

# TRUMP TEAMS WITH ABORTION CHAMP



Bill Donohue comments on Donald Trump adviser Roger Stone:

On July 25, Judge Jeanine Pirro, on her Fox News show, introduced Roger Stone as a “political strategist and Donald Trump adviser.” On July 19, the *Wall Street Journal* wrote the following: “Trump’s top strategic advisers include longtime political aide Roger Stone, who ran his 2000 presidential exploratory campaign, and a team of relative political neophytes.”

Why should Stone matter to Catholics? In 1989, he and his wife, Ann (they divorced in 1991), announced they were founding Republicans for Choice; it was formally launched the following year. The organization was deemed necessary, Stone said, because the Republicans had just suffered losses in the November 1989 elections: if something didn’t change, he reasoned, the G.O.P. would lose again in 1990.

Stone decided that the time was ripe for Republicans to change their party platform on abortion. Since 1980, the party had supported a constitutional amendment overturning *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion. “I think you can be pro-choice and respect life,” he said in 1990.

Does Stone still think it is a good idea for the Republicans to join the pro-abortion camp? More important, does Trump, who once was okay with partial-birth abortion, differ with his chief strategist on this issue?

The public needs to know what Trump thinks about Republicans for Choice, the organization his top adviser co-founded.