

# THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE WEEKLY UPDATE

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The long slog that has become the Republican nominating process continued this week – with Mitt Romney coming in third on Tuesday in both the Mississippi and Alabama GOP primaries even though he vastly outspent his opponents and had confidently predicted victory. With upcoming Republican primaries next week in Puerto Rico and Illinois, Romney reached new lows in his efforts to pander to the extreme right wing – including a vow to "get rid of" Planned Parenthood and new assaults on Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. But the DNC and Democrats across the country pushed back on these extreme and dishonest attacks – setting the record straight and making sure voters knew the truth about the GOP field's failed policies.

## **New Guggenheim Documentary Showcases the President's First Three Years in Office**



The Obama campaign released a 17-minute documentary this week highlighting some of the many tough calls the President has had to make during his three years in office. The film, titled, "The Road We've Traveled," was directed by Davis Guggenheim and narrated by Tom Hanks. In addition to focusing on the tough calls President Obama has made and how they're paying off, the film is about why he made those tough calls in the first place: he believes that America is at its best when we stand by the values of hard work, responsibility, playing by the same rules and recognizing that we're all in this together.

## **Vice President Biden Highlights Resurgence of U.S. Auto Industry During Campaign Speech in Ohio**

Vice President Biden delivered his first campaign speech this week, focusing on the resurgence of the American auto industry and the importance of restoring economic security to middle-class families across the country. The speech, which was given in Toledo, Ohio, is the first of four major speeches that the Vice President will deliver to lay out the stark contrast between the President and Vice President's vision for moving America forward and the Republican field's failed agenda. During his speech, Vice President Biden said:

"Folks, a million jobs at stake -- a million good jobs were at stake on the assembly line, at the parts factories, at the automobile dealerships, right down to the diners outside each of those facilities. Our friends on the other side, our Republican friends, had started a mantra. They started the mantra that said, we would make auto companies 'wards of the state' was their phrase. Governor Romney was more direct -- let Detroit go bankrupt.



"He said that. He said that what we proposed, and I quote, 'is even worse than bankruptcy.' He said it would make GM 'the living dead.' Newt Gingrich said, 'a mistake.'

"But the guy I work with every day, the President, he didn't flinch. This is a man with steel in his spine. He knew that resurrecting the industry wasn't going to be popular. It was absolutely clear in every bit of polling data. And he knew he was taking a chance, but he believed. He wasn't going to

give up on a million jobs and on the iconic industry America invented. At least, he wasn't going to give it up without a real fight.

"That's the kind of President, in my view, we all want, a President with the courage of his convictions -- a President willing to take risks on behalf of American workers and the American people. And, folks, that's exactly what we have, a President with the courage of his convictions. He made the tough call and the verdict is in. President Obama was right and they were dead wrong."

Read the Vice President's full remarks [here](#).

### **[In Maryland, President Obama Discusses All-of-the-Above American Energy Strategy](#)**

On Thursday, the President spoke at Prince George's Community College in Largo, Maryland, about the Administration's all-of-the-above strategy to develop every available source of energy in America. As President Obama has emphasized, it is essential that we reduce our dependence on foreign oil not only by expanding oil and gas production here at home, but also by continuing to develop clean energy like wind power and solar power, as well as exploring new technologies that help us use less energy altogether. During his speech, the President said:

"Here's a statistic I want everybody to remember next time you're talking to somebody who doesn't know what they're talking about. Since I took office, America's dependence on foreign oil has gone down every single year. In 2010, our oil dependence, the amount that we're bringing in, the percentage we're bringing in, was under 50 percent for the first time in 13 years. We've got to do better than



that, and we can do better than that.

"Yes, we can. But in order to do better than that, we've got to tell the folks who are stuck in the past that our future depends on this all-of-the-above energy strategy. That's our job. That it can't just be -- it can't just be drilling for more oil. We're drilling for more oil, but that can't be all the solution; that's just part of the solution."

You can watch the President's speech [here](#).

### **The President Welcomes British Prime Minister David Cameron to United States for Official Visit**

This week, President Obama welcomed British Prime Minister David Cameron to the United States for an official visit, which included a series of events that highlighted the special relationship that exists between America and the United Kingdom. During the official arrival ceremony welcoming the Prime Minister, the President delivered remarks in which he said:



"We stand together and we work together and we bleed together and we build together, in good times and in bad, because when we do, our nations are more secure, our people are more prosperous, and the world is a safer and better and more just place. Our alliance is essential -- it is indispensable -- to the security and prosperity that we seek not only for our own citizens, but for people around the world."

You can watch video of the official arrival ceremony [here](#).

Additionally, following a one-on-one meeting in the Oval Office, President Obama and Prime Minister Cameron held a joint press conference, where the President said:

"We've just finished up a very good discussion, and it was a reminder of why I value David's leadership and partnership so much. He appreciates how the alliance between our countries is a foundation -- not only for the security and prosperity of our two nations, but for international peace and security as well. David shares my belief that, in a time of rapid change, the leadership of the United States and the United Kingdom is more important than ever. And we share the view that the future we seek is only possible if the rights and responsibilities of nations and people are upheld. And that's a cause that we advanced today."

Watch the press conference [here](#).

Wrapping up the visit was an official State Dinner to honor the Prime Minister and his wife, Samantha Cameron. The dinner included dignitaries from both countries and featured an exchange of toasts by President Obama and Prime Minister Cameron, focusing on the two countries' strong alliance. During the President's toast, he said:

"In war and in peace, in times of plenty and times of hardship, we stand tall and proud and strong, together. And as free peoples committed to the dignity of all human beings, we will never apologize for our way of life, nor waver in its defense."

Watch the exchange of toasts between the two leaders [here](#).

### **President Obama Announces New Efforts to Level Playing Field for American Workers, Enforce Our Trade Rights with China**

On Tuesday, the President announced a new trade case with the World Trade Organization over China's export restrictions of rare-earth materials – which give Chinese companies an unfair advantage over American high-tech manufacturers that build products such as advanced batteries and hybrid cars.

President Obama believes that we need an economy built to last that creates the jobs of the future and makes products that the rest of the world buys – and that's why he is standing up for American workers and fighting for a level playing field for American manufacturing. During his remarks making this announcement, the President said:



"This morning, we're taking an additional step forward. We're bringing a new trade case against China -- and we're being joined by Japan and some of our European allies. This case involves something called rare earth materials, which are used by American manufacturers to make high-tech products like advanced batteries that power everything from hybrid cars to cell phones.

"We want our companies building those products right here in America. But to do that, American manufacturers need to have access to rare earth materials -- which China supplies. Now, if China would simply let the market work on its own, we'd have no objections. But their policies currently are preventing that from happening. And they go against the very rules that China agreed to follow.

"Being able to manufacture advanced batteries and hybrid cars in America is too important for us to stand by and do nothing. We've got to take control of our energy future, and we can't let that energy industry take root in some other country because they were allowed to break the rules. So our administration will bring this case against China today, and we will keep working every single day to give American workers and American businesses a fair shot in the global economy."

You can watch President Obama's remarks [here](#).

### **Obama Campaign Launches Nurses for Obama to Engage and Organize Nurse Volunteers Nationwide**

With the two-year anniversary of President Obama's landmark health reform fast approaching, the Obama campaign has launched Nurses for Obama, a new program aimed at engaging and organizing grassroots nurse volunteers across the country. Nurses for Obama will equip nurses with resources to help them serve as advocates for President Obama and health reform in their communities – talking to their friends, family and co-workers about how health reform has already changed lives for the better.

For more information about Nurses for Obama, you can go [here](#).

## Democratic National Committee Announces Launch of Small Business Owners Council

The Democratic National Committee has announced the launch of an important new initiative, the Small Business Owners Council (SBOC). The purpose of the SBOC will be to reach out to America's small business owners and supporters, engage them in the 2012 election and beyond, and amplify the accomplishments of President Obama and the Democratic Party in growing our economy, creating jobs and lending a hand to our nation's small businesses.

Watch the video of DNC Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz announcing the launch of the Small Business Owners Council [here](#).

## Holding Republicans Accountable

The long slog toward the Republican presidential nomination continued this week – with Mitt Romney coming in third on Tuesday in both the Mississippi and Alabama GOP primaries, despite vastly outspending the competition and having confidently predicted victory. And with Sunday's Republican primary in Puerto Rico and Tuesday's GOP primary in Illinois just around the corner, Mitt Romney kept up his efforts to pander to the far right wing of his party – continuing his assault on women's health and his criticism of Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. In response, Democrats around the country pushed back on these extreme attacks and fought to set the record straight on the Republican field's failed policies.

On Monday, Democratic National Committee Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz held a press conference in Florida to highlight Mitt Romney's support for the Ryan plan in Congress, which would end Medicare as we know it and shift the cost of health care onto the backs of America's seniors. Driving this theme home, the DNC released a new web video titled, "Mitt Romney May Not Need Medicare, But Seniors Do." You can watch it [here](#).

On Tuesday, Congressman Emanuel Cleaver and Kansas City, Missouri Mayor Sly James held a press conference call to make sure Missouri voters knew about Mitt Romney's failed record on jobs and his extreme positions that are out of touch with Missouri's working and middle-class families. And following the Republican primaries in Alabama and Mississippi, DNC Chair Wasserman Schultz released a statement which said:

"It wasn't for a lack of trying on Romney's part – he had a huge spending advantage over his rivals, which he used to carpet-bomb them with negative ads. He did everything he could to pander to the far right wing of his party with extreme and out-of-touch positions like vowing to get rid of Planned Parenthood, as he did today. Romney even took the unbelievable step of playing to Southern stereotypes by faking a Southern accent, declaring his affinity for grits and using 'y'all' every chance he got.



"And even after all this, Mitt Romney could not get the job done. Republican primary voters tonight rejected Romney for the same reason independents have abandoned him in droves: he has no core values and he'll do or say anything to win. With tonight's double defeat, Mitt Romney saw what has already become a long slog to the GOP nomination become even more difficult."

On Wednesday, Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, Planned Parenthood Federation of America President Cecile Richards and Congressman Mike Quigley held a press conference call to discuss Mitt Romney's vow this week to "get rid of" Planned Parenthood – and to ensure Illinois voters were aware that this was just the latest in a long string of extreme attacks by Romney on women's health. In addition to this call, Democratic state parties and members of

Congress across the country released statements highlighting Romney's right-wing, anti-women assault and underscoring the point that Mitt Romney is wrong for America's women.

These sentiments were also summed up in a new DNC web video, "A Mitt Romney Proposal for Cutting the Budget," which pointed out Romney's willingness to eliminate a critical affordable health care provider for millions of American women in order to pay for tax cuts for millionaires, billionaires and big corporations. Watch the video [here](#).

Following Mitt Romney's continued criticism of Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez on Thursday released the following statement:

"Justice Sotomayor is a historical icon for our community for a host of reasons. She has enviable judiciary experience, and an acute intellect, along with respect for the Constitution, and common sense. That's why she belongs on our nation's highest court, and why she is a role model for millions of Americans, including Hispanics.

"With every new attack against Justice Sotomayor, Mitt Romney makes it clearer that he is willing to turn his back on priorities of the Hispanic community if it means he'll score a political point with the far-right wing of the Republican Party."

On Friday, Congresswoman Schakowsky and Planned Parenthood of Illinois President Carole Brite surprised Mitt Romney at a morning campaign event at a local diner in Illinois – making it clear that Illinois voters and women across the country are paying attention to Mitt Romney's shameless pandering to the right wing. The DNC reinforced this message with a new web video – "Mitt Romney: Wrong for Women & Wrong for Illinois." Watch it [here](#).

Additionally, Congressman Gerry Connolly and former Defense Undersecretary for Policy Michele Flournoy held a press call highlighting the fact that while Romney claims he withdrew his significant investments in China and says he supports tough trade sanctions against China, Romney isn't telling voters the truth: he stands to profit from his current Bain Capital partnership interest in a Chinese video surveillance technology company. It's further proof that Romney will say anything to get elected – and to highlight this hypocrisy, the DNC released a web video titled, "Mitt Romney Stands to Profit from Chinese Surveillance." You can watch it [here](#).

### [Key Issues in the News and Background](#)

#### **The President's All-Of-The-Above Energy Strategy Helps Families Save at the Gas Pump (3/12/12)**

**Key Point:** President Obama's all-of-the-above American energy strategy is already helping increase our energy independence so families can save at the pump.

- Today the administration is releasing its one-year progress report on the Blueprint for a Secure Energy Future that President Obama outlined last year. The President's all-of-the-above American energy strategy is already helping increase our energy independence so families can save at the pump.
- Oil and gas development has increased every year of the Obama administration and domestic oil production is now at an eight-year high – and our dependence on foreign oil is now at a 16-year low. Last year, we cut net oil and petroleum imports by 1 million barrels a day. President Obama has also:
  - Expanded domestic oil production by speeding up the leasing process and improving safety measures to prevent future spills.
  - Proposed opening up more than 75 percent of undiscovered oil and gas resources for development in the Gulf of Mexico and the Arctic.
  - Taken an important step forward in allowing safe exploration of one of the Arctic Seas, which could yield up to 15 billion barrels of oil.
  - Helped America regain its position as the world's leading producer of natural gas. The President is promoting the safe, responsible development of America's near 100-year supply of natural gas that will help create more than 600,000 jobs.

- President Obama has also made record gains in clean energy development, including:
  - Nearly doubling renewable wind, solar and geothermal energy since 2008.
  - Agreeing with automakers to nearly double fuel efficiency standards for cars and trucks. That will help to save families more than \$8,000 per vehicle at the pump and decrease our oil consumption by an estimated 2.2 million barrels a day.
  - Boosting our use of cleaner fuels, including increasing the level of ethanol that can be blended into gasoline and setting a new Renewable Fuel Standard that will save nearly 14 billion gallons of gasoline in 2022.
  - Positioning America to be the world's leading manufacturer of the high-tech batteries that will drive the next generation of clean energy vehicles.
  
- We're making progress, but we need to do more. President Obama knows that rising gas prices are hitting families hard.
  - As long as America has been dependent on foreign oil, consumers have been subjected to unpredictable price swings at the pump.
  - The President knows we can't just drill our way to lower gas prices and we won't solve this problem overnight.
  - That's why he's focused on developing all of America's natural resources – domestic oil, gas, wind, solar and biofuels – and encouraging fuel efficiency so that we can reduce our dependence on foreign oil over time.
  
- While President Obama is helping families save money at the pump, Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum did the opposite.
  - As governor, Romney increased a tax on gas by 400 percent. He also has no plans to stop subsidizing oil and gas companies with taxpayer dollars even though they're making record profits.
  - Santorum and Romney both opposed increasing fuel-efficiency standards that are helping families save at the pump.

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### **Obama Campaign Highlights Health Reform's Benefits for Millions of Americans (3/12/12)**

**Key Point:** The Obama campaign is highlighting the President's landmark health reforms that are already helping millions of Americans save money and live healthier lives.

- As we approach the two-year anniversary of President Obama's landmark health reform, the Obama campaign is engaging our supporters to talk about how health reform has already changed lives for the better. Our efforts to make sure Americans know what the law is doing for them today – and what it will do in the future – include mail, outreach in the field and online.
  - Please see [this new online tool](#) highlighting health reform's benefits.
  
- In the two years since the President signed his health reforms into law, millions of Americans have already experienced firsthand its important benefits and the economic security it provides.
  
- Medicare is now stronger for seniors, and women can now get life-saving mammograms at no extra cost. Children won't lose their coverage just because they were born with pre-existing conditions like asthma – and American families are seeing how reform is saving lives and saving money.
  
- Since we passed reform almost two years ago, Americans have seen its positive impact:
  - 86 million Americans received free preventive care. That means they got live-saving cancer screenings like mammograms and colonoscopies, and soon women can have their contraception

- covered without paying a co-pay or deductible. They're living healthier lives while saving money at the same time.
  - 180 million are now protected against the worst insurance abuses, like denying health care to the sick, excessive premium increases and lifetime caps on the amount of care a patient can receive, and soon will be protected against gender discrimination.
  - An additional 2.5 million young adults now have insurance. That's because President Obama's health reform made sure they could stay on parents' plans as they enter the workforce, until they turn 26.
  - 47 million Americans now benefit from a stronger Medicare program. The solvency of the program has been extended by eight years, and new prescription drug discounts have saved 3.6 million people with Medicare an average of \$600.
- That's just the beginning. As the law continues to phase in over the coming months, so will more of its benefits. New reforms will lower costs and raise the quality of care. Seniors will see their Medicare coverage continue to improve, and see the doughnut hole completely close.
  - And in two years, every single American, regardless of their circumstances – whether they want to change jobs, start a business or retire early, or even if they lose their job – will have access to affordable, quality health insurance. Presidents have been trying to make that happen for 70 years. President Obama got it done.

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### **Mitt Romney Is To the Right of Rick Santorum On Many Key Issues Facing Our Nation (3/13/12)**

**Key Point:** Mitt Romney is to the right of Rick Santorum on many of the key issues facing our nation.

- Mitt Romney was asked yesterday if he'd pick someone "to the right" of him as his running mate to quiet doubts about his ever-changing policy positions. Romney replied that it "would preclude Rick Santorum," implying that Romney is more conservative than Santorum.
  - Please see [this video clip](#) of Romney implying he's more conservative than Santorum.
- From embracing massive tax breaks for the wealthiest, to taking extreme positions on immigration and women's health, Romney has moved to the right of Santorum on many of the key issues facing our nation. While Santorum:
  - Supported funding for family planning, Romney proposed eliminating it.
  - Opposed anti-worker "right-to-work" legislation, Romney has endorsed it.
  - Has adopted extreme-right immigration policies, Romney is the most extreme Republican candidate on immigration.
  - Would offer relief to families facing foreclosure, Romney said the housing market should be allowed to "hit the bottom."
  - Voted for Sonia Sotomayor's Circuit Court nomination, Romney criticized her nomination to the Supreme Court. He called her nomination "troubling" even though nine Republican Senators voted to confirm her.

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### **Romney Panders To Extreme Right, Says He Would "Get Rid Of" Planned Parenthood (3/14/12)**

**Key Point:** Mitt Romney would "get rid of" Planned Parenthood to help pay for his tax cuts for millionaires and billionaires.

- Yesterday Mitt Romney said he would “get rid of” Planned Parenthood to help balance the federal budget. He’s pandering to the most extreme elements of the Republican base,
  - Please see [this new DNC video](#) on Romney’s remarks.
- Planned Parenthood is a vital health care provider for millions of American women, giving them affordable access to life-saving services like breast and cervical cancer screenings. But Romney would cut federal support for those life-saving cancer screenings to pay for tax breaks for millionaires and billionaires.
- Planned Parenthood’s Title X funding, about \$75 million, represents a miniscule 0.002 percent of the federal budget – and Romney wants to eliminate it. This comes shortly after he proposed a \$5 trillion tax plan that would give massive tax breaks to millionaires and billionaires.
- American women can’t trust Romney to stand up for them. Romney’s run to the right may be winning him Tea Party voters, but he’s losing support from women after alienating them with his policies. Romney:
  - Recently embraced the Blunt Amendment, which would take women’s health decisions out of women’s hands and give it to their bosses. It would let employers severely restrict women’s access to any kind of health coverage, including contraception, pre-natal care, mammograms and more.
  - Said he would have supported a so-called “Personhood amendment” in Massachusetts to define life as beginning at the moment of conception. It could have banned all abortions and likely banned many common forms of birth control.

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### **Middle-Class OH Families Benefit from President Obama’s Bold Auto Industry Rescue (3/14/12)**

**Key Point:** The President’s bold decision to rescue the American auto industry is helping middle-class families in Ohio.

- Today the campaign released a new report highlighting the resurgence of the auto industry in Ohio, in advance of the Vice President’s campaign speech tomorrow in Toledo. The President’s bold decision to rescue the American auto industry is helping middle-class families in Ohio.
  - Please see [this report](#) highlighting the resurgence of the auto industry in Ohio.
- Nearly three years ago, the entire industry was days from collapse and more than a million jobs were hanging in the balance. While Republican presidential candidates were calling for irresponsible proposals that would erode the middle-class, President Obama stood by the American worker and now it’s paying off.
- Ohioans are crucial to the survival of the auto industry, and workers up and down the supply chain are benefitting from the President’s decision to bet on American ingenuity.
  - Nearly 120,000 Ohioans are employed in making motor vehicles and parts, and independent analysts estimate that one in every eight Ohio workers depend directly or indirectly on the auto industry.
  - Ford, GM and Chrysler are all hiring and investing in Ohio again. Thanks to the auto rescue led by President Obama, U.S. automakers are once again profitable, growing, and making cars that excite our dreams.

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### **‘Nurses for Obama’ to Engage, Organize Grassroots Nurse Volunteers Across the Country (3/14/12)**

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- As we approach the two-year anniversary of President Obama's landmark health reform, the Obama campaign is engaging supporters to talk about how health reform has already changed lives for the better. Today the campaign is launching Nurses for Obama, a program to engage and organize grassroots nurse volunteers across the country.
- Nurses for Obama will provide nurses with resources to help them be advocates for President Obama and health reform in their communities. Nurses are on the front lines of our health care system. They're involved every step of the way, from prevention to patient care. They've seen firsthand how health reform has already benefited their patients.
- Grassroots nurse volunteers will organize neighborhood by neighborhood, and block by block talking to their friends, family and co-workers – holding nurse-to-nurse trainings, planning sessions, house parties and phone banks.
  - For additional information about Nurses for Obama, please visit [www.barackobama.com/nurses](http://www.barackobama.com/nurses).

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### **Vice President Biden Delivers Campaign Speech on the Auto Industry (3/15/12)**

**Key Point:** Vice President Biden delivered his first campaign speech, about the resurgence of the American auto industry and restoring economic security to the middle class.

- Vice President Biden gave his first campaign speech today in Toledo, Ohio. It was the first of four speeches laying out the stark contrast between the President and the Vice President, and the Republican field. Vice President Biden spoke about President Obama's bold call to rescue the American auto industry, which is helping restore economic security for the middle class.
- No one better understands or articulates the President's vision of an economy in which the middle class is growing, and working Americans recover the economic security they have lost. And no one can better describe the tough decisions of the past few years, and the courage and character with which the President made them.
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  - Nearly 120,000 Ohioans are employed in making motor vehicles and parts, and independent analysts estimate that one in every eight Ohio workers depend directly or indirectly on the auto industry.
  - The auto industry is hiring and investing in Ohio again. Nationwide, the auto industry has added 217,000 jobs since June 2009. Thanks to the auto rescue led by President Obama, U.S. automakers are once again profitable, growing and making cars that excite our dreams.
- Americans face a clear choice in this election:
  - Mitt Romney and the rest of the Republican field would return to a country where everyone is left to fend for themselves and where opportunity is available only to the wealthy few.

- President Obama's vision is for an economy built to last, where hard work pays off, responsibility is rewarded, and everyone does their fair share and plays by the same rules.

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### **Romney Isn't Telling Voters the Truth About His Current Investment in China (3/16/12)**

**Key Point:** Mitt Romney says he divested from China, but he isn't telling voters the truth about his current partnership interest in a Chinese video surveillance company.

- Mitt Romney claims he withdrew his significant investments in China, and he says he supports tough trade sanctions against China. But Romney isn't telling voters the truth. In fact, Romney stands to profit from his current Bain Capital partnership interest in a Chinese video surveillance technology company. Romney will say anything to get elected.
  - Please see [today's New York Times article](#) on Romney's China investments.
- Romney promised to shed any investments that conflicted with his positions on various issues. His financial advisors said last fall that Romney had fully divested from China, when Romney made "confronting China" on trade part of his economic platform. Romney previously claimed to have shed investments from stem cell companies and companies that do business in Iran, both of which were found to be false.
- Romney isn't being honest with voters. In fact, he has a partnership interest worth hundreds of thousands of dollars in a Bain Capital fund that owns Uniview Technologies, one of the largest Chinese video surveillance equipment companies.
  - Uniview Technologies makes what it calls "infrared antiriot" cameras that let police officials instantly share video and images over the web.
  - Chinese human rights advocates say the cameras observe and threaten people who disagree with the Chinese government on political or religious issues.
- Romney says he opposes China denying "its people basic political freedoms and human rights," but he stands to profit from investments that help the Chinese government do exactly that. Romney will say anything to get elected.

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### **Mitt Romney is Wrong for Women and Wrong for Illinois (3/16/12)**

**Key Point:** Mitt Romney is wrong for women and wrong for Illinois.

- Mitt Romney is campaigning in Illinois today ahead of Tuesday's Republican primary. He's trying to win over Illinois voters and looking for support from women, but Romney is wrong for women and wrong for Illinois.
  - Please see [this new DNC video](#) on the subject.
- Romney said this week that he would "get rid of" Planned Parenthood, which is a vital health care provider for 75,000 Illinois women and families. It gives women affordable access to life-saving services like breast and cervical cancer screenings – and Mitt Romney would take that access away.
- Romney recently embraced the Blunt Amendment, which would take women's health decisions out of women's hands and give it to their bosses. It would let employers severely restrict women's access to any kind of health coverage, including contraception, pre-natal care, mammograms and more.

- Romney also said he would have supported a so-called "Personhood amendment" in Massachusetts to define life as beginning at the moment of conception. It could have taken away a women's right to choose and likely banned many common forms of birth control.
- American women can't trust Romney to stand up for them. Romney's run to the right may be winning him Tea Party voters, but he's losing support from women after alienating them with his policies.

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