

Next Round of GOP Primary Contests Have Barely Been Polled

March 5th GOP Primary Contests



Kansas

- Delegates: 40
- Type: Primary
- 2012 Winner: Rick Santorum
- No polling has been released since September.



Kentucky

- Delegates: 46
- Type: Caucus
- 2012 Winner: Mitt Romney
- A late February poll has Trump ahead with 35%, and Rubio and Cruz trailing with 22% and 15% respectively.



Louisiana

- Delegates: 26
- Type: Primary
- 2012 Winner: Rick Santorum
- No polling has been released since September.



Maine

- Delegates: 23
- Type: Caucus
- 2012 Winner: Mitt Romney
- No polling has been released.

Outlook

- Because the March 5th states are **not rich in delegates and are not winner take all**, they are not expected to seriously effect the delegate race. However, **if a candidate other than Trump wins a couple of states**, it will help them to make the case that **they are the candidate anti-trump voters should rally around**.
- While the polling is sparse among these states, the demographics can suggest who might do well: **Trump won easily in New Hampshire, which is right next door to Maine**, and Alabama, which neighbors Mississippi. Cruz won in Oklahoma, so he may have a strong performance in Kentucky.

Sources: HuffPost Pollster, 2016; National Journal, 2016; Wilson Andrews, Kitty Bennett and Alicia Parlapiano, "2016 Primary Results and Calendar," The New York Times, March 2, 2016.