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Internet lift for 'Dr No' in White House race



From Alex Spillius at the Telegraph

A little-known Texan congressman is exploiting the internet to launch a cut-price bid for the US presidency as fund-raising for big name candidates sets new records.

Ron Paul, 71, has combined his popularity online with core conservative values to transform his campaign.


Public interest in Dr Paul, who is known as Dr No in Congress because he has rejected so many bills as unconstitutional, has grown after each live debate with other Republican contenders.

Chat on the internet is attracting larger numbers to his campaign appearances and his fund-raising is rising healthily thanks to contributions solicited by email – a device used by all candidates but which, because of its low cost, favours the minor players.

Although he scores just a few per cent in opinion polls, his star is soaring on blogs and on networking and political websites.

Dr Paul's channel on YouTube, the video-sharing website, has more subscriptions than any candidate from either major party, including Democrats such as Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama and Rudy Giuliani, the Republican.

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