PRESIDENT TRUMP'S ADMINISTRATION

*Regardless of how one may feel about President Trump, it is important to note his accomplishments in defense of the unborn.*

## ✔ Appointment of Pro-Life Judges

Over 150 of President Trump's judicial nominees have been confirmed, including 2 Supreme Court justices, 43 U.S. Courts of Appeals judges, and 99 District Court judges.

## ✔ Permitted States to Defund Planned Parenthood of Title X Funds

President Trump signed a bill that permits states to defund Planned Parenthood of Title X family planning funds. This reverses an Obama-era rule that disbarred states from doing so. Because this was passed using the Congressional Review Act, future Administrations cannot enact a similar rule to Obama's.

## ✔ Stopped Tax Dollars Funding Abortion Overseas

President Trump not only reinstated the Mexico City Policy, but expanded it to the new Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance program. This ensures that our tax dollars are protected from funding the abortion industry overseas across ALL global health spending, not just family planning dollars. The Bush-era Mexico City Policy protected roughly \$500 million in spending – the new Trump policy protects over \$8.8 billion overseas aid from funding abortion.

## ✔ Defunded the Pro-Abortion UNFPA

President Trump's State Department cut U.S. Taxpayer funding to the UNFPA, which has long been complicit in China's oppressive population control activities, including birth limitation policies and forced abortions.

## ✔ Required Health Insurance Companies to Disclose if Plans Cover Abortion

The Trump Administration Dept. of Health & Human Services (HHS) issued a rule requiring that insurers specify in each plan Summary of Benefits whether the plan covers abortion. The administration also requested input on how to better enforce the limited abortion provisions contained in Obamacare. Until Obamacare is overturned and replaced with a system that does not subsidize abortion coverage, insurers must make abortion coverage clear to persons shopping for a plan.

## ✔ Settlements & New Rule Regarding HHS Mandate

The Departments of HHS, Treasury, and Labor issued two rules, that provide permanent, enforceable relief from the previous HHS mandate for both religious objectors, such as Little Sisters of the Poor, and moral objectors, such as Susan B. Anthony List. The new rule also exempts private employers and educational institutions that have sincerely held religious beliefs or moral

objections against providing contraceptives or abortifacients.

## ✔ Strong Pro-Life Appointments to Key Positions:

Vice President Mike Pence, Counselor to the President Kellyanne Conway, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo...

## ✔ New Office for Conscience Protection at HHS

In May 2019, the Trump administration finalized new regulations to strengthen enforcement of federal laws protecting the conscience rights of health care workers who do not want to participate in abortion. The regulations clarify what recourse is available to victims of discrimination under the law and what penalties the HHS Office of Civil Rights may enforce for violations. Additionally, in January 2018, the Department of Health & Human Services announced the creation of the Conscience and Religious Freedom Division within the Office for Civil Rights. This new office works to protect health care professionals who do not want to participate in abortion. In May, 2019, HHS issued a proposed rule amending Obama-era regulations, clarifying that Section 1557 shall not force a recipient of federal funding to provide or pay for an abortion. It shall also be consistent with the First Amendment and with pro-life provisions, conscience provisions and religious liberty protections in current law.

## ✔ Allowed States to Defund Planned Parenthood of Medicaid Funds

The Obama administration attempted to prevent states from defunding Planned Parenthood of Medicaid dollars, issuing guidance claiming this may be a violation of federal law. In January 2018, the Trump administration rescinded this guidance, allowing states to defund Planned Parenthood of Medicaid dollars as they see fit.

## ✔ Cut Planned Parenthood's Tax Funding by up to \$60 Million

In February, 2019, the Trump administration finalized the Protect Life Rule to redirect Title X family planning program funds away from the abortion industry. The rule advances President Trump's promise to stop taxpayer funding of abortion businesses like Planned Parenthood, who will no longer receive Title X funding if they choose not to comply.

## ✔ Canceled Huge Contract for Taxpayer-Funded Experimentation with Body Parts of Aborted Babies

In June, 2019, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and National Institutes of Health (NIH) announced they would not renew a major contract with the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) to fund research using the body parts of aborted babies.

This information was taken from Susan B. Anthony's website: <https://www.sba-list.org/>

Other Pro Life organizations such as [Priests for Life](#) and [National Right to Life](#) list these same accomplishments.