

Michelle: Killing Babies Is Cool

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Michelle Obama: Killing Half-Born Child a “Legitimate Medical Procedure”

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In 2004 Michelle Obama wrote a campaign letter on behalf of her husband’s campaign saying that killing a child when it was halfway out of the womb was a “legitimate medical procedure” (thus clarifying her husband’s idea of what constitutes a “surgical” attack) and that bans on it were “clearly unconstitutional and must be overturned.”

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Dear Friends:

We have all been concerned lately with the rise of conservatism in this country, especially as it relates to women. You've read the alarming news about the Justice Department's request for hospitals to turn over the private medical records of dozens of patients. This cynical ploy is designed to intimidate a group of physicians and force them to drop their lawsuit seeking to have the so-called partial birth abortion ban ruled unconstitutional.

The fact remains, with no provision to protect the health of the mother, this ban on a legitimate medical procedure is clearly unconstitutional and must be overturned. Attorney General Ashcroft and President Bush believe so zealously in their cause that the privacy rights of patients are under assault. They believe we have no federal right to privacy when it concerns our medical histories.

On March 16th, we have a chance to nominate a candidate who will be tireless in the fight to protect women. It isn't simply about the right to choose, or

Her statements speak for themselves, of course, but it's worth considering who else they might speak for: At the time she wrote the letter, Michelle Obama was serving as executive director for community affairs at the University of Chicago Hospitals.

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