



WITH SUCH A BROAD FIELD, GET TO KNOW THE PRESIDENTIAL PICKS

The presidential election is over a year away, and there are already a whopping 16 Republican candidates compared to five Democrats. Party candidates will be chosen May 10 for Republicans and May 17 for Democrats. Seniors and juniors will be able to vote in the next presidential election, and the person elected will dictate the future of the country. Here's the rundown on the top presidential hopefuls of main parties.

If Trump wins, there will be a price toupee

In politics, presidential plans are like New Year's resolutions: everyone's on board at first, but it's easy to dismiss the idea of a promise.

That's why a number of Americans don't want to vote. Politicians are hard to depend on, making the election process difficult.

Lying politicians are so despised that American voters are rooting for candidates who have no political past. Ben Carson is the second front-runner among Republicans, and he's just now abandoned his job as a neurologist to run for president.



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Ask anyone sensible why Trump is popular, and they'll tell you that it's because he doesn't sound like a politician. That makes sense because he isn't a politician, he never has been, and it's unlikely that he will be any time in the future.

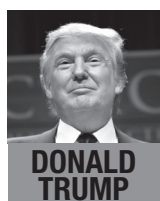
Trump is a great businessman, though. He's a self-made trillionaire, and this means two big things for his campaign: he doesn't have anyone to answer to, and he knows a lot about how the flow of money works.

Most politicians receive campaign money from those with large income from stocks, which means they have to agree with whatever their sponsor wants. For candidates, it's typically worth creating a few minor bills while in office if they're able to win the election. Admittedly, Trump's outlandish statements can best be attributed to not having a filter at all, but having a ton of money helps.

Trump earned all of his money by working his way through business, and he knows far more about the economy than, say, a neurologist would. The personal experience gives him an advantage over his opponents, even if it's not the first thing that draws people to this eccentric candidate.

Voters want honesty from politicians, even if they don't exactly agree with everything that they're voting for. However, it's worth it to mention that it isn't worth it to vote for someone just because they're funny on Twitter. Though there are some fallacies in our democracy, most politicians genuinely care about what they're representing. Vote for Donald Trump if that's what you want, but be educated in your vote. That's the only way to sustain a successful democracy.

THE REPUBLICANS



DONALD TRUMP

A wealthy businessman and tycoon mogul. Well-known as a T.V. personality, but not looked at as a serious candidate because of his robust attitude and lack of experience as a politician.



SCOTT WALKER

As governor of Wisconsin, he implemented the highly controversial Budget Repair Act. In spite of this he won the recall election, which is when voters attempt to vote out someone even though their term hasn't ended.



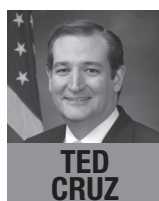
JEB BUSH

The only two-term Republican, Florida Governor, Bush is looked at as the smarter of the Bush brothers. However, he has been out of the political limelight for a number of years which could severely hurt him in the debates.



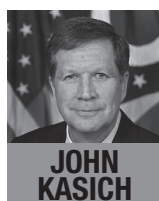
CARLY FIORINA

The only well-known woman running for the Republican nomination. She has had a lot of business success, but only a little political success, yet is still a candidate people are very excited for.



TED CRUZ

A bright, young, but radical Texas senator, Cruz has made himself noticed in a short amount of time, but might not be ready for a presidential bid due to his inexperience.



JOHN KASICH

The sitting governor of Ohio. Though he has had a lot of political success, he still doesn't have a huge fan base. His incomplete rejection of Obamacare has hurt his ties with the Tea Party, a group of Republicans who believe in a small central government.



BEN CARSON

A famous doctor who at first wasn't looked at as a serious candidate, Carson is quickly becoming very popular because he is not a career politician. He is an outspoken critic of the Affordable Care Act and wants to drastically reform health care.



MARCO RUBIO

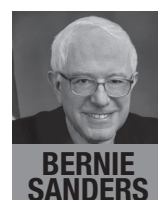
Looked at as one of the front runners because of his Cuban heritage, which will get him votes, solid conservative views and experience as a Florida state senator.

THE DEMOCRATS



LINCOLN CHAFEE

A former Rhode Island governor who recently has changed his political party status from a Republican to a Democrat.



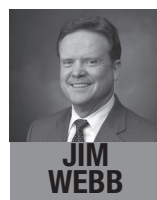
BERNIE SANDERS

He is the senator of Vermont and in the past has run as a third party socialist, or someone that believes in a huge government that regulates everything that happens in the country. Now, he's running as a Democratic and adopting far more liberal views.



MARTIN O'MALLEY

Former Maryland governor that says he will be a good candidate because of his youth and vitality. Thanks to his hard work and diligence, Baltimore's crime rate has dropped by 40 percent.



JIM WEBB

A former Virginia senator who is noted for his extreme criticism of the Iraq Wars. He tends to hold more Republican views on immigration and gun control.



HILLARY CLINTON

Hillary has the most political experience out of all the candidates, after serving for four years as Secretary of State. However, recently she has come under fire for using a private email account and emailing controversial information about the government.

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