

THE GINGRICH/PELOSI RECORD ON ABORTION

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Source: U.S. Library of Congress/THOMAS

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 - Overturn the Reagan-implemented Mexico City Policy prohibiting the use of taxpayer dollars to fund groups that promote abortions overseas
 - Overturn a long-standing law banning the use of taxpayer dollars to fund overseas abortion
 - Funnel over \$2.7 billion in taxpayer money into the coffers of the world's largest abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood
 - Send \$300 million in taxpayer money to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) which the George W. Bush Administration determined was facilitating forced abortions in China
 - Support taxpayer-funded abortion to achieve "population stabilization" to reduce global warming
 - Force American taxpayers to pay for abortions and contraception for young girls without parental consent

Source: Global Warming Prevention Act of 1989 (H.R. 1078 – 101st Congress)

BACKGROUND ON THE GINGRICH/PELOSI RECORD ON ABORTION

- ***During his 20-year career in Congress, Newt Gingrich co-sponsored 418 separate pieces of legislation with Nancy Pelosi, including legislation to fund abortion providers and overturn the Mexico City Policy***

Newt Gingrich served in Congress from 1979 through January of 1999, while Nancy Pelosi's first term began in 1987. The two lawmakers served together from 1987 until 1999. According to THOMAS, the official congressional research website run by the U.S. Library of Congress, Gingrich and Pelosi co-sponsored 418 public bills together. The year-by-year tally of legislation they co-sponsored together is as follows:

Congress	Years	No. of Gingrich-Pelosi Supported Bills
100 th	1987-1988	60
101 st	1989-1990	136
102 nd	1991-1992	113
103 rd	1993-1994	86
104 th	1995-1996	10
105 th	1997-1998	13

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Newt Gingrich co-sponsored, along with Nancy Pelosi, the Global Warming Prevention Act of 1989 (H.R. 1078 – 101st Congress) on June 15, 1989, while the Mexico City Policy was in effect. The legislation was also co-sponsored by notable liberals such as Barbara Boxer, Barney Frank, and Chuck Schumer.

The Mexico City Policy, which was first implemented in 1984 by President Ronald Reagan, required all non-governmental organizations that received U.S. federal funding to refrain from performing or promoting abortions in other countries. The policy was rescinded by President Clinton in 1993, restored by President George W. Bush in 2001, and rescinded again by President Obama in 2009.

Sec. 1102(a) of the Gingrich/Pelosi legislation mandated that it would be the policy of the United States that “family planning services should be made available to all persons requesting them.”

Sec. 1102(c)(2) removed the restriction on funds for abortion services and providers, stating: “No restrictions may be placed on the use of these funds which would be inconsistent with the United States constitutional rights of privacy, regardless of whether such funds are used to provide such services abroad, to support international efforts, or any other use.”

Both sections gutted the Mexico City Policy and would have made taxpayer funding for overseas abortion permanent federal law.

- ***Overturn a long-standing law banning the use of taxpayer dollars to fund overseas abortion***

The Gingrich/Pelosi-supported Global Warming Prevention Act of 1989 did not just overturn the Mexico City Policy, it also overturned the longstanding law, authored in 1973 by Sen. Jesse Helms, banning the use of U.S. taxpayer dollars to pay for abortions in other countries.

Both Sec. 1102(a) and Sec. 1102(c)(2) of the Gingrich/Pelosi legislation, described above, gutted the Helms law banning the use of taxpayer dollars to pay for overseas abortions.

- ***Funnel over \$2.7 billion in taxpayer money into the coffers of the world’s largest abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood***

Sec. 1102(b) of the Gingrich/Pelosi global warming bill provided billions of dollars in American taxpayer funding for global abortion services. In total, the bill provided over \$2.7 billion over five years in funding for “family planning services.” While the legislation does contain a very

weak limitation on funding, it in no way prohibits the funding from being used to provide voluntary abortions.

- ***Send \$300 million in taxpayer money to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) which the George W. Bush Administration determined was facilitating forced abortions in China***

The same section also provides \$300 million over five years for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). The George W. Bush Administration in 2005 [determined](#) that UNFPA facilitated “the Chinese government’s coercive abortion program.”

- ***Support taxpayer-funded abortion to achieve “population stabilization” to reduce global warming***

Under the guise of reducing the effects of global warming, the Gingrich/Pelosi-supported global warming bill required reductions in world population growth. Sec. 1101 of the legislation stated: “[T]o avoid the potentially catastrophic consequences of significant global warming a coordinated international effort to address world population growth must be initiated[.]”

Sec. 1101 of the legislation also found that “the goal of population stabilization can be best accomplished through [...] policies to make family planning services universally available [...] and therefore reduce pressures on global resources[.]”

- ***Force American taxpayers to pay for abortions and contraception for young girls without parental consent***

Sec. 1102(a) of the Gingrich/Pelosi global warming bill stated unequivocally that it would be U.S. policy to provide abortions and birth control to anyone on earth who requested them: “POLICY—It is the policy of the United States that family planning services should be made available to all persons requesting them.”

Nowhere in the legislation is there any requirement that only adults receive the so-called family planning services, nor is there any restriction against providing abortion or birth control to children, nor is there any requirement whatsoever that children receive parental consent prior to obtaining an abortion or birth control. Under the Gingrich/Pelosi bill, 12-year-old girls overseas could receive abortions, without parental consent, funded by American taxpayers.