

## Election Chartbook

A compendium of slides  
on the 2016 election

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## **Chapter 1**


Reference Slides and Election Indicators

# 7 Republicans and Democrats are Still in the Presidential Race


## Democrat and Republican Candidates for the 2016 Presidential Election




Clinton




Sanders




Carson




Cruz



Rubio



Kasich



Trump

- Notes**
- **Scott Walker** and **Rick Perry** both dropped out of the Republican race in September
  - **Jim Webb** and **Lincoln Chafee** dropped out of the Democratic race in October; Webb may run as an independent
  - Vice President **Joe Biden** decided not to run on October 21<sup>st</sup>
  - **Lawrence Lessig** dropped out of the Democratic race on November 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - **Bobby Jindal** dropped out of the Republican race on November 17<sup>th</sup>
  - **Lindsey Graham** dropped out of the Republican race on December 21<sup>st</sup>
  - **George Pataki** dropped out of the Republican race on December 29<sup>th</sup>
  - **Martin O’Malley** and **Mike Huckabee** dropped out after the Iowa Caucus on February 1<sup>st</sup>
  - **Rand Paul** and **Rick Santorum** dropped out of the Republican race on February 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - **Carly Fiorina** and **Chris Christie** dropped out of the race on February 10<sup>th</sup>
  - **Jim Gilmore** dropped out of the race on February 14<sup>th</sup>
  - **Jeb Bush** dropped out of the race on February 20, following the South Carolina GOP primary

Sources: Wilson Andrews, Alicia Parlapiano, and Karen Yourish, “Who is Running for President (and Who’s Not)?” New York Times, February 21, 2016

2016 Election Calendar

Election Date Debate FEC Deadline Convention

January

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- Feb. 1: IA Caucus  
Feb. 3: CNN New Hampshire Democratic Town Hall  
Feb. 4: MSNBC Democratic Primary Debate  
Feb. 6: ABC News/IJReview GOP Primary Debate  
Feb. 9: NH Primary  
Feb. 11: PBS Democratic Primary Debate  
Feb. 13: CBS News GOP Primary Debate  
Feb. 20: NV Dem. Caucus, SC GOP Primary, WA GOP Caucus  
Feb. 23: NV GOP Caucus  
Feb. 25: CNN/Telemundo GOP Primary Debate  
Feb. 27: SC Dem. Primary  
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Mar. 1: Caucuses (AK GOP, CO Dem., CO GOP, MN, ND GOP, WY GOP) Primaries (AL, AR, GA, MA, OK, TN, TX, VT, VA)  
Mar. 3: Fox News GOP Primary Debate  
Mar. 5: LA Primary, GOP Caucuses (KY, ME, KS), Dem. Caucuses (KS, NE)  
Mar. 6: ME Dem. Caucus, PR GOP Primary, Democratic Primary Debate  
Mar. 8: Primaries (MI, MS, ID Rep.), HI GOP Caucus  
Mar. 9: Univision/The Washington Post Democratic Primary Debate  
Mar. 10: CNN/Salem Radio GOP Primary Debate  
Mar. 15: Primaries (IL, MO, FL, NC, OH), MP GOP caucus  
Mar. 21: GOP Primary Debate  
Mar. 22: AZ Primary, Caucuses (ID Dem., UT Dem., UT Rep.)  
Mar. 26: Dem. Caucuses (AK, HI, WA)  
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Apr. 5: WI Primary  
Apr. 9: WY Dem. Caucus  
Apr. 15: FEC Filing Deadline  
Apr. 19: NY Primary  
Apr. 26: Primaries (CT, DE, PA, MD, RI)  
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May 3: IN Primary  
May 10: Primaries (NE GOP, WV)  
May 17: Primaries (KY Dem., OR)  
May 24: WAGOP Primary  
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June 7: Primaries (CA, MT, NJ, NM, SD), ND Dem. Caucus  
June 14: DC Dem. Primary  
June 28: UT Primary  
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July 15: FEC Filing Deadline  
July 18-21: Republican Nat'l Convention (Cleveland, OH)  
July 25-28: Democratic Nat'l Convention (Philadelphia, PA)  
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Sept. 26: First Presidential Debate  
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Oct. 4: Vice Presidential Debate  
Oct. 9: Second Presidential Debate  
Oct. 15: FEC Filing Deadline  
Oct. 19: Third Presidential Debate  
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Nov. 8: Election day

Sources: National Journal Research, 2016; Washington Post, "2016 Primary Debate Schedules," Oct 28, 2015; FrontloadingHQ, "The 2016 Presidential Primary Calendar," 2016.

# Trump Produces Big Lead In Delegate Count, Cruz and Rubio Trailing Behind

## Republican Delegate Allocation by Order of Contest, February

Date	State	Delegates at Stake	Delegate Allocation	Bush**	Carson	Cruz	Kasich	Rubio	Trump
Feb. 1	 IA Caucus	30	Proportional	1	3	8	1	7	7
Feb. 9	 NH Primary	23	Proportional	3	0	3	4	3	10
Feb. 20	 SC Primary	50	Winner-take-most*	0	0	0	0	0	44*
Feb. 23	 NV Caucus	30							
Total (Before unpledged delegates)		133		4	3	11	5	10	61
Unpledged Delegates Count (as of 2/22)		210		0	0	0	0	0	0





\*South Carolina awards 29 delegates to the winner of the state. The remaining delegates are split among each of the state’s seven congressional districts. Three delegates are awarded to each; there are currently two districts that are awaiting final results.

\*\*Jeb Bush suspended his campaign shortly after the South Carolina primary.

Sources: Wilson Andrews, Kitty Bennett, Alicia Parlapiano, “2016 Primary Calendar and Results,” The New York Times, February 22, 2016.

# Sanders and Clinton in Dead Heat, But Clinton Retains Establishment Support in Superdelegates

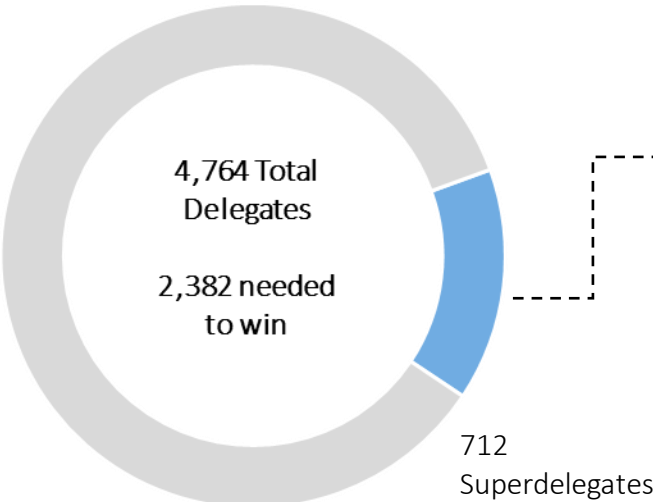
Democratic Delegate Allocation by Order of Contest, February

Date	State	Delegates at Stake	Delegate Allocation	Clinton	Sanders
Feb. 1	 IA Caucus	44	Proportional	23	21
Feb. 9	 NH Primary	24	Proportional	9	15
Feb. 20	 NV Caucus	35	Proportional	19	15
Feb. 27	 SC Primary	59			
Total (Before Superdelegates)		162		51	51
Superdelegate Count (as of 2/18)		712		449	19

Sources: Wilson Andrews, Kitty Bennett, Alicia Parlapiano, "2016 Primary Calendar and Results," The New York Times, February 22, 2016; Associated Press Election Services, Stephen Ohlemacher and Hope Yen, "Party Insiders give Clinton early, commanding delegate edge," Yahoo News, November 13, 2015; Danielle Kurtzleben, "Survey: Clinton Maintains Massive Superdelegate Lead," NPR, Feb 18, 2016.

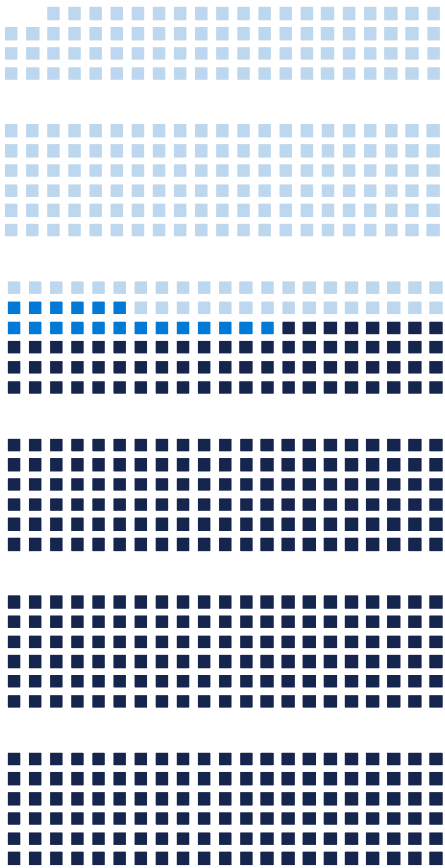
# According to an AP Survey, Hillary Clinton Holds a Commanding Lead with Superdelegates

## Democratic Delegates



Superdelegates who:

- Support Clinton (449)
- Support Sanders (19)
- Remain uncommitted/Did not Respond (244)



- Superdelegates are Democratic convention delegates, most often elected officials or party officials, can support any candidate regardless of the outcome of the states' primaries and caucuses
- Superdelegates constitute about 30% of the delegates necessary to win the Democratic nomination
- About 63% of the superdelegates currently support Clinton
- Since AP's November survey, Clinton's superdelegate total has jumped 90 delegates, meanwhile Sanders rose from 8 to 19
- In 2008, Hillary Clinton also maintained a large superdelegate lead prior to Super Tuesday; despite this advantage, she lost the Democratic nomination to Barack Obama

Sources: Associated Press Election Services, Stephen Ohlemacher and Hope Yen, "Party Insiders give Clinton early, commanding delegate edge," Yahoo News, November 13, 2015; Danielle Kurtzleben, "Survey: Clinton Maintains Massive Superdelegate Lead," NPR, Feb 18, 2016



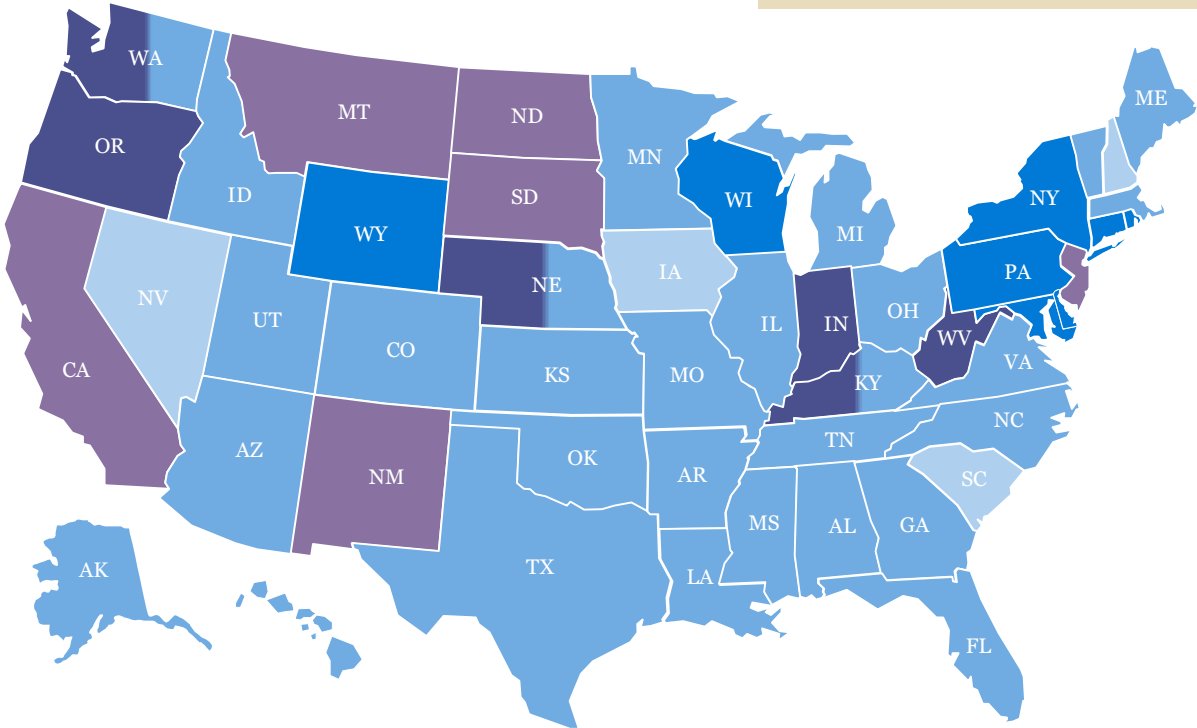
# 35 States and Territories Hold Primary Contests in March But Schedule Stretches Through June

## Presidential Primary Calendar Map, by State



\*States and territories with two colors hold their party contests in different months.

- American Samoa
- Democrats Abroad
- District of Columbia
- Guam
- N. Mariana Islands
- Puerto Rico
- Virgin Islands



Analysis

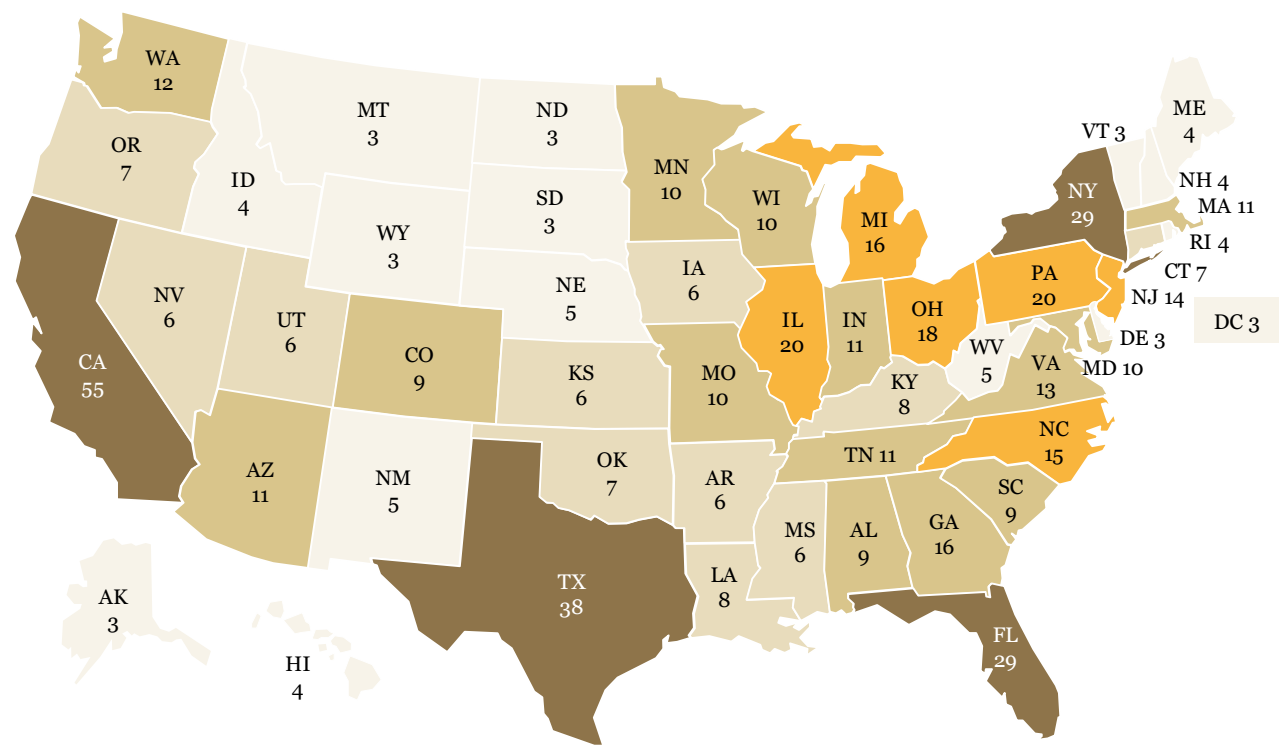
- The 2016 race is expected to remain close deep into the primaries for both parties as later contentious states may play pivotal roles in delegate counts.

Source: Wilson Andrews, Kitty Bennett and Alicia Parlapiano, "2016 Primary Results and Calendar," New York Times, February 10, 2016.

# California, Texas, Florida and New York Hold Large Electoral Power

## Number of Electoral Votes Per State

3-5   6-8   9-13   14-25   26-55



### Analysis

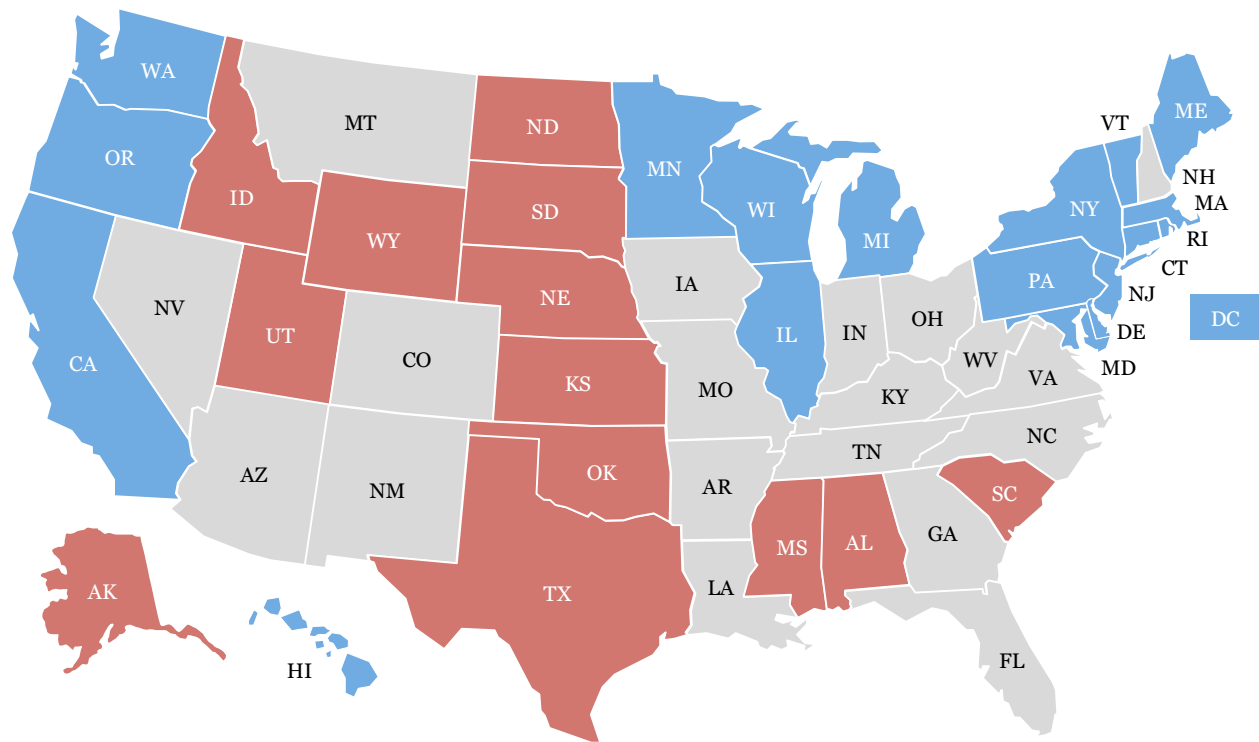
- The **Electoral College** consists of 538 electors, and a majority of 270 electoral votes is needed to elect a President.
- Each state's electors is determined by the number of Representatives and an additional two for the Senators.
- Except for Maine and Nebraska, states have a **"winner-take-all" system** which allots all the electoral votes in the state to the winning candidate

Source: U.S. Electoral College, "Distribution of Electoral Votes," National Archives, December 10, 2010; National Journal Research, 2015.

# Based on Past Presidential Elections, Democrats May Hold a Slight Advantage Heading into 2016 General Election

## States That Voted Consistently in the Past Six Presidential Elections

■ Voted Republican every election since 1992   ■ Voted Democratic every election since 1992



Share of Electoral Votes Historically Won by Democrats and Republicans since 1992



270 needed to win presidential election

### Analysis

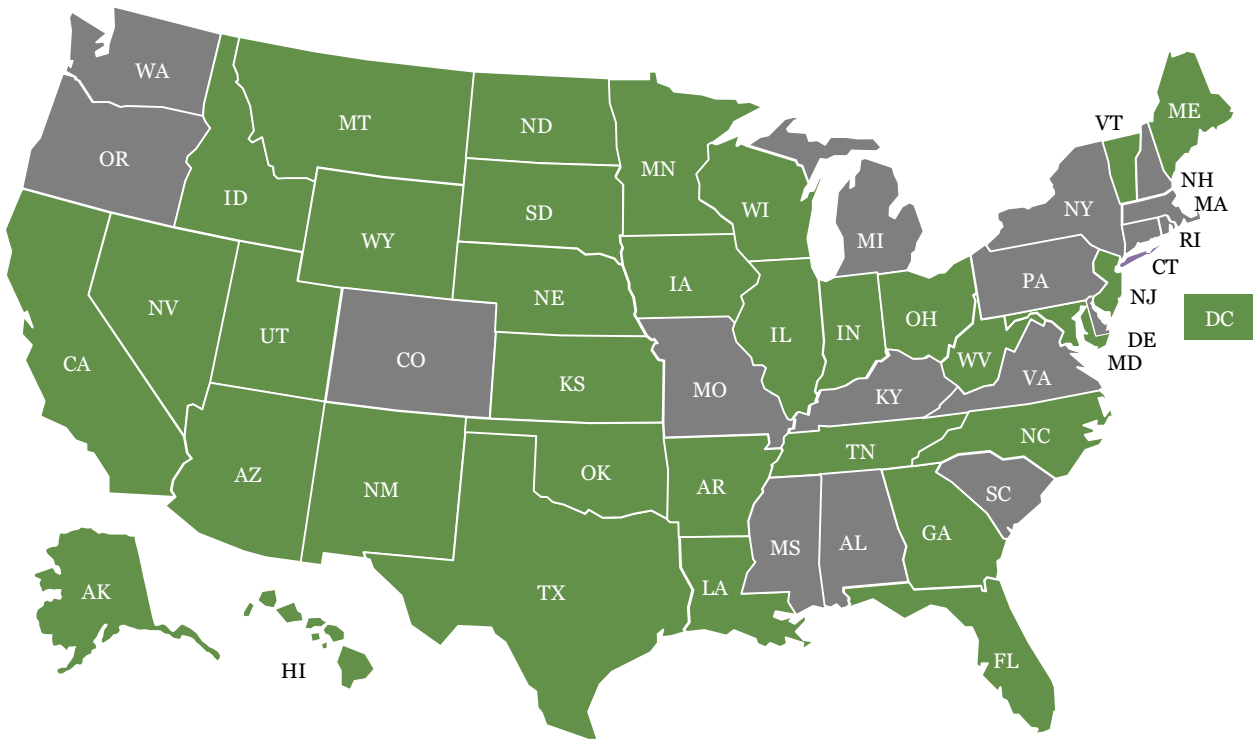
- Democrats won 18 states plus the District of Columbia six times in a row, which in 2016 would earn **242 electoral votes**, about 90 percent of the 270 electoral votes needed to win.
- In contrast, Republicans consistently carried 13 states over the last six elections, which in 2016 would earn the party **102 electoral votes**, 38 percent of the 270 needed to win.
- For more information on the political climate of the presidential primary, read [Charlie Cook's analysis](#).

Sources: Archives.gov, "US Electoral College"; National Journal, Charlie Cook, "Is Clinton's Tide Shifting?"; Politifact.com, "18 States Have Voted Democratic in Six Consecutive Elections with 242 Electoral Votes, George Will Says"

# 34 States Allow A Form of In-Person Early Voting

## In-Person Early Voting Laws, by State

■ Early In-Person Voting ■ No Early In-Person Voting



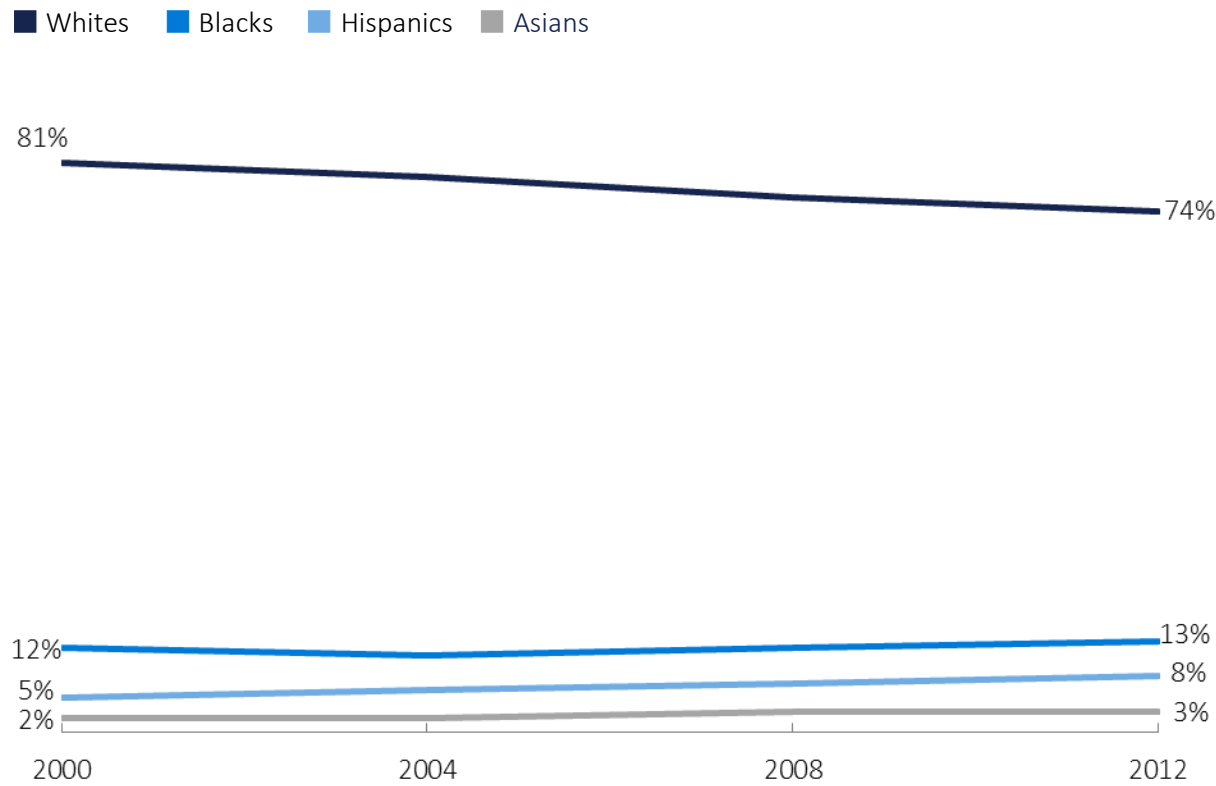
### Analysis

- 13 highlighted states do not legally have early voting but have “In-person absentee” voting, allowing a voter to apply in person for an absentee ballot, without an excuse, and cast that ballot in one trip to an election official’s office.

Sources: National Conference of State Legislatures, “Absentee and Early Voting,” January 5, 2016; U.S. Vote Foundation, “State Election Dates and Deadlines,” Accessed February 12, 2016

# The Democratic Advantage: A Diversifying Electorate

Percentage of Voters in Past Presidential Elections by Race



**Analysis**

- Democrats’ hopes of holding the White House rest on remobilizing the Obama coalition of millennials, single women, and **nonwhite voters**
- Minorities are less likely to vote GOP; the trend of a **diversifying electorate** in recent elections is an advantage for Democrats

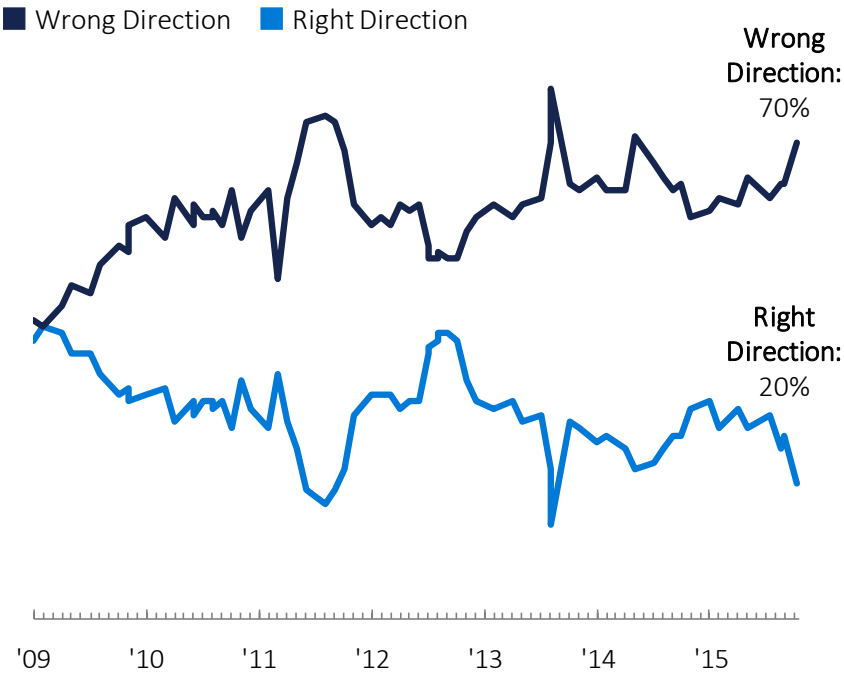
*Contributions from Josh Krashaur*

Sources: Thom File, “The Diversifying Electorate – Voting Rates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2012 (and Other Recent Elections),” Census.gov, May 2013

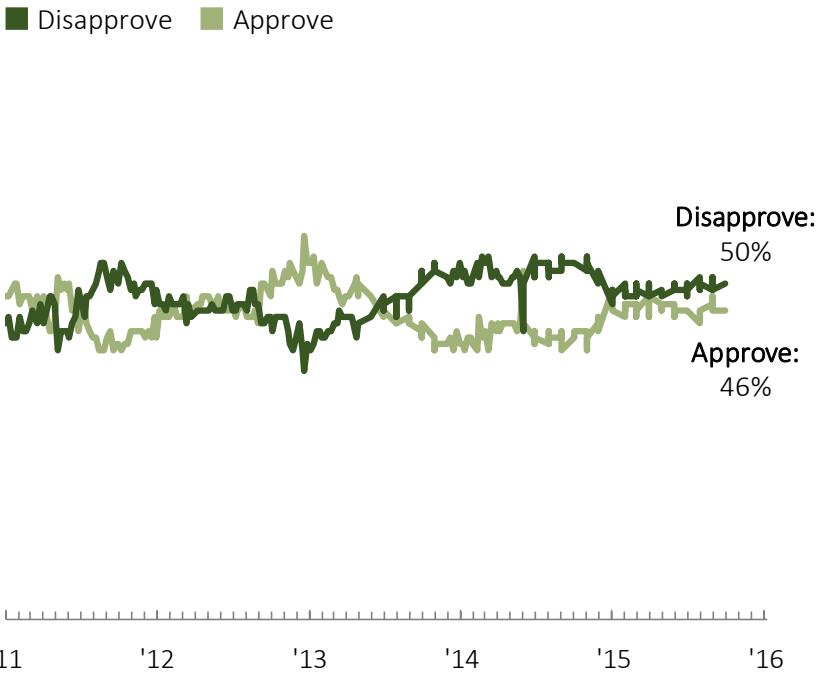
# The GOP Advantage: Desire for Change

## Percentage Responding to Question:

*“All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel things are on the wrong track?”*



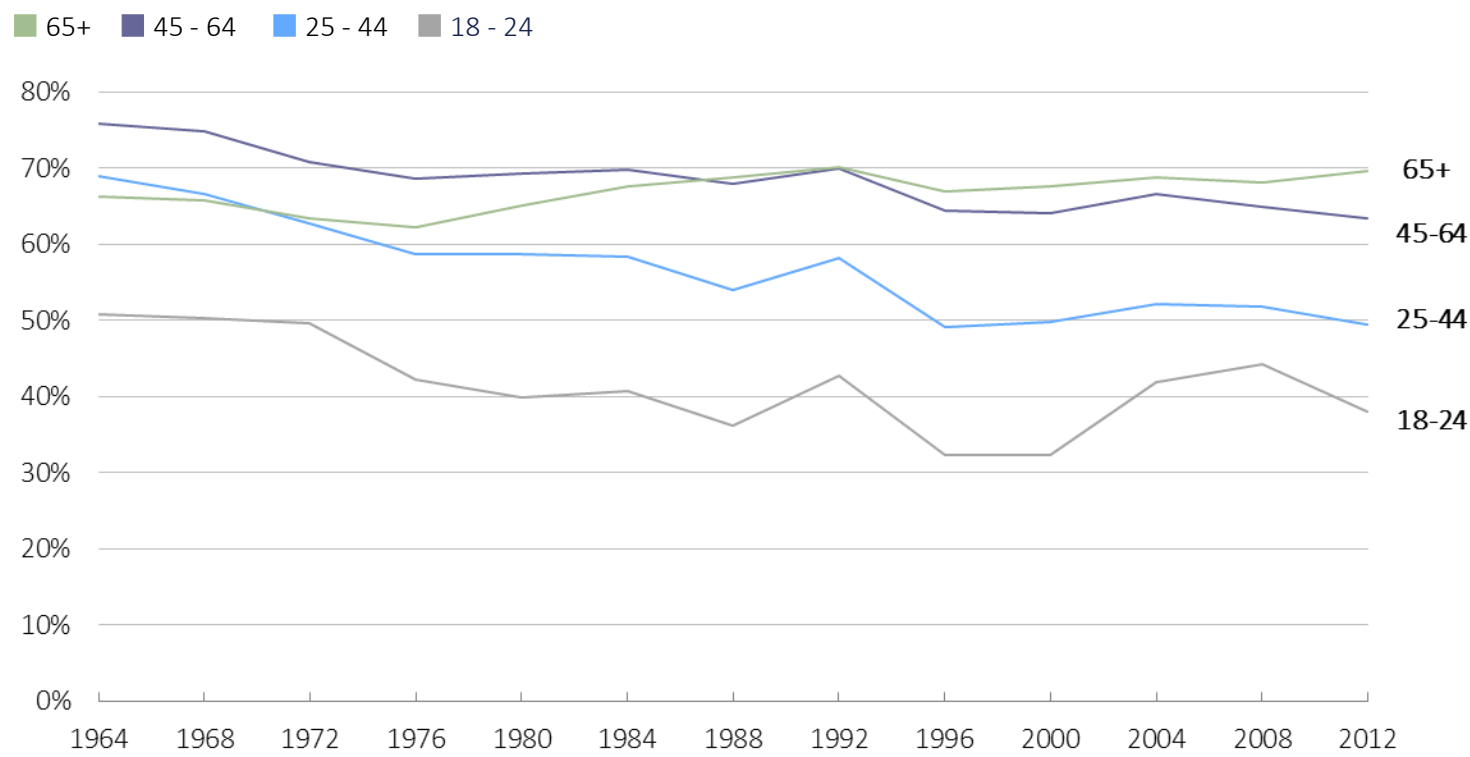
## Obama’s Presidential Job Approval (Gallup Poll)



Sources: Gallup.com, Jan 4-10, 2016; NBC/WSJ Poll, Dec 6-9, 2015.

# Americans 45 and Over are More Likely to Vote Than Younger Americans

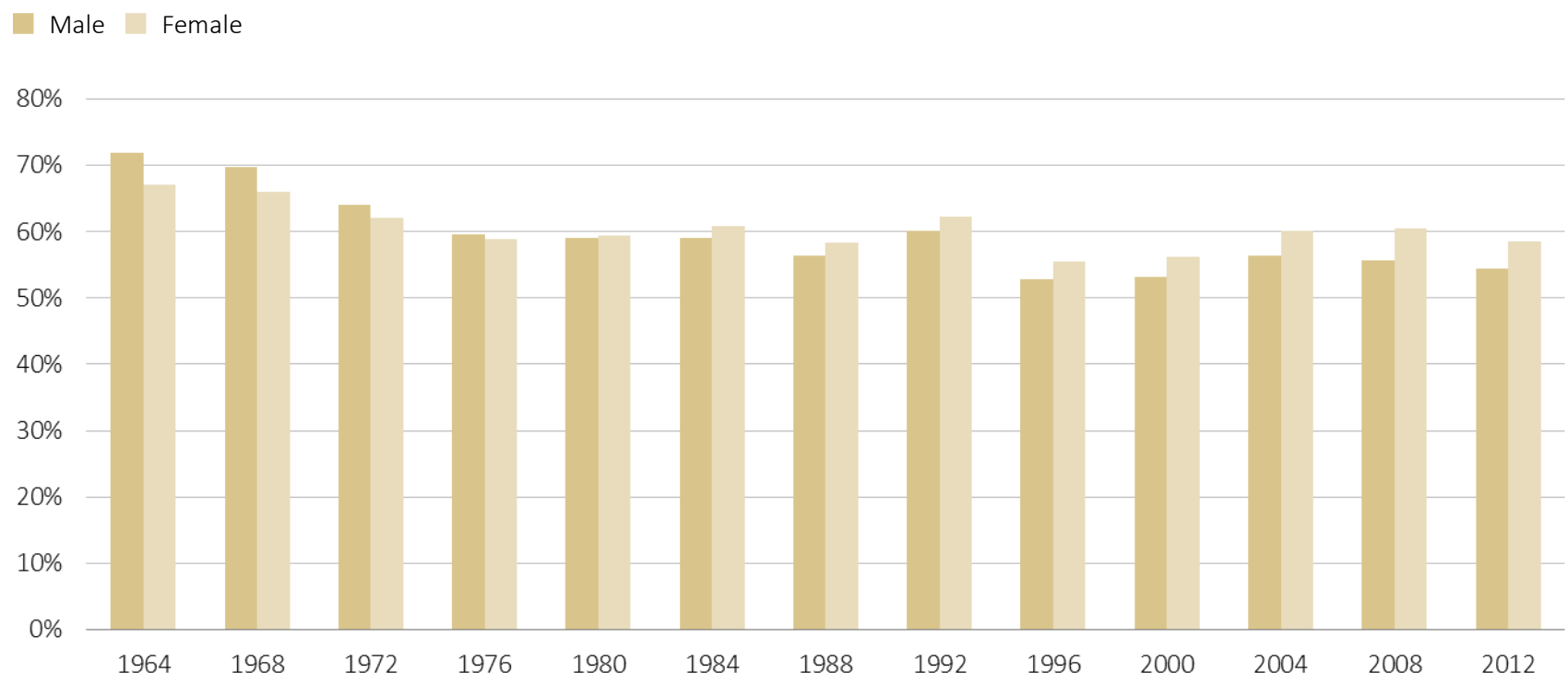
Reported Voting Rates in Presidential Election Years, by Age



Sources: United State Census, "Reported Voting Rates in Presidential Election Years, by Selected Characteristics: November 1964 to 2012," Historical Time Series Tables, 2013.

# In Recent Years, Females Hold a Stronger Presence Than Males at the Polls

Reported Voting Rates in Presidential Election Years, by Gender



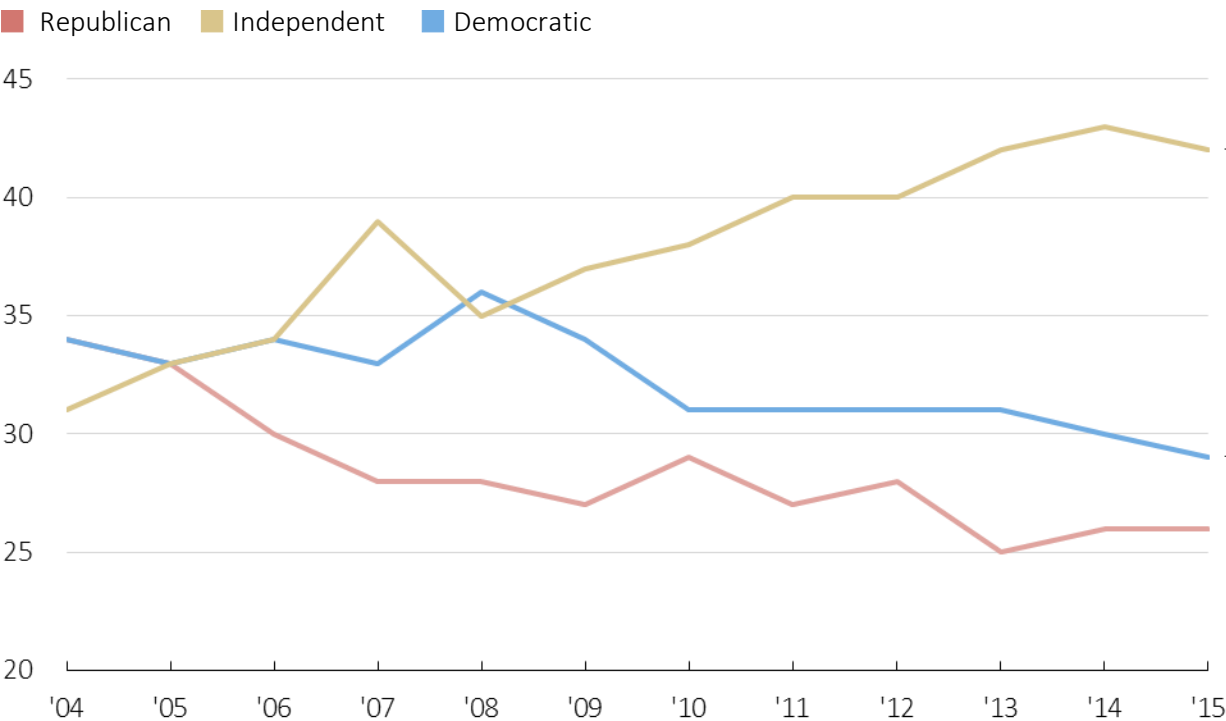
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# Identification with U.S. Political Parties Nears All-Time Low

## U.S. Party Identification

Yearly averages, all adults



When asked which party they lean towards, **independents** split evenly between Democrats (16%) and Republicans (16%)

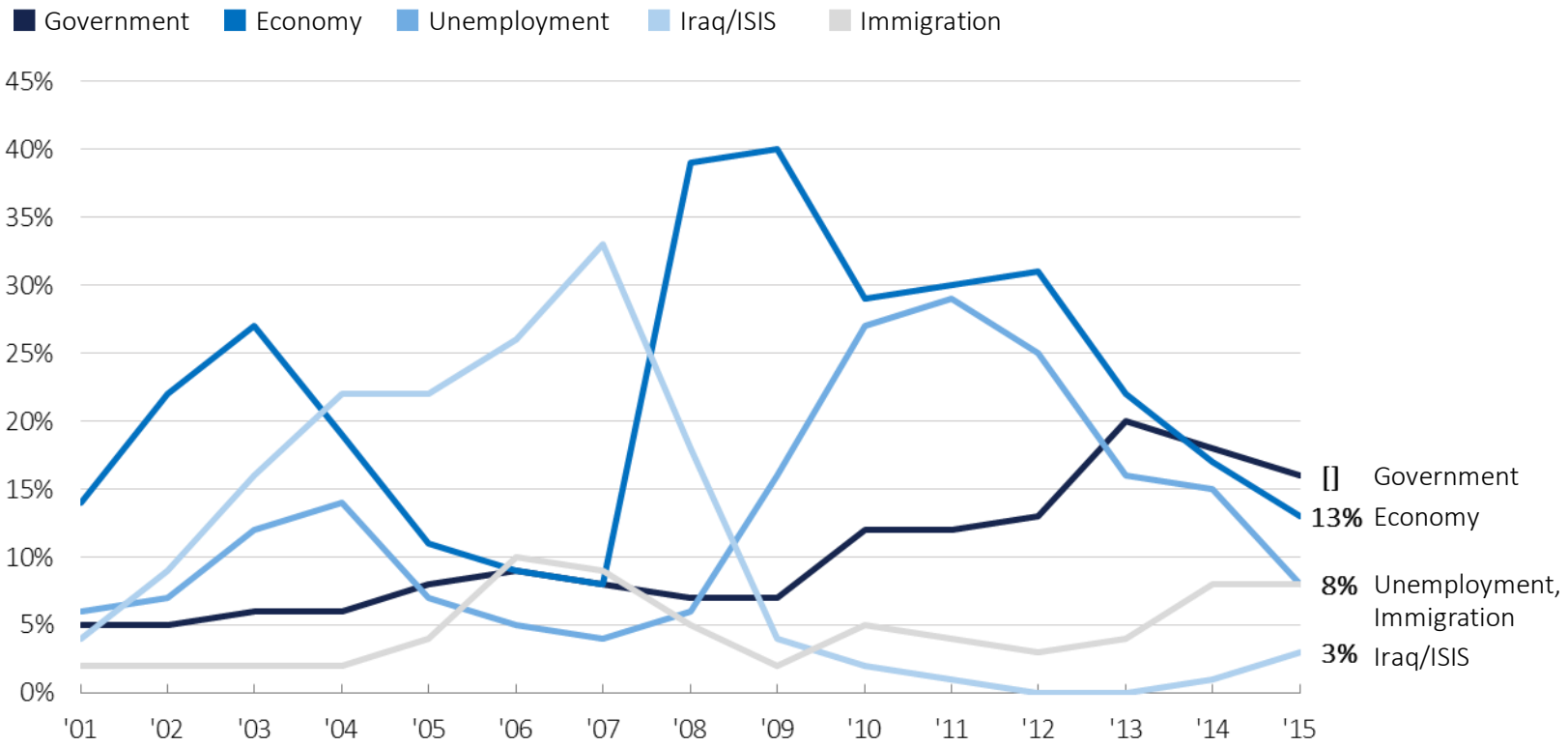
The number of adults identifying as **Democrats** (29%) is at an all-time historical low since Gallup began asking this question in 1958

Source: Gallup, "Democratic, Republican Identification Near Historical Lows," January 11, 2016.

# Government is Seen As Biggest Problem in US Second Year in a Row

## Percentage of Respondents on Most Important Problem Facing the US

Annual average percentage across monthly measures for each year



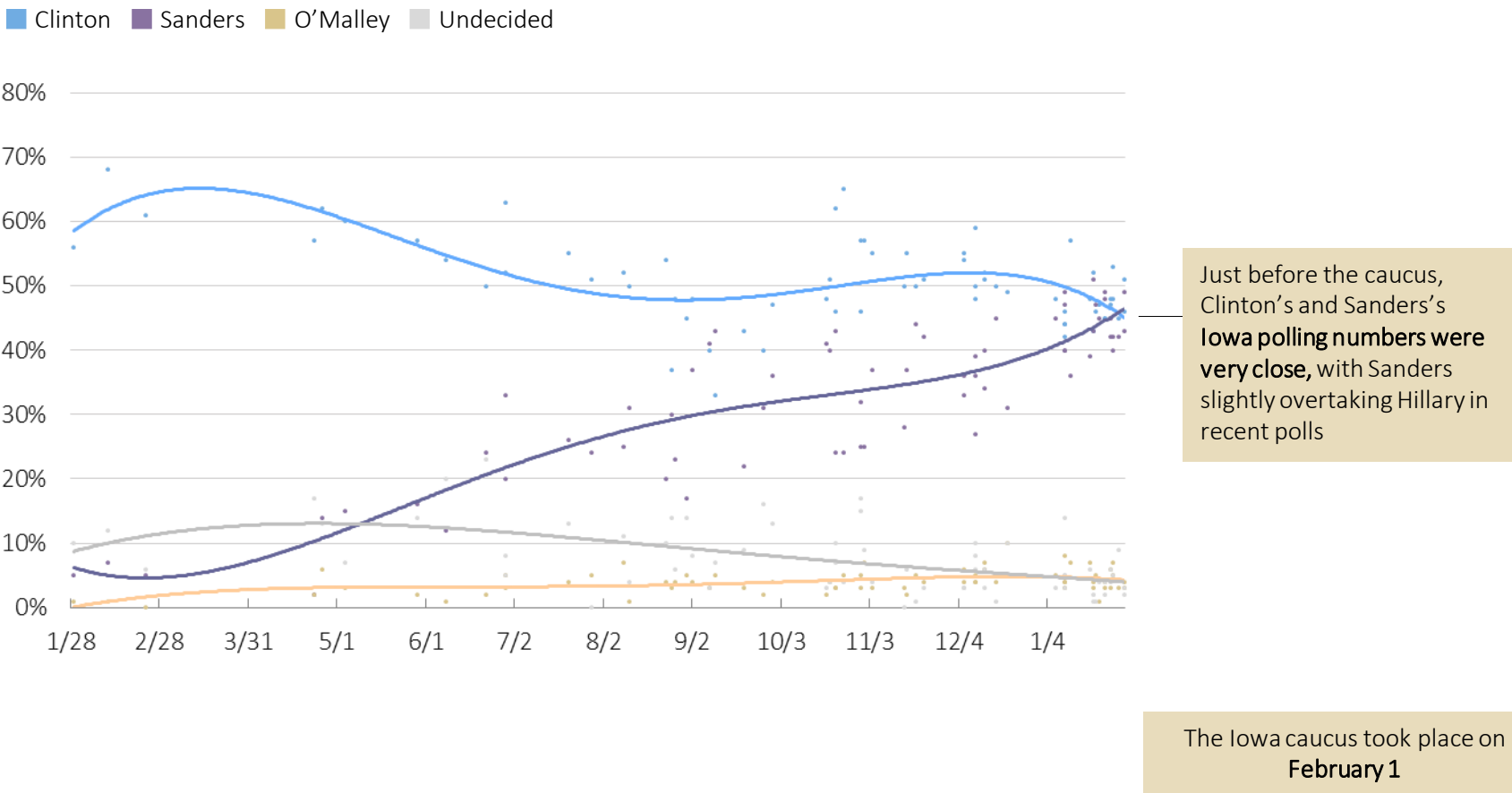
Sources: Lydia Saad, "Government Named Top U.S. Problem for Second Straight Year," Gallup, January 4, 2016

## **Chapter 2**

Democratic Primary and Caucus Results

# Race in Iowa Between Clinton and Sanders Had Tightened Before Caucus

January 2015–January 2016 Iowa State Polling Numbers, by Dem Candidate



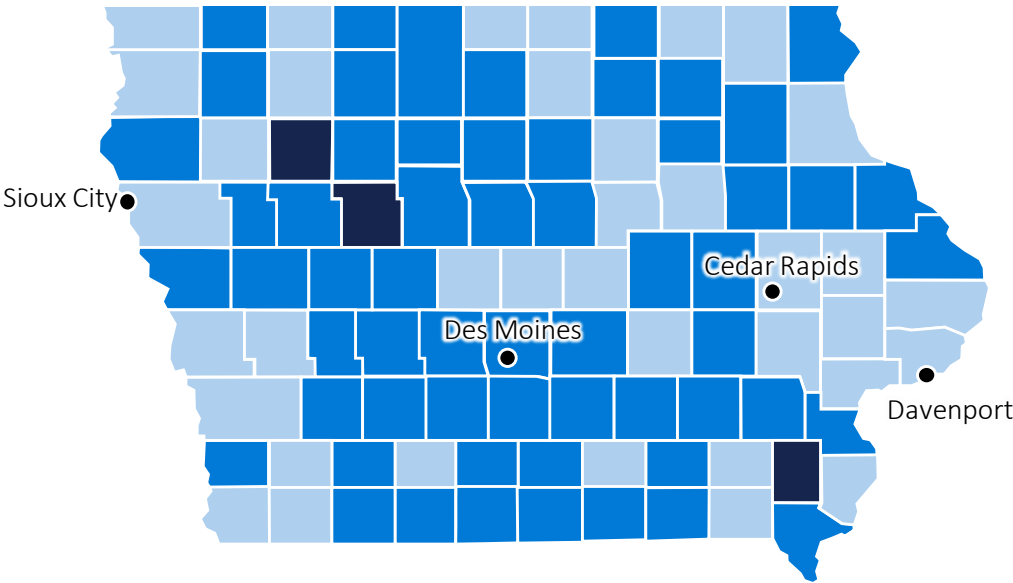
Source: HuffPost Pollster, "Poll Chart: 2016 Iowa Democratic Presidential Caucus," February 1, 2016.





# Sanders Rallies Support at Iowa Universities But Clinton’s Supporters Across the State Bring About a Tie

## Iowa Democratic Presidential Caucuses Map, Results by County

**Analysis**

- Sanders pulled some of his biggest margins over Clinton in **Story and Johnson counties** the homes of Iowa’s two largest public universities.
- **Six precincts resulted in a tie**, in these cases the winner was determined by a **coin toss** as defined in Democratic party election rules. **Clinton won all of these tosses**, however this did not affect the overall outcome.



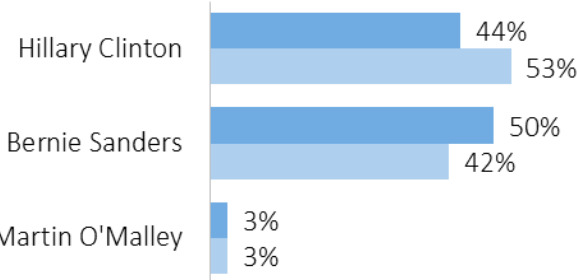
Legend	Candidate	Delegates Received	State Delegate Equivalent	Percentage Vote
	Hillary Clinton	26	701	49.9%
	Bernie Sanders	21	697	49.6%
	Martin O'Malley	0	8	0.6%
	Tie (Clinton-Sanders)			

Sources: Lily Mihalik, Anthony Pesce, and Ben Welsh, “Live results from the 2016 Iowa caucuses,” LA Times, February 2, 2016; Aisha Gani, “Coin tosses used to determine county delegates in Clinton-Sanders race,” The Guardian, February 2, 2016.

# Iowa Dems Split By Age, Income, Ideology in Virtual Tie

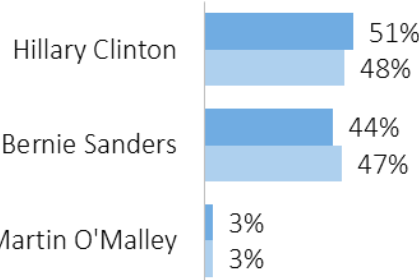
## Gender

Men Women



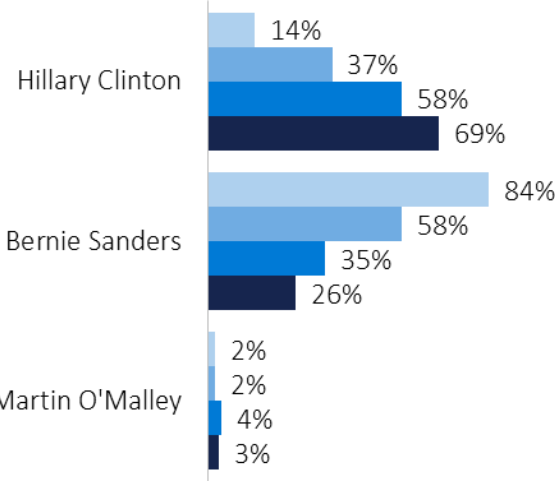
## Education

College Degree No College Degree



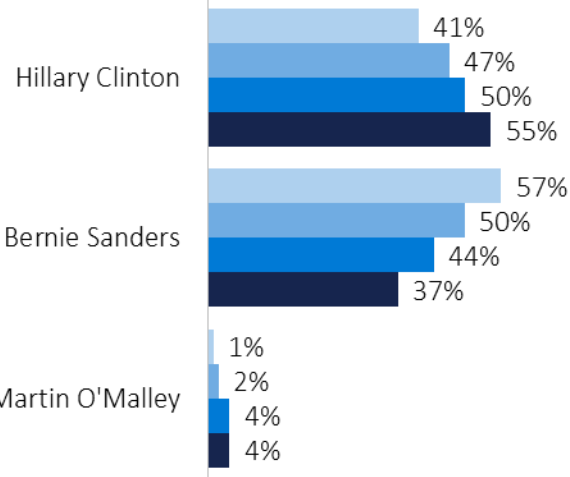
## Age

17\*-29 30-44 45-64 65+



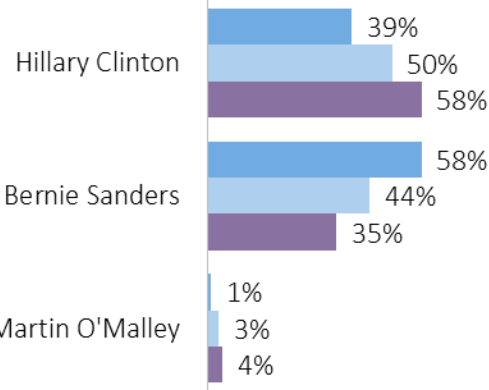
## Income

< 30k 30-49k 50-99k 100k+



## Ideology (Liberalism)

Very Somewhat Moderate



Source: The New York Times, "Iowa Entrance Polls," February 2, 2016.

\*17 year olds who will turn 18 before the general election are allowed to participate in the Iowa caucuses

# Iowa Photo Finish Between Clinton and Sanders Could Reflect Long Race Ahead; Young Voters Support Sanders

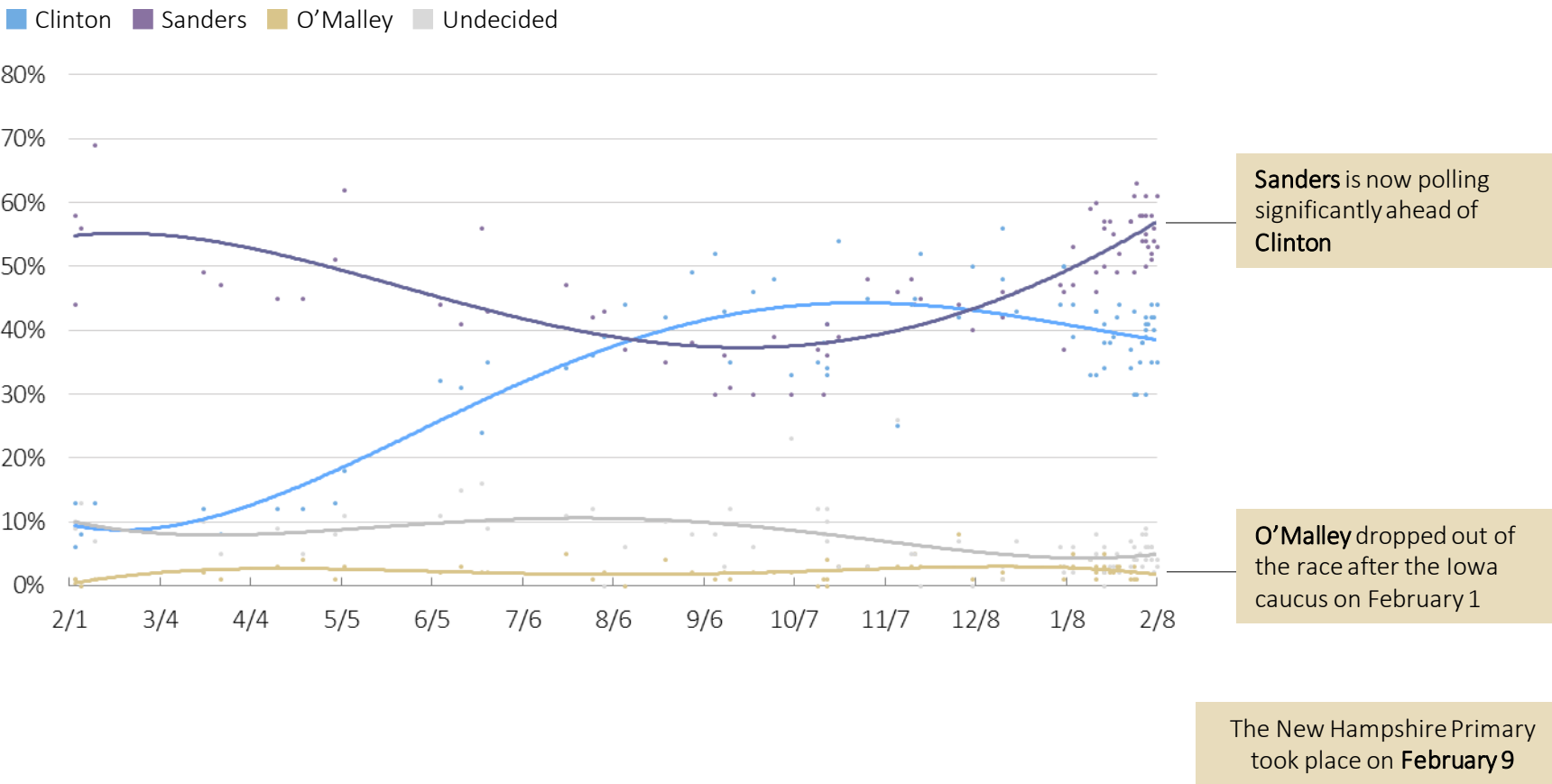
## Key Takeaways from the 2016 Democratic Iowa Caucus

Democratic Result	Takeaways
<i>Clinton ekes out win over Sanders in closest result in Iowa Democratic caucus history</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The close result shows that <b>Sanders represents legitimate competition</b> for Clinton, who held a 50 point lead over Sanders in Iowa polling six months ago</li><li>• Clinton’s ground game and data-driven organizational tactics in Iowa represented a strategic shift from her 2008 effort in the state</li><li>• <b>Iowa was considered one of the best demographic states for Sanders</b> – mostly white, and extremely liberal</li><li>• The same holds for <b>New Hampshire, where Sanders will likely be the favorite</b> to win the nation’s first primary</li></ul>
<i>Clinton captures ‘traditional’ and non-white votes</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The majority of Caucus goers were over 50</b>; Clinton carried voters 65 and older by 43 points and Democrats who had caucused before by 24 points</li><li>• <b>Clinton won non-white voters by 18 points</b> in preliminary entrance polls; however non-white voters constituted only one-tenth of the Democratic electorate in Iowa</li><li>• If Clinton continues to garner a large lead among nonwhite voters, she will likely continue to be the favorite for the Democratic nomination</li></ul>
<i>Sanders captures ‘insurgent’ vote</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enthusiasm for Sanders stems largely from first-time caucus goers and young voters (17-29 year olds); <b>Young voters chose Sanders by a 6-1 ratio</b></li></ul>

Sources: Amy Walter, “Making Sense of Iowa,” Cook Political Report, Feb 2, 2016; James Hohmann, “The Daily 202,” The Washington Post, Feb 2, 2016; Harry Enten, “Bernie Sanders Needs More Than The Tie He Got In Iowa,” FiveThirtyEight, Feb 2, 2016; S.V. Date, “Clinton Got Obama’s Iowa Tactics, Not His Voters,” National Journal, Feb 2, 2016.

# New Hampshire State Polling Predicted Bernie Sanders' Sweeping Victory Over Clinton

Feb 2015–Feb 2016 New Hampshire State Polling Numbers, by Dem Candidate



Source: HuffPost Pollster, "Poll Chart: 2016 New Hampshire Democratic Presidential Primary," February 9, 2016.



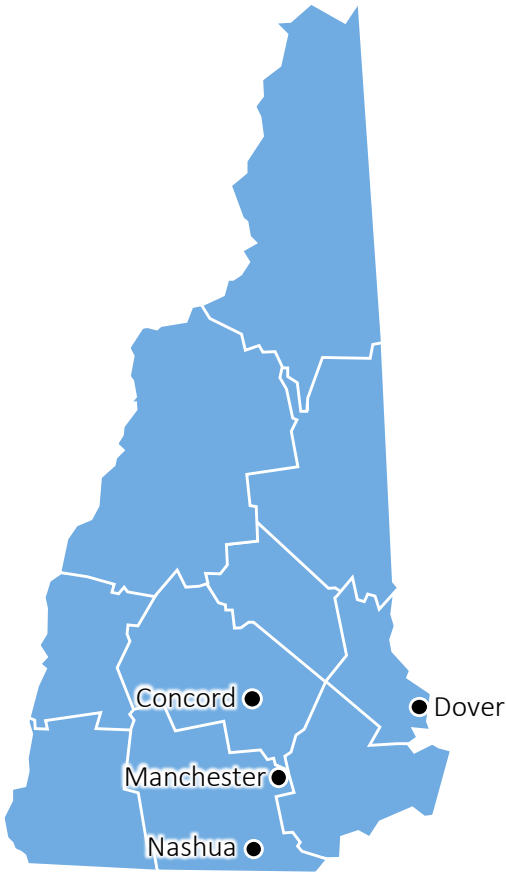
# Sanders Sweeps New Hampshire As Clinton Looks Forward to South Carolina

## Iowa Democratic Presidential Caucuses Map, Results by County

Legend	Candidate	Votes	Pct.	Delegates
■	Bernie Sanders	144,391	60.0%	13
	Hillary Clinton	92,191	38.3%	9

### Analysis

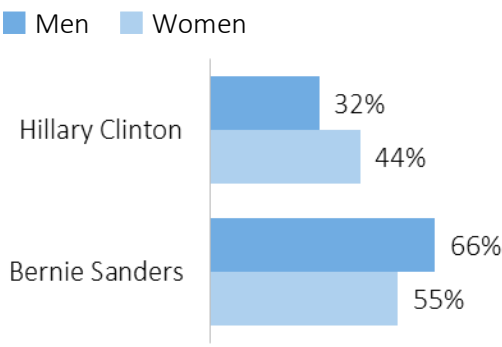
- Hillary Clinton only **received the majority of votes in 4 precincts out of 300** across the state.
- Bernie Sanders swept the western and northern portions of the state while the **populous Merrimack Valley proved to be more contentious**.
- Sanders was able to capture almost 60% of the vote amongst precincts that favored Hillary Clinton over Barack Obama in the 2008 primary.



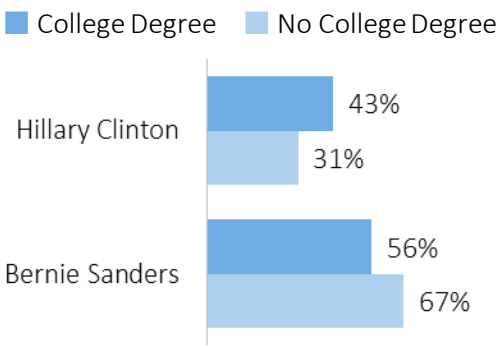
Sources: Wilson Andrews, Matthew Bloch, Jeremy Bowers and Tom Giratikanon, "New Hampshire Primary Results," New York Times, February 10, 2016; CNN "2016 Election Center – New Hampshire," February 10, 2016.

# Sanders Sweeps Nearly All Demographic Groups in NH

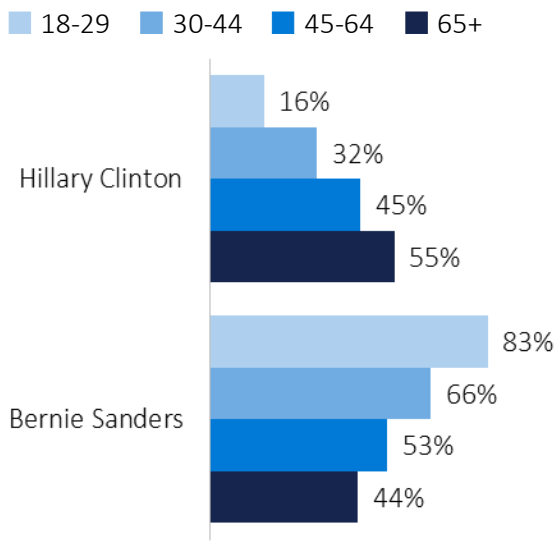
## Gender



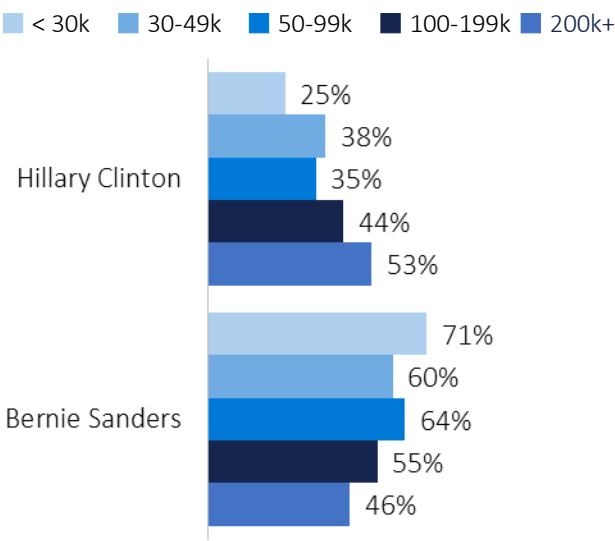
## Education



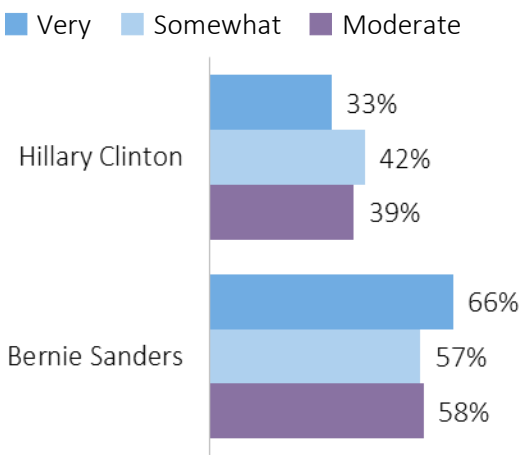
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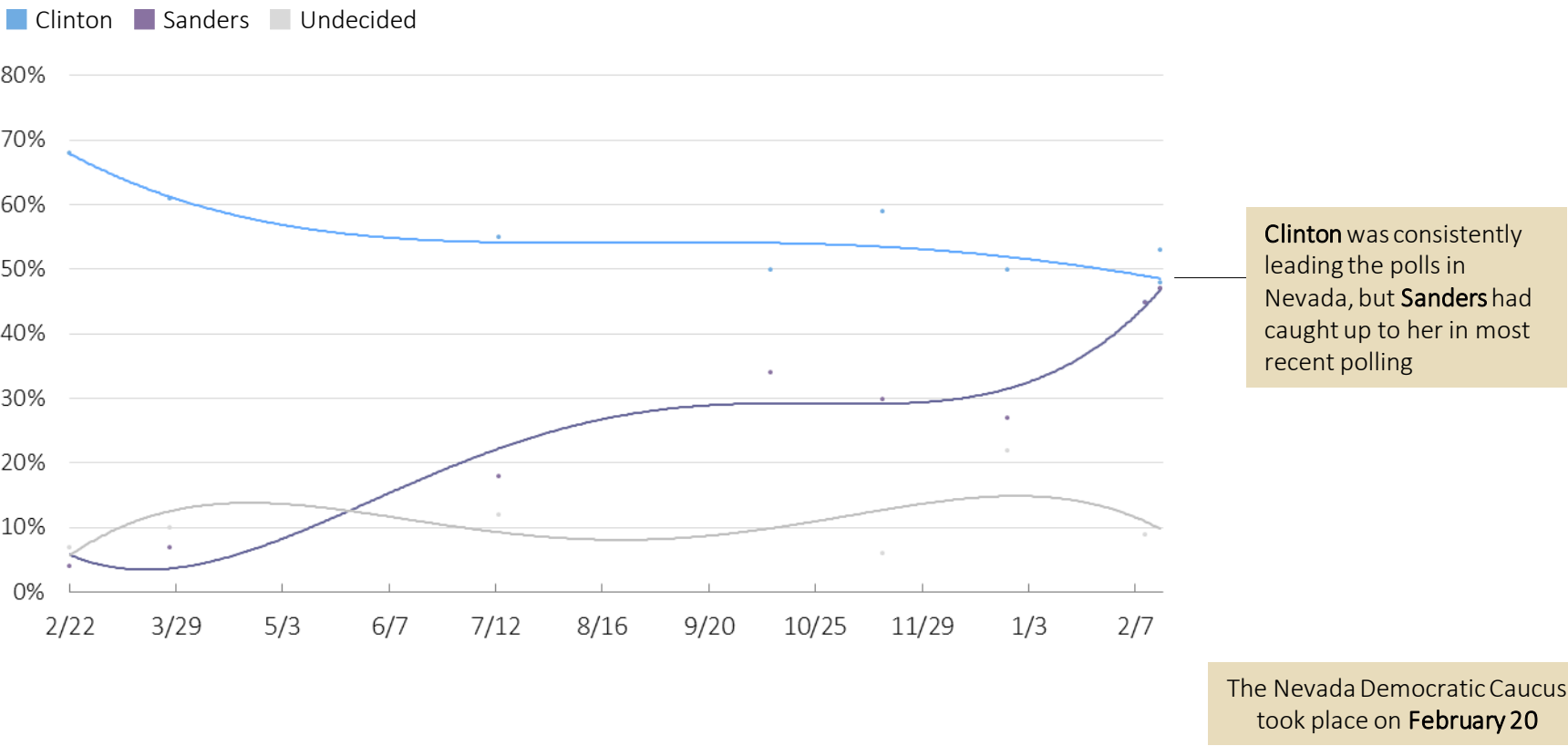
## Ideology (Liberalism)



Source: The New York Times, "New Hampshire Exit Polls," February 9, 2016.

# Clinton Won Nevada, Despite Sanders’ Recent Surge in Nevada State Polling




Feb 2015–Feb 2016 Nevada State Polling Numbers, by Dem Candidate



Source: HuffPost Pollster, “Poll Chart: 2016 Nevada Democratic Presidential Caucus,” February 18, 2016.

# Clinton Wins Nevada, Sanders Wins Latino Vote

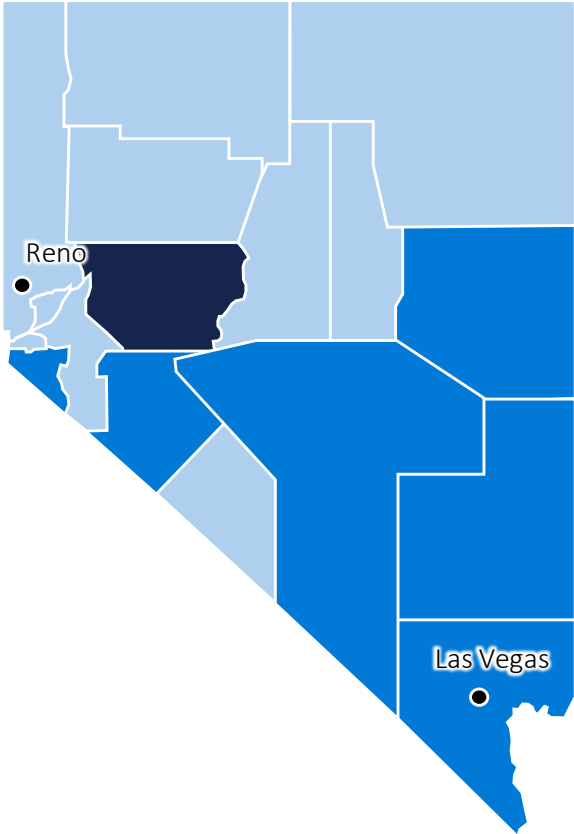
## Nevada Democratic Caucus Results, by County

Legend	Candidate	Votes*	Percentage	Delegates
	Hillary Clinton	6,316	52.6%	19
	Bernie Sanders	5,678	47.3%	15
	Tie			

\* Vote totals for the contest are county convention delegates won.

### Analysis

- Clinton made a big 9-point win in Clark County: the most populous and most ethnically diverse county in the state.
- While he failed to capture the African American vote, Sanders bested Clinton among Latino caucus-goers, taking an estimated 53%. Latino caucus-goers were estimated to be 19% of the total caucus-goer population.
- Early estimates show that the caucuses received a low turnout with only 80,000 of the state's 470,000 registered democrats coming out to caucus.



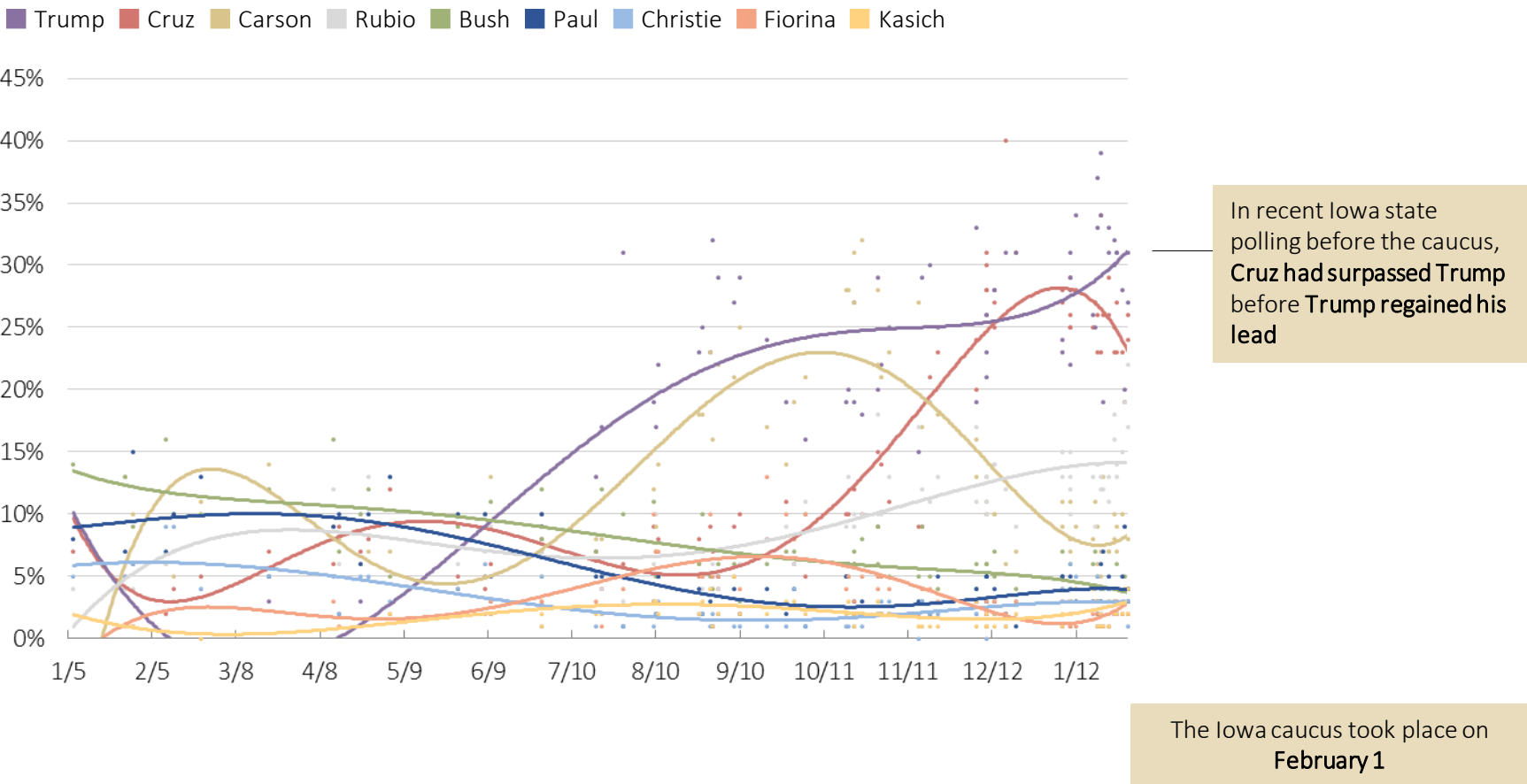
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## Chapter 3

Republican Primary and Caucus Results

# Cruz Won in Iowa Caucus Despite Trump's Lead in the Polls








Jan 2015-Jan 2016 Iowa State Polling Numbers, by Select GOP Candidates

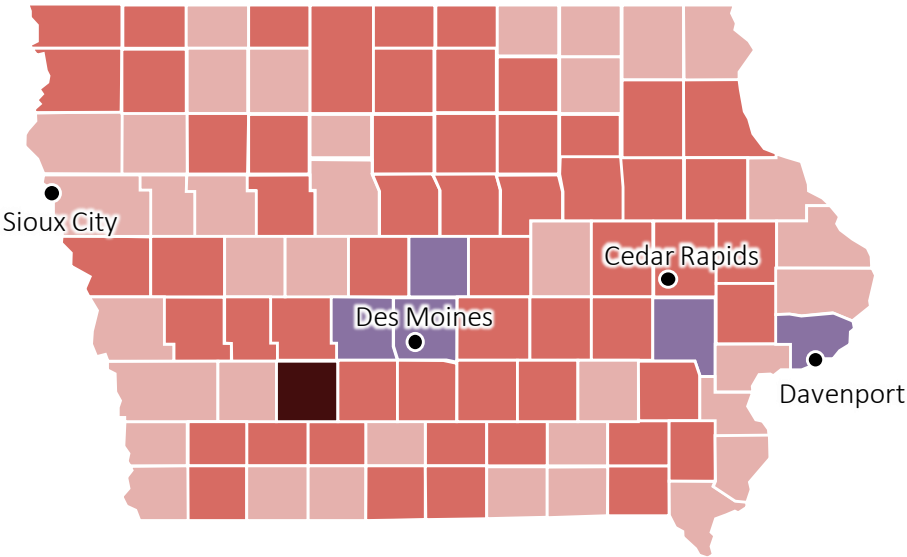


Source: HuffPost Pollster, "Poll Chart: 2016 Iowa Republican Presidential Caucus," February 1, 2016.

# Cruz Rises to Victory Over Trump, Rubio’s Support Around Cities Shows Resiliency in Campaign

Iowa Republican Presidential Caucuses Map, Results by County

Legend	Candidate	Votes	Pct.	Delegates
	Ted Cruz	51,666	27.6%	8
	Donald Trump	45,427	24.3%	7
	Marco Rubio	43,165	23.1%	7
	Ben Carson	17,395	9.3%	3
	Rand Paul	8,481	4.5%	1
	Jeb Bush	5,238	2.8%	1
	Tie (Cruz-Trump)			



Analysis

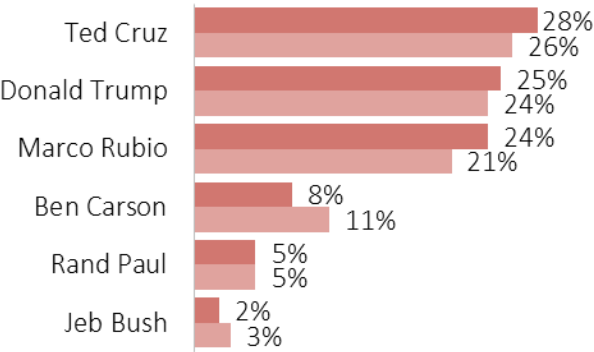
- Rubio fared best in the metropolitan areas of Des Moines and Davenport as well as in Johnson County, home of the University of Iowa.
- Cruz was able to ride to victory on the support of evangelical voters across the state.
- Trump mobilized many first-time caucus goers, however pundits believe he mobilized turnout not only amongst his supporters but also amongst his opposition.

Sources: Lily Mihalik, Anthony Pesce, and Ben Welsh, “Live results from the 2016 Iowa caucuses,” LA Times, February 2, 2016; David Byler, “How Demographics Could Affect Iowa GOP Outcome,” Real Clear Politics, January 29, 2016; Lazaro Gamio and Scott Clement, “Iowa Caucus Entrance Polls,” The Washington Post, February 1, 2016.

# Cruz Wins Evangelical, Very Conservative Voters in Iowa

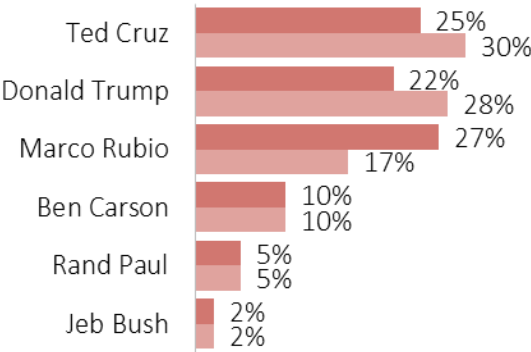
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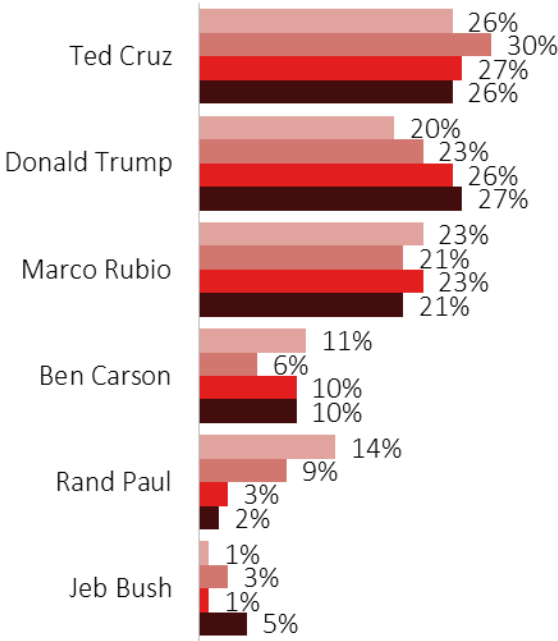
## Education

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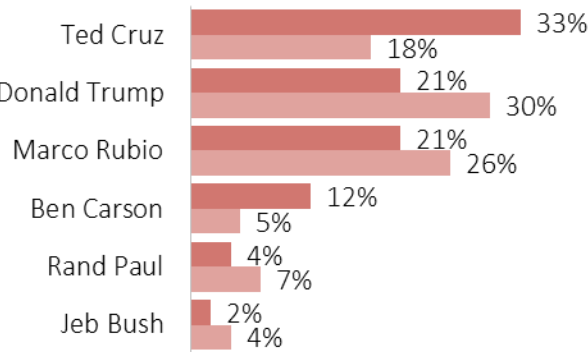
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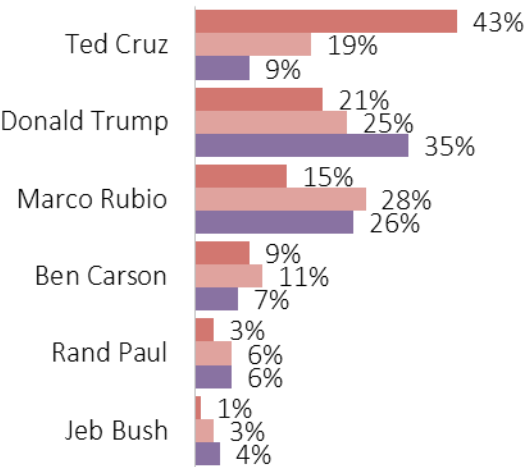
## Religion

White Evangelical/ Born Again Other



## Ideology (Conservative)

Very Somewhat Moderate



Source: The New York Times, "Iowa Entrance Polls," February 2, 2016.

\*17 year olds who will turn 18 before the general election are allowed to participate in the Iowa caucuses



# Trump’s Loss Could Have Ripple Effect in Other States; Rubio’s Strong Finish Positions him as Establishment Favorite

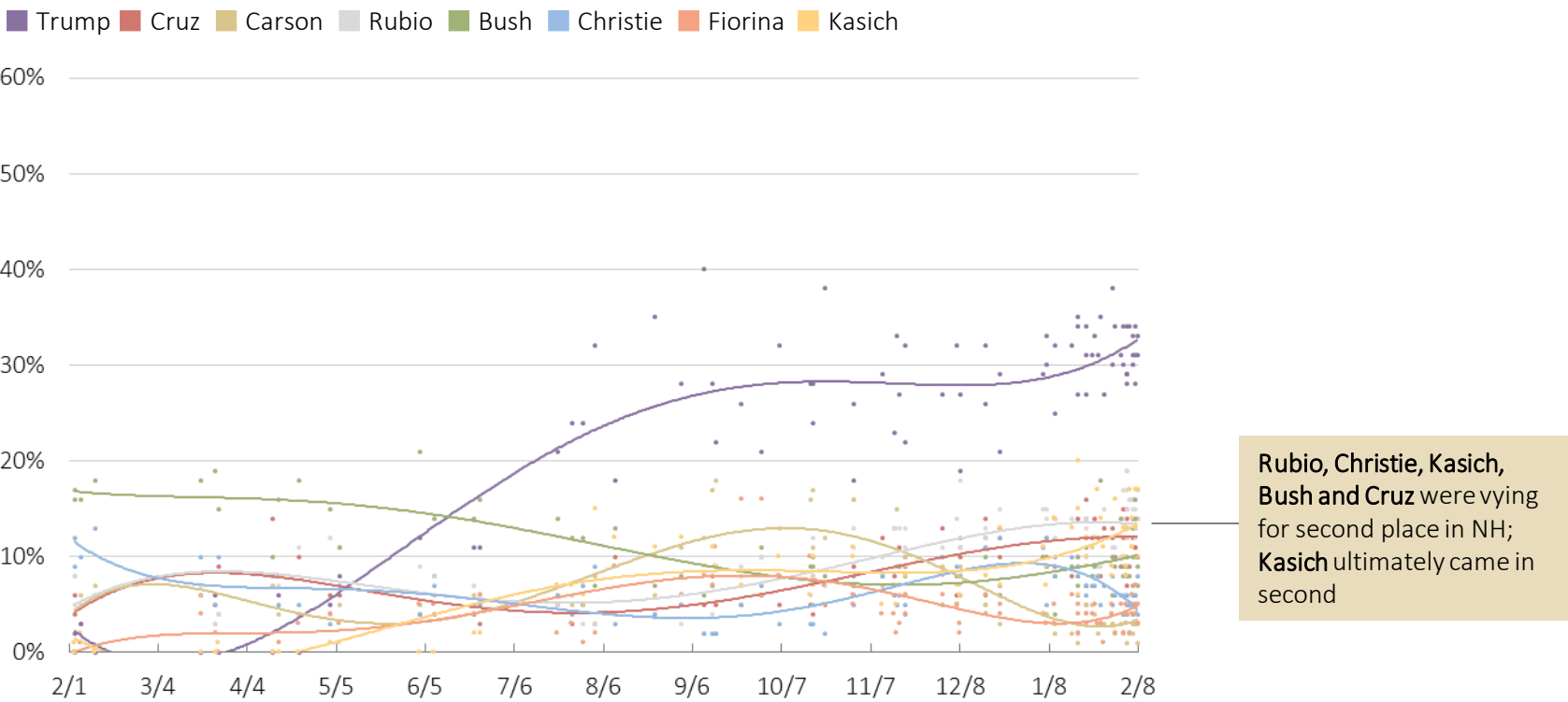
## Key Takeaways from the 2016 GOP Iowa Caucus

GOP Result	Takeaways
<i>Ted Cruz beats Donald Trump by nearly 4 percentage points, despite record turnout</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Evangelicals fueled Cruz’s victory</b>, which showed the value of Cruz’s robust ground operations in Iowa</li><li>• Turnout was about 185,000, a <b>record for the GOP Iowa Caucus</b>, which pundits predicted would be good news for Trump; however <b>Trump may have brought out nearly as many supporters as detractors</b></li><li>• Despite the loss, <b>Trump is still likely to be favored</b> in next week’s New Hampshire primary</li><li>• With Trump’s veneer of invincibility punctured, the question remains whether the Iowa results will deflate his numbers elsewhere</li></ul>
<i>Marco Rubio finishes a strong third, outperforming predictions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The GOP primary has become a <b>three-way race between Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio and Donald Trump</b></li><li>• Rubio bolstered his case to consolidate the support of the Republican establishment and those uneasy about the prospect of Trump or Cruz</li></ul>
<i>Chris Christie, Jeb Bush and John Kasich combine to receive less than 7 percent of the vote</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christie’s and Bush’s investments in Iowa proved to be ineffective, which could negatively impact their support in New Hampshire</li><li>• <b>A strong Rubio showing in New Hampshire could force some of the other establishment candidates out of the race</b></li></ul>

Sources: Amy Walter, “Making Sense of Iowa,” Cook Political Report, Feb 2, 2016; Jonathan Martin, “Ted Cruz Wins Republican Caucuses in Iowa,” New York Times, Feb 1, 2016; James Hohmann, “The Daily 202,” The Washington Post, Feb 2, 2016; Adam Wollner, “Donald Trump: No Longer Invincible,” National Journal, Feb 2, 2016

# Trump Held a Commanding Lead in New Hampshire State Polling Leading up to the First Presidential Primary

Feb 2015-Feb 2016 New Hampshire Polling Numbers, by Select GOP Candidates



Source: HuffPost Pollster, "Poll Chart: 2016 New Hampshire Republican Presidential Primary," February 9, 2016.

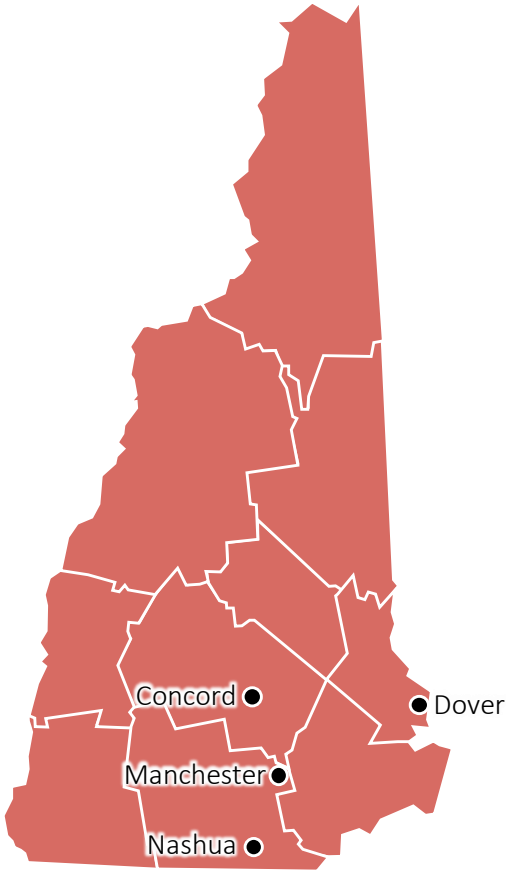
# Trump Scores First Win in New Hampshire While Kasich’s Second Place Finish Renews Hope for Campaign

## Iowa Republican Presidential Caucuses Map, Results by County

Legend	Candidate	Votes	Pct.	Delegates
<div></div>	Donald Trump	97,276	35.3%	10
	John Kasich	43,414	15.8%	3
	Ted Cruz	32,164	11.7%	2
	Jeb Bush	30,418	11.0%	2
	Marco Rubio	29,010	10.5%	0
	Chris Christie	20,501	7.4%	0

### Analysis

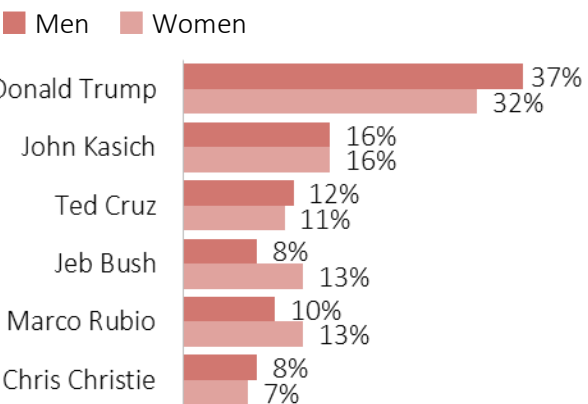
- John Kasich’s supporters were primarily from the western and northern portions of the state while Donald Trump succeeded in capturing voters in a large variety of locales.
- There was **almost no difference** in Republican voting patterns **between urban areas and sparsely populated areas** with candidates capturing almost identical proportions of the electorate in both settings.



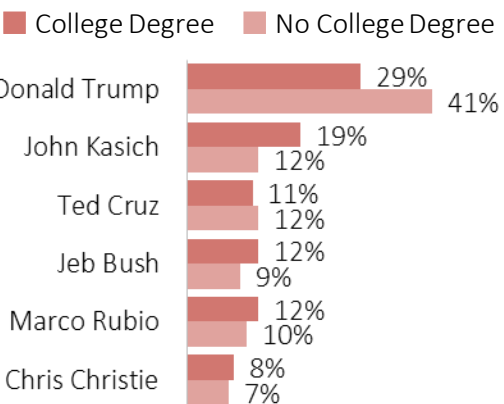
Sources: Wilson Andrews, Matthew Bloch, Jeremy Bowers and Tom Giratikanon, “New Hampshire Primary Results,” New York Times, February 10, 2016; CNN “2016 Election Center – New Hampshire,” February 10, 2016.

# Trump Sweeps Nearly All Demographic Groups in NH

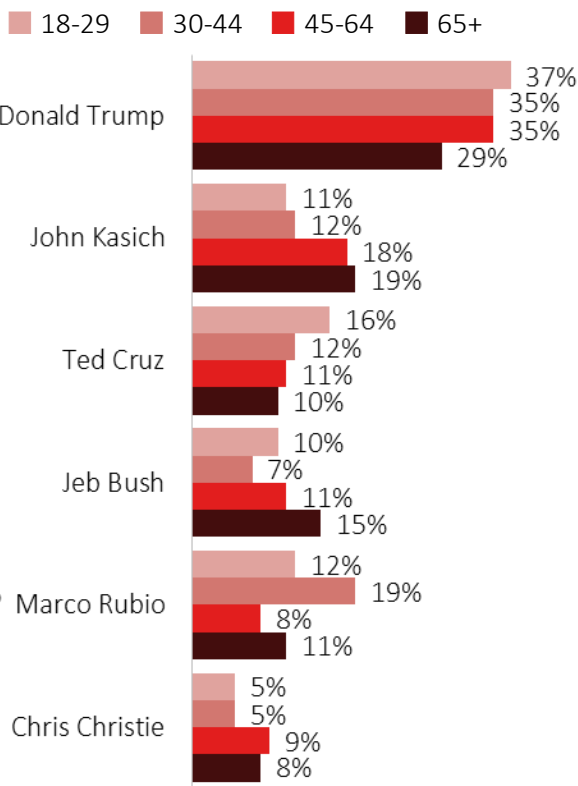
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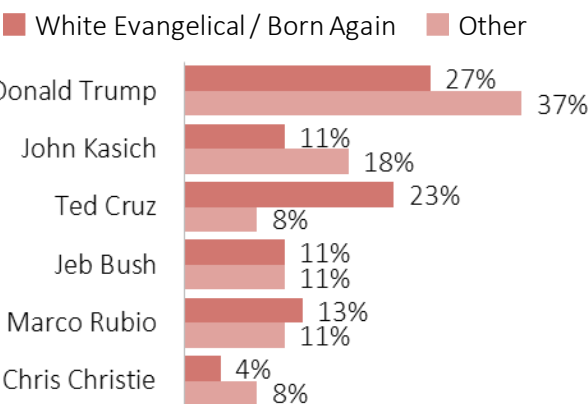
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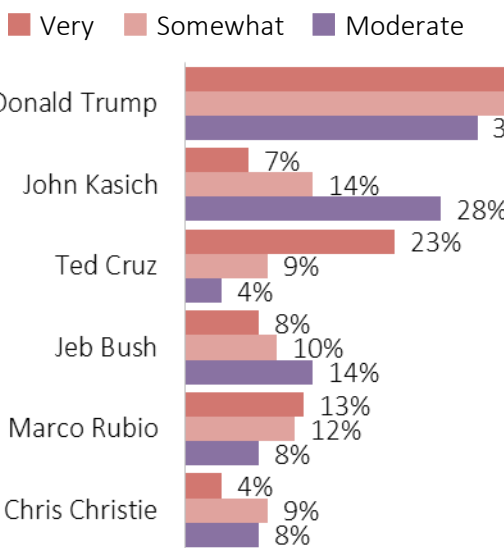
## Age



## Religion



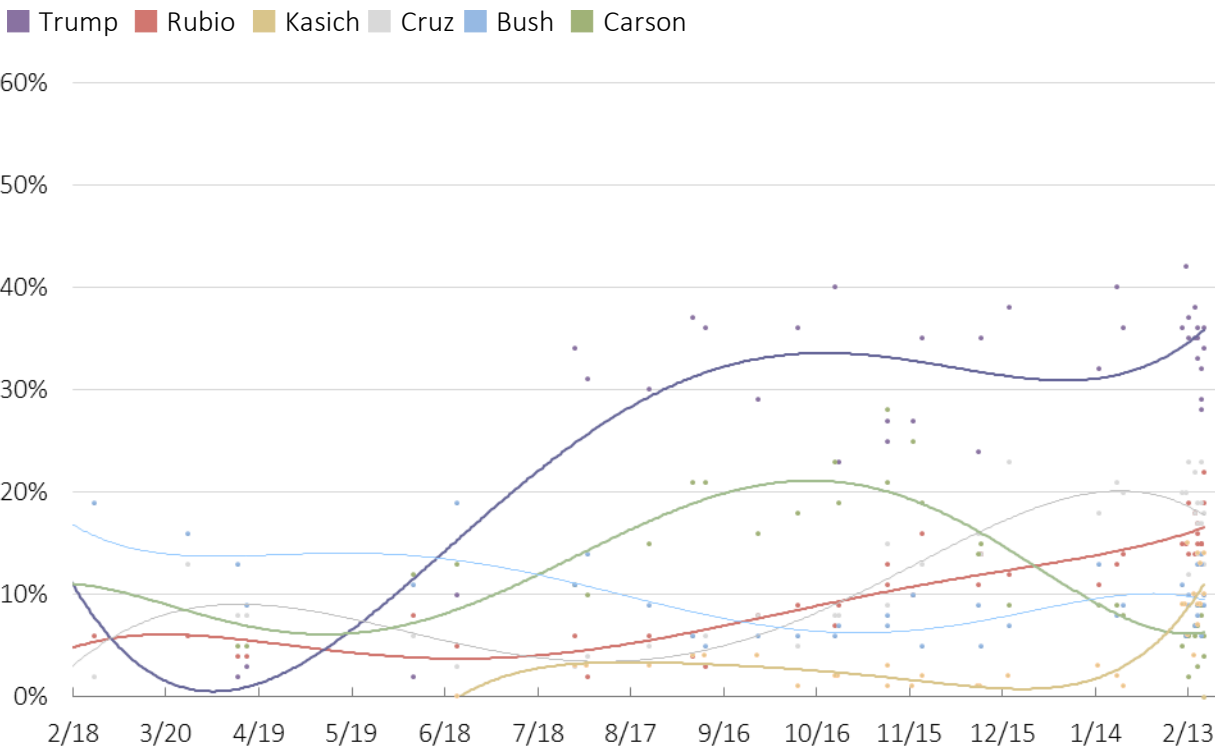
## Ideology (Conservative)



Source: The New York Times, "New Hampshire Exit Polls," February 9, 2016.

# State Polling in South Carolina Predicted Trump's Victory in the Primary

Feb 2015-Feb 2016 South Carolina Polling Numbers, by GOP Candidate



Rubio won second place in South Carolina, despite Cruz being ahead of him in the polls

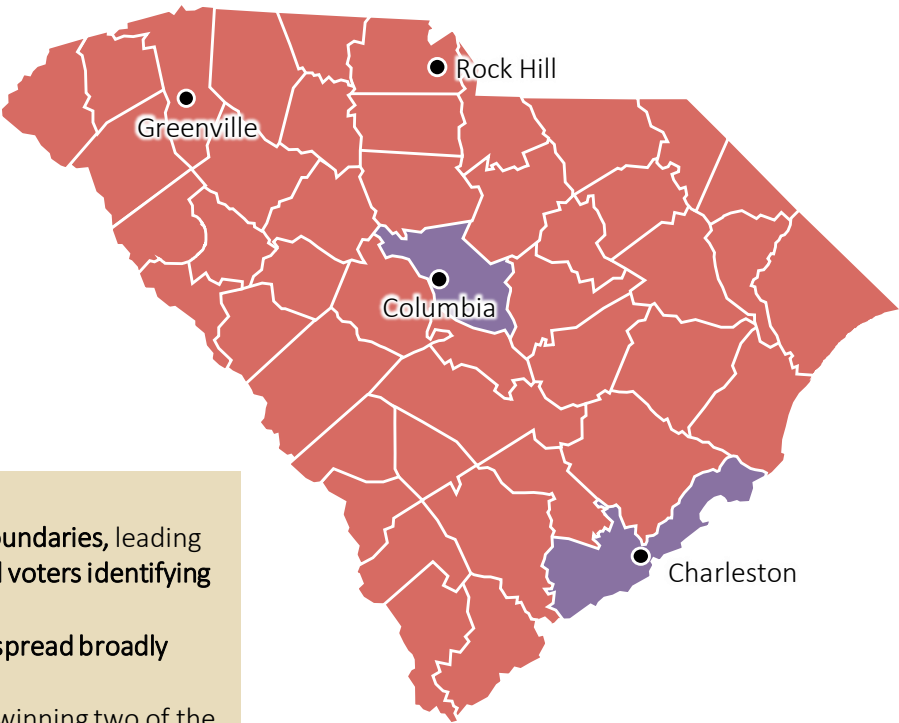
The South Carolina Republican Primary took place on February 20

Source: HuffPost Pollster, "Poll Chart: 2016 South Carolina Republican Presidential Primary," February 19, 2016.

# Trump Scores A Big Win in South Carolina, While Rubio Continues to Fare Well Around Cities

South Carolina GOP Primary Results, by County

Legend	Candidate	Votes	Pct.	Delegates
<div></div>	Donald Trump	239,851	32.5%	44
<div></div>	Marco Rubio	165,881	22.5%	0
	Ted Cruz	164,790	22.3%	0
	Jeb Bush	57,863	7.8%	0
	John Kasich	56,206	7.6%	0
	Ben Carson	53,326	7.2%	0



Analysis

- Trump garnered support across both geographic and demographic boundaries, leading in nearly every major exit poll category except college graduates, and voters identifying as ‘very conservative’.
- Cruz matched Rubio closely in vote count, however his support was spread broadly across the state leading to no county-level wins.
- Rubio continued his trend of besting Trump in metropolitan areas by winning two of the top-three most populous counties.
- Nearly 22% of the vote was split between the bottom-three candidates. Ben Carson fared best in the evangelical northwest, while Kasich and Bush supporters trended towards the costal regions in the south and east.

Sources: Wilson Andrews, Matthew Bloch, Jeremy Bowers, and Tom Giratikanon, “South Carolina Primary Election Results,” New York Times, February 20, 2016; Edison Research, “South Carolina Exit Polls,” New York Times, February 20, 2016.

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## Chapter 4

Debates

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# 2016 Presidential Primary Debate Calendar

## GOP Debates

Date	Sponsors	Location
Aug 6, 2015	Fox News, Facebook	Cleveland, OH
Sep 16, 2015	CNN, Salem Media Group	Simi Valley, CA
Oct 28, 2015	CNBC	Boulder, CO
Nov 10, 2015	Fox Business Network, WSJ	Milwaukee, WI
Dec 15, 2015	CNN, Salem Media Group	Las Vegas, NV
Jan 14, 2016	Fox Business Network	North Charleston, SC
Jan 28, 2016	Fox News	Des Moines, IA
Feb 6, 2016	ABC, IJReview	Manchester, NH
Feb 13, 2016	CBS News	Greenville, SC
Feb 25, 2016	CNN, Telemundo	Houston, TX
Mar 3, 2016	Fox News	Detroit, MI
Mar 10, 2016	CNN, Salem Media Group	Miami, FL
Mar 21, 2016	TBD	Salt Lake City, UT

## Democratic Debates

Date	Sponsors	Location
Oct 13, 2015	CNN, Nevada Democratic Party	Las Vegas, NV
Nov 14, 2015	CBS News, KCCI, the Des Moines Register	Des Moines, IA
Dec 19, 2015	ABC News, WMUR	Manchester, NH
Jan 17, 2016	NBC, Congressional Black Caucus Institute	Charleston, SC
Feb 4, 2016	MSNBC	Durham, NC
Feb 11, 2016	PBS	Milwaukee, WI
Mar 6, 2016	TBD	Flint, MI
Mar 9, 2016	Univision, Washington Post	Miami, FL
April 2016	TBD	TBD
May 2016	TBD	TBD

Sources: 2016PresidentialDebateSchedule.com, “2016 Democratic Primary Debate Schedule,” “2016 Republican Primary Debate Schedule



# Commission on Presidential Debates Decides on Debate Sites for General Election

■ Presidential Debate   ■ Vice Presidential Debate

## September 2016

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**First Presidential Debate:**  
September 26, 2016  
Wright State University  
*Dayton, Ohio*

**Vice Presidential Debate:**  
October 4, 2016  
Longwood University  
*Farmville, Virginia*

## October 2016

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**Second Presidential Debate:**  
October 9, 2016  
Washington University in St. Louis  
*St. Louis, Missouri*

**Third Presidential Debate:**  
October 19, 2016  
University of Nevada  
*Las Vegas, Nevada*

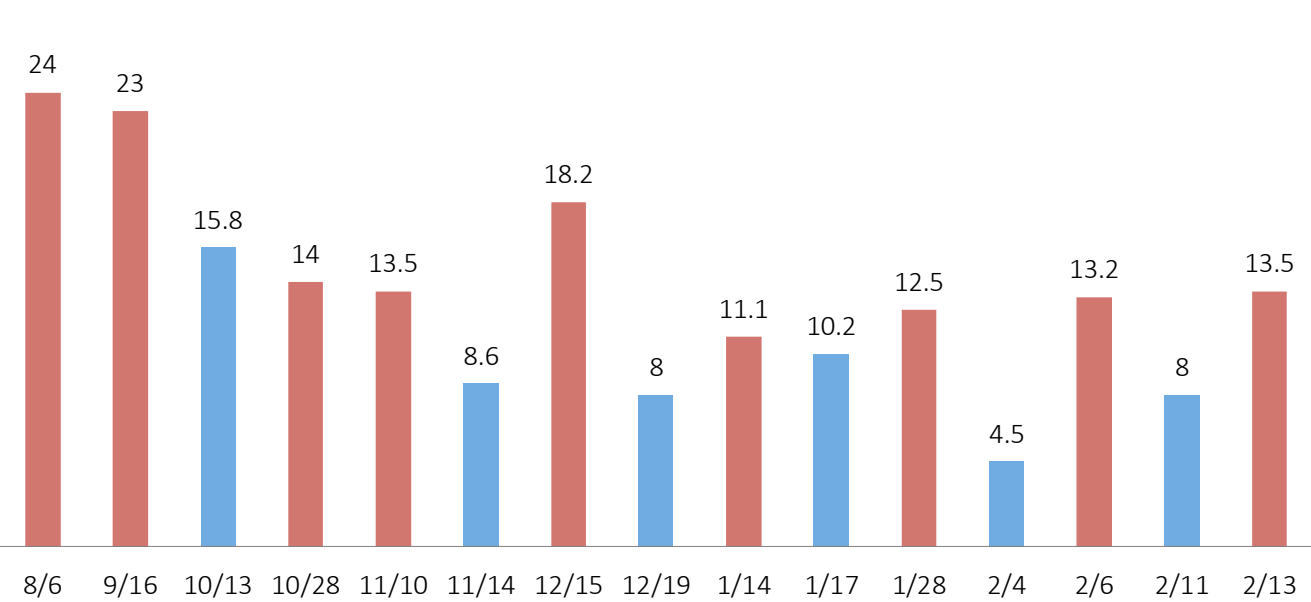
Source: Commission on Presidential Debates, "Commission on Presidential Debates Announces Sites and Dates for 2016 General Election Debates," September 23, 2015.

# Republican Debates Tend to Be More Popular Than Democratic Debates

## Viewership of Presidential Primary Debates

Millions of Viewers

■ Republican primary debate   ■ Democratic primary debate















































































### Analysis

- The average viewership of GOP debates is 15.9 million, and 9.2 million for Democratic debates
- The first two GOP debates were the **most watched**
- Donald Trump refused to participate in the GOP debate on January 28

Sources: Donovan Slack, "Presidential debates, ranked by viewership," USA Today, January 15, 2016, Brian Stelter, "Who won the ratings race: Fox News or Donald Trump?" CNN, January 29, 2016; Rick Kissell, "ABC Republican Debate Draws Big Saturday Audience: 13.2 Million Viewers," Variety, February 7, 2016; Brian Stelter, "CBS Republican Debate: Highest Rating this year," CNN, February 14, 2016

# Trump Holds Consistent Lead in Debate Qualifications

## 2016 GOP Presidential Primary Main Stage Debates, Official Lineups

Fox 8/6											
CNN 9/16											
CNBC 10/28											
FBN 11/10											
CNN 12/15											
FBN 1/14											
Fox 1/28									Trump decided not to participate in the 7 <sup>th</sup> GOP debate		
ABC 2/6											
CBS 2/13											

Source: National Journal Research, 2016.

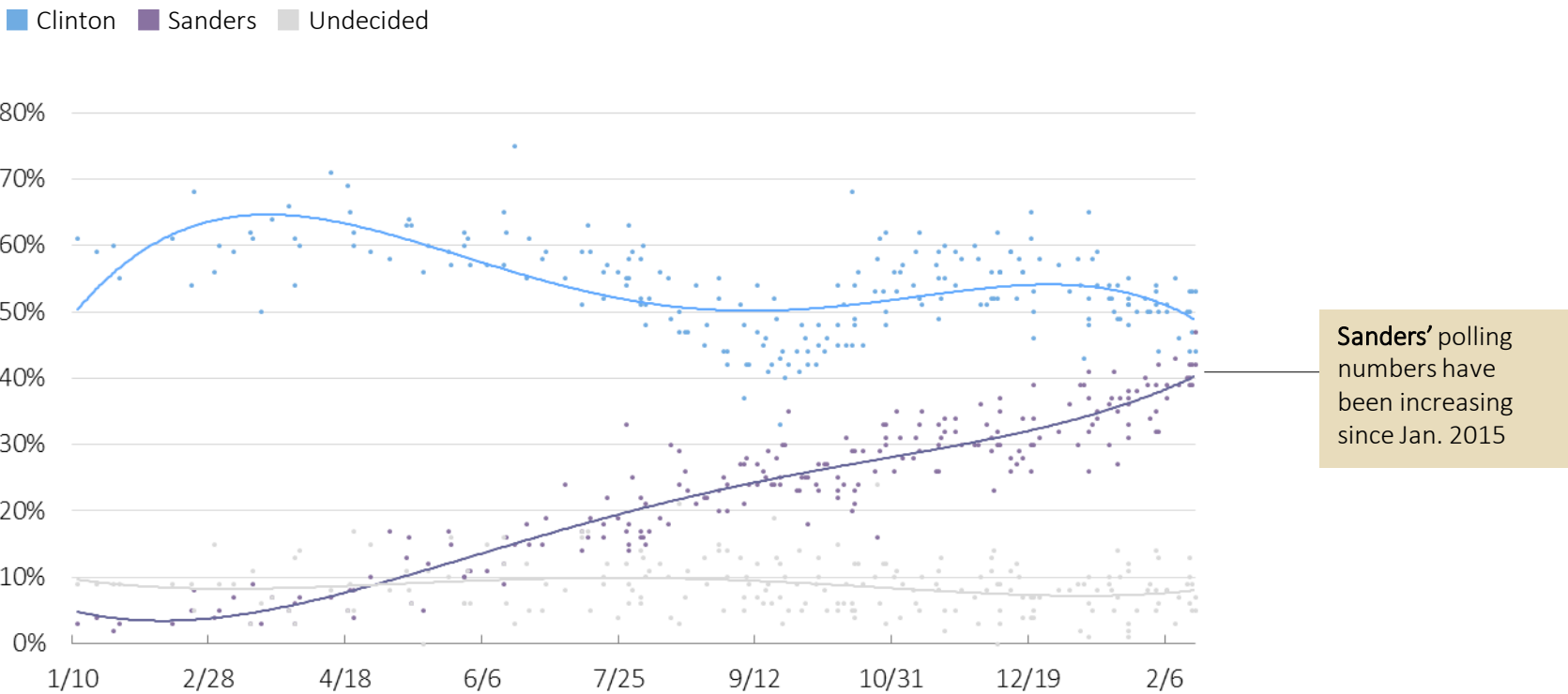
## Chapter 5

Polling Numbers and Other Statistics

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# Clinton’s Lead Over Sanders Has Been Slipping in Recent Months

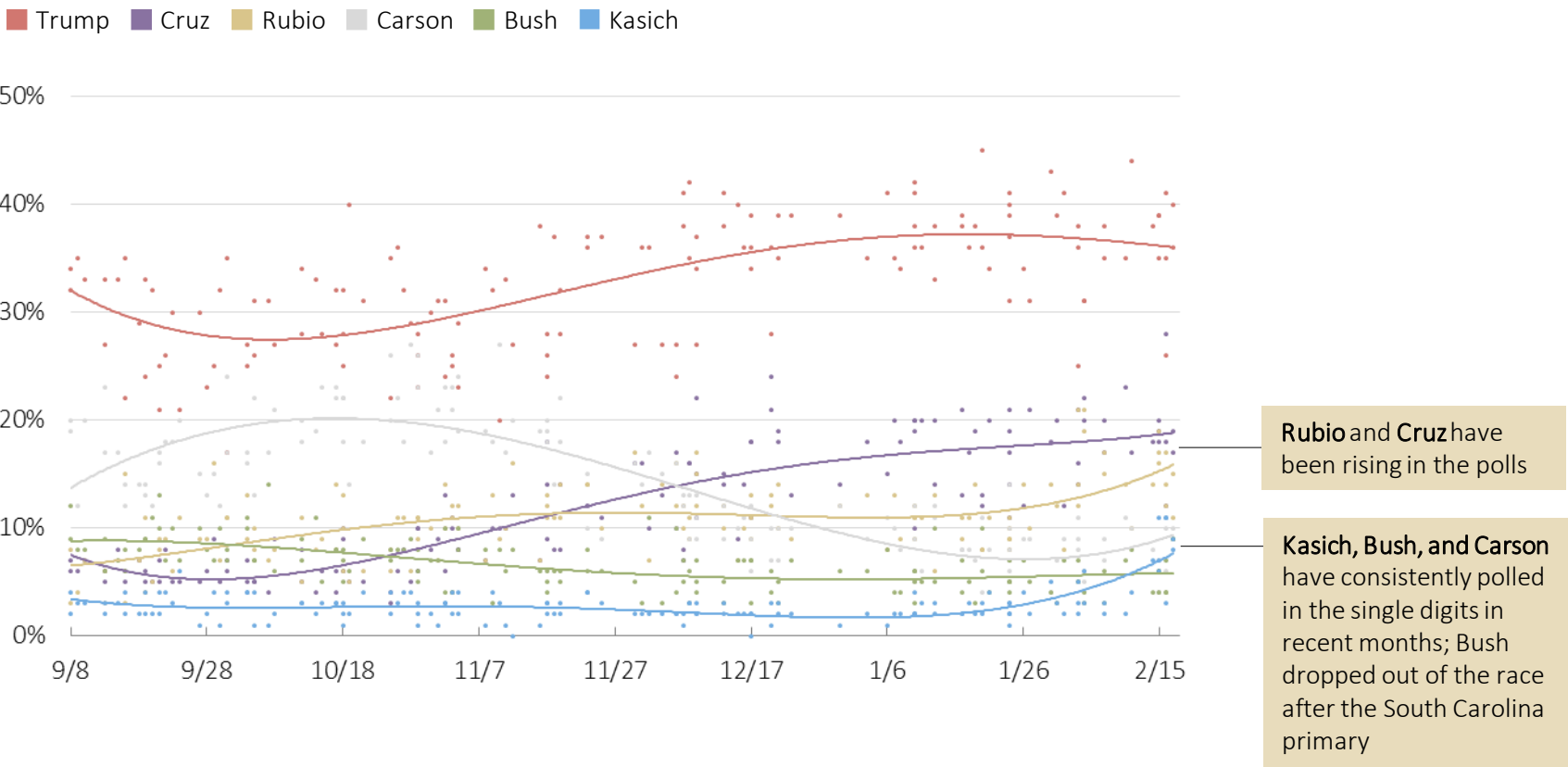
January 2015 – February 2016 Polling Numbers, by Democratic Candidate



Source: HuffPost Pollster, “Poll Chart: 2016 National Democratic Primary,” February 22, 2016.

# Trump Has Consistently Been at the Top Since the Summer

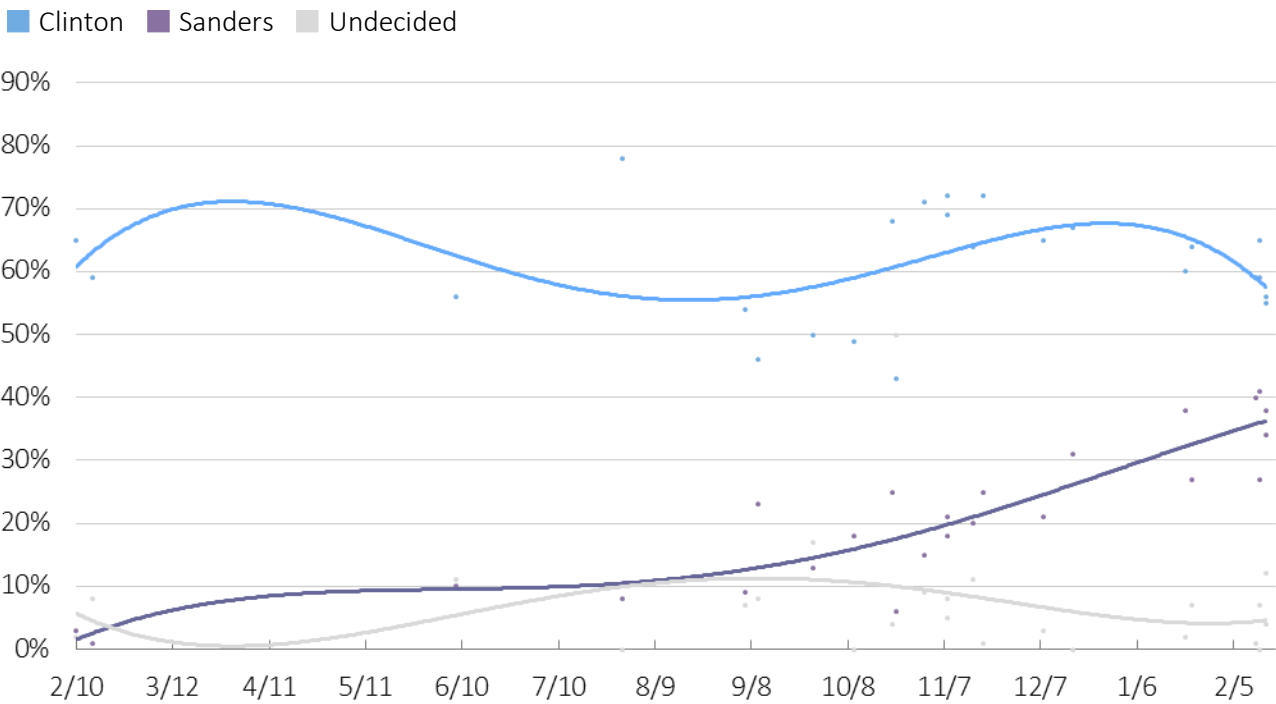
September 2015 – February 2016 Polling Numbers, by GOP Candidate



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# Hillary Clinton Leads in South Carolina, Despite Sanders' Climb in Polls

Feb 2015–Feb 2016 South Carolina State Polling Numbers, by Dem Candidate



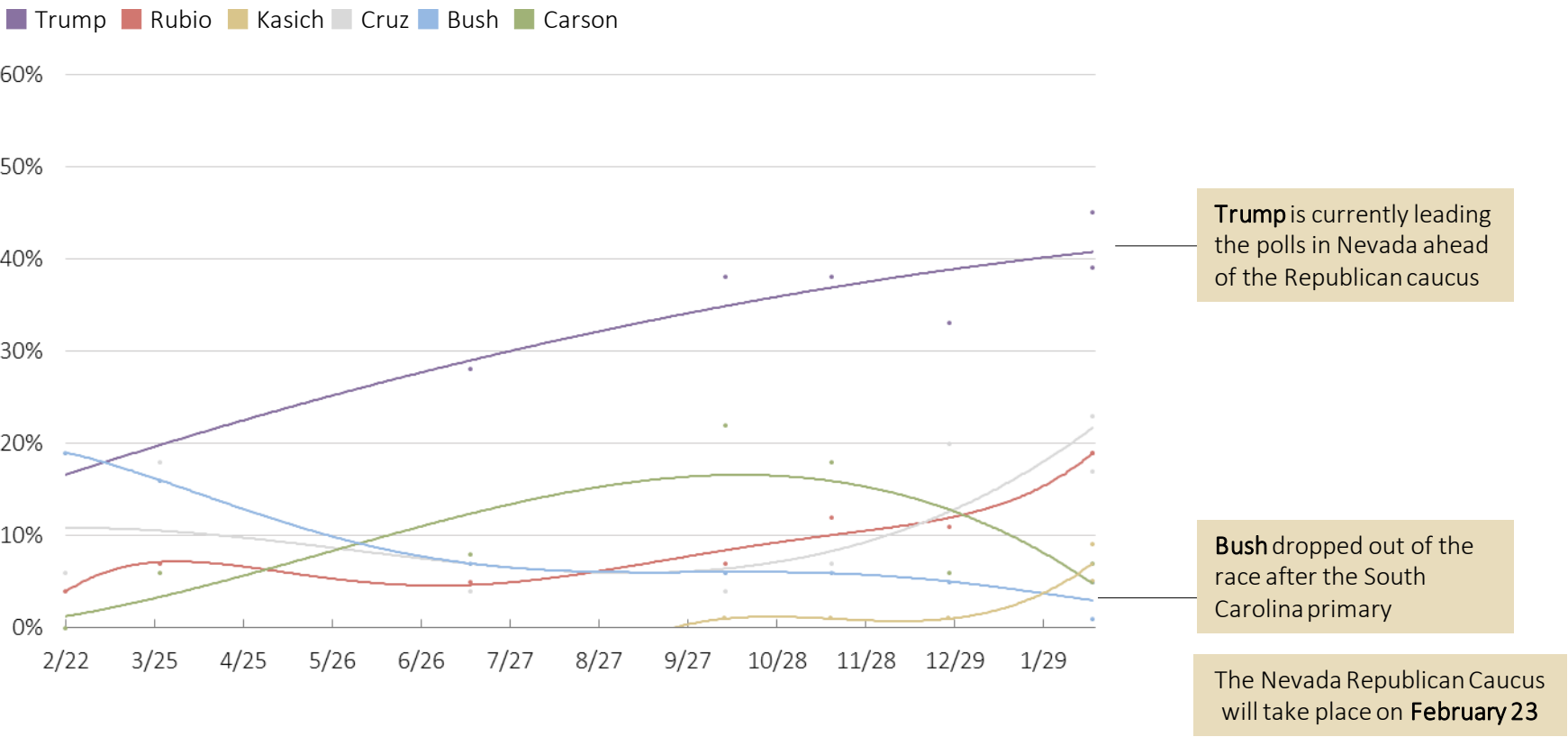
Clinton has consistently been ahead of Sanders, but her lead has been decreasing over the last few months as Sanders rises in the polls

The South Carolina Democratic Primary will take place on **February 27**

Source: HuffPost Pollster, "Poll Chart: 2016 South Carolina Democratic Presidential Primary," February 22, 2016.

# Trump Holds a Commanding Lead in Nevada State Polling

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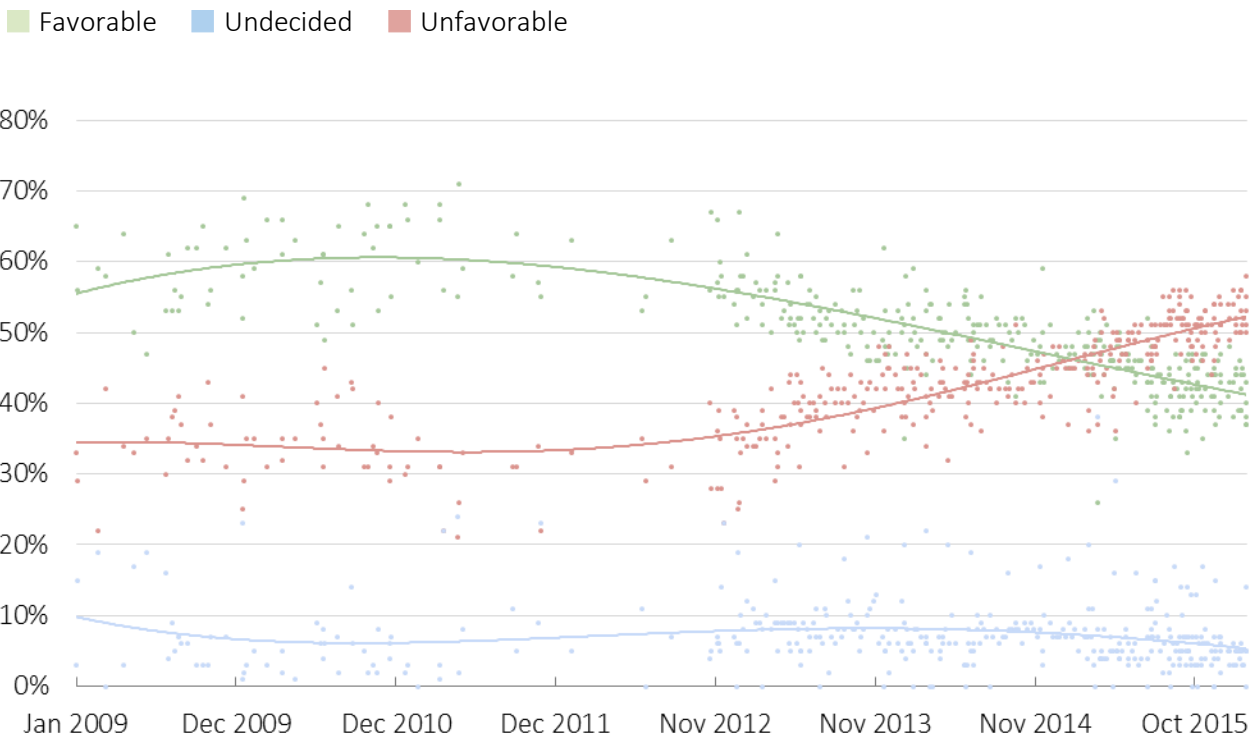


Source: HuffPost Pollster, "Poll Chart: 2016 Nevada Republican Presidential Caucus," February 22, 2016.



# Hillary Clinton’s Favorability Has Declined Since 2011

Jan 2009 – Feb 2016 Hillary Clinton Favorability Ratings

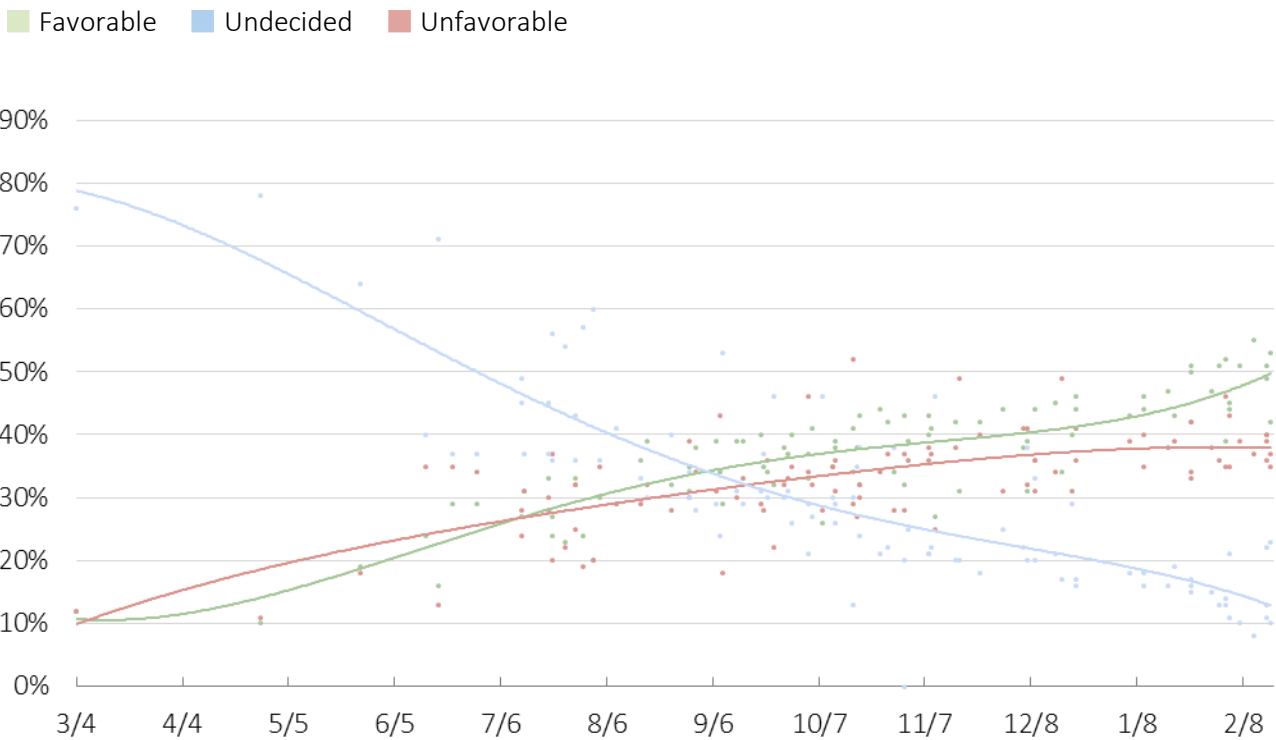


- Analysis**
- Hillary Clinton’s favorability has steadily declined over the past few years
  - She has been more unfavored than favored since mid-2015

Source: HuffPost Pollster, “Poll Chart: Hillary Clinton Favorable Rating,” February 22, 2016.

# Bernie Sanders’ Favorability Has Consistently Risen Since March 2015

Mar 2015 – Feb 2016 Bernie Sanders Favorability Ratings



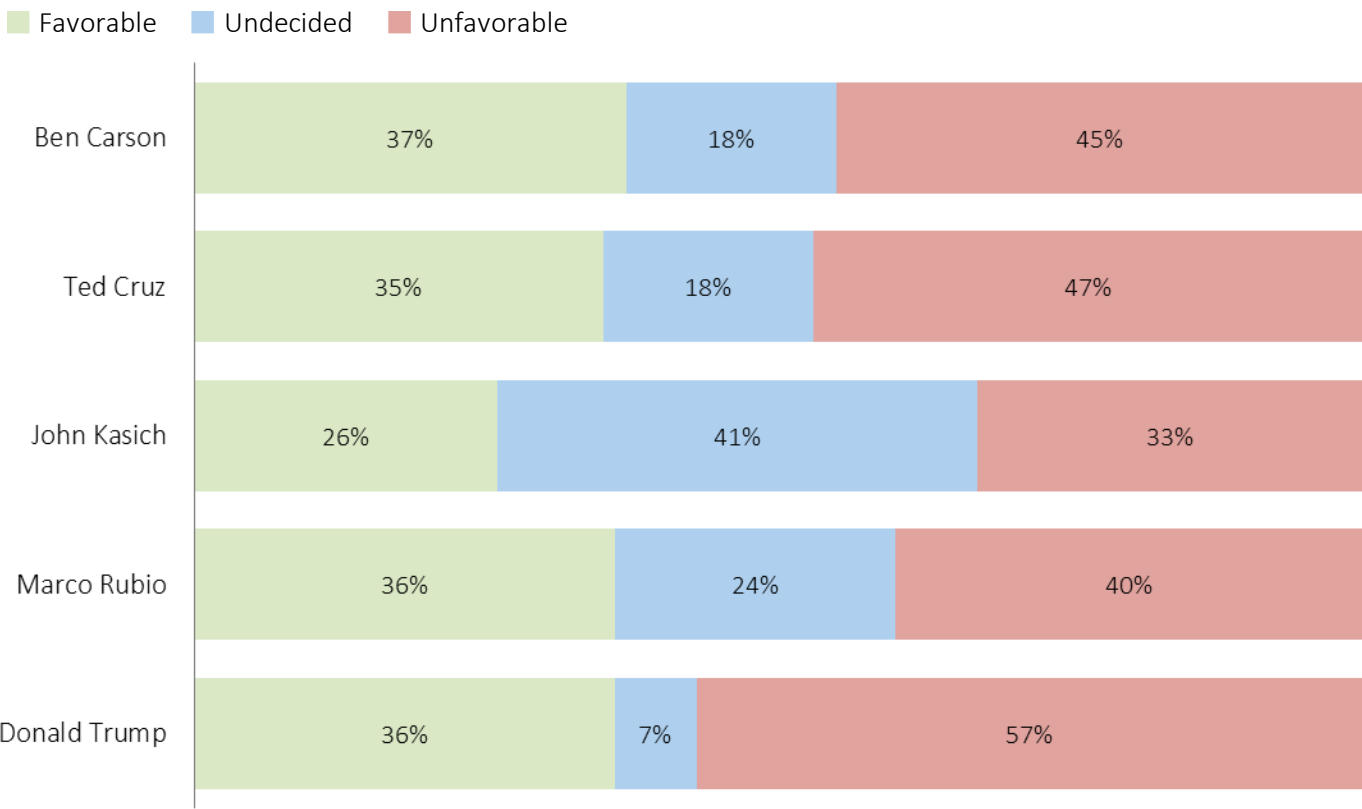
**Analysis**

- Sanders’ favorability has steadily increased since March 2015
- The percentage of people undecided about Sanders has dropped significantly as he became more well known over the course of his campaign
- The percentage of people who see Sanders unfavorably has also risen, but Sanders has generally been seen more favorably than unfavorably since July 2015

Source: HuffPost Pollster, “Poll Chart: Bernie Sanders Favorable Rating,” February 22, 2016.

# Carson, Rubio, Cruz, and Trump are Seen Most Favorably, but Trump is also Most Unfavored Republican Candidate

Favorability Poll Chart Averages for 2016 Republican Candidates as of Feb 22











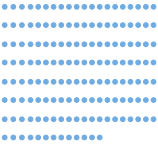



**Analysis**

- All candidates are more unfavored than favored
- **Trump and Cruz** are the most unfavored Republican candidates, and **Gilmore** is the most unknown candidate
- **Trump** is the most polarizing candidate, with only 7% of respondents undecided in their opinion of him
- The polling numbers are averaged from available polls from 14 pollsters

Source: HuffPost Pollster, "Favorability Ratings," accessed February 22, 2016.

# Clinton and Rubio Lead in Number of Endorsements From Governors and Members of Congress

Number of Endorsements From Political Leaders

Candidate	Representatives	Senators	Governors	Total
Marco Rubio	38 	10 	2 	50
Ted Cruz	22 			22
John Kasich	5 	1 	1 	7
Ben Carson	1 			1
Donald Trump	0	0	0	0
Hillary Clinton	153 	39 	12 	204
Bernie Sanders	3 			3

Analysis

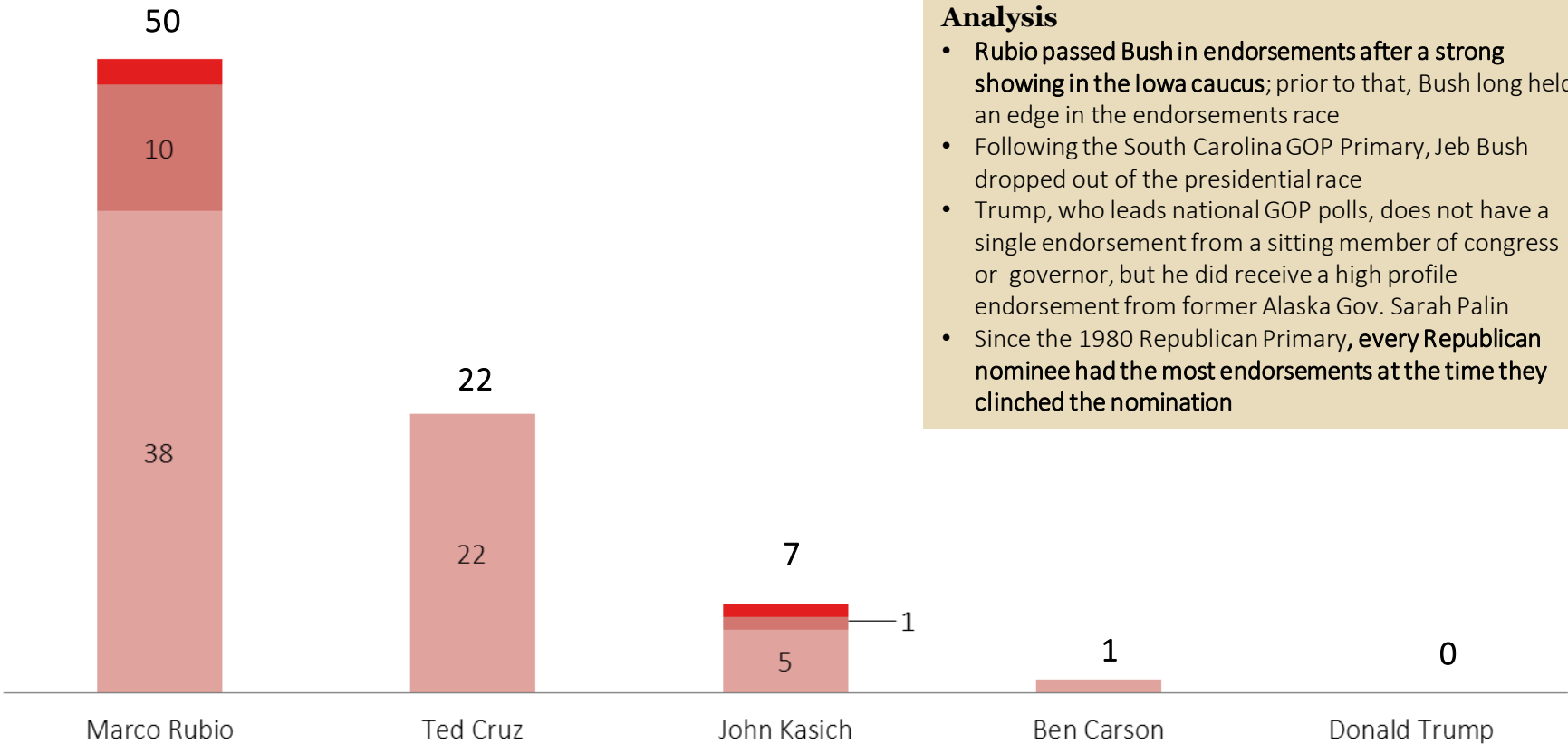
- **Marco Rubio** is leading the Republican field with a total of 50 endorsements; Rubio recently received the endorsement of **South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley** in advance of the Palmetto State’s Primary
- **Hillary Clinton** has won significantly more endorsements than any other candidate from either party

Source: Aaron Bycoffe, “The Endorsement Primary,” FiveThirtyEight, updated February 22, 2016

# Rubio Leads Republican Endorsement Race

## Endorsements From Sitting Reps, Senators and Governors

Representative Endorsements    Senator Endorsements    Governor Endorsements



### Analysis

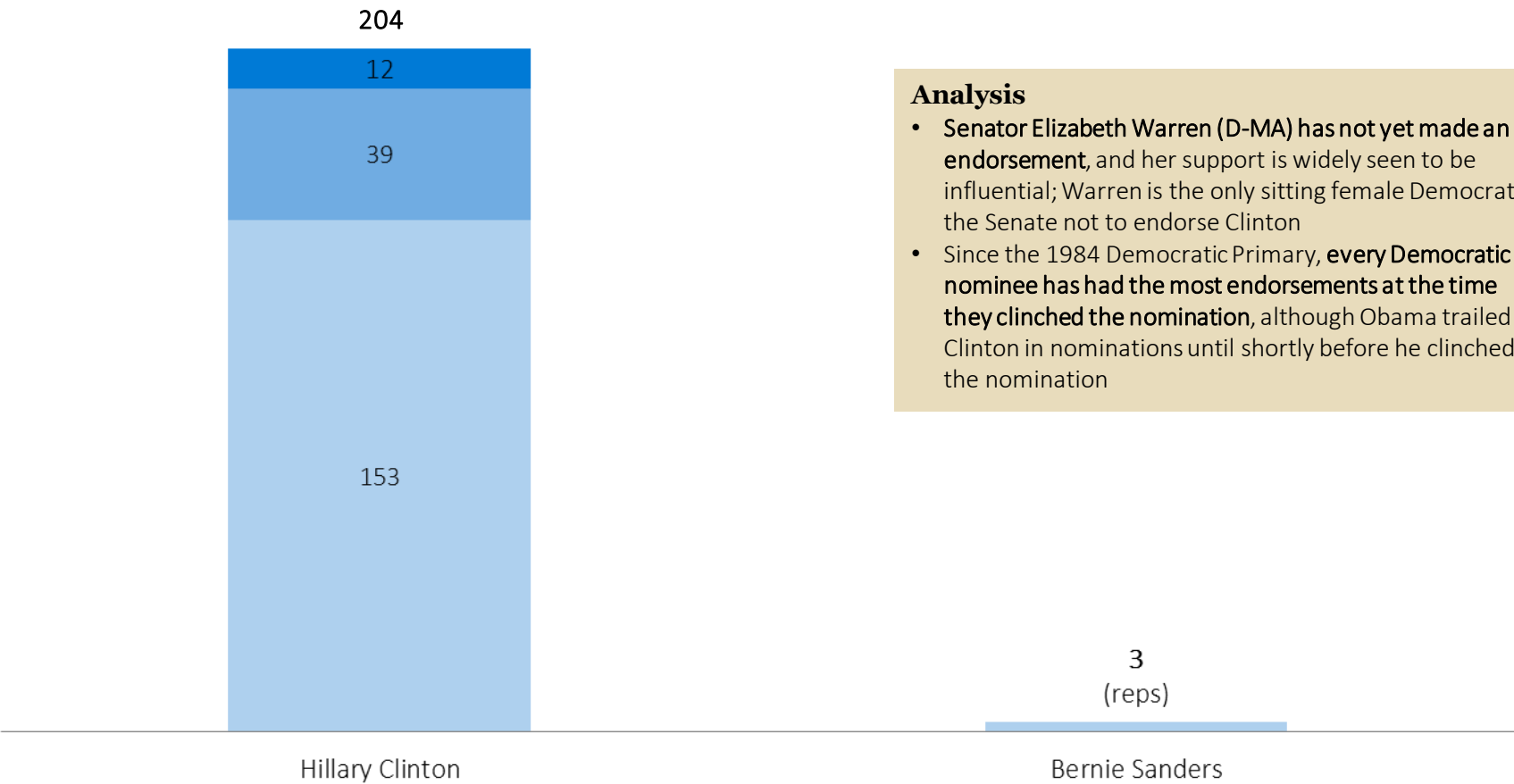
- Rubio passed Bush in endorsements after a strong showing in the Iowa caucus; prior to that, Bush long held an edge in the endorsements race
- Following the South Carolina GOP Primary, Jeb Bush dropped out of the presidential race
- Trump, who leads national GOP polls, does not have a single endorsement from a sitting member of congress or governor, but he did receive a high profile endorsement from former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin
- Since the 1980 Republican Primary, every Republican nominee had the most endorsements at the time they clinched the nomination

Source: Aaron Bycoffee, "The Endorsement Primary," FiveThirtyEight, February 22, 2016.

# Clinton Leads Sanders in Endorsements by Vast Margin

## Endorsements From Sitting Reps, Senators and Governors

Representative Endorsements    Senator Endorsements    Governor Endorsements




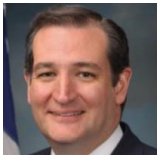



**Analysis**

- Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) has not yet made an endorsement, and her support is widely seen to be influential; Warren is the only sitting female Democrat in the Senate not to endorse Clinton
- Since the 1984 Democratic Primary, **every Democratic nominee has had the most endorsements at the time they clinched the nomination**, although Obama trailed Clinton in nominations until shortly before he clinched the nomination

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# Each Candidate Has Significant Endorsers

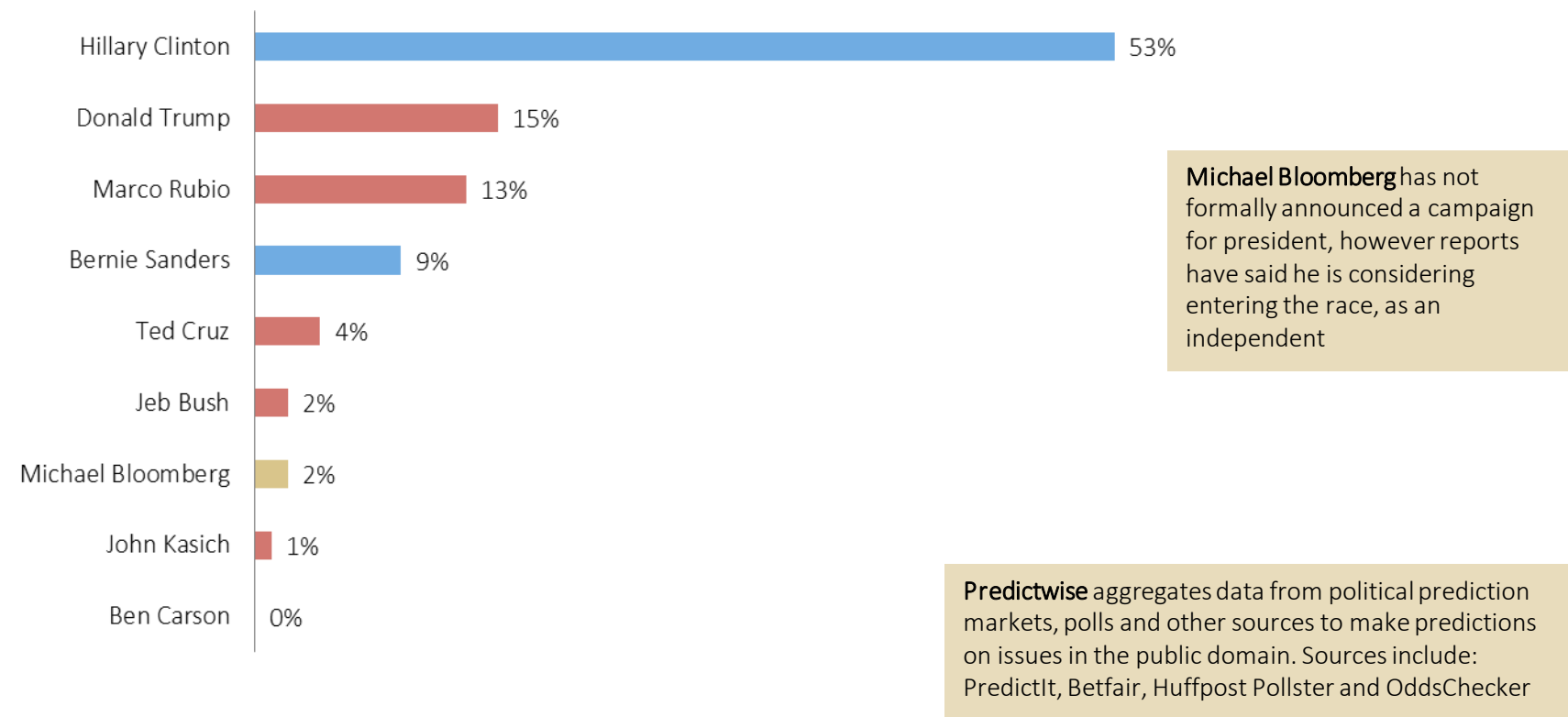
## Notable Endorsements, by Candidate

Candidate	Endorsements
Donald Trump	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin</li><li>• Former MA Senator Scott Brown</li><li>• Evangelical Pastor Jerry Falwell</li></ul>
Ted Cruz	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Former Texas Governor Rick Perry</li><li>• Representative Steve King (R-IA)</li><li>• Gun Owners of America</li></ul>
Marco Rubio	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Former Presidential Candidate Rick Santorum</li><li>• Former Presidential Candidate George Pataki</li><li>• Governor of South Carolina Nikki Haley</li><li>• Governor of Kansas Sam Brownback</li></ul>
Hillary Clinton	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Human Rights Campaign</li><li>• Governor of New York Andrew Cuomo</li><li>• Planned Parenthood</li><li>• 13 out of the 14 Female Democrats in the Senate</li></ul>
Bernie Sanders	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bill McKibbin, founder of 350.org</li><li>• <i>The Nation</i></li><li>• MoveOn.org</li><li>• Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ)</li></ul>

Source: National Journal Research, 2016; Aaron, Bycoffee, "The Endorsement Primary" FiveThirtyEight, February 17, 2016.

# According to Predictwise, Hillary Clinton is Currently the Favorite to Win the Presidential Race

2016 Winner of Race for President, Predictwise Odds, Feb 19, 2016

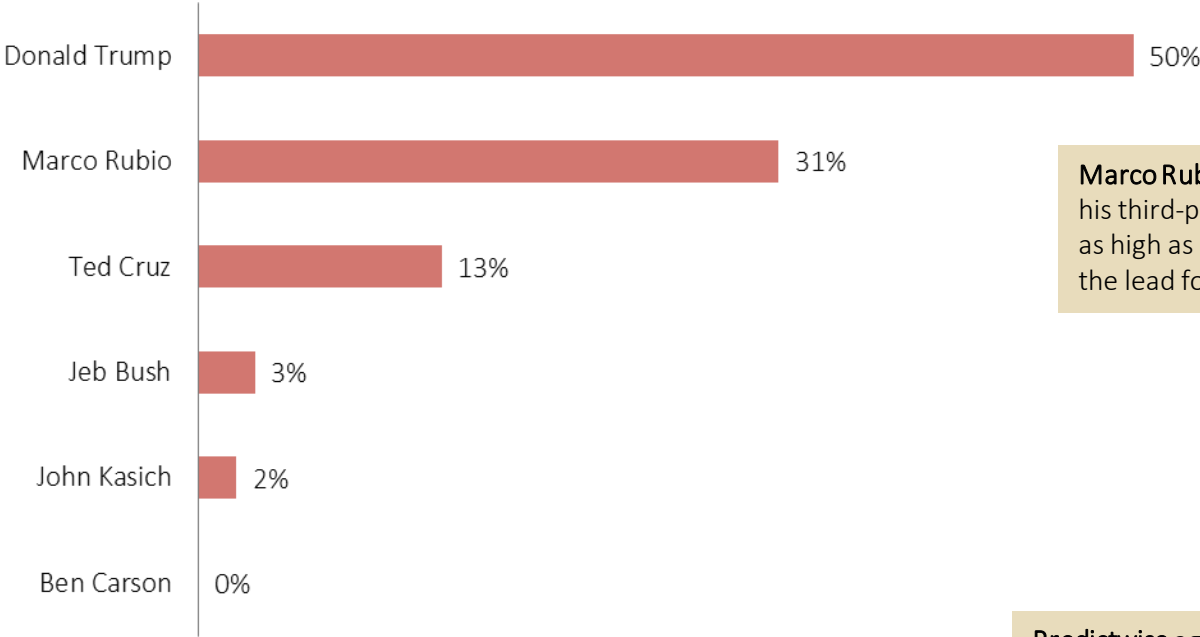


Sources: Predictwise, 2016



# According to Predictwise, Trump is a Heavy Favorite to win the GOP Nomination, Heading into the South Carolina GOP Primary

2016 Republican Nomination for President, Predictwise Odds, Feb 19, 2016



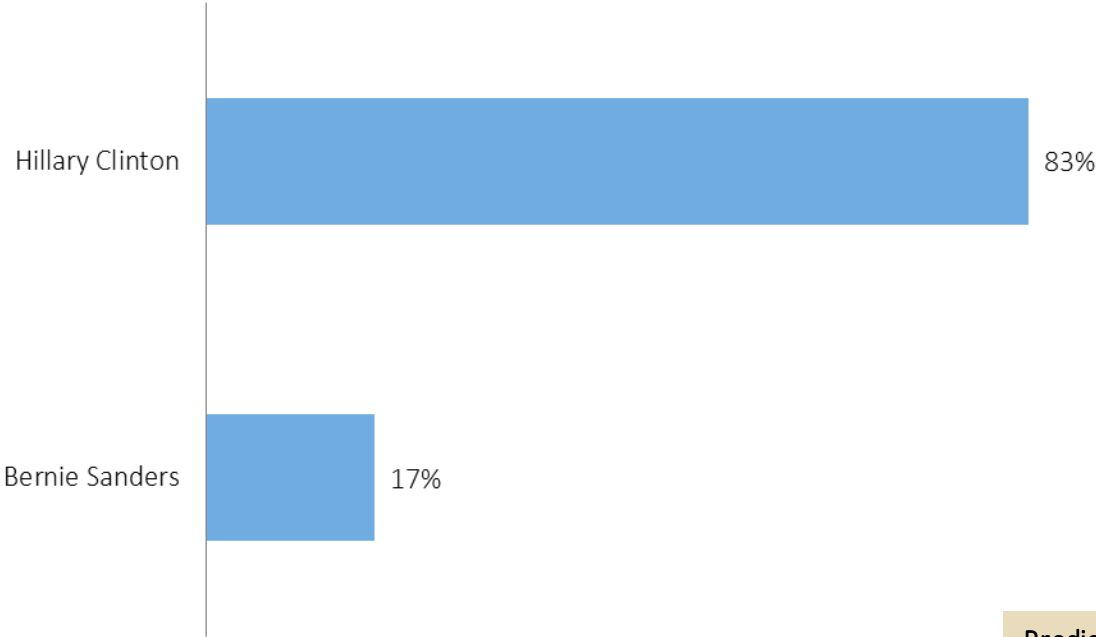
**Marco Rubio's** Predictwise odds spiked following his third-place finish in the Iowa Caucus, reaching as high as 60%; however, **Donald Trump** regained the lead following his result in New Hampshire

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Sources: Predictwise, 2016

# According to Predictwise, Hillary Clinton is a Heavy Favorite to win the Democratic Nomination, Despite NH Primary Results

2016 Democratic Nomination for President, Predictwise Odds, Feb 19, 2016



**Hillary Clinton** remains the heavy frontrunner for the 2016 Democratic presidential nomination, despite losing to Bernie Sanders in the New Hampshire primary

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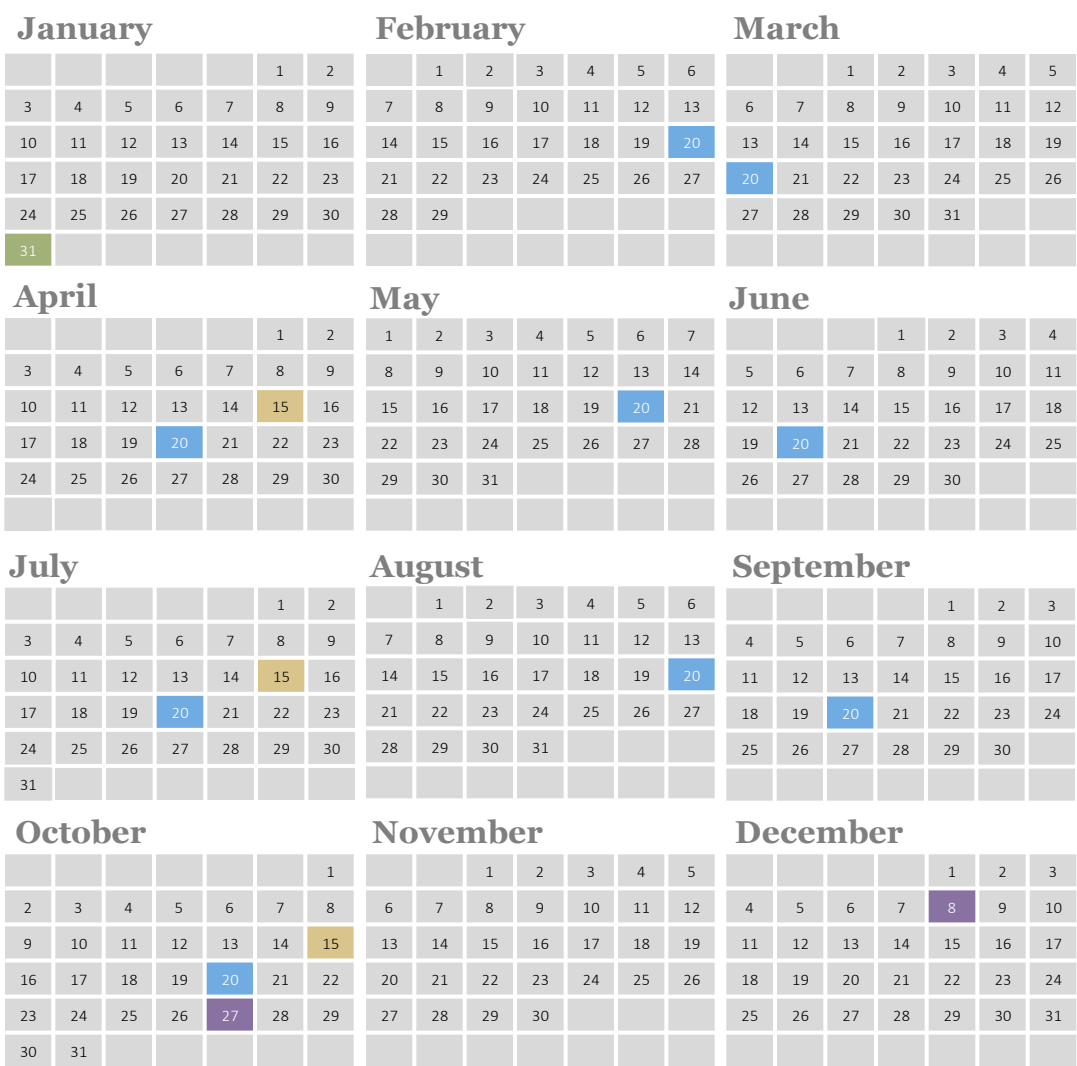
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## **Chapter 6**

Campaign Finance and Super PACs

# Key FEC Filing Dates in 2016

Monthly deadline   Quarterly deadline   Pre-General/Post-General deadlines\*   Year-end deadline\*   \* applies to all filers



Report Deadlines for Monthly Filers	Report Deadlines for Quarterly Filers
Jan. 31 (Year-End 2015)	Jan. 31 (Year-End 2015)
Feb. 20	Apr. 15
Mar. 20	Jul. 15
Apr. 20	Oct. 15
May 20	Oct. 27 (Pre-General)
Jun. 20	Dec. 8 (Post-General)
Jul. 20	
Aug. 20	
Sep. 20	
Oct. 20	
Oct. 27 (Pre-General)	
Dec. 8 (Post-General)	

Source: Federal Election Commission, "2016 Reporting Dates."

# FEC Filing Frequencies by Type of Committee

Type of Committee	Nonelection (odd-numbered) Year (e.g. 2015)	Federal Election (even-numbered) Year (e.g. 2016)
House and Senate Campaign Committees	Quarterly	Quarterly
Presidential Campaign Committees	Quarterly	Monthly* or Quarterly  (*Only if on January 1 of the election year, the committee has received/anticipates receiving contributions aggregating \$100,000 or more OR has made/anticipates making expenditures aggregating \$100,000 or more)
National Party Committees	Monthly	Monthly
State, District, and Local Party Committees	Monthly or Semi-annual*  (*Committees file semi-annual reports only if they file quarterly reports in election years)	Monthly or Quarterly*  (*Committees that do not engage in reportable federal election activity can opt to file quarterly reports)
Separate Segregated Funds (SSF) PAC	Semi-annual*  (*If SSF opts for monthly filing in election years, they must file only November & December monthly reports in a nonelection year)	Monthly or Quarterly
Nonconnected (Super) PAC	Monthly or Semi-annual*  (*Super PACs file semi-annual reports only if they file quarterly reports in election years)	Monthly or Quarterly

Sources: Federal Election Commission, "Campaign Guide for Nonconnected Committees," May 2008; Federal Election Commission, "Campaign Guide for Corporations and Labor Organizations," January 2007; Federal Election Commission, "Campaign Guide for Political Party Committees," August 2013; Federal Election Commission, "2015 Reporting Dates"

# Advocacy Groups Engage Differently in the Campaign Field

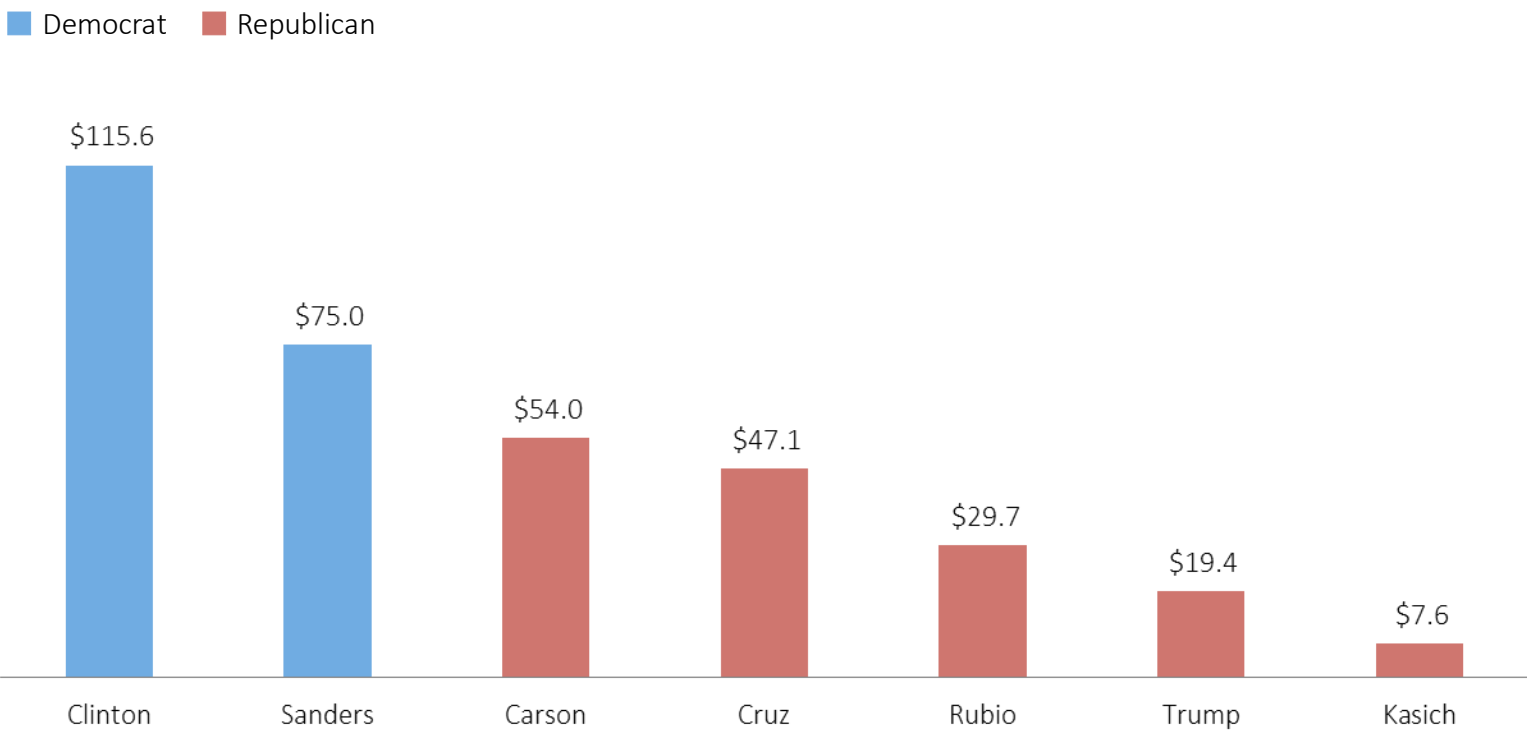
## Types of Advocacy Organizations and Level of Campaign Engagement

Advocacy Group	Explanation	Most Common Types of Groups	Level of Campaign Engagement
501(c) Groups	Tax-exempt nonprofit organizations, 29 different types, which can engage in varying amounts of political activity depending on the type.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 501(c)(3) – groups that operate for religious, educational, charitable, scientific reasons</li><li>• 501(c)(4) – civic leagues, social welfare organizations, local associations of employees</li><li>• 501(c)(5) – labor, agricultural, horticultural organizations</li><li>• 501(c)(6) – business leagues, chambers of commerce, real estate boards</li></ul>	<b>Some</b> - political engagement is allowed, as long as it doesn’t interfere with the organizations primary purpose but organizations cannot engage in political campaign activities
527 Group	Tax-exempt group that raises money for political activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Political parties</li><li>• Candidates</li><li>• Committees</li></ul>	<b>High</b> – this group is heavily focused on campaign activities
PACs (Political Action Committees)	Raises and spends money contributions for the purpose of electing or defeating candidates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Business-represented PACs</li><li>• Labor-represented PACs</li><li>• Ideological interest PACs</li></ul>	<b>High</b> – this group is heavily focused on campaign activities
Super PAC	Independent political action committees that make no contributions to candidates or political parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Business-represented Super PACs</li><li>• Labor-represented Super PACs</li><li>• Ideological interest Super PACs</li><li>• Individual Super PACs</li></ul>	<b>High but indirect</b> – this group participates in the campaign field by independently supporting races

Source: Center for Responsive Politics, “Types of Advocacy Groups,” Open Secrets, 2015; National Journal Research, 2015.

# Clinton and Sanders Remain Top Fundraisers So Far in the Campaign

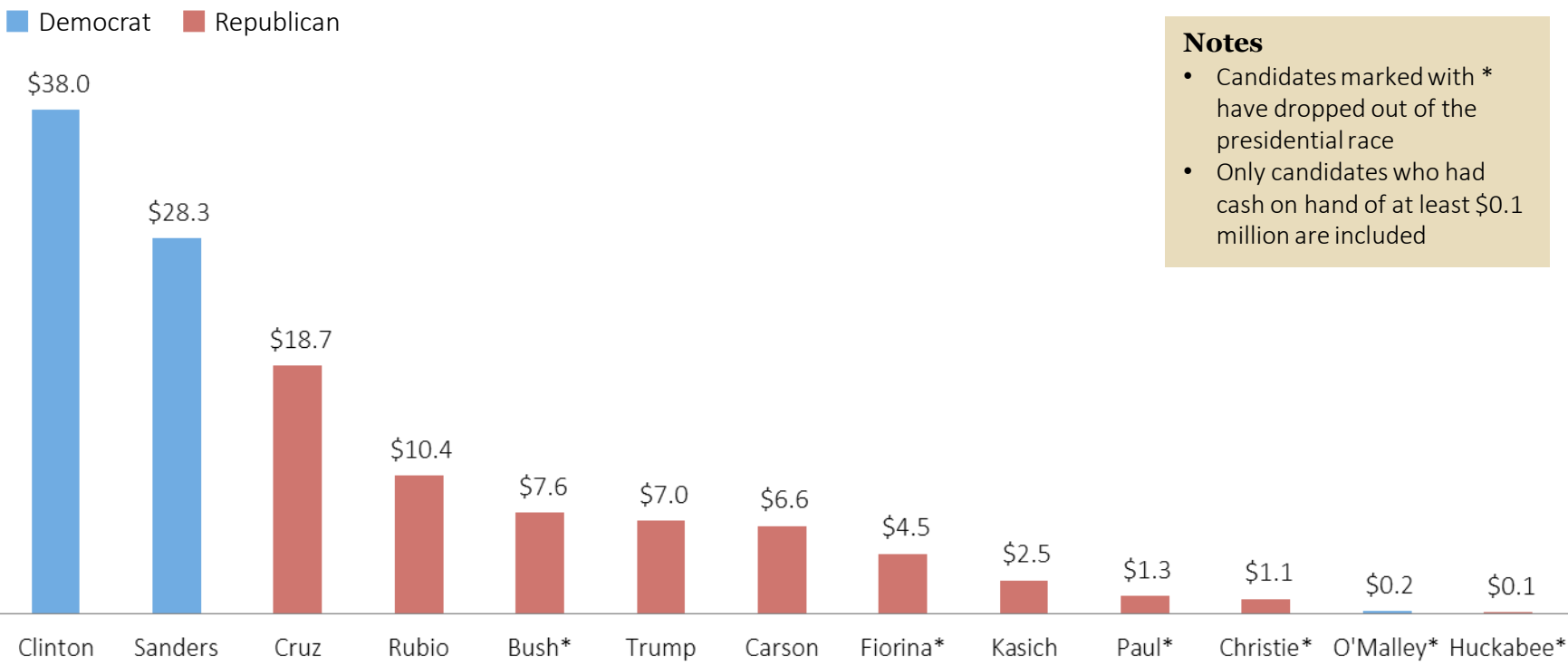
Total Campaign Receipts, in Millions



Sources: New York Times, "Which Presidential Candidates Are Winning the Money Race," February 1, 2016

# Clinton’s Campaign Had the Most Cash on Hand at the End of 2015

Cash on Hand as of December 31, in Millions

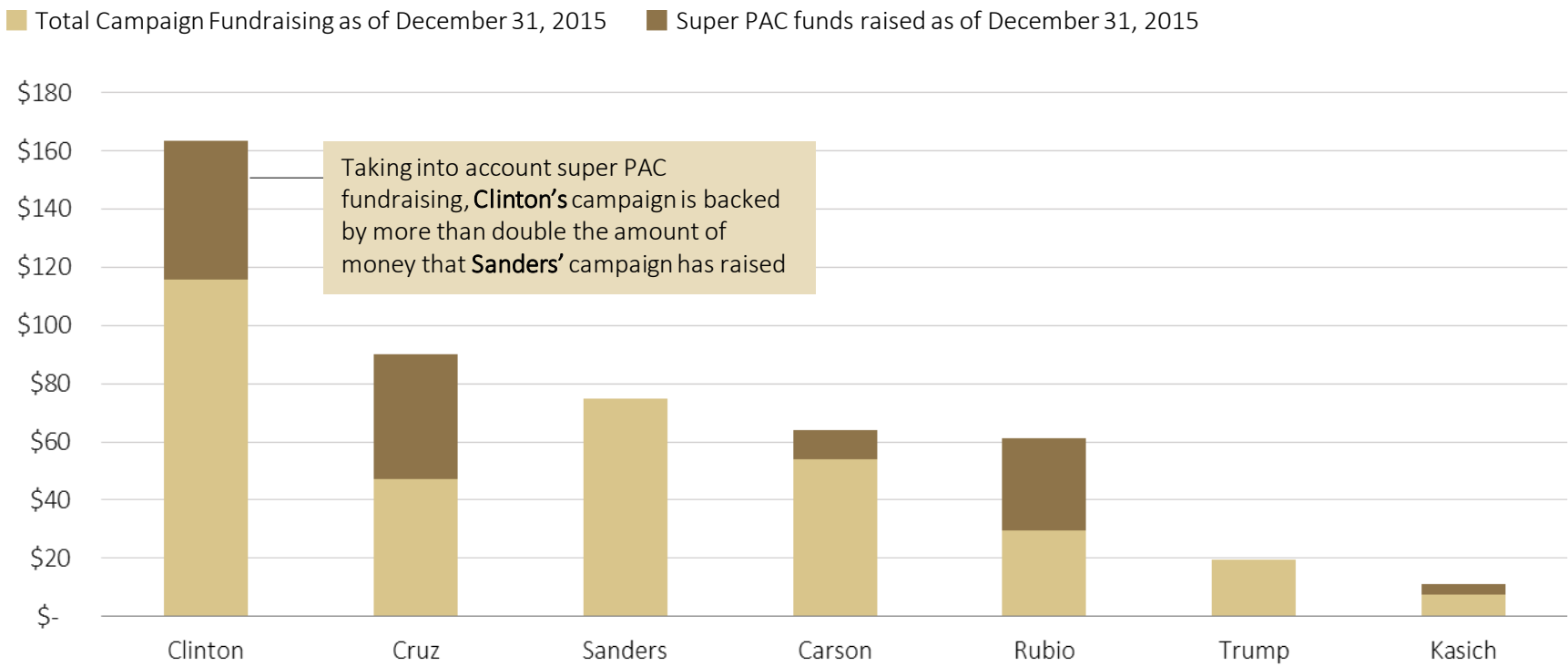


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# With Super PAC Support, Clinton Has a Significant Lead in Campaign Fundraising

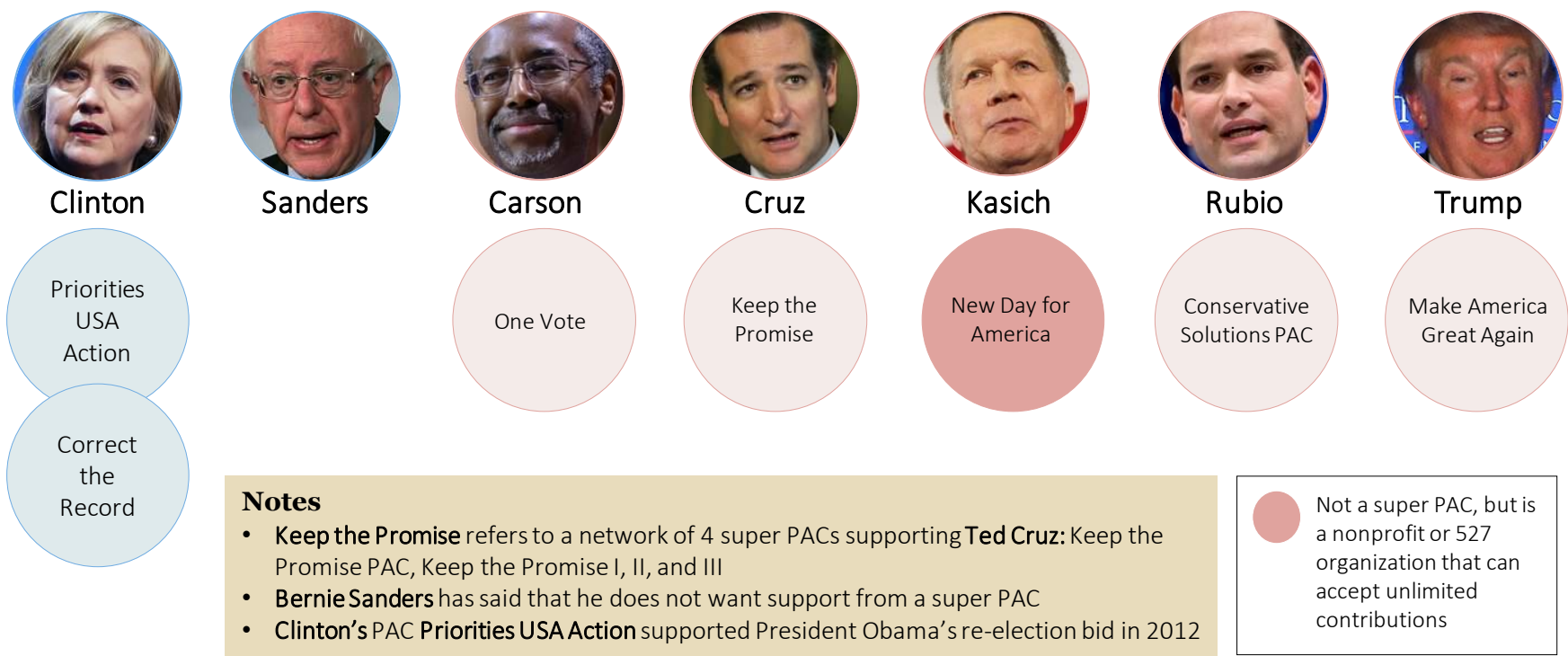
## Super PAC Money vs. Campaign Fundraising in the 2016 Primaries (millions of dollars)



Sources: New York Times, "Which Presidential Candidates Are Winning the Money Race," February 1, 2016

# Almost All 2016 Presidential Candidates Have Super PAC Support

## Presidential Candidates and Their Associated Independent-Expenditure Organizations (Super PACs)



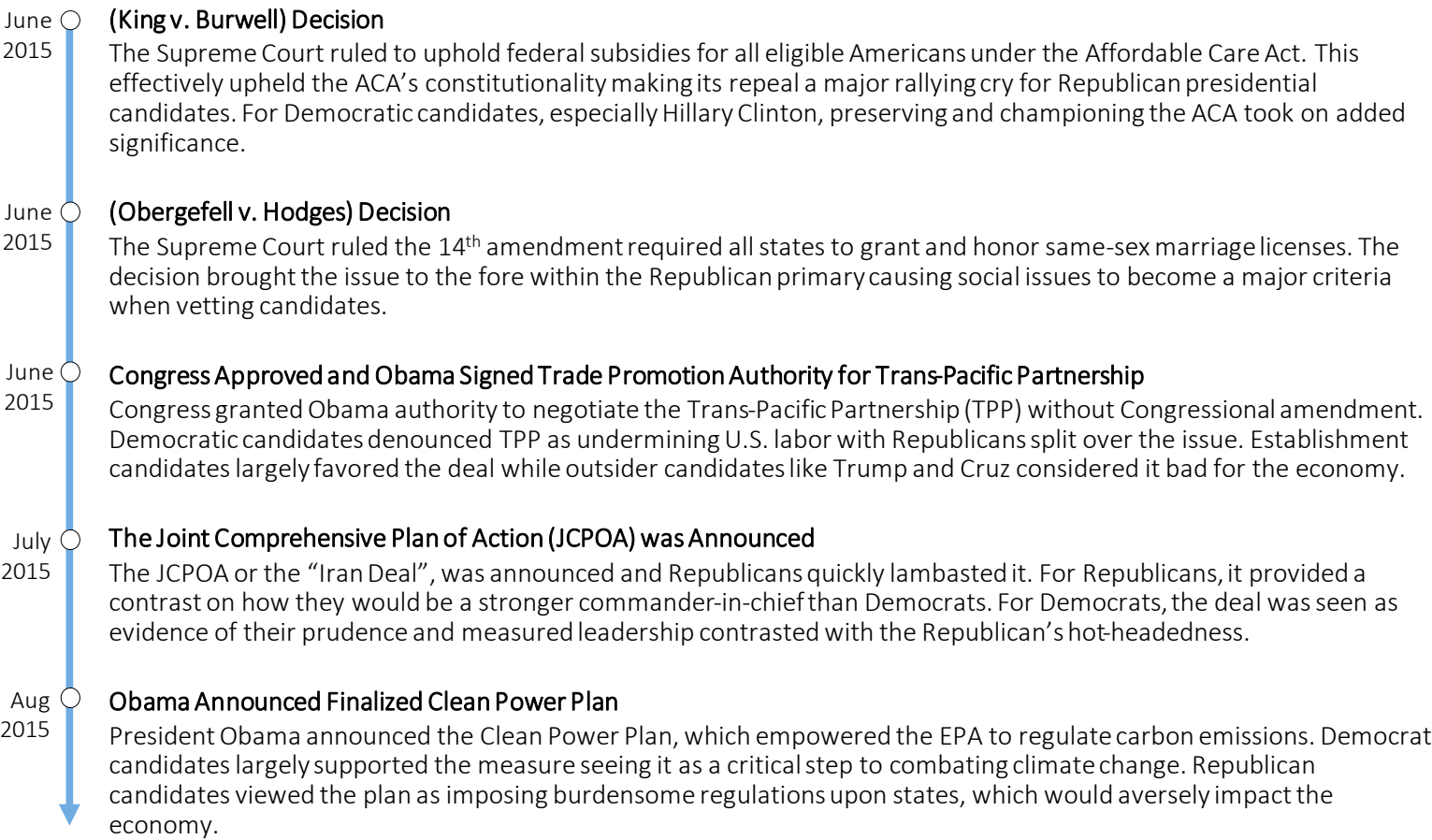
Sources: Matea Gold and Cristina Rivero, "The 2016 Presidential contenders and their big-money backers," Washington Post, August 11, 2015

## Chapter 7

Issues and Events Impacting the Election

# Supreme Court Cases and Presidential Actions Helped Define the Major Issues for 2016 Presidential Election

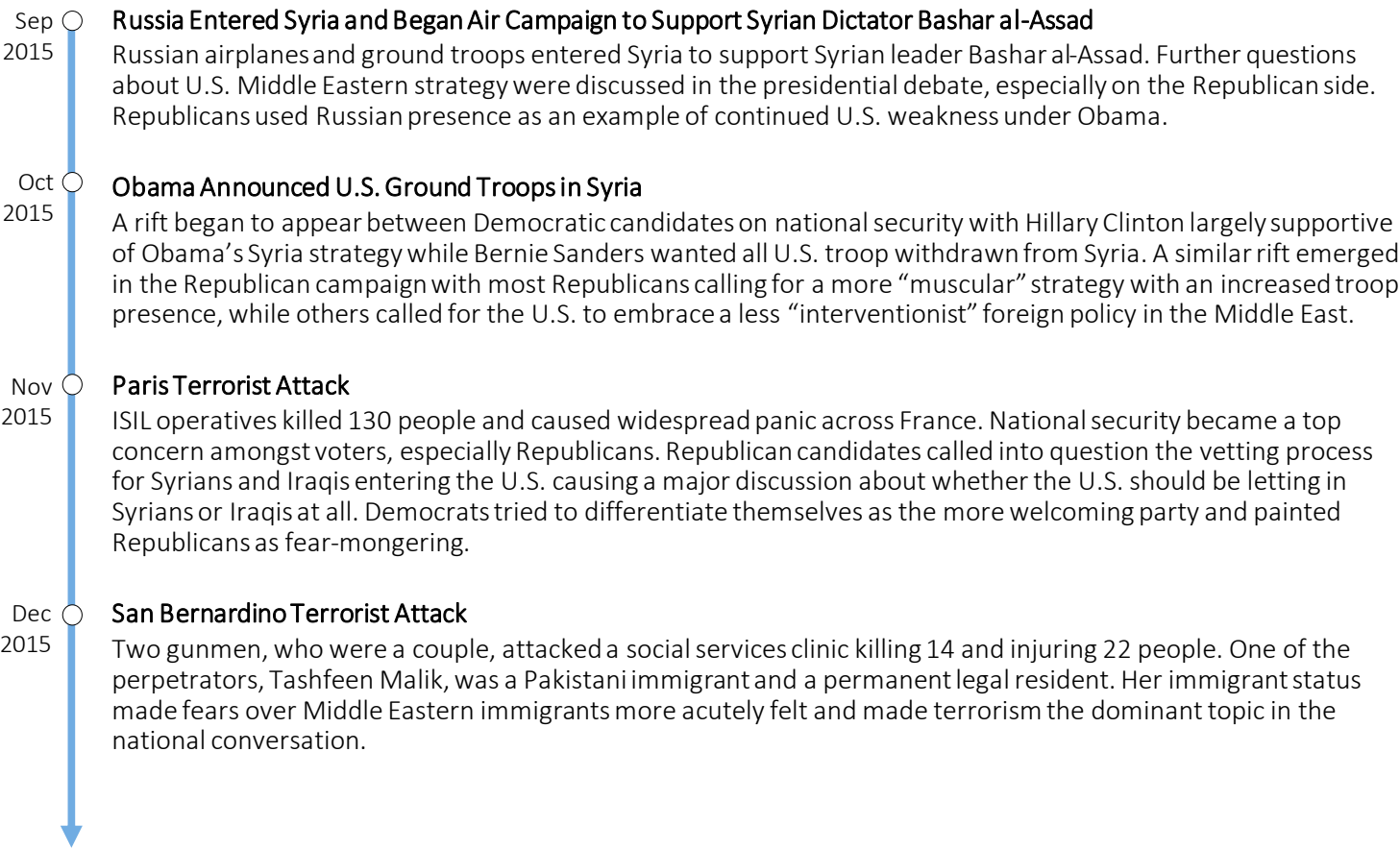
## Timeline of Events Affecting the 2016 Election



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# National Security Became One of the Top Issues Towards the End of 2015 Due to Syria and Terrorism

## Timeline of Events Affecting the 2016 Election



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# Justice Antonin Scalia’s Unexpected Death Has Put Added Significance onto the 2016 Presidential Election

## Timeline of Events Affecting the 2016 Election

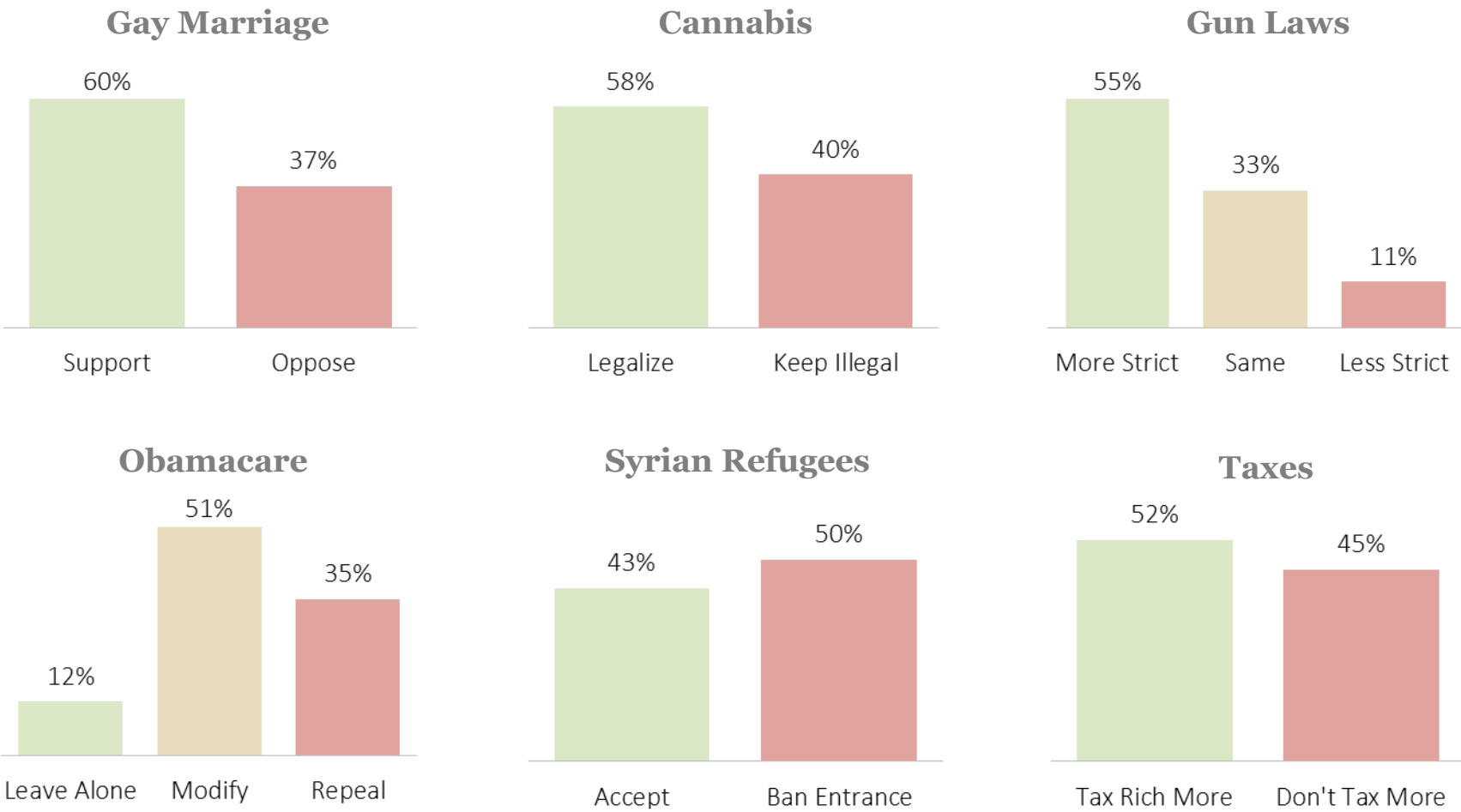
Jan 2016 ○ **U.S. and Iran Prisoner Exchange**  
U.S. and Iran exchanged prisoners resulting in five U.S. prisoners being released. Four returned to the U.S. and one remained in Tehran. Democratic candidates pointed to the exchanges as proving that diplomacy could produce results without the need for military intimidation. Republican candidates pushed back against this sentiment pointing to an incident where Iran held U.S. sailors hostage, albeit temporarily.

Feb 2016 ○ **Some of Hillary Clinton’s Emails Were Marked As Classified**  
Some of Hillary Clinton’s emails from her time as Secretary of State were retroactively labeled as containing classified information. Republican candidates pointed to this as showing how reckless Clinton was and how she cannot be trusted to handle sensitive information. The Democratic candidates continued to consider the email a smear campaign with Clinton arguing major Republican officials like Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice used a similar private email server while handling retroactively classified material.

Feb 2016 ○ **Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia Died**  
On February 13<sup>th</sup>, Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia died. A discussion began on whether Obama should appoint a new Supreme Court justice or whether it should wait until the next president. Consequently, the presidential election took on added significance as the winner was seen as the one who would appoint Scalia’s successor and determine if the court would have a liberal or conservative majority.
















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# Public Opinion on the Issues as Election Approaches



Source: Gallup, 2015; Justin Worland, "Most Americans Say the Rich Aren't Taxed Enough," Time, February 22, 2015; Rebecca Shabad, "Poll: Majority Opposes Accepting Syrian Refugees into US," CBS News, December 23, 2015; David Knowles and Ben Brody, "Bloomberg Politics Poll: Majority of Americans Say Obamacare Should Get Time to Work," Bloomberg Politics, April 17, 2015; Bryan Beutler, "Obamacare Is More Popular Than It Seems—If You Discount These People's Opinions," The New Republic, April 20, 2015.

# Where the Candidates Stand on Climate Change

	Is human activity contributing to climate change?	Should something be done about climate change?
 Jeb Bush	YES	UNCLEAR
 Ben Carson	UNCLEAR	UNCLEAR
 Chris Christie	YES	YES
 Hillary Clinton	YES	YES
 Ted Cruz	NO	UNCLEAR
 Carly Fiorina	YES	UNCLEAR
 Jim Gilmore	UNCLEAR	YES
 Mike Huckabee	UNCLEAR	UNCLEAR
 John Kasich	YES	YES
 Martin O'Malley	YES	YES
 Rand Paul	YES	YES
 Marco Rubio	UNCLEAR	UNCLEAR
 Bernie Sanders	YES	YES
 Rick Santorum	UNCLEAR	NO
 Donald Trump	NO	NO

Sources: Clare Foran, "Where the Candidates Stand on Climate Change," National Journal.


















# Where the Candidates Stand on Accepting Syrian Refugees

	Accept more	Supports accepting	Pause until screening improves	Accept only Christians	Stop accepting
 Jeb Bush				✓	
 Ben Carson					✓
 Chris Christie			✓		
 Hillary Clinton	✓				
 Ted Cruz				✓	
 Carly Fiorina					✓
 Jim Gilmore					✓
 Mike Huckabee					✓
 John Kasich			✓		
 Martin O'Malley	✓				
 Rand Paul					✓
 Marco Rubio			✓		
 Bernie Sanders		✓			
 Rick Santorum					✓
 Donald Trump					✓

Sources: Javier Zarracina and Dara Lind, "Where the candidates stand on Syrian refugees, in one chart," Vox, November 24, 2015; Twitter, @GovernorPataki; Twitter, @Gov\_Gilmore; Terrence Dopp, "Christie Says He Might Back Syrian Refugees With Better Vetting," Bloomberg Politics, November 24, 2015

# Where the Candidates Stand on Planned Parenthood

	Would they defund it?	Supported exceptions to abortion bans? (Republican)	Supported restrictions on abortion? (Dem.)
 Jeb Bush	YES	Cases of rape, incest, or threat to woman's life	N/A
 Ben Carson	YES	NONE	N/A
 Chris Christie	YES	Cases of rape, incest, or threat to woman's life	N/A
 Hillary Clinton	NO	N/A	NONE
 Ted Cruz	YES	Cases of threat to woman's life	N/A
 Carly Fiorina	YES	Cases of rape, incest, or threat to woman's life	N/A
 Jim Gilmore	UNCLEAR	"Situations of extremes" and to save the woman's life	N/A
 Mike Huckabee	YES	Cases of threat to woman's life	N/A
 John Kasich	YES	Cases of rape, incest, or threat to woman's life	N/A
 Martin O'Malley	NO	N/A	NONE
 Rand Paul	YES	Cases of threat to woman's life	N/A
 Marco Rubio	YES	Cases of threat to woman's life	N/A
 Bernie Sanders	NO	N/A	NONE
 Rick Santorum	YES	UNCLEAR	N/A
 Donald Trump	UNCLEAR	Cases of rape, incest, or threat to woman's life	N/A

Source: Caitlin Owens, "Where the Candidates Stand on Defunding Planned Parenthood," National Journal.

# Where the Candidates Stand on Immigration

	Supports path to citizenship	Supports path to stay	Against legalizing undocumented immigrants	Deport undocumented immigrants
 Jeb Bush		✓		
 Ben Carson		✓		
 Chris Christie		✓		
 Hillary Clinton	✓			
 Ted Cruz			✓	
 Carly Fiorina		✓		
 Jim Gilmore		✓		
 Mike Huckabee			✓	
 John Kasich		✓		
 Martin O'Malley	✓			
 Rand Paul		✓		
 Marco Rubio		✓		
 Bernie Sanders	✓			
 Rick Santorum			✓	
 Donald Trump				✓

Source: Wilson Andres and Thomas Kaplan, "Where the Candidates Stand on 2016's Biggest Issues," New York Times, December 15, 2015

# Where the Candidates Stand on Taxes

	Raise taxes on wealthy	Reduce tax rates	Support national sales or flat tax
 Jeb Bush		✓	
 Ben Carson			✓
 Chris Christie		✓	
 Hillary Clinton	✓		
 Ted Cruz			✓
 Carly Fiorina			✓
 Jim Gilmore		✓	
 Mike Huckabee			✓
 John Kasich		✓	
 Martin O'Malley	✓		
 Rand Paul			✓
 Marco Rubio		✓	
 Bernie Sanders	✓		
 Rick Santorum			✓
 Donald Trump		✓	

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