



BARACK OBAMA ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS

BARACK OBAMA IS DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF WOMEN

Pay Equity

Despite decades of progress, women still make only 77 cents for every dollar men make. Barack Obama believes the government needs to better enforce the Equal Pay Act, fight job discrimination, and improve child care options and family medical leave to give women equal footing in the workplace.

Small Business

Women are majority owners of more than 28 percent of U.S. businesses, but head less than 4 percent of venture-capital-backed firms. Obama encourages investing in women-owned businesses, providing more support to women business owners, and reducing discrimination in lending.

Reproductive Choice

Obama supports a woman's right to choose. He has been a consistent champion of reproductive choice and will make preserving women's rights under *Roe v. Wade* a priority as president. Obama also supports expanded access to contraception, health information and preventive services to reduce unintended pregnancies.

Preventing Violence Against Women

Obama introduced legislation to combat domestic violence by providing \$25 million a year for partnerships between domestic violence prevention organizations and fatherhood or marriage programs. Obama also cosponsored and helped reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act.

Education

Obama will fight to protect Title IX and make sure women have equal educational opportunities from pre-kindergarten through college.

Fixing the Nation's Health Care System

Obama is committed to ensuring that all Americans, including the 19 million women who don't have insurance today, have health care coverage by the end of his first term in office. Obama is an original co-sponsor of Johanna's Law, which will educate women and increase awareness of ovarian cancer, and has supported efforts to combat breast cancer. He also introduced the Microbicide Development Act, which will accelerate the development of products that empower women in the battle against HIV/AIDS.



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