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## Are You Ready to be a Pro-Life Player?

Four years ago, then Executive Director for RNC for Life, Colleen Parro Baillargeon, wrote an excellent summary of the process and importance of the GOP National Convention as it relates to the pro-life plank in the party platform. Following is an updated version of her article which is very timely for the 2012 election cycle.

Politics is very much like a game with two major teams, the Republicans and the Democrats, sometimes gaining and sometimes losing ground as each strives to control the process by which we govern ourselves. But the game of **politics is much more than a spectator sport**, although too many citizens treat it that way. In fact, **every one of us can and should be an active player**.

Most readers of the *RNC for Life Report* are or have been players in the political process for many years. It was the terrible injustice of the **Roe v. Wade decision that caused millions of us to get involved in the Republican Party**. In 1973, we began the long climb up the political hill, energized by the belief that our system afforded us a way to make a difference by electing lawmakers who would restore legal protection of the right to life. Our efforts culminated in 1980 with the election of Ronald Reagan as President. We believed we had reached the hilltop and an end to abortion appeared to be in sight.

Instead, a multitude of circumstances resulted in a slow but certain slide back down that hill until, in 2006, the pro-abortion Democrats took back control of Congress. In 2008, they elected the most pro-abortion President this country has ever seen. Now the full resources of conservative, **pro-life grassroots must be gathered to remove this pro-abortion President** from the White House and **replace him with a true pro-life advocate** who will lead the repeal of ObamaCare, will insist on a

budget that does not fund Planned Parenthood, and will sign strong pro-life legislation such as the GOP House has passed this year.

**Who will our next President be?** While the election itself is still about a year away, the nominating process has begun; soon the primaries and caucuses will be under way, winnowing down the Presidential candidates as well as picking the national convention delegates. Some political pundits believe that with the crowded GOP Presidential field, the **convention itself may actually pick the eventual nominee**, so the national convention delegate selection process is very important. A strong pro-life nominee with a firm commitment to the **sanctity of life would re-ignite the faith-based pro-life grassroots** whose votes can deliver the margin of victory to Republicans.

Regardless of who ultimately becomes the Republican nominee, we **must protect the pro-life plank in the Republican Party Platform**, which includes prohibitions against funding abortions with tax dollars and embryonic stem cell research as well as protection for the elderly and disabled and for the consciences of pro-life health care professionals. These issues are addressed in resolutions which will have worked their way up through the various state levels thanks to pro-life party activists. The pro-aborts would like nothing better than to **delete or diminish our pro-life positions** under the guise of making the Presidential race more “winnable” for Republicans. **WE CANNOT ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN!** And **YOU** can help ensure that it does not.

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# Abortion and Its Unintended Consequences: *How Many Steve Jobs Have Been Aborted?*

by John Paul Cassil

Steve Jobs, the founder of Apple, is one of the most powerful figures in our society. In Jobs' story, we see a man of humble roots starting a company in his garage and transforming it into the world's most valuable company with a net worth of \$337 billion. Frequently described as this generation's leading visionary, Jobs led the creation of not only the Macintosh computer, but also the iPod, iPad and iTunes.

Apple has played a major role in society. Apple and Microsoft compete for the OS market. Apple and companies like Lenovo, HP, and Toshiba compete for the laptop market. Apple is also involved as the major player in the tablet and mp3 player market. In capitalism, competition creates benefits for everyone. Without Apple, competing companies wouldn't have had as much incentive to develop the competitive technologically advanced products that we now enjoy. Apple created the first GUI (Graphical User Interface) for a personal computer, which led the way for all operating systems in use today, including major Microsoft products.

The world would truly have been a different place without Apple. The success of Apple stems directly from the successes and failures of Steve Jobs. Yes, failure is a good and necessary thing. If Jobs hadn't failed as drastically as he did (in his multiple failed ventures), he wouldn't have succeeded as much as he did with Apple. This speaks volumes to our culture: We need to allow businesses and people to fail so that they can be resilient and succeed.

Jobs' story normally begins with him attending Reed College for a semester before dropping out and subsequently auditing art classes that would later help him create fonts for Apple products. He worked briefly for Hewlett Packard and Atari before founding Apple with two of his friends. A few years later, he was fired from Apple following a disagreement with the CEO. Over the years he founded NeXT Computer, and owned PIXAR working with Disney. NeXT was later acquired by Apple, which brought him back into the company. He then transformed Apple into its present state.

However, his story actually begins before Reed College. In a 2005 Stanford University commencement address Steve Jobs painted a brief picture of his beginnings: **"It started before I was born. My biological mother was a young, unwed college graduate student, and she decided to put me up for adoption. She felt very strongly that I should be adopted by college gradu-**

**ates, so everything was all set for me to be adopted at birth by a lawyer and his wife."**

**Except that when I popped out they decided at the last minute that they really wanted a girl. So my parents, who were on a waiting list, got a call in the middle of the night asking:**

**"We have an unexpected baby boy; do you want him?" They said: "Of course." My biological mother later found out that my mother had never graduated from college and that my father had never graduated from high school. She refused to sign the final adoption papers. She only relented a few months later when my parents promised that I would someday go to college."**

Jobs' biological parents were Joanne Simpson and Abdulfattah John Jandali. Although the details of Simpson and Jandali's relationship have not been made public, we do know a good deal about Mr. Jandali. A Syrian immigrant, he came to the United States to pursue his higher education in 1949. According to *The Daily Mail*, he is now vice president of a casino in Reno, Nevada. At the time, however, Joanne's parents would not allow the two to get married. For that reason, Jobs was given up for adoption to his parents, Paul and Clara Jobs.

Eighteen years later saw the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision, which paved the way for hundreds of millions of legal abortions to take place in the United States over the following years. In 1955, abortion was nowhere near as prevalent as it is today. It was primarily rejected by society as the termination of innocent life. Instead, adoptions were preferred. Adoptions ensure that children are given life. Jobs' adoption was very beneficial, creating and shaping him into the leader that he would later become.

What would a world look like in which Steve Jobs had been aborted?

Out of the 52 million abortions in the U.S. in the past 38 years, how many other Steve Jobs have we extinguished?



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# Planned Parenthood Spending Millions to Reach Their Pro-Choice Voters for 2012

Under virtually constant attack at both the federal and state levels, it's no wonder that Deirdre Schifeling, Planned Parenthood's political action fund director, reminds their supporters that, "We go after a very targeted, specific group of voters: these **swing, pro-choice women**. Candidates' positions on choice do serve a signaling function, in terms of the kind of person they are and **if they are standing up for women or not.**"

Of course, by "standing up for women," this radical anti-life group means that they seek **candidates who will continue to vote taxpayer money to fund abortions.**

Last year, Planned Parenthood sent out mailers to a total of **1.4 million households across the country, which cost up to \$2.2 million.** They will be raising and spending even more on pro-abortion candidates in the game-changing 2012 election cycle.

By 2011 summer's end, the **Democrats had raised \$24 million more than their Republican** counterparts. In September alone, the Democrat Congressional Committee nearly doubled the National Republican Congressional Committee's take, while the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee raised \$1 million more than the National Republican Senatorial Committee.

So what must we pro-life conservatives do in order to offset these millions of dollars? **The answer is simple — but not easy!**

**We must raise millions of dollars ourselves** to help defend pro-life Senators and Congressional Representatives and increase their numbers in Washington. Your generous contributions to the RNC/Life Political Action Committee are needed NOW so that we can assist good candidates during both their primary and general elections. You can donate securely online at our website or by using the enclosed form.

## Where Will We Spend Those Campaign Dollars?

There are **33 U.S. Senate seats up for election in 2012.** Democrats must defend 23 of them, the GOP only 10. Six are retiring senators whose open seats present some GOP pick-up opportunities. Bingaman (NM), Conrad (ND) and Kohl (WI), are all Democrats and liberal

Independent Lieberman (CT) caucuses with the Democrats. Republicans Hutchison (TX) and Kyl (AZ) have announced their retirements.

To become the majority, **Republicans will need to retain their ten seats and capture four additional seats to achieve a bare one-seat majority in the Senate.** Even then, all the GOP Senators would have to hold and vote together to pass most legislation. In reality, due to the filibuster rule, 60 votes are needed to bring and pass legislation on the floor. That would require the **GOP winning 13 of the 23 Democrat seats,** which realistically will be very challenging. While some states are relatively certain to stay or become Republican, such as Texas, Indiana and North Dakota, about a dozen others are solid Democrat seats, and still about **ten other seats in play appear to be too close to call** at this point. Those "toss up" states include Florida, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Virginia and Wisconsin.

In the U.S. House, Republicans should be able to maintain a majority, but **several GOP Congressional representatives are considered vulnerable,** due to freshman status and/or redistricting by Democrat-controlled legislatures. For example, stalwart pro-life advocate Congressman Steve King's district has been re-drawn to pit him against a well-known Democrat name in Iowa. And among the 82 GOP freshmen members of Congress, several are drawing strong Democrat challengers.

**Thus, our work is clearly laid out: we must protect and enlarge the House pro-life Republican majority and we must wrest control of the Senate from the pro-abortion Democrats. To accomplish this goal, pro-life advocates must support candidates who truly respect and promote the sanctity of life.**

Visit our website [www.RNCLife.org](http://www.RNCLife.org) to see the **pro-life ranking of the current Republican House and Senate members. We also are rating Republican challengers to sitting House and Senate Democrats and GOP candidates for open seats.** As President Obama's approval ratings continue to drop, Republican candidates should benefit from the expected huge backlash turnout, so we need to be sure that those candidates are solidly pro-life.



## What Can YOU Do?

Are **YOU** ready to be a vital part of that process? Are **YOU** ready to become a Delegate to your precinct, county, and state Republican Party conventions? Are **YOU** ready to introduce pro-life resolutions at those conventions? Are **YOU** ready to organize enough of your friends and family members to attend the caucuses/conventions with you so that when the vote is taken, your side wins?

The Republican National Convention will be held in **Tampa, Florida the week of August 27, 2012**. During the week prior to that, the Platform Committee will meet to draft a national Platform, and the **pro-abortion wing of the Party surely will be there** to do what they can to weaken or remove the pro-life plank from the Platform. RNC for Life will be there to ensure that our pro-life positions are not diluted. We will need many pro-life delegates in Tampa with us. Have **YOU** thought about becoming a National Delegate? There are about 2,500 voting Delegates to the National Convention. Are **YOU** ready to be among them? Or if you cannot go yourself, can **YOU help fund our efforts in Tampa** with a generous donation?

It's obvious that **pro-lifers MUST be players** in the game, not merely sidelined to watch what happens in the next election. How do you become a player? Go to our website [www.rnclife.org](http://www.rnclife.org) and click on the button marked Convention Delegates. The dates and processes vary from state to state, so you will need to find specific information for your state. It is vital to have **strong pro-life delegates so that strong pro-life resolutions can be passed at each level of the convention process**. Sample resolutions for use at your precinct, district and state conventions are also available on our website. Please let us know if you plan to try to become a National Convention delegate by emailing [Dianne@rnclife.org](mailto:Dianne@rnclife.org). Usually delegate spots to state and national conventions are highly coveted so those selected are party activists. If you have not yet been involved in your county or state Republican party, **it's time to step up and do so in order to position yourself** to promote pro-life resolutions at each level of the convention process, perhaps even becoming a national delegate. Are **YOU** ready?



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