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It's a Boy for Mary Cheney

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*Lynne and Dick Cheney posed their newborn grandson.
(Photo: The White House Handout, via Reuters)*

WASHINGTON D.C. — For such a little guy **Samuel David Cheney**, weighing in at 8 lbs., 6 oz., sure prompted a hefty debate in the run-up to his birth in Washington this morning [May 21, 2007]. **He's the son of Mary Cheney, and his grandfather is Vice President Dick Cheney.**

Ms. Cheney, an executive at A.O.L. and [an] official in her father's reelection campaign, will raise the boy with **Heather Poe**, her longtime partner [of 15 years]. She has been criticized by gay rights groups for not pushing harder for gay marriage, and by social conservatives for having a child outside of traditional marriage.

The Cheneys have responded sharply to political questions about the child. At a forum in New York City last winter, Ms. Cheney said, as quoted in "The New York Times":

"This is a baby. This is a blessing from God. It is not a political statement. It is not a prop to be used in a debate by people on either side of an issue. It is my child....Every piece of remotely responsible research" had demonstrated "no difference between children who are raised by same-sex parents and children raised by opposite-sex parents."

And Mr. Cheney, during an appearance on CNN, told Wolf Blitzer, the host, that he was "out of line" for asking the vice president to respond to a critical statement from Focus on the Family, a conservative Christian group.

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