



Putting America's Families and Values First

Today, American families are under attack like never before. Our cities have descended into lawlessness, our schools teach children to hate their own history, and that boys are girls and girls are boys. Big media, big government, and big business have locked arms to advance this pernicious woke agenda designed to control the way the American people think, what values we can articulate and espouse, and ultimately destroy the American dream. American families are also struggling financially as their wages decline and inflation is at a 40-year high. From the cost of food to energy to healthcare to housing, American families are having to pay more for less. We must turn our Nation around, and it starts with families. As President, Mike Pence will fight to put American families first, and we will do this by recommitting to our conservative values of life, liberty, and religious freedom.

As President, Mike Pence will:

- Reduce financial burdens for America's families, including adoption costs;
- Protect America's children, especially the unborn;
- End the war on traditional family values; and
- Advance universal school choice.

Reducing Financial Burdens for America's Families, Including Adoption Costs

As President, Mike Pence will grow the economy and rein in inflation by stopping government overspending and place America on a path to a balanced budget. The Pence Administration will also address the rising costs of healthcare and higher education which have skyrocketed as a direct result of government interference. As inflation and government spending come down, so too will expenses for American families. President Pence will work with Congress to permanently extend and expand tax cuts for middle- and low-income families with children, which are set to expire in 2025.

Sadly, high costs associated with adoption in this country often discourage prospective families from choosing adoption. In order to make the process easier for both birth parents and adoptive parents, the system needs to be as simple and affordable as possible. Government agencies like the Department of Health and Human Services should work to consolidate the current web of grants, tax incentives, and direct benefits into a mission-focused grant with the goal of providing no or low-cost adoptions to families across the country. The money for these adoptive programs already exists without new taxpayer spending. For instance, according to their 2022 [annual report](#), Planned Parenthood received \$670 million in revenue from "Government Health Services Reimbursements & Grants." Instead of using that government money to end lives, it should be reprogrammed to help end the costs associated with adoption.

Protecting America's Children, Especially the Unborn

Mike Pence supports using every tool available to protect our Nation's children. The fight to restore and protect the right to life did not end when the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*. Mike Pence will work with Congress to pass a 15-week abortion ban to protect unborn children nationwide. This minimum standard is essential to ensure that the lives of unborn children are protected in every state. President Pence will also support the adoption of a constitutional amendment to enshrine the right to life in our Nation's Constitution.

Ending the War on Traditional Family Values

Decades of big government policies have laid the groundwork for the government to raise our Nation's children instead of parents. This approach is antithetical to the American way of life. A family is the single best unit to protect children, and we must empower parents over bureaucrats. We're living in a time when the radical left is advancing its extreme gender ideology in ways that threaten the very fabric of women's sports and opportunities for women athletes to advance and achieve a level playing field.

Participation in sports should be determined by one's gender at birth as a matter of fairness and commonsense. With Mike Pence as President, we will preserve and protect female athletic competition by ensuring that sports competitions are between those who share their God-given gender. Mike Pence also supports policies to protect our children from the permanent, life-altering gender reassignment procedures currently promoted by the Radical Left.

In order to protect children, President Pence will issue Executive Orders directing all federal agencies to defund any programs that accept federal money and provide surgical or chemical sexual reassignment on children in the U.S. or around the world. President Pence will also push for a Congressional, national ban on child gender reassignment a priority of his legislative agenda. This ban will ensure that protecting children is the law of the land and cannot be superseded or ignored by radical governors in liberal states.

Advancing Universal School Choice

American families deserve to have the opportunity to achieve the American dream. This means allowing American families the freedom to pursue the best education options to fit their children's unique needs. Parents must be empowered and have control over how their children are educated. As President, Mike Pence will expand education opportunities for every American family.

President Pence will work with Congress to eliminate the unnecessary Department of Education and return that funding and decision-making back to parents. The \$84 billion currently spent by bureaucrats will be returned to states with the one restriction that states taking federal dollars must grant children the flexibility to use their tax dollars at the school of their choice – public or parochial.