


- Romney called Clinton crime bill “a big step forward.”
- As governor, Romney quadrupled gun licensing fees and vowed not to “chip away” at tough gun laws
- In 2004, Romney signed permanent state-level ban on assault weapons that was mirrored after federal assault weapons ban.
- In January 2006, Romney said he owned a gun – then two days later admitted he did not and the gun belonged to his son.
- Romney bragged about being member of the NRA but later revealed he didn’t join until August 2006, just before launching his presidential campaign.
- Romney recently said he’s “been a hunter pretty much all my life” but later admitted he hunted only twice in his life, later clarifying remarks by claiming he has hunted “small varmints ... more than two times.”
- In 2006 press conference, Romney claimed he had been hunting “many times” after returning from quail hunt in Georgia.

## **ABORTION**

### **During His Political Career, Romney Has Been Pro-Choice, Then Not Pro-Choice, Then Pro-Choice Again, Now Claims To Be Pro-Life**


**Romney Forcefully Positioned Himself As Pro-Choice In 1994 Senate Race, Saying “You Will Not See Me Wavering On That.”** “When Kennedy called him ‘multiple choice,’ Romney demanded an extra rebuttal. He revealed that a close relative died of an illegal abortion years ago and said, ‘Since that time, my mother and my family have been committed to the belief that we can believe as we want, but we will not force our beliefs on others on that matter, and you will not see me wavering on that.’” (Joan Vennochi, “Romney’s Revolving World,” *The Boston Globe*, 3/2/06)

- **In 1994, Romney Claimed He Supported Legalizing Abortion Before Roe v. Wade Decision.** ROMNEY: “I joined my mother in 1970 when she said she was in favor of legalizing abortion.” (Scot Lehigh, “Romney Labeled A ‘Pretender’ On Abortion Rights,” *The Boston Globe*, 10/12/94)
-  **Romney, During 1994 Debate:** “I believe that abortion should be safe and legal in this country. I have since the time that my mom took that position when she ran in 1970 as a US Senate candidate. I believe that since Roe v. Wade has been the law for 20 years we should sustain and support it.” (Joan Vennochi, “Romney’s Revolving World,” *The Boston Globe*, 3/2/06)

**As Romney Considered Run For Office In Utah In 2002, He Told Local Paper He Did Not “Wish To Be Labeled Pro-Choice.”** “After Romney lost the Senate race, he decamped to Utah to run the Winter Olympics. When it was rumored he might seek political office there, he wrote this in a letter to the editor of the Salt Lake City Tribune: ‘I do not wish to be labeled prochoice.’” (Joan Vennochi, “Romney’s Revolving World,” *The Boston Globe*, 3/2/06)

- **Romney:** “When I am asked if I am pro-choice or pro-life, I say I refuse to accept either label.” (Glen Warchol, “This Is The Place, But Politics May Lead Romneys Elsewhere,” *The Salt Lake Tribune*, 2/14/99)

**Announcing For Massachusetts Governor In 2002, Romney Reaffirmed His Pro-Choice Position.** “[A]s Governor of the Commonwealth, I will protect the right of a woman to choose under the law of the country and the laws of the Commonwealth.” (Joan Vennochi, “Romney’s Revolving World,” *The Boston Globe*, 3/2/06)

-  **Romney:** “I will preserve and protect a woman’s right to choose, and am devoted and dedicated to honoring my word in that regard. I will not change any provisions of Massachusetts’ pro-choice laws.” (2002 Romney-O’Brien Gubernatorial Debate, Suffolk University, Boston, MA, 10/29/02)
- **“Romney ... Said He Was Pro-Choice When He Ran For Governor Of Massachusetts.”** (Michael Goot, “Romney On Campaign Trail,” *Foster’s Daily Democrat*, 4/27/07)

**In 2002, Romney Offered His Completed NARAL Questionnaire, Filled Out With “Mostly Abortion-Rights Positions,” To The Media Even Before Returning It To NARAL.** “Yesterday, Romney also aimed to head off confusion about his stance on abortion rights by answering a Mass National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League questionnaire with mostly abortion-rights positions. He offered the questionnaire to the press even before he returned it to MassNARAL...” (Stephanie Ebbert, “Romney Pushes Education At Campaign Stop,” *The Boston Globe*, 4/10/02)

**Romney Now Insists He Has Always Been Personally Pro-Life.** “I’ve always been personally pro-life. ... For me, the role of government (on that issue) was what was uncertain.” (AnnMarie Timmins, “Romney Tells Voters: Ask Away,” *Concord Monitor*, 4/4/07)

**Former Adviser Mike Murphy, On Romney’s Pro-Life Position:** “He’s been a pro-life Mormon faking it as a pro-choice friendly.” (John J. Miller, “Matinee Mitt,” *The National Review*, 12/14/05, [www.nationalreview.com](http://www.nationalreview.com), Accessed 4/30/07)

### **Romney Says He Changed His Mind On Abortion After 2004 Meeting On Stem Cell Research With Harvard Doctor, Who Later Said Romney Mischaracterized Their Conversation**

**Romney Says He “Simply Changed His Mind” On Abortion One Day In November 2004.** “On abortion, Romney says he simply changed his mind. He recalls that it happened in a single revelatory moment, during a Nov. 9, 2004, meeting with an embryonic-stem-cell researcher who said he didn’t believe therapeutic cloning presented a moral issue because the embryos were destroyed at 14 days. ‘It hit me very hard that we had so cheapened the value of human life in a Roe v. Wade environment that it was important to stand for the dignity of human life,’ Romney says.” (Karen Tumulty, “What Romney Believes,” *Time*, 5/21/07)

**Romney’s “Epiphany” Came After Meeting Harvard Stem Cell Researcher – Romney Claimed The Doctor Said Scientists “Kill” Embryos After 14 Days.** “Romney says he changed his mind in November 2004, when he met with a scientist from the Harvard Stem Cell Institute. Romney claimed in a June 2006 interview that the researcher had told him: ‘Look, you don’t have to think about this stem cell research as a moral issue, because we kill the embryos after 14 days.’ Romney went on to say that both he and his chief of staff had an epiphany, recognizing that embryonic stem cell research cheapened respect for human life.” (Scott Helman, “Romney’s Journey To The Right,” *The Boston Globe*, 12/17/06)

**The Doctor, Harvard’s Douglas Melton, Claimed Romney “Mischaracterized My Position.”** “Governor Romney has mischaracterized my position; we didn’t discuss killing or anything related to it. ... I explained my work to him, told him about my deeply held respect for life, and explained that my work focuses on improving the lives of those suffering from debilitating diseases.” (Scott Helman, “Romney’s Journey To The Right,” *The Boston Globe*, 12/17/06)

- **Spokesman For Harvard Stem Cell Institute:** “The words ‘kill’ and ‘killing’ are not in Dr. Melton’s professional vocabulary, a vocabulary used to discuss finding cures for diseases in order to save lives.” (Jennifer Rubin, “Mitt Romney’s Conversion,” *The Weekly Standard*, 2/5/07)


**National Review’s Rich Lowry: Romney’s Conversion Story “Isn’t Very Compelling.”** “[Romney’s] account of how he came to change his view on abortion – through the issue of stem-cell research – isn’t very compelling and he would probably be better off not talking about it at all. Fairly or not, people aren’t going to believe it.” (Rich Lowry, “The Romney Speech,” National Review’s “The Corner” Blog, <http://corner.nationalreview.com>, 1/29/07)

**Romney Ran For Senate And Governor “Promising To Protect Abortion Rights, But Disavowed That View As He Began Preparations For A Presidential Run.”** “Romney’s shifting positions on abortion have become a major flashpoint in the Republican presidential campaign. He ran for Senate in 1994 and governor in 2002 promising to protect abortion rights, but disavowed that view as he began preparations for a presidential run.” (Rick Klein and Jake Tapper, “Romney’s Pro-Life Conversion: Myth Or Reality?” [ABC News](http://abcnews.com), 6/14/07)

### **Six Months After His Abortion “Epiphany,” Romney Still Said He Was “Absolutely Committed” To Upholding Abortion Laws In Massachusetts**

**Romney: “When I First Ran For Office ... I Concluded, Wrongly, That I Would Support The Law As It Was In Place ... And So I Publicly Acknowledged My Error, And Joined With You To Promote The Sanctity Of Human Life.”** “As you know, when I first ran for office ... I concluded, wrongly, that I would support the law as it was in place – effectively, a pro-choice position. ... And I was wrong. And so I publicly acknowledged my error, and joined with you to promote the sanctity of human life. And you know that my words were matched with my actions.” (Mitt Romney, Remarks To Massachusetts Citizens For Life Mother’s Day Dinner, Agawam, MA, 5/10/07)

- **Romney:** “I believe every speck of human life is a divine speck that comes from God and as a result of that, that forms a great deal of my sense of responsibility to the people of this nation and the of the world.” (Fox News’ “The Big Story,” 4/3/07)


 **In May 2005, Romney Still Claimed He Was “Absolutely Committed” To Maintaining Pro-Choice Laws In Massachusetts.** ROMNEY: “I am absolutely committed to my promise to maintain the status quo with regards to laws relating to abortion and choice and so far I’ve been able to successfully do that and my personal philosophical views about this issue is not something that I think would do anything other than distract from what I think is a more critical agenda ...” (Mitt Romney, Press Conference, 5/27/05)

**Republican Strategist Keith Appell Said Romney Airing Pro-Choice Views After Abortion “Epiphany” Begg Question: “How Many Epiphanies Have You Had?”** “If he was still taking actions that appear to reflect his old, ‘pro-choice’ views after November 2004, it raises an important question for Republicans, Appell said. ‘It’s part of Romney’s challenge: How many epiphanies have you had?’ he said.” (Rick Klein and Jake Tapper, “Romney’s Pro-Life Conversion: Myth Or Reality?” [ABC News](#), 6/14/07)

### **Before His Recent Conversion, Romney Had Long Pro-Choice Public Record**

**March 2005: Romney Considered Abortion-Rights Supporter By Pro-Life Groups – Aide Claimed His Position Had Not Changed.** “Marie Sturgis, legislative director of Massachusetts Citizens for Life, said she hasn’t detected any change in Romney stance. The group considers Romney to be an abortion-rights supporter, as do national antiabortion groups such as the Family Research Council. ... [Romney aide Eric] Fehrstrom said the governor’s position has not changed on either sex education or abortion.” (Scott S. Greenberger, “Roe V. Wade Omitted From Proclamation,” *The Boston Globe*, 3/25/05)

**Romney In 2002 NARAL Questionnaire:** “I respect and will protect a woman’s right to choose. This choice is a deeply personal one ... Women should be free to choose based on their own beliefs, not mine and not the government’s.” (Stephanie Ebbert, “Clarity Sought On Romney’s Abortion Stance,” *The Boston Globe*, 7/3/05)

- **Romney:** “[A]s Governor of the Commonwealth, I will protect the right of a woman to choose under the law of the country and the laws of the Commonwealth.” (Joan Vennoch, “Romney’s Revolving World,” *The Boston Globe*, 3/2/06)
-  **Romney:** “I do not take the position of a pro-life candidate. I’m in favor of preserving and protecting a woman’s right to choose. ... It’s an issue that’s important. I’ve established my view very clearly.” (Mitt Romney, Gubernatorial Candidates Debate, Boston, MA, 10/29/02)

**“On A Questionnaire Planned Parenthood Gave To The Gubernatorial Candidates In 2002, Romney Answered ‘Yes’ To The Question, ‘Do You Support The Substance Of The Supreme Court Decision In Roe V. Wade?’”** (Scott S. Greenberger, “Roe V. Wade Omitted From Proclamation,” *The Boston Globe*, 3/25/05)

**In 2002, “Romney Also Professed Support For State Funding Of Abortion Services For Low-Income Women, [Planned Parenthood Spokesperson Erin] Rowland Said.”** (Scott S. Greenberger, “Roe V. Wade Omitted From Proclamation,” *The Boston Globe*, 3/25/05)

- **Romney in 2002:** “This state does provide Medicaid funding for abortions, and that’s something which I would keep in place.” (“Changing Statements On The Right To Choose,” *The Boston Globe*, 3/24/02)

**In 1999, Romney Said “We Have Choice. Whether You Are Pro Or Against Abortion Is Irrelevant.”** ROMNEY: “We have choice. Whether you are pro or against abortion is irrelevant. The question is what is the choice. I am in favor of the women of America having the opportunity to make the right choice by providing support and care for those who want to take the child to full term and put it up for adoption. And providing information and counseling to people trying to make that decision.” (Glen Warchol, “This Is The Place, But Politics May Lead Romneys Elsewhere,” *The Salt Lake Tribune*, 2/14/99)

**In 1994, Romney Claimed He Had Been Pro-Choice For Nearly 25 Years.** “I believe that abortion should be safe and legal in this country. I have since the time that my mom took that position when she ran in 1970 as a US Senate candidate. I believe that since Roe v. Wade has been the law for 20 years we should sustain and support it.” (Joan Vennoch, “Romney’s Revolving World,” *The Boston Globe*, 3/2/06)

- **Romney Campaign Accused Ted Kennedy Of Flip-Flopping On Abortion, Saying “Mitt Has Always Been Consistent In His Pro-Choice Position.”** “Citing a 1971 letter written by Kennedy, [Romney campaign consultant Charles] Manning responded, ‘I think the reason they don’t trust Ted Kennedy is that he flip-flopped on abortion. He was pro-life before Roe v. Wade and now he’s changed. Mitt has always been consistent in his pro-choice position and that’s why the group respects him.’” (Bruce Mohl, “Mass. Antiabortion Group Backs Romney,” *The Boston Globe*, 9/8/94)

**Romney In 1994: “I Think It’s Important That People See Me Not As A Pro-Life Candidate.”** “Republican U.S. Senate hopeful W. Mitt Romney further distanced himself from anti-abortion forces at the start of the GOP state convention in Springfield, saying he does not want to be labeled a ‘pro-life’ candidate. Anti-abortion delegates are expected to caucus before today’s convention vote, but Romney said he will not meet with them. ‘I’m not seeking their endorsement,’ said Romney, who remains the clear favorite to win the party’s endorsement today. ‘I think it’s important that people see me not as a pro-life candidate.’” (Joe Battenfeld, “Romney Assumes Role Of Favorite,” *Boston Herald*, 5/14/94)

**Romney Also Backed RU-486 Access During His ‘94 Race.** “GOP Senate hopeful W. Mitt Romney, who has been accused of waffling on abortion, came down more firmly in the abortion rights camp yesterday, voicing support for the RU-486 ‘morning after’ abortion pill and a bill to ensure clinic access.” (Andrew Miga, “Romney Leans Toward Abort Rights Camp,” *Boston Herald*, 5/19/94)

- **“[Romney] Has Won Praise From Abortion Rights Groups ... For Endorsing The Legalization Of RU-486, The Abortion-Inducing Drug Used In Europe.”** (Scot Lehigh, “Romney Admits Advice Against Abortion,” *The Boston Globe*, 10/20/94)
- **Romney, On RU-486:** “I think it would be a positive thing to have women have the choice of taking the morning-after pill ... I would favor having it available.” (Andrew Miga, “Romney Leans Toward Abort Rights Camp,” *Boston Herald*, 5/19/94)

### **In 2002, Romney Filled Out Questionnaires Supporting Abortion Rights, State Funding For Abortions And Was Endorsed By Pro-Choice Groups**

**Romney Professed Support For Roe v. Wade, Public Funding Of Abortions.** “On a questionnaire Planned Parenthood gave to the gubernatorial candidates in 2002, Romney answered ‘yes’ to the question, ‘do you support the substance of the supreme court decision in Roe v. Wade?’ Romney also professed support for state funding of abortion services for low-income women, [spokesperson Erin] Rowland said.” (Scott S. Greenberger, “Roe V. Wade Omitted From Proclamation,” *The Boston Globe*, 3/25/05)

- **Romney, In NARAL Questionnaire:** “I respect and will protect a woman’s right to choose. This choice is a deeply personal one ... Women should be free to choose based on their own beliefs, not mine and not the government’s. The truth is, no candidate in the Governor’s race in either party would deny women abortion rights. So let’s end this argument that does not exist and stop the cynical, divisive attacks made only for political gain.” (Stephanie Ebbert, “Clarity Sought On Romney’s Abortion Stance,” *The Boston Globe*, 7/3/05)

**Romney Bragged Of Being Pro-Choice Since Before Roe v. Wade.** “I don’t think it’s NARAL’s position to say who’s pro-choice and who’s not pro-choice ... I joined my mother in 1970 when she said she was in favor of legalizing abortion. I guess they’d say she wasn’t pro-choice because we didn’t have those items to vote for.” (Scot Lehigh, “Romney Labeled A ‘Pretender’ On Abortion Rights,” *The Boston Globe*, 10/12/94)

**Romney Argued He Was Most Pro-Choice Candidate In 2002 Election.** “Gubernatorial candidates Shannon O’Brien and Mitt Romney sparred ... over who was the strongest abortion rights supporter by touting endorsements from abortion rights groups and challenging each other’s records on the issue.” (John McElhenny, “O’Brien, Romney Tout Abortion Rights Credentials,” *The Associated Press*, 10/3/02)

- **“Romney ... Was Endorsed By The New York-Based Republican Pro-Choice Coalition.”** (John McElhenny, “O’Brien, Romney Tout Abortion Rights Credentials,” *The Associated Press*, 10/3/02)

### **In 2002, Romney Opposed Mandatory Counseling And Waiting Periods**

**Boston Magazine, Circa 2002: Romney Opposed “Any Curtailment Of Existing Abortion Rights, Including The Anti-Abortion Movement’s Attempts To Impose Mandatory Counseling And Waiting Periods.”** “According to [Romney’s] written response to an abortion-rights group questionnaire, Romney supports a ban on partial-birth abortions but otherwise opposes any curtailment of existing abortion rights, including the anti-abortion

movement's attempts to impose mandatory counseling and waiting periods." ( Jon Keller, "Latter-Day Complaints," *Boston Magazine*, 6/02)

### **Romney Affirmed His Support For Roe v. Wade Decision In Both Of His Previous Campaigns**

**1994: Romney Said He Would "Sustain And Support" Roe v. Wade.** "I believe that abortion should be safe and legal in this country. I have since the time that my mom took that position when she ran in 1970 as a US Senate candidate. I believe that since Roe v. Wade has been the law for 20 years we should sustain and support it." (Joan Vennoch, "Romney's Revolving World," *The Boston Globe*, 3/2/06)

**2002: Romney Confirmed His Support For Roe v. Wade Decision In Planned Parenthood Questionnaire.** "On a questionnaire Planned Parenthood gave to the gubernatorial candidates in 2002, Romney answered 'yes' to the question, 'Do you support the substance of the Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade?'" (Scott S. Greenberger, "Roe V. Wade Omitted From Proclamation," *The Boston Globe*, 3/25/05)

### **Romney Has More Than Once Become "Firmer" In His Position On Abortion**

**1994 Romney Spokesman:** "As Mitt has studied the issues with regard to choice more and more and talked with a lot of people about them, he has become firmer in his position." (Scot Lehigh, "Romney Takes More Heat On Abortion," *The Boston Globe*, 9/10/94)

**2007 Romney Spokesman:** "[T]his was clearly an issue where the governor realized he was wrong in the past and is clearly and firmly dedicated to advocating the position of protecting life." (Glen Johnson, "Romney's Abortion Views First Shaped By Personal, Then Clinical," *The Associated Press*, 2/7/07)

### **Romney Became More Pro-Choice As 1994 Senate Race Went On, First Opposing – Then Backing – Federal Funding Of Abortion**

**February 1994: Romney Claimed He Opposed Medicaid-Funded Abortions.** "[Romney] also said he would oppose spending public money for Medicaid-funded abortions. 'I am not in favor of government funding of abortion,' he said. 'I don't think government should either promote or prevent abortion.'" (Scot Lehigh and Frank Phillips, "GOP's Romney Declares, Says Kennedy Out Of Date," *The Boston Globe*, 2/3/94)

**Later In The Campaign, Romney Changed Positions And Backed States' Rights To Offer Medicaid-Funded Abortions.** "More recently, Romney ... has also said that he would leave the decision about Medicaid abortions to the states." (Scot Lehigh, "Romney Takes More Heat On Abortion," *The Boston Globe*, 9/10/94)

- **Spokesman: Romney "Would Leave To The States The Decision On Whether To Use Federal Funds For Abortion."** "Manning said Romney wants to leave health care abortion coverage to the consumer, would support the Freedom of Choice act as long as went no further than codifying Roe v. Wade, and would leave to the states the decision on whether to use federal funds for abortion." (Scot Lehigh and Frank Phillips, "Lakian, Romney Try Finger-Pointing," *The Boston Globe*, 9/9/94)
- **"Asked How [Ted] Kennedy And Romney Differ On The Abortion Issue, [Romney Aide Charles] Manning Said, 'It's Tiny Nuances.'"** (Bruce Mohl, "Mass. Antiabortion Group Backs Romney," *The Boston Globe*, 9/8/94)

**By September 1994, Romney Was For Abortion Coverage In Federal Health Plans, Codifying Roe v. Wade And Federal Abortion Funding.** "Romney supports a federal health care plan option that includes abortion services, would vote for a law codifying the 1972 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion and backs federal funding for abortions as long as states can decide if they want the money, [a spokesman] said." (Ed Hayward, "Anti-Abortion Group Endorses Romney Bid," *Boston Herald*, 9/8/94)

### **Romney's Wife Contributed To Planned Parenthood**

**Romney's Wife Ann Made Contribution To Planned Parenthood In 1994, Check Written "From The Romney's Joint Checking Account."** "As abortion continues to define the Republican presidential primary, Mitt Romney's campaign said yesterday that Romney's wife, Ann, made a \$150 contribution to Planned Parenthood in 1994, the year Romney ran for Senate as a candidate supporting abortion rights. Romney spokesman Kevin Madden said Ann Romney does not remember whether it was a straight donation to the abortion rights group, which supports abortion rights, or whether she wrote the check as an admission fee for an event. ... Madden confirmed the payment in response to a question from the Globe asking whether Romney or his wife had given to

the organization. He said the check was written from the Romneys' joint checking account ..." (Scott Helman, "Romney's Wife Made Contribution To Planned Parenthood," *The Boston Globe*, 5/10/07)

## ROMNEY ON ABORTION AS GOVERNOR

### Romney Says That During His As Governor Tenure He Was "Consistently ... Pro-Life," But His Actions Dispute Such A Claim

**Romney Now Says He Was Effectively A Pro-Life Governor.** ROMNEY: "You don't have to take my word for it. You can look at what I did as a governor. And as a governor I came down on the side of life." (Fox News' "Hannity & Colmes," 5/7/07)

**Romney Claim: "You Can See In My Record As Governor That I Have Consistently Been Pro-Life."** ROMNEY: "[Y]ou can look at my record as governor, and you can see in my record as governor that I have consistently been pro-life. Every piece of legislation that dealt with life..." CNN's JOHN ROBERTS: "Even though you were effectively pro-choice?" ROMNEY: "You know, as governor, all the decisions I made as governor and all the bills that came to my desk were – I came down on the side of life. So when I ran for office, I was effectively pro-choice. I didn't call myself pro-choice, but I said I would keep the law the way it was. But the first time as governor that I saw a piece of legislation that dealt with life, I came down on the side of life." (CNN's "American Morning," 6/18/07)

**ABC News: "Several Actions Romney Took Mere Months After" His Abortion Epiphany "Call Into Question How Deep-Seated His Conversion Truly Was."** "Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney has long cited a November 2004 meeting with a Harvard stem-cell researcher as the moment that changed his long-held stance of supporting abortion rights to his current 'pro-life' position opposing legal abortion. But several actions Romney took mere months after that meeting call into question how deep-seated his conversion truly was." (Rick Klein and Jake Tapper, "Romney's Pro-Life Conversion: Myth Or Reality?" [ABC News](#), 6/14/07)

### Romney Appointed Pro-Choice Judge Just Two Months After His Abortion "Conversion"

**"Within Two Months Of His Epiphany On This Issue, Romney Appointed To A Judgeship A Democrat Who Was An Avowed Supporter Of Abortion Rights."** (Rick Klein and Jake Tapper, "Romney's Pro-Life Conversion: Myth Or Reality?" [ABC News](#), 6/14/07)

**Romney Appointed Matthew Nestor To The Somerville District Court In January 2005.** (Mitt Romney, Letter To The Executive Council, 1/18/05)

**Nestor Is Pro-Choice, A Position He "Stressed" During State House Campaign.** "Nestor was born in Lynn, grew up in Randolph and graduated from Wesleyan University and Boston College Law School. ... In the campaign, he has stressed his support for the death penalty and welfare reform as well as a pro-choice stance on abortion, issues on which he and Jones agree..." (Andy Dabillis, "Jones, Nestor Lock Horns In 21st Middlesex Contest," *The Boston Globe*, 10/16/94)

**Republican Strategist Keith Appell:** "This would appear to be evidence that he bowed to political pressures instead of following his supposed judicial philosophy, and that's what the conservative base of the Republican Party is very leery of ... If you espouse a certain judicial philosophy, your appointments should reflect it." (Rick Klein and Jake Tapper, "Romney's Pro-Life Conversion: Myth Or Reality?" [ABC News](#), 6/14/07)

### Romney Health Care Plan Expanded Access To Abortion, Required Planned Parenthood Representative On State Policy Panel

**October 2006: Romney Took Credit For "Officially" Launching Commonwealth Care, Calling It "Key Component" Of RomneyCare.** "The following information was released by the Massachusetts Office of the Governor: Governor Mitt Romney today officially launched Commonwealth Care, an innovative health insurance product that will allow thousands of uninsured Massachusetts residents to purchase private health insurance products at affordable rates. Commonwealth Care is a key component of the state's landmark healthcare reform law approved by the Governor in April. 'We are now on the road to getting everyone health insurance in Massachusetts,' said Governor Romney. ... 'Today, we celebrate a great beginning.'" ("Romney Unveils First New Healthcare Reform Product," *States News Service*, 10/2/06)

- **Romney:** "Earlier this year, I offered a plan called Commonwealth Care that opens the market to much lower-cost insurance than is now available." (Mitt Romney, Op-Ed, "Health-Care Reform Gets A Fair Shake," *Boston Herald*, 6/21/05)

**Under Commonwealth Care, State Pays For Coverage For Those Earning Less Than Federal Poverty Level And “Subsidizes” Insurance For Those Making Up To Three Times Poverty Level.** “For individuals ... earning less than the federal poverty level of \$10,210, the state created a new program called Commonwealth Care to offer essentially free coverage. The state already has signed up 63,000 of the estimated 140,000 of its poorest residents. ... For those making slightly more up to three times the federal poverty level or \$30,630 for an individual the state requires payments between \$18 and \$106 a month in premiums depending on their income, but still subsidizes a portion of the cost.” (Steve LeBlanc, “Massachusetts Celebrates Anniversary Of Landmark Health Care Law,” *The Associated Press*, 4/11/07)

**Commonwealth Care, Which Is “Funded By The State,” Provides Access To Abortion Services.** “Commonwealth Care is run by the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority and funded by the state. ... Commonwealth Care health plans include: outpatient medical care (doctor’s visits, surgery, radiology and lab, abortion, community health center visits) ...” (MassResources Website, [www.massresources.org](http://www.massresources.org), Accessed 2/5/07)

**As Of June 1, 2007, Commonwealth Care Enrollment Had Reached 79,000 People.** “Enrollment in Commonwealth Care, the subsidized program for people with income not exceeding 300 percent of the federal poverty level (\$30,630 for an individual and \$61,950 for a family of four), spiked to more than 79,000 as of June 1. This marks an increase of 10,000, or 15 percent, over the previous month.” (Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority, Press Release, 6/4/07)

**Section 3 Of The Health Care Reform Bill Romney Signed In To Law Requires That One Member Of MassHealth Payment Policy Board Must Be Appointed By Planned Parenthood Of Massachusetts.** From Chapter 58 of the Acts of 2006: “SECTION 3. Chapter 6A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 16I the following 6 sections: . . . Section 16M. (a) There shall be a MassHealth payment policy advisory board. The board shall consist of the secretary of health and human services or his designee, who shall serve as chair, the commissioner of health care financing and policy, and 12 other members: ... 1 member appointed by Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts ...” (Massachusetts General Court Website, [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov), Accessed 2/5/07)

- **In June 2007, Romney Denied His Bill Included The Planned Parenthood Mandate.** QUESTION: “I noticed some of the conservative groups back in Massachusetts, they complain about there’s a Planned Parenthood rep mandate to be on the planning board for the health care plan. Is that something you just had to deal with in negotiating with the legislature?” ROMNEY: “It’s certainly not something that was in my bill.” (Eric Krol, “Full Text Of Romney Interview,” [Arlington Heights, IL] *Daily Herald*, 6/17/07)

### **Romney Signed Bill Expanding Family Planning, Morning-After Pill Distribution In Massachusetts**

**In October 2005, Romney Signed Bill Expanding Family Planning Services, Including Abortion Counseling And Morning-After Pill.** “Governor Mitt Romney has signed a bill that could expand the number of people who get family-planning services, including the morning-after pill, confusing some abortion and contraception foes who had been heartened by his earlier veto of an emergency contraception bill. ... The services include the distribution of condoms, abortion counseling, and the distribution of emergency contraception, or morning after pills, by prescription ...” (Stephanie Ebbert, “Romney Signs Bill On Family Planning,” *The Boston Globe*, 10/15/05)

- **Law Called For State To Seek Federal Waiver To Expand Number Of Low-Income Residents Eligible For Family Planning Services By Estimated 88,000 People.** “The new law calls for the state to seek a federal waiver to expand the number of low-income people eligible for comprehensive family-planning services statewide. If the federal government approves the waiver, an estimated 88,000 more people would be eligible, said Richard Powers, spokesman for the state’s Executive Office of Health and Human Services.” (Stephanie Ebbert, “Romney Signs Bill On Family Planning,” *The Boston Globe*, 10/15/05)

**Romney Had Previously Argued That Morning-After Pills “Cause Abortions.”** “In July, Romney vetoed a bill to expand the use of the morning-after pills by requiring hospitals to offer them to rape victims and requiring pharmacists to dispense them without prescriptions. At the time, the governor embraced opponents’ argument that the pills not only prevent pregnancies, but cause abortions. The Legislature overrode the veto in September.” (Stephanie Ebbert, “Romney Signs Bill On Family Planning,” *The Boston Globe*, 10/15/05)

- **In July 2005 *Boston Globe* Op-Ed, Romney Argued That Morning-After Pill Plan B Would “Terminate Life After Conception.”** “Yesterday I vetoed a bill that the Legislature forwarded to my desk. Though described by its sponsors as a measure relating to contraception, there is more to it than that. The bill does

not involve only the prevention of conception: The drug it authorizes [Plan B emergency contraception] would also terminate life after conception.” (Mitt Romney, “Why I Vetoed Contraception Bill,” *The Boston Globe*, 7/26/05)

**Romney Communications Director Eric Fehrstrom “Suggested That The Decision Was Not Controversial.”** “The administration did not publicize the waiver request. Yesterday, the governor’s communications director, Eric Fehrstrom, suggested that the decision was not controversial.” (Stephanie Ebbert, “Romney Signs Bill On Family Planning,” *The Boston Globe*, 10/15/05)

- **Fehrstrom:** “The Commonwealth already provides these health services to low-income women, and we have no objection to the Legislature’s directive that we seek a waiver to expand the eligible population to women with a slightly higher income ...” (Stephanie Ebbert, “Romney Signs Bill On Family Planning,” *The Boston Globe*, 10/15/05)

**“[R]omney’s Move Has Left Some Conservatives Across The Country Confused ...”** (Stephanie Ebbert, “Romney Signs Bill On Family Planning,” *The Boston Globe*, 10/15/05)

- **Joseph M. Scheidler, Pro-Life Action League:** “The guy’s not coming around ... If he’s trying to win prolife folks, he won’t get the hardcore. ... If he were consistent, he would have vetoed that ...” (Stephanie Ebbert, “Romney Signs Bill On Family Planning,” *The Boston Globe*, 10/15/05)

### **As Governor, Romney Ordered Catholic Hospitals To Distribute Emergency Contraception**

**In December 2005, Romney “Abruptly Ordered His Administration To Reverse Course ... And Require Catholic Hospitals To Provide Emergency Contraception To Rape Victims.”** “Gov. Mitt Romney abruptly ordered his administration to reverse course yesterday and require Catholic hospitals to provide emergency contraception medication to rape victims. In a turnaround that foes derided as politically motivated, Romney directed his Department of Public Health to scrap rules that exempted the Catholic institutions from a new law governing the medicine.” (Kimberly Atkins, “Romney Flip Nixes Hospital Exception On Post-Rape Drug,” *Boston Herald*, 12/9/05)

- **Romney:** “It’s the right thing for hospitals to provide information and access to emergency contraception to anyone who is a victim of rape.” (Dave Wedge, “Merry Christy,” *Boston Herald*, 12/11/05)
- **Romney:** “My personal view in my heart of hearts is that people who are subject to rape should have the option of having emergency contraceptives or emergency contraceptive information ...” (Kimberly Atkins, “Romney Flip Nixes Hospital Exception On Post-Rape Drug,” *Boston Herald*, 12/9/05)

**Romney Had Initially Supported State Ruling Allowing Hospitals To Opt Out On Moral Grounds.** “The decision overturns a ruling made public this week by the state Department of Public Health that privately run hospitals could opt out of the requirement if they objected on moral or religious grounds. Romney had initially supported that interpretation...” (Scott Helman, “Romney Says No Hospitals Are Exempt From Pill Law,” *The Boston Globe*, 12/9/05)

**Boston Herald Called It “An Olympic-Caliber Double Flip-Flop.”** “Flip, flop, flip. Yes, Gov. Mitt Romney has now executed an Olympic-caliber double flip-flop with a gold medal-performance twist-and-a-half on the issue of emergency contraception. ... It’s no secret Mitt Romney would like to be president. But who would have thought he’d take John Kerry as his campaign role model?” (Editorial, “Politics On Display The Morning-After,” *Boston Herald*, 12/9/05)

## **ROMNEY ON ABORTION IN 2007**

### **In Early 2007, Romney Gave South Carolina Audiences Conflicting Answers On His Abortion Position**

**Romney In South Carolina, January 29:** “Over the last multiple years, as you know, I have been effectively pro-choice ... I never called myself that as a label but I was effectively pro-choice and that followed a personal experience in my extended family that led to that conclusion.” (Bruce Smith, “Romney Campaigns In SC With Sen. DeMint,” *The Associated Press*, 1/30/07)

**Romney In South Carolina, February 8:** “I am firmly pro-life ... I was always for life.” (Jim Davenport, “Romney Affirms Abortion Opposition During Stop In SC,” *The Associated Press*, 2/8/07)

### **Romney Refused To Comment On South Carolina Legislation That Would Require Pregnant Women To Be Offered View Of Ultrasound Image Of Fetus Before Choosing An Abortion**

**Romney “Refused To Comment” On Bill Pending In South Carolina Legislature Requiring That Abortion Doctors Offer Women Option Of Viewing Ultrasound.** “In a campaign stop in South Carolina at the end of last week, Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney refused to comment on a bill pending in the South Carolina legislature that is a new trend in reducing abortions. The measure would require abortion practitioners to allow women a chance to see an ultrasound. ... It follows on research showing that a high number of abortion-minded women who see ultrasounds at pregnancy centers decide to keep their baby.” (Steven Ertelt, “Mitt Romney Won’t Comment On South Carolina Abortion-Ultrasound Bill,” *Life News*, 4/17/07)

- **“Romney Appeared To Sidestep The Question” When Asked If He Supported The Measure.** “The legislation enjoys the support of other top GOP presidential candidates, but Romney appeared to sidestep the question when asked whether he backed it. ‘I would like to see each state be able to make its own law with regard to abortion,’ Romney told AP when asked a question about his stance on it. ‘I think the Roe v. Wade one-size-fits-all approach is wrong.’” (Steven Ertelt, “Mitt Romney Won’t Comment On South Carolina Abortion-Ultrasound Bill,” *Life News*, 4/17/07)
- **“[Romney] Declined Friday To Weigh In ... [T]he Former Massachusetts Governor Said States Should Make Their Own Abortion Laws.”** (Meg Kinnard, “Romney Sidesteps Ultrasound Viewing Requirement For Abortion,” *The Associated Press*, 4/13/07)

**Huckabee, McCain, Brownback All Support Ultrasound Bill.** “Other candidates were more specific on the measure in interviews with the newspaper. Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, who has signed pro-life bills into law as governor in his state, says he backs the idea. ... Arizona Sen. John McCain says he, too, favors the abortion-ultrasound requirement. ... Kansas Sen. Sam Brownback said he supported the bill as well.” (Steven Ertelt, “Mitt Romney Won’t Comment On South Carolina Abortion-Ultrasound Bill,” *Life News*, 4/17/07)

### **Pro-Life Groups, Pro-Choice Groups And Romney’s Own Advisors Have Been Confused About His Abortion Stance**

**Romney Advisor James Bopp, Circa 2007: “I’m Really Not Sure Where [Abortion] Will Ultimately Fit In His Agenda. He’s Still On A Journey.”** “Will any of these candidates really advocate to end abortion, or are they just paying lip service on an important issue to the base? ... ‘I don’t know yet about Romney,’ [Romney advisory James] Bopp admits. ‘I’m not really sure where [abortion] will ultimately fit in his agenda. He’s still on a journey.’” (Jonathan Martin, “Abortion Wars (Cont.),” *Politico*, [www.politico.com](http://www.politico.com), 2/21/07)

**In 2005, Confusion Reigned Over Romney’s Abortion Beliefs.** “Advocates on both sides of the abortion debate say they are confused over Governor Mitt Romney’s position on abortion and are seeking to understand the meaning of recent comments he has made, in light of the positions he outlined during the 2002 gubernatorial campaign.” (Stephanie Ebbert, “Clarity Sought On Romney’s Abortion Stance,” *The Boston Globe*, 7/3/05)

**2002: Romney Declined To Fill Out Massachusetts Citizens For Life’s Questionnaire.** “[Massachusetts Citizens for Life’s Marie Sturgis said] ‘We honestly don’t know where he stands on this issue.’ ... When he ran for governor in 2002, she said, her group considered him an abortion rights supporter; Romney declined to complete the Citizens for Life questionnaire.” (Stephanie Ebbert, “Clarity Sought On Romney’s Abortion Stance,” *The Boston Globe*, 7/3/05)

- **New York Sun’s Ryan Sager, On Romney And Massachusetts Citizens For Life:** “[D]uring his 2002 campaign for governor, Mr. Romney ran away from the group’s endorsement at a televised debate like a dog from a vacuum cleaner.” (Ryan Sager, “Political Video Of The Day: Romney And Mass. Citizens For Life,” *New York Sun’s Politics Blog*, 5/9/07)

**In 2005, Massachusetts Citizens For Life Still Considered Romney To Be An Abortion Rights Supporter.** “[Sturgis] said she hasn’t detected any change in Romney’s stance. The group considers Romney to be an abortion-rights supporter, as do national antiabortion groups such as the Family Research Council.” (Scott S. Greenberger, “Roe V. Wade Omitted From Proclamation,” *The Boston Globe*, 3/25/05)

**Romney In Early 2002: Don’t Call Me Pro-Choice Or Pro-Life.** His position on abortion is already an issue because Romney insists on not being labeled either pro-life or pro-choice. ‘People have to look at my views piece by piece, and they can decide what to call me,’ he said. ... ‘I do not favor the choice of abortion,’ he said. ‘I do, however, if I am elected governor, believe that is it my responsibility to protect the right of a woman to make that choice herself.’” (Lisa Riley Roche, “At Peace In Massachusetts,” *Deseret News*, 4/28/02)

 **Romney In Late 2002: “I Do Not Take The Position Of A Pro-Life Candidate.”** (David Guarino, “Last Brawl,” *Boston Herald*, 10/30/02)

**In Early 2005, Romney Refused To Say Where He Stood On Abortion In Any Other Context Than Governor.** “Asked in an interview with *Washington Post* reporters in February 2005 whether he favored making abortion illegal, he replied: ‘I’m telling you exactly what I will do as governor of Massachusetts, but I’m not going to tell you what I’d do as mayor of Boston or a congressman or any of those positions.’” (Dan Balz and Shailagh Murray, “Mass. Governor’s Rightward Shift Raises Questions,” *The Washington Post*, 12/21/06)

### **Romney Falsely Claimed President Bush Was Pro-Choice Before He Became Pro-Life**

**Romney Recently Claimed President George W. Bush “Was Pro-Choice Before He Became Pro-Life.”** “Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney said this week that President Bush ‘was pro-choice before he became pro-life,’ an assertion the Romney campaign now acknowledges was inaccurate. The remark was based on a magazine article Romney had read, his campaign said.” (Mike Allen, “Romney Misstates Past Bush View On Abortion,” *The Politico*, [www.politico.com](http://www.politico.com), 2/25/07)

**White House Responded That President Bush Has Always Been Pro-Life.** “The White House said Bush has always been ‘pro-life.’ During the presidential race of 2000, Dan Bartlett – then a spokesman for the Bush campaign, now the White House counselor – was asked about a quotation from a Texas newspaper in 1978 suggesting Bush’s position had been unclear. Bartlett told *The Washington Post*: ‘The governor was pro-life before he ran for Congress, during his run for Congress and after he ran for Congress.’ A White House official said Friday that Bartlett’s quote is still accurate today.” (Mike Allen, “Romney Misstates Past Bush View On Abortion,” *The Politico*, [www.politico.com](http://www.politico.com), 2/25/07)

**Romney Campaign Said Romney’s Remark Was “Off The Cuff” And Based On One Op-Ed Column.** “Romney’s campaign said the comment was off the cuff and was based on a National Review article, which remained on Romney’s Web site Saturday morning, asserting that “George W. Bush ran as a pro-choice politician in his 1978 congressional campaign.” (Mike Allen, “Romney Misstates Past Bush View On Abortion,” *The Politico*, [www.politico.com](http://www.politico.com), 2/25/07)

## **STEM CELL RESEARCH**

### **Romney Was Once Emphatically In Favor Of Embryonic Stem Cell Research**

**June 2002: Romney “Spoke Extensively” About His Support For Embryonic Stem Cell Research At Bioethics Forum.** “Speaking at a bioethics forum, GOP gubernatorial hopeful Mitt Romney yesterday endorsed embryonic stem cell research ... [Romney] endorsed embryonic stem cell research, saying the controversial science might one day help treat his wife’s multiple sclerosis in addition to numerous other degenerative diseases. ... Romney spoke extensively about his position on stem cell research, which also involves embryo destruction.” (Raja Mishra, “Romney Endorses Stem Cell Research, Is Silent On Cloning,” *The Boston Globe*, 6/14/02)

- **Romney Promised To “Work And Fight For Stem Cell Research,” Criticized President Bush’s 2001 Policy.** “‘I am in favor of stem cell research. I will work and fight for stem cell research,’ [Romney] said, adding, ‘I’d be happy to talk to [President Bush] about this, though I don’t know if I could budge him an inch.’ Last summer, Bush set tight limits on taxpayer-funded embryonic stem cell research...” (Raja Mishra, “Romney Endorses Stem Cell Research, Is Silent On Cloning,” *The Boston Globe*, 6/14/02)

**In 2004, Romney Reiterated Support At Biotech Conference, Saying He Didn’t Want “Any Impediment To Doing Research In Massachusetts.”** “In his remarks, Mr. Romney also said he supported stem cell research ... ‘We don’t want there to be any impediment to doing research in Massachusetts, any impediment that would take you to another state,’ Mr. Romney said.” (Lisa Eckelbecker, “Leaders Deride Drug Imports,” *Telegram & Gazette* [Worcester, MA], 4/30/04)

**As Of February 2005, Romney Took A “More Liberal Position Than The President’s” On Stem Cell Research.** “Under a Bush administration policy announced Aug. 9, 2001, researchers can only use federal funding on batches of embryonic stem cells created before that date. Romney said that scientists should be able to work with those embryonic stem cells, but also with embryonic stem cells created after that date, as long as they have been made from embryos generated for fertility clinics that otherwise would have been discarded. This represents a more liberal position than the president’s.” (Gareth Cook, “Stem Cell Research Holds Promise Against Many Illnesses,” *The Boston Globe*, 2/11/05)