

# 2004 VOTE DESCRIPTIONS SENATE VOTES

## VOTE 1: FAMILY PLANNING AVAILABILITY PACKAGE

On March 11, 2003, Senate leaders, during debate on the so-called “*Partial Birth Abortion Ban (PBA)*” Bill (S. 3), used a procedural maneuver to block consideration of an amendment by Patty Murray (D-WA) to expand the availability of family planning information and services. The amendment required health insurance plans to cover prescription contraceptives, promoted increased availability of information about and access to emergency contraceptives, and expanded reproductive health care, including family planning, to new mothers. Sixty votes were required on the motion to overcome the procedural hurdle.

Final Vote: 49-47

Population Connection urged a “Yes” vote.

## VOTE 2: ROE V. WADE RESOLUTION

On March 12, 2003, the Senate approved a Tom Harkin (D-IA) amendment to the “*Partial Birth Abortion*” Bill (S. 3) that expressed the sense of the Senate that the Supreme Court’s decision legalizing abortion in *Roe v. Wade* was correct and should not be overturned.

Final Vote: 52-46

Population Connection urged a “Yes” vote.

## VOTE 3: ENVIRONMENT

On March 19, 2003, the Senate adopted a Barbara Boxer (D-CA) motion to strike language in the *Fiscal 2004 Budget Resolution* (S. Con. Res. 23) that would have allowed drilling in Alaska’s Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Final Vote: 52-48

Population Connection urged a “Yes” vote.

## VOTE 4: SAFE ABORTIONS AT OVERSEAS MILITARY FACILITIES

On May 22, 2003, the Senate rejected a Patty Murray (D-WA) amendment to the *Fiscal 2004 Defense Authorization Bill* (S.1050) that would have given servicewomen and military dependents stationed overseas access to privately funded, safe abortions at base hospitals.

Final Vote: 48-51

Population Connection urged a “Yes” vote.

## VOTE 5: GLOBAL GAG RULE

On July 9, 2003, the Senate rejected a Richard Lugar (R-IN) motion to table (kill) a pro-family planning amendment offered by Barbara Boxer (D-CA) to the *Fiscal 2004 Foreign Aid Bill*. The Boxer amendment repeals a harmful and dangerous policy known as the Global Gag Rule.

Final Vote: 43-53

Population Connection urged a “No” vote.

*Update: After overcoming the tabling motion, the Boxer amendment was agreed to by voice vote.*

## VOTE 6: ABSTINENCE-ONLY-UNTIL-MARRIAGE EDUCATION PROGRAM

On October 30, 2003, the Senate rejected a Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) amendment to the *Fiscal 2004 Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill* (H.R. 2800) that sought to loosen the restriction on HIV and AIDS prevention funding abroad that requires one-third of all prevention funding go to abstinence-only-unless-married programs.

Final Vote: 41-51

Population Connection urged a “Yes” vote.

## VOTE 7: CHOICE PROTECTION

On March 25, 2004, the Senate narrowly rejected an amendment proposed by Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) to *H.R. 1997*, which would have imposed harsh penalties for acts of violence against pregnant women without jeopardizing a woman’s right to choose.

Final Vote: 49-50

Population Connection urged a “Yes” vote.

*Update: H.R. 1997 subsequently passed granting separate legal status to a human fetus and setting a dangerous legal precedent that could be used to overturn laws protecting abortion rights.*

## VOTE 8: FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT OF 2004

On January 22, 2004, Barbara Boxer (D-CA) introduced the *Freedom of Choice Act of 2004* (S. 2020). *FOCA* prohibits government interference with a woman’s right to choose to bear a child or terminate a pregnancy. This measure is consistent with the *Roe v. Wade* decision and will supercede anti-choice laws, including laws that prohibit the funding of abortions for poor women or counseling and referrals for abortions.

Population Connection endorsed legislation.

## VOTE 9: PUTTING PREVENTION FIRST ACT OF 2004

Introduced in the Senate on April 22, 2004, by Harry Reid (D-NV), the *Putting Prevention First Act of 2004* (S. 2336) provides women with greater access to family planning services by requiring insurance providers to pay for contraceptives, ensuring age-appropriate sex education in public schools, and increasing funding for the Title X-national family planning program.

Population Connection endorsed legislation.

# 2004 CONGRESSIONAL REPORT CARD—SENATE VOTES

	Family Planning	Roe v. Wade	Environment	Abortions at Military Bases	Global Gag Rule	Abstinence-Only Education	Choice Protection	Freedom of Choice	Putting Prevention First
<b>ALABAMA</b>									
Jeff Sessions (R)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Richard Shelby (R)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
<b>ALASKA</b>									
Lisa Murkowski (R)	x	✓	x	x	✓	x	x		
Ted Stevens (R)	x	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x		
<b>ARIZONA</b>									
Jon Kyl (R)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
John McCain (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x		
<b>ARKANSAS</b>									
Blanche Lincoln (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Mark Pryor (D)	✓	x	✓	x	✓	✓	✓		
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>									
Barbara Boxer (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	C	C
Dianne Feinstein (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	C	C
<b>COLORADO</b>									
Wayne Allard (R)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R)	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x		
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>									
Christopher Dodd (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	C	C
Joseph Lieberman (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	✓	C	C
<b>DELAWARE</b>									
Joseph Biden (D)	?	?	✓	✓	✓	✓	?		
Thomas Carper (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	✓		
<b>FLORIDA</b>									
Bob Graham (D)	?	✓	✓	✓	?	✓	✓		
Bill Nelson (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
<b>GEORGIA</b>									
Saxby Chambliss (R)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Zell Miller (D)	x	x	x	x	?	x	x		
<b>HAWAII</b>									
Daniel Akaka (D)	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Daniel Inouye (D)	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓		
<b>IDAHO</b>									
Larry Craig (R)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Michael Crapo (R)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		

## VOTE KEY

✓ Member voted in support of Population Connection's position.  
 x Member voted against Population Connection's position.

? Member was absent or did not vote.  
 C Co-sponsor of Population Connection endorsed legislation.



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<b>MONTANA</b>									
Max Baucus (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Conrad Burns (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		
<b>NEBRASKA</b>									
Chuck Hagel (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		
Ben Nelson (D)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	?	✗		
<b>NEVADA</b>									
John Ensign (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		
Harry Reid (D)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓		C
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>									
Judd Gregg (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		
John Sununu (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>									
Jon Corzine (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	CC	CC
Frank Lautenberg (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	CC	CC
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>									
Jeff Bingaman (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		C
Pete Domenici (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	?	✗		
<b>NEW YORK</b>									
Hillary Clinton (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		C
Charles Schumer (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	CC	
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>									
Elizabeth Dole (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		
John Edwards (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	?	✓		
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>									
Kent Conrad (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Byron Dorgan (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
<b>OHIO</b>									
Mike DeWine (R)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗		
George Voinovich (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		
<b>OKLAHOMA</b>									
James Inhofe (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		
Don Nickles (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		
<b>OREGON</b>									
Gordon Smith (R)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		
Ron Wyden (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>									
Rick Santorum (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		
Arlen Specter (R)	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓		

