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State of the Nation

An average of four surveys taken from July 26 through August 26 found that 64% of Americans think the country is on the wrong track, while 28% think the country is on the right track.

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The official BLS seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 2015 is 5.1 %, showing a “0.2” drop from the previous month. The rate is down one full point from a year ago. If one takes into account the total unemployed + those marginally attached to the labor force + those working part-time who want full-time work, the rate is 10.3 %. 2.2% have been unemployed for 15 weeks or longer,

down from 2.1% in July, and down from 2.9% a year earlier. [Based on those 16 years of age and older.]

In the first week of September (9/4) Gallup found an unemployment rate of 6.1%, down from 6.5% at the same time in 2014. It also found an under-employment rate (unemployed +those working part-time, but wanting full time) of 14.1%, down from 15.3% in September 2014. [Based on those 18 years of age and older.]

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In August 2015, 41% of Americans identified themselves as politically independent. This was a 5 point drop since early July. The number of Democrats is 30% and the number of Republicans is 27%. If leaning independents are included in this calculation, then there are 43% Republicans & leaners, and 45% Democrats & leaners, leaving 10% “pure” independents.

As of this date in 2011, Americans identified themselves politically as 30% Democrat, 25% Republican, and 44% Independent. [Gallup 8/9/15]

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24% of Americans have an unfavorable opinion of both major political Parties. In the last 15 years the number of people having an unfavorable opinion of both Parties has grown from 7% to the current number. [Pew 8/2015]

76% of all Americans, 79% of registered voters, 78% of registered Democrats, and 84% of registered Republicans are enthusiastic about voting in next year’s election. [CC/ORC 8/2015]

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60% of Americans now support same-sex marriage. In mid-2005 that number was 37% and those opposed was 57%. [Gallup 5/2015]

72% say there should be a way for undocumented immigrants to stay in the country. 27% say they should not be allowed to stay. Supporting the 72% position are 80% of Democrats, 76% of Independents, and 56% of Republicans. [Pew 6/2015]

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47% now generally approve of the Affordable Care Act. [Gallup 7/2015]

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Americans think that Democrats are better able to handle immigration (D+2), the economy (D+3), foreign policy (D+3), healthcare (D+10), education (D+12), abortion and contraception (D+19), and the environment (D+26).

Republicans are seen as better able to handle gun control (R+12), terrorist threat (R+10), budget deficit (R+4), taxes (R+1). [Pew 7/2015]

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Among women with children, only 18% support the proposed nuclear agreement with Iran.

When asked the question, “Do you favor or oppose the recent deal negotiated with Iran over its nuclear program?”:

About a third of Americans support the proposed nuclear agreement.

<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
31%	49%

Men oppose the deal by 50%

<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
38%	50%

While the number of women who oppose the deal is 48%, the number of women who support it is only half that number.

<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
25%	48%

[Winston Group]

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President

The public's grade on President Obama's job approval (as found by Gallup 9/4) is 46% approval/50% disapproval. His approval rating did hit 50% in January of this year. Obama's approval rating at the time of his first inauguration was 68% approval/12% disapproval.

Here are other approval scores going back 2+ years.

<u>Date</u>	<u>NBC/WSJ</u>	<u>WP/ABC</u>	<u>CNN/ORC</u>	<u>NYT/CBS</u>	<u>FOX</u>
August 2015	xxx	xxx	47/51	xxx	42/51
July 2015	45/50	45/52	48/48	xxx	47/48
June 2015	48/48	xxx	50/48	xxx	44/50
May 2015	xxx	43/53	45/52	43/53	44/51
April 2015	48/47%	xxx	48/47	45/44	42/53
March 2015	46/50	46/49	46/51	45/46 (CBS)	45/50
Jan 2015	46/48%	47/48%	xxx	xxx	45/51
Jan 2014	43/51%	45/52%	45/51%	46/47(CBS)	42/53
Jan 2013	52/44%	55/41%	55/43%	51/41%	

Among the last five Presidents to serve two full terms, Obama's approval rating at this time ranks 4th.

	<u>App</u>	<u>Dis</u>
Clinton	60	35 (8 /26/99)
Eisenhower	67	20 (8/25/59)
Reagan	48	43 (8/10/87)
<u>Obama</u>	47	48 (4/24/15)
G W Bush	32	63 (8/05/07)

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Americans disapprove of how Obama is handling the economy by 52% to 47%. A year ago 56% disapproved of how he was handling the economy. They also disapprove of the way he is handling foreign policy by 56% to 43%. A year ago, foreign policy disapproval was at 57% and approval at 40%.

[CNN/ORC 8/16]

When it comes to how Americans “feel” about Obama, 44% say they have positive feelings and 43% have negative feelings. A year ago, 40% had positive feelings and 47% had negative feelings. [NBC/WSJ 7/15]

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By 67% to 30%, Americans think that the next President should take a different approach than Obama. [NBC/WSJ 7/15]

On the question of whether the country would be better off with a Democrat or a Republican as President, folks are split, with 37% saying a Democrat and 39% saying a Republican. [NBC/WSJ 7/15]

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Congress

Currently, 82% of Americans disapprove of the job being done by Congress, while 14% approve. This represents a tiny change since a year ago, when 83% disapproved and 13% approved.

The House

While it is early in the cycle, prospects for the Democrats regaining control of the U.S. House are dismal. There has been little change since the May Watch. (As usual, The Cook Political Report is the source of the data below.)

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Democrats 188

Republicans 246

Vacancy 1

	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
Safe in 2016	169	208
Leaning	15	26
	<u>Toss Ups</u>	
	4	13

The Senate

It is still too early to get a good handle on whether the Republicans will retain their majority in the U.S. Senate. At the moment, it appears more likely than not that they will do so.

It is likely that the number of Super PACs supporting Senate candidates, and the amount of money they will spend, will grow exponentially this cycle. [This relatively new fundraising vehicle is also showing up in gubernatorial campaigns.]

THE U.S. SENATE

Republicans	54
Democrats	44
Independents	2

	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
Seats not up in 2016	36	30
Safe in 2016	8	17
Leaning in 2014	2	3
Total	46	50

Toss-ups

1 Democrat
Nevada

3 Republicans
Johnson (WI)
Florida
Toomey (PA)

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Looking Ahead to 2016 – Contest for President

On January 8, 2015, before a single candidate for President had formally announced his or her candidacy, a group of 12 Republicans, Democrats and Independents met in Aurora, Colorado, for a focus group under the auspices of Peter Hart and the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the U of Pennsylvania. (Most of what follows is excerpted from two excellent columns by Dan Balz of “The Washington Post,” published on January 10 and the other on September 6.)

“The participants made it clear that they were fed up with politics as usual. They were harsh in their judgements about most traditional politicians, the political establishment and the way Washington works.”

The names Donald Trump or Ben Carson or Bernie Sanders were never mentioned. The group was “especially critical of Jeb Bush,” “tepid toward Hillary Rodham Clinton.” “...They are underwhelmed by the prospect of a race pitting another Bush against another Clinton.”

“These voters distrust elected officials and are disgusted by what they regard as the privileged lives they lead. Bush and Clinton represent a political class that is seen as living lives apart from those they represent, people who are seen as out for themselves rather than for ordinary people.”

The name to which the group responded the most positively was Elizabeth Warren. She received positive comments from Democrats and Republicans. “Warren has struck a chord.”

After the focus group was completed and the participants had left the room, Peter Hart summed up what he had heard, “The political classes told us it’s going to be Bush against Clinton, but these people are miles away from that choice.” “Essentially what they’re telling us is, “I don’t trust these people. They’re part of an establishment that I don’t like.””

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The following are a series of charts that provide basic information about the 2016 election and the candidates that I will be referring to in the balance of this section of the Watch. The charts are located at the end of the text.

1. The current list of candidates & those who may still enter the fray
2. Select polls between mid-June and today
3. Facebook
4. Looking back at 2008 and 2012 primary polls at this time
5. Money raised and spent through June 30, 2015
6. Primary/caucus dates as of now
7. The Primary Debates
8. The conventions and a little history going back to 1960

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There are presently 17 candidates who have announced that they are seeking the Republican nomination for President. [Chart 1]. This is the largest number of announced candidates for either Party in any Presidential election going back to the 1976 election.

	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Democrats</u>
1976	2	14
1980	6	3
1984	1	8
1988	5	7
1992	2	5
1996	1	7
2000	2	5
2004	6	1
2008	6	4
2012	7	1
2016	17	5 (so far)

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The Monmouth University Poll taken June 11-14, before Donald Trump announced his candidacy, showed him with 2% of the votes in the Republican primary. Leading in that survey were Carson – 11%, Walker – 10%, Bush and Rubio – 9%, and Huckabee – 8%.

Donald Trump announced his candidacy on June 16th in the midst of the NBC/WSJ survey June 14-18. It showed Trump with 1% of the vote. Leading in that survey were Bush – 22%, Walker – 17%, Rubio – 14%, and Carson – 11%. [Chart 2]

At that point most of the “wise” political folks did not give much credence to the idea that Trump was going to have the run he has, in fact, had so far. There were, however, two indicators that suggested that there might be more to his candidacy than met the eye.

Facebook decided to calculate the volume of conversation on its platform regarding each of the Presidential campaign announcements in the 24 hour period during which the announcement was made. (Interactions defined as likes, posts, comments, shares). [Chart 3]

It is no surprise that Hillary Clinton topped the list. 4.7 million people generated 10.1 million interactions. But, coming in second was Donald Trump,

with 3.4 million people generating 6.4 million interactions. And, in a Fox News survey taken June 21-23, a week after his announcement, Trump had moved from 1 or 2% to 11%.

Trump hit 18% three weeks later, and a month after his initial announcement Trump was capturing 24% of the vote.

Trump interest has not slowed. In the Monmouth University survey taken August 31- September 2 he received 30% of the vote.

Perhaps an even more unexpected surge has been achieved by Dr. Ben Carson, a neurosurgeon who also has never occupied or run for political office. After limping along in 4th place through the end of July, Carson started to rise in mid-August, and hit second place, with 18% of the vote, at the end of August. No other candidate comes close.

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Mark Cuban, owner of the Dallas Mavericks, explained Trump's appeal this way. "I don't care what his actual positions are. I don't care if he says the wrong thing. He says what's on his mind. He gives honest answers rather than prepared answers. This is more important than anything any candidate has done in years." [WP 7/29]

The same could be said of Ben Carson.

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The Democratic Contest

The Democratic contest has had surprises of its own. The early assumption was that Hillary Clinton would own the Democratic nomination. That remains the likely outcome.

However, Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont has started to make it an interesting race. And Vice President Joe Biden has added a bit of intrigue as well. Sander's is a dyed- in-the-wool socialist, who is technically an independent, but caucuses with the Democrats in the U.S. Senate.

Sanders' agenda includes such items as increasing taxes on the wealthy, re-writing international trade agreements, doubling the minimum wage, boosting organized labor, and substantially expanding Federal government spending and regulatory powers. He would also go after the financial industry and fossil fuel energy companies.

As his campaign hit the road most observers were startled by the size of the crowds he generated, often in the tens of thousands.

Until recently Vice President Biden, who has been devastated by the death of his son, Beau Biden, had not given any signs of making the race. The common wisdom seemed to be that he would not run if Hillary Clinton was running.

However, as the Clinton campaign struggled to overcome problems caused by her use of a personal email server, and the rather stiff and controlled nature of her campaigning, Biden is said to be reconsidering. Recently, through a series of phone calls and visits, Biden is seeking the advice of a variety of Democrats. It seems that Biden's single most important concern is the affect that the race will have on his family.

The recent NBC/Marist surveys in Iowa and New Hampshire have given Biden something more to consider.

In New Hampshire in general election matchups

Bush beat Clinton 48% to 43%

Clinton and Trump are essentially tied at 46% to 45%

Biden and Bush are tied at 45% to 46%

Biden beats Trump 50% to 41%

In Iowa in general election matchups

Bush beat Clinton 50% to 39%

Trump beat Clinton 48% to 43%

Bush beats Biden 46% to 44%

Biden beats Trump 49% to 45%

One of the ways that the Democratic contest has differed from the Republican contest is that many of the Republicans are attacking one another. Clinton and Sanders have avoided saying anything unkind about each other.

Nationally, in mid-June [Chart 2] Clinton led Sanders by 75% to 15%. Biden was not included in the survey. By mid-July one survey had Clinton leading

Sanders by 59% to 19%, with Biden now included at 8%. A second survey a day or two later had Clinton at 63%, and Sanders at 14%, with Biden at 12%.

By mid-August a CNN/ORG poll had Clinton at 47%, Sanders at 29%, and Biden at 14%. By the end of August a Monmouth poll had Clinton at 42%, Biden at 22%, and Sanders at 20%.

The stories in Iowa and New Hampshire are quite different from each other.

In Iowa an NBC/Marist survey concluded on September 2nd has Clinton leading Sanders by 38% to 27%, with Biden picking up 20%. Six weeks earlier Clinton led Sanders by 49% to 25% with Biden at 10%. The trend in Iowa is quite similar to the national trend.

The story in New Hampshire is quite a bit different. Sanders currently leads Clinton by 41% to 32%, with Biden at 16%. This is a dramatic shift from six weeks earlier when Clinton led Sanders by 42% to 32%, with Biden at 12%.

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Just for kicks the WW looked at the last two Republican primary contests in 2012 and 2008. [Chart 4]

At this time in 2012 Rick Perry was well-established in first place with 28-29% of the vote. Romney was running 2nd with 23% of the vote. Romney did finish first.

In 2008, Rudy Giuliani was solidly in first place, with Fred Thompson running a strong second. McCain won the nomination.

In the Democratic contest in 2008, Hillary Clinton was well ahead with 35-44% of the vote, with Obama running second with 23-27% of the vote. Obama was the nominee.

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The Money Race

Following the money is going to be particularly intriguing in 2016. In addition to money raised by the candidate and reported dollar-for-dollar to the

Federal Election Commission, there are dozens of Super PACs raising money for individual candidates.

The important difference between the two campaign finance vehicles is that a regular campaign committee is limited to accepting no more than \$2,700 for any election. The Super PACs can accept any amount of money.

The Super PACs are not allowed to "coordinate" with a candidate or the candidate's regular campaign committee. It is interesting to note that many of the Super PACs are being run by individuals who have previously been associated with the candidates they are supporting. And there is a way that a candidate is allowed to address a Super PAC by limiting the amount of money that is requested at that gathering.

Keep in mind that most of the figures in Chart 5 do not represent a full six months of activity because of the different times when each of the candidates commenced their campaigns. Also, one or more of the candidates may have spent time "helping" the Super PACs that are supporting them before they became formal candidates.

Hillary Clinton raised the most money in her regular campaign committee in the amount of \$47.5 million. The Super PAC supporting Jeb Bush had the best record of any Super PAC, accumulating \$103 million.

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Chart 6 – Primary and caucus dates

Chart 7 – Primary debate dates

Chart 8 – Location of national conventions and which Party's nominee won the State in which the convention was held.

Of the Republican convention cities six States were won by the Republican nominee and eight were won by the Democratic nominee.

Of the Democratic convention cities seven States were won by the Republican nominee and seven States were won by the Democratic nominee.

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The Charts

1. The current list of real and potential candidates

On The Field – Candidate has filed with the Federal Election Commission; has announced that he or she is running; has announced that they are going to commence a formal candidacy; or has been particularly active in raising money or campaigning.

On the Bench – Individual has not gone so far as to be treated as “On the Field,” but is sounding off and making some moves.

Fallen by the Wayside –Candidate has been on the field, but has now left the field.

Announced – Not Going to Play - These individuals have specifically made clear that they are not going to be candidates.

On the Field

Democrats	Republicans
Hillary Clinton, 67 Martin O’Malley, 52 Bernie Sanders, 73 Lincoln Chafee, 62 Jim Webb, 69	Ted Cruz, 44 Rand Paul, 52 Marco Rubio, 43 Jeb Bush, 62 Scott Walker, 47 Ben Carson, 63 Carly Fiorina, 60 Mike Huckabee, 59 George Pataki, 69 Rick Santorum, 56 Lindsey Graham, 59 Rick Perry, 65 Donald Trump, 68 Chris Christie, 52 Bobby Jindal, 43 John Kasich, 62 Jim Gilmore 65

On the Bench

Democrats	Republicans
Joe Biden 72	

Fallen by the Wayside

Democrats	Republicans

Announced - Not Going to Play

Democrats	Republicans
Elizabeth Warren, 65	Mitt Romney, 68 John Bolton, 66 Mike Pence, 55 Rick Snyder, 56

2. Select polls between mid-June and today

	NBC/WSJ 6/14-18	Fox News 7/13-15	ABC/WP 7/16-19	CBS 7/29- 8/2	CNN/ORC 8/13-16	Monmouth U. 8/31-9/2
Trump	1	18	24	24	24	30
Carson	11	6	6	6	9	18
Bush	22	14	12	13	13	8
Cruz	4	4	4	6	5	8
Walker	17	15	13	10	8	3
Rubio	14	7	7	6	8	5
Fiorina	2	1	0	0	5	4
Kasich	1	2	2	1	5	2
Huckabee	9	4	8	8	4	4
Paul	7	8	6	4	6	2
Christie	4	3	3	3	3	2
Perry	5	1	4	2	2	1
Santorum	0	2	1	1	1	0
Jindal	0	0	2	2	0	<1
Pataki	-	-	-	-	-	<1
Graham	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gilmore	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spread	Bush +5	Trump +3	Trump +11	Trump +11	Trump +11	Trump +12

	NBC/WSJ 6/14-18	Fox News 7/13-15	ABC/WP 7/16-19	CBS 7/29- 8/2	CNN/ORC 8/13-16	Monmouth U. 8/31-9/2
Clinton	75	59	63	58	47	42
Sanders	15	19	14	17	29	20
Biden	-	8	12	11	14	22
O'Malley	2	1	1	1	2	1
Webb	4	1	2	2	1	1
Chafee	0	1	0	1	0	0
Spread	Clinton +60	Clinton +40	Clinton +49	Clinton +41	Clinton +18	Clinton +20

3. Facebook and other social media

Facebook and other similar services play an ever-increasing role in elections, including the contest for President.

Below is a compilation of data released by Facebook. They tracked the volume of conversation on their platform for each of the Presidential candidates in the 24 hour period during which their campaign was announced. (Interactions = likes, posts, comments, shares)

Hillary Clinton - 4/12-13 = 4.7 million people generated 10.1 million interactions

Donald Trump - 6/16-17 = 3.4 million people generated 6.4 million interactions

Ted Cruz - 3/23-24 = 2.2 million people generated 5.7 million interactions

Rand Paul - 4/7-8 = 865,000 people generated 1.9 million interactions

Ben Carson - 5/4-5 = 847,000 people generated 1.5 million interactions

Marco Rubio - 4/13-14 = 695,000 people generated 1.3 million interactions

Scott Walker - 7/13-14 = 679,000 people generated 1.578 million interactions

Bernie Sanders - 4/30-5/1 = 592,000 people generated 1.2 million interactions

Jeb Bush - 6/15-16 = 493,000 people generated 849,000 interactions

Chris Christie - 7/30-7/1 = 482,000 people generated 803,000 interactions

Mike Huckabee - 5/5-6 = 458,000 people generated 814,000 interactions

Rick Perry - 6/4-5 = 422,000 people generated 763,000 interactions

Bobby Jindal - 6/24-25 = 316,000 people generated 542,000 interactions
 Carly Fiorina - 5/4-5 = 304,000 people generated 515,000 interactions
 Rick Santorum - 5/27-28 = 169,000 people generated 286,000 interactions
 John Kasich - 7/21-22 = 156,000 people generated 261,000 interactions
 Lindsey Graham - 6/1-2 = 84,000 people generated 142,000 interactions
 Martin O'Malley - 5/30-31 = 84,000 people generated 120,000 interactions
 George Pataki - 5/28-29 = 59,000 people generated 81,000 interactions
 Jim Webb - 7/2-3 = 49,000 people generated 81,000 interactions
 Lincoln Chafee - 6/3-4 = 20,000 people generated 27,000 interactions

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4. Looking back at the 2008 and 2012 primaries

2012 Presidential Election Republican Primary - Selected Polling Data

	ABC/Wash Post 8/29-9/7, 2011	Fox News 8/29-8/31, 2011	NCB-WSJ 8/27-8/31, 2011	CNN/OPC 8/24-8/25, 2011
Romney	23	18	23	14
Santorum	2	3	3	1
Gingrich	4	3	5	6
Paul	8	7	9	6
Perry	29	29	28	27
Huntsman	1	1	2	1
Bachmann	6	4	8	9
Cain	3	4	5	2
Spread	Perry +3	Perry +8	Perry +15	Perry +13

2008 Presidential Election
Republican Primary - Selected Polling Data

	NBC/WSJ 9/7-9/10, 2007	CNN 9/7- 9/9, 2007	NYT/CBS News 9/4- 9/9, 2007	ABC News/ Wash Post 9/4-9/7, 2007	FOX News 8/21-8/22, 2007
McCain	14	15	18	18	7
Huckabee	4	5	-	5	3
Paul	2	1	-	1	3
Giuliani	32	28	27	28	29
Fred Thompson	26	27	22	19	14
Romney	11	11	14	10	11
Sam Brownback	1	2	-	2	1
Duncan Hunter	1	1	-	1	-
Tom Tancredo	1	2	-	1	-
Spread	+6 Giuliani	+1 Giuliani	+5 Giuliani	+9 Giuliani	+15 Giuliani

2008 Presidential Election
Democratic Primary Selected Polling Data

	NBC/WSJ 9/7-9/10, 2007	CNN 9/7-9/9, 2007	NYT/CBS News 9/4-9/9, 2007	ABC News/ Wash Post 9/4-9/7, 2007	FOX News 8/21-8/22, 2007
Clinton	44	46	44	41	35
Obama	23	23	26	27	23
Edwards	16	16	17	14	6
Bill Richardson	4	5	-	2	3
Dennis Kucinich	3	3	-	2	3
Joe Biden	2	2	-	3	2

Chris Dodd	1	-	-	1	1
Mike Gravel	-	1	-	1	-
Al Gore	-	-	-	-	10
Spread	Clinton +21	Clinton +23	Clinton +18	Clinton +14	Clinton +12

5. Campaign Finance Reports through June 30, 2015

Candidate	Campaign Committee Earnings and Expenditures			Super PACs Supporting Candidate		
	Total Raised	Spent	Net balance (6/30/15)	PAC	Amount	Total Raised: Candidate+PACs (first quarter)
Clinton	\$47.5 million	\$18.6 million	\$28.9 million	Priorities USA	\$15.6 million	\$71.8 million
				American Bridge	\$7.7 million	
				American Bridge 501c4	\$1 million	
Sanders	\$15.2 million	\$3 million	\$12.2 million	*		\$15.2 million
O'Malley	\$2.0 million	\$700,000	\$1.3 million	Generation Forward	\$289,000	\$2.3 million
Chafee	\$363,000			*		\$363,000
Bush	\$11.4 million	\$3 million	\$8.4 million	Right to Rise	\$103 million	\$114.4 million
Cruz	\$10 million (plus \$4 million raised last quarter)	\$5.5 million	\$8.5 million	Keep the Promise Groups	\$37 million	\$51 million
Rubio	\$8.9 million (plus \$3.2 million transfer from Senate account last quarter)	\$2.2 million	\$9.9 million	Conservative Solutions PAC	\$16 million	\$43.9 million
				Conservative Solutions Project 501c4	\$15.8 million	

Carson	\$8.5 million (plus \$1.7 million he had from last quarter)	\$5.5 million	\$4.7 million	One Vote PAC	\$100,000	\$12.4 million
				The 2016 Committee	\$3.8 million	
Paul	\$6.9 million	\$2.7 million	\$4.2 million	America's Liberty PAC	\$3.1 million	\$11.9 million
				Concerned American Voters	\$1.9 million	
Graham	\$3.7 million	\$1.1 million	\$2.6 million	Security is Strength	\$2.9 million	\$6.6 million
Huckabee	\$2.0 million	\$1.115 million	\$885,000	Mike Huckabee groups	\$6 million	\$8 million
Trump	\$1.9 million	\$1.412 million	\$488,000	MAGAPAC 2016	**	\$1.9 million
				Make American Great Again PAC	**	
Fiorina	\$1.7 million	\$709,000	\$991,000	CARLY for America	\$3.4 million	\$5.1 million
Perry	\$1.1 million	\$216,000	\$884,000	Rick Perry Super PACs	\$16.8 million	\$17.9 million
Santorum	\$608,000	\$376,000	\$232,000	Take America Back PAC	**	\$608,000
Jindal	\$579,000	\$65,000	\$514,000	Bobby Jindal groups	\$8.7 million	\$9.2 million
Pataki	\$256,000	\$48,000	\$208,000	"We the People, not Washington"	\$860,000	\$1.1 million

Candidates who declared after 2nd Quarter Reports

Campaign Committee Earnings and Expenditures				Super PACs Supporting Candidate		
Candidate	Total Raised	Spent	Net balance (6/30/15)	PAC	Amount	Total Raised: Candidate+PACs (first quarter)
Webb	-			*		-
Christie				America Leads	\$11 million	\$11 million
Walker				Unintimidated PAC	\$20 million	\$20 million

Kasich				John Kasich 527s groups	\$11.5 million	\$11.5 million
Gilmore						-

Sources: Meet the Press with Chuck Todd, *How Donald Trump Shrank the GOP Field*, 7/16/2015; Wilson Andrews and Alicia Parlapiano, *Which Presidential Candidates are Winning the Money Race so Far*, New York Times, 7/16/2015; FEC reports, *Independent Expenditure-Only Committees Reports*, June 30, 2015.

*Candidates who oppose PACs and have rejected PAC support

**These PACs were created after the June 30th filing deadline.

NOTE: Candidates whose PACs do not have financial data filled in above did not have it available when the June 30th reports were filed.

6. Primary/Caucus dates

Here is the primary/nomination schedule as presently available.

- ☐ Feb 1: Iowa caucuses
- ☐ Feb 9: New Hampshire primary
- ☐ Feb 20: Nevada caucuses
- ☐ Feb 27: South Carolina primary
- ☐ Feb. 23: Michigan (election law states that the primary should be held on the 4th Tues of February, but this might change)

All other States can hold their primaries any time between March 1 and the end of June, per Republican and Democratic National Committee guidelines.

The following is a tentative list (subject to change) of the remaining States.

March

- 1- Colorado caucuses, Massachusetts, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, North Carolina
- 5- Louisiana
- 8- Alabama, Hawaii R caucuses, Mississippi, Ohio, Michigan
- 13- Puerto Rico
- 15- Florida, Illinois, Missouri
- 22- Arizona

April

5- Maryland, District of Columbia, Wisconsin

26- Connecticut, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island

May

3- Indiana

10- Nebraska, West Virginia

17- Kentucky, Oregon

24- Arkansas

June

7- California, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, South Dakota

28- Utah

Conventions:

- ☐ Republicans: July 18-21, Cleveland, Ohio
- ☐ Democrats: July 25-28, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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7. Presidential Primary Debates

Democrats:

There will be six Presidential primary debates. They will be held in Iowa, Nevada, New Hampshire, South Carolina, and 2 other undecided locations. These debates will start fall of 2015.

Current planned Democratic primary debates:

1. CNN, October 13, 2015, Nevada
2. CBS News, November 14, 2015, Des Moines, Iowa
3. ABC News, December 19, 2015, Manchester, New Hampshire
4. NBC News, January 17, 2016, Charleston, South Carolina
5. Univision, February or March 2016, Miami, Florida
6. PBS, February or March 2016, Wisconsin

Republicans:

The Republican National Committee is currently planning to sanction at least nine Presidential primary debates. They started this August in Ohio, and continue through March 2016, with the potential to add three more.

Current planned Republican primary debates:

1. Fox News, August 6, 2015, Ohio - Done
2. CNN, September 16, 2015, California
3. CNBC, October 28, 2015, Colorado
4. Fox Business, November 2015, Wisconsin
5. CNN, December 15, 2015, Nevada
6. Fox News, January 2016, Iowa
7. ABC News, February 6, 2016, New Hampshire
8. CBS News, February 26, 2016, South Carolina
9. NCB/Telemundo, February 2016, Florida

Three others are pending:

10. Fox News, March 2016, location TBD
11. CNN, March 2016, location TBD
12. Conservative Media Debate, date TBD, location TBD

7. Presidential Convention Locations and the Winners of those States

Year	Republican Convention	State	State Winner/ Party	Democratic Convention	State	State Winner/ Party
1960	Chicago	Illinois	Kennedy D	Los Angeles	California	Nixon R
1964	San Francisco	California	Johnson D	Atlantic City	New Jersey	Johnson D
1968	Miami Beach	Florida	Nixon R	Chicago	Illinois	Nixon R
1972	Miami Beach	Florida	Nixon R	Miami Beach	Florida	Nixon R
1976	Kansas City	Missouri	Carter D	New York	New York	Carter D
1980	Detroit	Michigan	Reagan R	New York	New York	Reagan R
1984	Dallas	Texas	Reagan R	San Francisco	California	Reagan R
1988	New Orleans	Louisiana	Bush I R	Atlanta	Georgia	Bush I R
1992	Houston	Texas	Bush I R	New York	New York	Clinton D
1996	San Diego	California	Clinton D	Chicago	Illinois	Clinton D
2000	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	Gore D	Los Angeles	California	Gore D

2004	New York	New York	Kerry D	Boston	Massachusetts	Kerry D
2008	St. Paul	Minnesota	Obama D	Denver	Colorado	Obama D
2012	Tampa Bay	Florida	Obama D	Charlotte	North Carolina	Romney R
2016	Cleveland	Ohio		Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	

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