

We can't support a McCain-Romney ticket. Here's why.

An Open Letter to John McCain:

NO Mitt

We are conservatives

who believe strongly in the sanctity of human life and of marriage and we recognize that the issues at stake in this upcoming election are serious and profound.

Indeed, we believe the very future of America's security, against threats both foreign and domestic, will be determined by whom America elects as President in November.

Because we have invested our lives in securing a prosperous America that honors life and liberty, we must state our grave concerns regarding your pending choice of a running mate.

Securing and uniting the GOP Base

It is widely understood that to be successful in November you must unite all elements of the Reagan coalition. Hence, your choice of a running mate must reassure the Party's base that their voice and values will be respected, then ignite and excite the grassroots to work hard for your election in November.

FOR US THE BOTTOM LINE IS THIS: The unvarnished facts of Mitt Romney's record as governor of Massachusetts make him utterly unacceptable as a Vice Presidential choice.

Governor Romney got no traction during the primaries simply because his recent "conversion" to conservative and pro-life principles is not credible.

To be clear, we all welcome anyone who has come around to the cause of life and family. However, Romney's actions as governor flatly contradict both the values widely associated with his faith as well as his pro-life and pro-traditional marriage campaign rhetoric.

As late as December (*before carefully selected audiences*) he stated *anti*-life and *anti*-family positions inconsistent with his previous statements.

His actions as governor betray well-timed conversions as mere political opportunism, and are offensive to those who demand "straight talk" from their leaders.

Mitt Romney created \$50 taxpayer-funded abortions

The proof is clear. He claimed to be pro-life, but by establishing taxpayer-funded abortion on demand as a "healthcare benefit" Romney achieved what no pro-abortion Massachusetts Democrat ever had!

He unconstitutionally established a permanent government role on the state-run health care board for an unelected representative of Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider. This was after his pro-life conversion.

Is it any wonder we question his political integrity?

Mitt Romney illegally ordered same-sex "marriage"

Governor Romney also claimed loudly to support traditional marriage.

But he went far beyond the notorious *Goodridge* court opinion that, in brazen defiance of a state constitution which blocks judges from even hearing challenges to marriage law and policy, urged the Legislature to legalize homosexual "marriage."

The Legislature never did...but Romney didn't wait.

Fulfilling a backdoor campaign promise to the pro-homosexual Log Cabin Republicans, he illegally ordered justices of the peace to perform same-sex "marriages" in direct violation of the Massachusetts Constitution and the Legislature's constitutionally binding statute. Is it any wonder we question his political character?

[see www.undergroundjournal.net/igroups/theunderground/adminpages/Letter-To-Romney-JAN-07]

Mitt Romney is unfit to be a 'heartbeat away'

This goes directly to the heart of our concerns over Romney's fitness to be a 'heartbeat away' from the presidency.'

When a chief executive can violate multiple articles of the oldest functioning constitution in the world and disobey statutes he solemnly swore to defend and execute faithfully, then blame judges who never even asked him to intervene, he mocks the principle of limited government and the separation of powers. He robs Americans of their unalienable right to self-government, for which so many soldiers, sailors and airmen have died.

These are just two issues (*there are more*) that absolutely disqualify Mitt Romney as a viable Vice Presidential option. He would fatally harm your appeal to voters with deep constitutionalist and social conservative commitments.

The Base CAN help you win

If Governor Romney is on your ticket, many social conservative voters will consider their values repudiated by the Republican Party and either stay away from the polls this November or only vote down the ticket. For the sake of your election, the health of your party, and the future of America you must not allow the obvious electoral consequences of that to occur.

The Base WILL stand on principle

As citizens, activists, and leaders with our feet on the solid ground of real world Republican and Independent voters, it is our duty to alert you that the grassroots is nearing a point of breaking with Republican Party leadership on many issues, not the least of which is the relentless whitewashing of Mitt Romney as a so-called "conservative."

On this we cannot be silent.

Senator McCain, despite the proclamations of your surrogates we hope you will act to earn the support of the conservative grassroots in November, unite the Republican Party, and lead it to victory. However, **Willard Mitt Romney is a deal breaker.**

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