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Over the course of this year, National Right to Life has carefully examined each of the nationally ranked presidential candidates' positions on life issues. We looked at the Democratic candidates, as well as the Republicans.

We know that it is a distinct advantage for candidates to be pro-life. In election after election, post-election polling reveals that being pro-life gives a candidate a clear advantage among voters. In every major election since 1980, pro-life candidates have fared better than pro-abortion candidates among those voters who base their vote on a candidate's position on abortion.

All of the nationally ranked Democratic presidential candidates support abortion on demand. Senators Hillary Clinton and John Edwards even voted in favor of allowing brutal partial-birth abortions to continue. And, all of the top tier Democratic presidential candidates want to use tax dollars to promote and pay for abortions. In fact, the Democratic Party platform officially supports abortion on demand and taxpayer funding of abortion.

After careful research on the positions, records and electability of the nationally ranked Republican presidential candidates, pro-life leaders from across the nation gathered to endorse a candidate for President of the United States. As pro-life leaders, we could not in good conscience remain silent, or fail to lead. With about 1.3 million abortions every year – that's about 3,600 each day, 365 days a year, it is crucial that National Right to Life endorse a solid pro-life candidate for president.

We know that *each abortion* results in the death of a child, and a family is forever changed. Over 48 million babies have been aborted in the United States since 1973. We will not remain silent, or indifferent to their first right – their right to life. Nor do we want women to suffer the pain and loss following abortion.

The majority of the country is opposed to the vast majority of abortions, and, Fred Thompson has shown by his consistent pro-life voting record in the U.S. Senate, that he is part of the pro-life majority. National Right to Life is confident in Senator Fred Thompson's resolve to protect and defend the most defenseless among us: our unborn children. National Right to Life is proud to endorse Senator Fred Thompson for President of the United States.