



**Fact Check – “Extreme”**

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<p><b>[Ron Barber]</b></p> <p>I’m Ron Barber and I approve this message.</p>	
<p><b>[Narrator]</b></p> <p>False attacks from Tea Party Republicans backing Martha McSally.</p> <p><b>[Text Graphic]</b></p> <p>Martha McSally’s Attacks “FALSE”</p> <p>PolitiFact.com 11/14/11</p>	<p><b><u>Fact: The current Chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC), Rep. Pete Sessions, joined the Congressional Tea Party Caucus in 2010.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>From The Hill:</i></b></li> </ul> <p>House GOP campaign chief Rep. Pete Sessions (Texas) said that he has joined the newly-formed Tea Party caucus.</p> <p>The National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) chairman told reporters on Tuesday that he “is going to join ... have joined, the Tea Party caucus.”</p> <p>Sessions is the second member of the GOP leadership to join Rep. Michele Bachmann’s (R-Minn.) controversial caucus.</p> <p>[The Hill, <a href="#">7/20/10</a>]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>From Talking Points Memo:</i></b></li> </ul> <p>Rep. Michele Bachmann’s (R-MN) newly formed Tea Party Caucus has just picked up yet another member from the Republican leadership: Rep. Pete Sessions (R-TX), the chair of the House GOP’s campaign arm, the National Republican Congressional Committee.</p>

	<p>Sessions is the second member of the leadership to join, following House GOP Conference Chair Mike Pence (R-IN).</p> <p>[Talking Points Memo, <a href="#">7/20/10</a>]</p> <p><b><u>Fact: PolitiFact has rated the claim that the Affordable Care Act “cuts” Medicare to be “FALSE.”</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>From Politifact, 11/14/11:</i></b></li> </ul> <p>Sometimes talking points are just so good that no matter how many times we point out they’re wrong, politicians keep using them again and again and again, broken-record style.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>As we said last year, while it’s true that the government is looking to reduce the growth of future spending, the Affordable Care Act does not eliminate \$500 billion out of the current budget for Medicare. Most important, there are no cuts to guaranteed Medicare benefits.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>That brings us to our ruling. Generally, we’d give this a "Mostly False" given that there is a small kernel of truth to the statement. But we also have a policy of taking into account whether the speaker is willfully repeating something we’ve said wasn’t true before -- and in this case we have said it several times.</p> <p>TRUTH-O-METER: FALSE</p> <p>[PolitiFact, <a href="#">11/14/11</a>]</p>
<p><b>[Narrator]</b></p> <p>And no wonder. She’s pledged to support their extreme agenda.</p> <p><b>[Text Graphic]</b></p> <p>Martha McSally “I come into this as a SOCIAL CONSERVATIVE”</p> <p>The Jim Parisi Show 2/15/12</p> <p><b>[Narrator]</b></p>	<p><b><u>Fact: On The Jim Parisi radio show, McSally stated, “I come into this as a social conservative.”</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>From The Jim Parisi Show:</i></b></li> </ul> <p><b>McSALLY:</b> So, I mean, I come into this as a fiscal conservative. I come into this as a social conservative.</p> <p>[The Jim Parisi Show, <a href="#">2/15/12</a>]</p> <p><b><u>Fact: In her March 2012 answers for the Center for Arizona Policy’s candidate survey, McSally stated that she supports “prohibiting abortions except where it is necessary to prevent the death of the mother.” She did not submit any candidate comments to indicate that she held exceptions for rape, incest, or health of the mother.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>From McSally’s March 25<sup>th</sup> answers to the Center for Arizona Policy CD8 Candidate Survey:</i></b></li> </ul>

Opposing abortion – even in cases of rape, incest, or to protect a woman’s health.

[Text Graphic]

Martha McSally

Opposed Abortion. Even in Case of Rape, Incest or Protecting Woman's Health.

[Center for Arizona Policy, 3/25/12, 6/25/12]

**Survey Question 2:** Prohibiting abortions **except where it is necessary to prevent the death of the mother.**

**McSALLY:** Support

[Center for Arizona Policy Survey, [3/25/12](#)]

**Fact: In her June 2012 answers for the Center for Arizona Policy’s candidate survey, McSally directed them to “Please use the same answers” she gave for the previous survey. Again, she did not submit any candidate comments to indicate that she held exceptions for rape, incest, or health of the mother.**

- ***From McSally’s June 25<sup>th</sup> (11:48 PM, MST) email to the Center for Arizona Policy Candidate Survey:***

**McSALLY:** Please **use the same answers** I gave for CD8 survey. Thanks!

[Center for Arizona Policy Survey, [6/25/12](#)]

**Fact: McSally is endorsed by the National Right to Life, an anti-choice organization with a record of opposing abortion, even in cases of rape and incest.**

- ***From the National Right to Life Political Action Committee:***

#### **ARIZONA ENDORSEMENTS**

U.S. House of Representatives  
CD2: **Martha McSally**

[National Right to Life PAC, accessed [10/15/12](#)]

- ***National Right to Life "lauded the vote" by the Republican National Convention’s platform committee to leave out exceptions for rape and incest:***

**Cases of rape and incest or in which the mother's life is in danger are not addressed in the platform, which implies there are no exceptions in those cases.**

The National Right to Life Committee, an anti-abortion group, lauded the vote and declared the GOP "the party of life."

**"The language adopted today makes a strong stand supporting the most vulnerable members of our society," said National Right to Life president Carol Tobias, in a statement. "We applaud the Republican Party and the dedicated members of the platform committee for reaffirming and renewing their efforts on behalf of mothers and their unborn children."**

	<p>[CBS News, <a href="#">8/21/2012</a>]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The National Right to Life even published a “how-to” guide for defending this position, which labels women as the “aggressor” if they choose to terminate a pregnancy resulting from acts of rape or incest.</b></li> </ul> <p>But while society is finally recognizing that rape is an act of violence against an innocent victim, it still fails to recognize that abortion is also an act of violence against another innocent victim.</p> <p>If the woman does become pregnant, a rare but possible occurrence, she may be made to feel twice as tainted when society is not prepared to cope with the circumstances of this child's conception.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Irrationally, society expects her to kill her unborn child, not for something the child has done, but for the crime of his/her father. Once again the mother is pitted against her child.</p> <p>Subjecting her to an abortion only compounds the initial violence of the rape. <b>Only in this second tragedy, the woman becomes the aggressor</b> against her own child.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p><b>Understandably, there is concern about the violence of rape or incest, but at best that fear leads to a misplaced sense of chivalry, at worst a coldhearted rejection of both victims of the crime.</b></p> <p>While hard cases can make bad law, they can also offer the greatest challenge to create the kind of life-affirming society we want to live in.</p> <p>[P.17-18, “When They Say... You Say,” National Right to Life, <a href="#">12/11/09</a>]</p>
<p><b>[Narrator]</b></p> <p>And letting insurance companies deny access to birth control.</p> <p><b>[Text Graphic]</b></p> <p>Martha McSally</p>	<p><b><u>Fact: McSally opposes, and supports full repeal of, the Affordable Care Act, which includes a mandate that most employer-based insurance plans provide contraception coverage to women.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>From McSally’s March 25<sup>th</sup> answers to the Center for Arizona Policy CD8 Candidate Survey:</i></b></li> </ul> <p><b>Survey Question 1.</b> Repealing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.</p>

Let Insurance Companies Deny Access to Birth Control.

[Center for Arizona Policy, 3/25/12, 6/25/12; Arizona Public Media, 3/15/12]

**McSALLY:** Support

[Center for Arizona Policy Survey, [3/25/12](#)]

- **From McSally's June 25<sup>th</sup> (11:48 PM, MST) email to the Center for Arizona Policy on updating her candidate survey:**

**McSALLY:** Please use the same answers I gave for CD8 survey. Thanks!

[Center for Arizona Policy Survey, [6/25/12](#)]

- **From Arizona Public Media:**

**McSALLY:** Certainly, women need to have health care and need to have access to contraception, but from my view, that has to come from personal choice and having the right insurance company that provides that to them...

[Arizona Public Media, [3/15/12](#)]

- **From the Green Valley Republican Club Debate:**

**Question:** We're now going to talk about Obamacare, the budget, entitlements, and a little bit on taxes. If the individual mandate to Obamacare is ruled unconstitutional, should Congress start from scratch to propose an alternative, or are there sections of Obamacare that make sense to continue?

**McSALLY:** We need to repeal Obamacare, period.

[Green Valley Republican Club Debate, [4/12/12](#)]

- **From the Tucson Sentinel:**

**McSALLY:** If we just let the free market economy do what it does best, and then you allow people to choose what health insurance they want -- and if it allows, you know, if it has birth control available, they'll go to that one. If they don't want it, they can go to another one.

[Tucson Sentinel interview, [2/9/12](#)]

**Fact: Repealing the Affordable Care Act would eliminate the federal requirement included in the law which mandates most employer-based insurance plans provide contraception coverage to women.**

- **From the National Women's Law Center:**

Efforts are underway to repeal the health care law, which takes important steps to improve women's health.

- Under the health care law, all new health plans must

	<p>cover preventive health services such as mammograms and pap tests, at no cost to the woman.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Beginning this year, most new health plans will also have to provide additional preventive services that are important to women at no out-of-pocket cost. These include the full range of FDA-approved methods of contraception, an annual well-woman visit, screening for gestational diabetes, screening and counseling for sexually transmitted infections, screening for domestic violence, and breastfeeding support, supplies, and counseling.</li> </ul> <p>[National Women’s Law Center Fact Sheet, <a href="#">6/2012</a>]</p>
<p><b>[Narrator]</b></p> <p>Ron Barber is independent. Focused on “bipartisan collaboration,” says the Arizona Republic.</p> <p><b>[Text Graphic]</b></p> <p>THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC ENDORSES RON BARBER</p> <p>“Independent” 10/9/12</p> <p><b>[Text Graphic]</b></p> <p>THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC ENDORSES RON BARBER</p> <p>“Bipartisan Collaboration” 10/9/12</p>	<p><b><u>Fact: In the Arizona Republic’s endorsement of Rep. Ron Barber, they stated that he has shown himself to be “independent” and highlighted his desire for “bipartisan collaboration.”</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>From the Arizona Republic:</i></b> After winning a special election to finish Gabrielle Giffords' term in Congress, Barber showed himself to be independent and willing to serve his constituents' interests -- even if that means going against his party's wishes.  [...]  CD 2 includes the Fort Huachuca Army and Davis-Monthan Air Force bases. Barber is co-sponsor of a bipartisan bill to protect veterans from predatory financial advisers. He says bipartisan collaboration is a goal.  [Arizona Republic, <a href="#">10/9/12</a>]</li> </ul>
<p><b>[Narrator]</b></p> <p>He’ll work across the aisle to protect women’s health.</p> <p><b>[Text Graphic]</b></p> <p>RON BARBER</p> <p>PROTECT WOMEN’S HEALTH</p>	<p><b><u>Fact: Rep. Ron Barber has been a consistent proponent of protecting women’s health, including the ability to make their own health care decisions.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>From the Arizona Daily Star:</i></b>  Women should have the ability to make health care decisions for themselves and not be told by government or by employers how to make these most personal decisions.  [Arizona Daily Star, <a href="#">3/1/12</a>]</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>From the Arizona Daily Star:</b>  Birth control is an essential health-care service and a part of almost every health insurance plan across the country. The issue of whether individuals should have access to birth control has been settled. This has been federal policy for 50 years, and I oppose efforts to limit this basic health-care service.  [Arizona Daily Star, <a href="#">10/2/12</a>]</li></ul>
<p><b>[Narrator]</b></p> <p>Ron Barber works for us.</p> <p><b>[Text Graphic]</b></p> <p>RON BARBER WORKS FOR US</p>	