



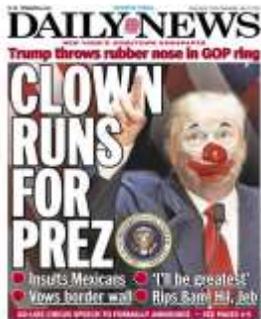
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TRUMP WILL MOST ASSUREDLY BE NOMINEE Republican Establishment Among Many In Awe Of Campaign's Success



The June 17, 2015 edition of the *New York Daily News* poked fun at Trump's bid for president.

James A. Thurber, Ph.D., founder and director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, believes campaigning as an “outsider” has put Donald J. Trump, Jr., in a “unique and historic” position. Thurber, who is also a professor of government at American University, said the candidate’s personal popularity with voters has been driven by Trump’s “unpredictable and candid” comments. *If* this were all it takes to drive a campaign, a Trump win in November would be a good bet.

At the beginning, the campaign was mostly viewed as a joke. But the joke morphed into a cultural sensation. And what had gone from a joke to a cultural sensation has become a political phenomenon the likes of which has never been seen. Today, Trump for President is a serious campaign that, as far as the nominating process is concerned, has seen great success.

Trump is the ultimate example of “victory spawned by celebrity.” His flamboyant style made him a favorite of talk show producers for decades. Add to this the invaluable publicity that comes from hosting two highly successful, long-running television programs, and the stage is set.



Thurber

“Last year about this time, I thought this election would be a snoozer with [Jeb] Bush and Hillary [Clinton] going after each other, but this one has been so exciting. It has been too exciting,” Thurber said during an interview on C-SPAN. Speaking with a hint of the excitement for the potential events to come, the author of *American Gridlock: The Sources, Character, and Impact of Political Polarization* said, “If we have one of those kind of conventions, it will be wonderful for political analysts...”

James Pindell, a *Boston Globe* staff writer, summed up interviews he had done with several political historians.

“Trump is the personification of a 21st century America fascinated by the super-rich and obsessed with celebrity,” he wrote. “In politics, his assets provide massive available financing in a national race where money plays an unprecedented role.”

Theda Skocpol, Ph.D., professor of government and sociology at Harvard University, believes this election season, with Trump at the controls, “is not a fluke.” Author of *The Tea Party and the Remaking of Republican Conservatism*, Skocpol said Trump “is a great entertainer, but he is able to take advantage of a number of dynamics in American politics as they exist right now. This is an important moment.”



Graham

U.S. Senator Lindsey O. Graham, R-S.C., one of the “establishment” Republicans run over by the “Trump Train,” warned that, “If we nominate Trump, we will get destroyed (in the general election). And we will deserve it.” Could Graham be right? Will Republicans, especially Trump, be politically “destroyed” in November? Can success in the nomination process turn to catastrophe in the general election? It will certainly be an uphill battle.

“We’re on the cusp of nominating a candidate with the absolute highest negative ratings of any major party candidate in history,” said Republican strategist Kevin Madden. “If we had nominated anyone else...that distinction would have gone to Hillary Clinton. But we didn’t.” (If Trump and Clinton are so disliked, how did they end up with so many primary/caucus votes? Can we get some sort of solace from the fact that the nominees of *both* major political parties will have extraordinarily high disapproval ratings? Certainly not.)

Republican leaders fear Trump’s attacks on so many segments of the population throughout his campaign will cost the party control of the Senate—and maybe even the House of Representatives. Will candidates for these two legislative bodies cling to Trump or distance themselves in an effort to keep negative feelings about the presidential nominee from harming them?



An estimated 27 million Latinos will be eligible to vote in November.

Polls show 87 percent of Latino voters have an unfavorable view of Trump. In 2004, George W. Bush won nearly 40 percent of the Latino vote. Ronald Reagan did just as well in the 1980s. History shows Republicans have a fair shot at a sizeable

portion of the Latino vote, but Trump is currently heading toward another political record. He could end up with *far* fewer Latino votes than any Republican in history.

The chief concern expressed by pro-life leaders is that no one is quite sure what Trump truly thinks about life issues. This may be because *Trump* is not sure what he thinks about such issues. It is possible that, prior to the kickoff of his campaign, Trump had little reason to give much thought to such issues. This can be good or bad.

It is good that Trump does not have his mind made up; he is ostensibly open to education. It is bad because education could come from those willing to disseminate false, incomplete and/or misleading information in order to advance an anti-life agenda and worldview.

Ignorance will surely lead Trump to unwittingly make comments of concern to pro-life Americans. For instance, the candidate has verbally indicated support for Planned Parenthood. Yet he knows very little about the abortion-committing empire. His entire education on the subject has come from what has been seen, read and heard on a *purely surface level*—void of critical analysis.



Trump

Trump talked about Planned Parenthood during an interview on CNN last year. “The problem that I have with Planned Parenthood is the abortion situation. It is like an abortion factory, frankly,” he said. “And you can’t have it. And you just shouldn’t be funding it. That should not be

funded by the government, and I feel strongly about that.” (Current law prohibits use of federal funds for abortion, but there is a loophole.)

Trump was asked if Planned Parenthood should qualify for federal funds to support other programs:

What would I do when the time came, I’d look at the individual things they do, and maybe some of the individual things they do are good. I know a lot of the things are bad. But certainly the abortion aspect of it should not be funded by government, absolutely.

I would look at the good aspects...I’m sure they do some things properly and good and that are good for women, and I would look at that, and I would look at other aspects also. But we have to take care of women.

“We have always opposed federal funding for Planned Parenthood because they are America’s largest abortion business...,” said Mallory Quigley, director of communications for the Susan B. Anthony List. “Any dollars that they receive free up other funding...”



McLaughlin

Dan McLaughlin of RedState agrees. He too points out that “because money is fungible, subsidizing any...operations of the nation’s largest performer of abortions is a boon to the merchants of death.” McLaughlin backs re-routing the funds to community health centers that do not commit abortions. This would eliminate the fungibility problem while still funding true healthcare.

“Dan’s McLaughlin’s idea is an excellent one,” said LDI President Douglas R. Scott, Jr. “It will surely be met with enthusiasm by everybody who isn’t a pro-abortion zealot.” Scott suggests one change to the proposal. “I would add that community-based health centers involved in abortion advocacy via political activity, counseling or referrals should also be disqualified from receiving taxpayer dollars,” he said.

Kerri Kupec of Alliance Defending Freedom was “not quite sure what he [Trump] was thinking” when the candidate made the pro-Planned Parenthood remarks. “To say, let’s keep funding the ‘good aspects’—why are we making Americans and their hard-earned tax dollars complicit in this gross behavior that Planned Parenthood is engaging in, this callous disregard for human life?”

“All his bankruptcies taught Donald Trump...cheap accounting tricks,” said John Zmirak, a columnist for the Christian news website *The Stream*. “Planned Parenthood is a criminal enterprise with roots in racist eugenics. If Trump wants taxpayers to subsidize their baby organ profiteering, he should be man enough to admit it.”

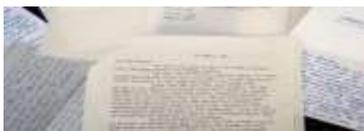
There is a fundamental problem. To a person who does not recognize—or refuses to accept the reality of—the fungibility argument, supporting Planned Parenthood’s other programs is tantamount to retaining the status quo. And Planned Parenthood can certainly live with the status quo, especially under a Republican president. (In the past, Planned Parenthood leaders had cause for concern that the status quo might change—for the worse—under a Republican administration. For the most part, however, it turned out their concerns were unwarranted.)

Trump again spoke of his support of Planned Parenthood during a Republican debate this past February. He poo-pooed the suggestion his fondness for Planned Parenthood means he is not a true conservative. “Look, Planned Parenthood has done very good work for many, many—

for millions of women,” Trump said in a news conference that followed the debate. “And I’ll say it, and I know a lot of the so-called conservatives... I’m a conservative, but I’m a common sense conservative.” Okay, so people who oppose Planned Parenthood are “so-called” conservatives and those who support it are “common sense” conservatives. (Does Trump mean “common sense” conservative in the way Hillary Clinton means “common sense” gun control?) Why does this sound like the kind of verbal engineering for which Planned Parenthood has a notorious reputation?

Trump conceded his position may not be a “perfect conservative view,” but people may make their own judgments. “You can call it what you want, but I am a truth teller, and I will tell the truth,” he said. (If Trump is telling the truth are those who differ liars?) As though it were some kind of defense, Trump said he is “more conservative” than any other candidate on most other issues.

Trump said he would not fund Planned Parenthood “as long as you have the abortion going on.” At the same time, he is sure to mention his belief that the group has helped “millions of women.” But Planned Parenthood has helped neither preborn children nor their mothers.



Trump claims he has received “thousands of letters” from women who support Planned Parenthood. “And this wasn’t a setup,” he was quick to point out. “This was women writing letters...” Would Planned Parenthood urge women to write Trump if he were strong on life issues? If the answer is “yes,” why were supporters not asked to write Rubio, Fiorina and Cruz?

Planned Parenthood Federation of America’s (PPFA) former vice president for communications, Eric Ferrero, applauded Trump’s remarks in a *Daily Beast* article. Ferrero said it seems the candidate has come to the realization that “banning all abortions, shutting down the government, and defunding Planned Parenthood are extreme positions that are way too far outside the mainstream for even him to take.” Ferrero said the people at Planned Parenthood “hope that the rest of the GOP field will wake up and reconsider their extreme and unpopular positions on defunding preventive care, abortion bans, and the other economic issues that women and their families care about.”



The Daily Beast article referenced above is titled, “Donald Trump Is Planned Parenthood’s Favorite Republican.”

The subheading is also worth noting. “The GOP front-

runner said...he supported the status quo when it comes to Planned Parenthood. The group couldn’t be more pleased,” it reads. Could not be more pleased, indeed.

Trump’s feelings for Planned Parenthood may come from the group itself. Unless someone has experience to know statements by Planned Parenthood should not be taken at face value, it is likely they will be believed. After all, Planned Parenthood is the “expert” on all matters relating to “women’s health.”

Will a Trump presidency be an example of “I believe the last person with whom I have spoken”? This could prove to be a major problem considering the fact that *many* of Trump’s key backers and people who will surely serve in his administration are *vehemently* pro-abortion.



Walker

The Daily Beast pointed out that losing taxpayer funding can negatively impact Planned Parenthood’s effectiveness. A spokesman for Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin (PPW) lamented that the group was “forced” to close five facilities after Republican Governor Scott Walker, who is staunchly pro-life, signed budgets eliminating state funding for the pro-abortion group. Chris Taylor, a Wisconsin state legislator and former PPW public policy director, said additional funding cuts at either the state or federal levels would put more facilities “at risk.”

As usual, talk about giving taxpayer dollars to Planned Parenthood is void of any mention of the group’s financial status. PPFA’s “excess revenue over expenses” for 2014-2015 was \$58.8 million. The figure for 2010-2011 was \$155.5 million. It is *not* true that Planned Parenthood “needs” taxpayer funding. It is *not* true that services would “need” to be cut if taxpayer funding were to end. It is all nonsense—and the Planned Parenthood hierarchy knows it. But telling the truth about such things is not exactly a lucrative practice.

Pro-life leaders need to ask some important questions—and be honest when answering them:

- It was once thought a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination had to at least be a wee bit more than marginally pro-life to have any chance of winning. Is this no longer true?
- Will the nomination of Trump drive home the point that candidates need not be pro-life, so long as they do not come across as vehemently pro-abortion?
- Will Trump’s victory show politicians that a solid pro-life legislative record, built over several years, is unnecessary because it will be virtually ignored or deemed unimportant by pro-life voters?
- From the start, nearly all pro-life leaders opposed Trump, but many people who identified themselves as

“pro-life” and/or “evangelical” voted for him anyway. How much sway do pro-life leaders have with pro-life voters? How much weight do pro-life voters give the opinions of those who deal with life issues on the front lines every day? How much weight do pro-abortion voters give the opinions of pro-abortion leaders? (Do pro-life and pro-abortion voters value the opinions of leadership at the same level? If “no,” why?)

Events of the past year or so may be signs relating to each of these questions. If so, it is unfortunate that not one of the questions can be answered in a way that will advance the pro-life movement. It is possible we are witnessing an anomaly—one that will not be repeated. Therefore, conclusions should not be drawn from what we are currently experiencing. It is more likely, however, we are seeing the start of things to come.

Unquestionably, Donald Trump has changed American politics in a big way. But his candidacy has changed the Republican Party forever. Time will tell if the changes are good or bad.



Forbes

What is really amazing about the Trump candidacy? When Steve Forbes ran for president in 1996 and 2000, he was criticized for his wealth. Some argued Forbes would look out for the rich and no one else because he has never experienced poverty. Many voters would not even consider voting for a rich guy, even if he has progressive ideas, conservative principles and a pro-life worldview. (After meeting with three pro-life leaders from LDI, Forbes had the courage to change his position on abortion by no longer backing a rape/incest exception.)

In barges Donald Trump and all of a sudden it is good to be mega-rich (*far* wealthier than Forbes). There is no longer a need for “poverty experience.” A candidate need not have a well-thought-out, unambiguous pro-life point of view. A pro-life record, proven over time, is now too much to ask. Four years ago no one would dare run for president without specifics. Is it accurate to say Americans have changed so much over the last few years that virtually anyone with a good “song and dance” can get elected? Has disillusionment spawned an electorate that considers politics a joke; nothing really matters?

Maybe certain segments of the American electorate owe Steve Forbes an apology for their hypocrisy? For picking style over substance? For choosing a man with a gambling empire over one who sells magazines about finance? For supporting a man known for making cut-throat deals over a man known for helping others make good financial decisions? And, most of all, for showing their bigotry against (some of) the wealthy? One thing is for sure —

the nomination of Forbes would have unified the Republican party; not splinter it.

If ever there were a time to pray for the future of this country, it is now.

THEY “WON’T GO BACK”

Planned Parenthood Action (PPA) has called on its supporters to do all they can to protect the infamous U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade*. The political arm of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA), PPA issued the following marching orders:

It’s scary to think that the gains our country has made in access to abortion could be rolled back. No mother or grandmother in the world wants her daughter to have fewer rights than she did. Take it from Cecile Richards:

“The thing I fear most is that my daughters will have fewer rights than I did. And in Texas, they already do.”

—Cecile Richards, president of Planned Parenthood Action Fund

From courthouses to statehouses to Capitol Hill to the grassroots, reproductive rights advocates are working to protect access to health care through education, litigation, and mobilization of millions of Planned Parenthood supporters.

Do you stand with Planned Parenthood against dangerous abortion restrictions? Do you hope the Supreme Court rules to protect *Roe v. Wade*? Then act now and tell the world.



Cecile Richards serves as president of PPFA and PPA.

THE PRAYER PROJECT

Please join us in *daily prayer* for people active in the Pro-Abortion Movement and those who have been weak in their claimed pro-life convictions (subject to change; updates at www.fightpp.org).

March: Former Florida governor **John Ellis “Jeb” Bush** and Governors **Christopher James Christie** of New Jersey and **John Richard Kasich** of Ohio, who publicly “accused” other candidates of being “too pro-life,” which is impossible; *April:* presidential candidate **Donald John Trump, Sr.**, R-N.Y., who claims he has moved from pro-abortion to pro-life, but whose position is weak; and *May:* former First Lady, U.S. Secretary of State and U.S. Senator **Hillary Diane Rodham Clinton**, D-N.Y., a recipient of Planned Parenthood’s Margaret Sanger Award.

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