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Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller (1908–1979), an heir to the enormous Standard Oil fortune amassed by his grandfather, became governor of New York and vice president of the United States.

Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, was the third son of John D. Rockefeller Jr. and Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, the grandfather's name. Unlike his Standard Oil Company, and U.S. Senator Nelson W. Aldrich (Republican, Rhode Island).

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Despite his family's great wealth, Rockefeller had a fairly frugal upbringing.

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He attended the Lincoln School, which was composed of students from families of means, and, in his college, he attended Dartmouth, where he majored in economics. Rockefeller's father, John D. Rockefeller Jr., was a graduate of Brown University and Harvard Law School. Rockefeller's mother, Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, was a graduate of Smith College. Rockefeller's father, John D. Rockefeller Jr., was a graduate of Brown University and Harvard Law School. Rockefeller's mother, Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, was a graduate of Smith College.

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