

CHAPTER 8

FREE FAMILY PLANNING

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As part of healthcare reform, my administration will protect the rights of women to solely determine if and when to have children. I am strongly pro-choice.

I believe all women shall be entitled to free pregnancy termination with no questions asked. Pregnancy is a health issue for women, and politicians and religious zealots have no place in this discussion.

Any laws enacted that restrict women's right to a pregnancy termination are the practice of medicine. And only doctors have license to practice medicine; legislators do not have this authority. It is strictly a decision between a woman and her doctor on how she wishes to manage her health.

The importance of family planning in a civilized society cannot be stressed enough. Currently, America ranks 60th in maternal health among civilized countries. The cost and human suffering of this ranking is staggering, all of which could be completely avoided with proper family planning and maternal health. My administration will invest

massive amounts of capital in family planning clinics across the country and support generous paid family leave provisions.

