

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's Record on Life

Gretchen Whitmer is the most ardent abortion advocate to ever occupy the Governor's mansion in Lansing. She twice campaigned on a platform of abortion rights and was endorsed by Planned Parenthood, the Progressive Women's alliance, Move On, EMILY's List and Reproductive Freedom for All (formerly NARAL Pro-Choice America).

Continuing from her time as a state senator where she forcefully opposed even the most benign prolife laws, Gretchen Whitmer has vetoed every piece of prolife legislation placed on her desk and signed every abortion expansion, regardless its detrimental impact on women's health. In her first term, she vetoed funding for pregnancy resource centers, adoption, and financial assistance for pregnant and parenting students. So far in her second term she has repealed Michigan's abortion limit, mandated all employer benefit plans that cover pregnancy also cover abortion, legalized partial-birth abortion, eliminated abortion statistics reporting, enabled public school employees to give abortion counseling to minor students, legalized commercial surrogacy, and even repealed basic health and safety standards for abortion facilities. She has also voiced her desire to eliminate parental consent for minor girls seeking abortions.

Since taking office, she has had the opportunity to fill numerous cabinet positions with abortion supporters including her Lt. Governor, Garlin Gilchrist, and her Chief of Staff. She has also filled dozens of openings on various boards and committees, as well as many judicial appointments, including placing the radical abortion activist Kyra Harris Bolden on the Michigan Supreme Court. Many of these appointments will last for years. In this way the Governor is able to extend her ideology into far-reaching areas of influence over the course of her tenure.

Progressing from her vocal support of Proposal 3 in 2022, Governor Whitmer has also become one of the leading supporters of abortion on the national level. She is a frequent guest at discussions, conferences, and conventions where she advocates for the reckless expansion of abortion at the state and national level.

In addition to the Governorship, the other two executive positions are filled with radical abortion supporters.

Attorney General Dana Nessel ran on a platform of abortion including running TV ads where she is standing in a back alley with a coat hanger. As AG she said, "I will never prosecute a woman or her doctor for making the difficult decision to terminate a pregnancy." Nessel was also endorsed by Planned Parenthood and Reproductive Freedom for All.

Since taking office, Nessel has removed Michigan from a number of federal lawsuits that supported other states' defense of abortion restrictions and has entered our state into lawsuits that are challenging abortion laws. Furthermore, even though it is her duty to uphold Michigan's current laws, when it comes to laws protecting the health and safety of women and the unborn, she has refused to do so. Attorney General Nessel has also demonstrated a willingness to use the power of her office to punish those she believes to be her political enemies.

Secretary of State, Jocelyn Benson, was twice endorsed by Planned Parenthood. She has deep ties to the Obama administration and previously was a writer for the Southern Poverty Law Center which has targeted prolife groups, branding them as "hate groups." Secretary Benson appointed Jonathan Brater as the head of the Bureau of Elections, the division that handles petition initiatives. Brater previously worked for the George Soros funded Brennan Center for Justice and the progressive Common Cause, both organizations are deeply committed to open voting.

The Bureau of Elections, under the direction of the Secretary of State and Jonathan Brater were responsible for processing the Michigan Values Life petitions to prohibit the dismemberment abortion procedure where over 7,000 signatures were deemed invalid due to insignificant defects. In 2022, they smoothed the way for the Reproductive Freedom for All campaign to place abortion in the state constitution by ignoring over 40 serious errors on the petition form.

Together, these three women represent an aggressive force against the prolife movement and our efforts to protect laws that safeguard women and children. Planned Parenthood referred to Whitmer, Nessel, and Benson as a "Triumvirate of women that protect us all in the state."