

Trump Plans to Announce VP Pick Before the Convention

Trump's Potential Vice Presidential Nominees



Mike Pence

Governor from Indiana

- Pence and Trump met over the July 4th weekend at an undisclosed location.
- A spokesperson for Pence said nothing was offered at the meeting but they had a productive meeting.



Newt Gingrich

Former Speaker of the House

- Gingrich is rumored to be one of the leading candidates for Trump's VP position and he has been asked to submit documents for the position.
- Gingrich has been an active supporter of Trump, and Gingrich has received the support of former presidential candidate Ben Carson.



Chris Christie

Governor from New Jersey

- Christie endorsed Trump, and is a powerful attacker on the campaign trail, and has a close relationship with Trump.
- Christie, like Trump, is highly controversial and outspoken. He may not help him make inroads in any key demographics.



Jeff Sessions

Senator From Alabama

- Sessions, who sometimes appears as an opening act to Trump on the campaign trail, was the first sitting Senator to endorse Trump and is an advisor on the campaign.
- Sessions has policy expertise, sitting on several key Senate committees, and has said he would undergo the vetting process if asked.



Lt. General Michael Flynn

Retired three-star general

- Flynn is the only nonpolitician being considered as a VP pick for Trump
- He served as director of the Defense Intelligence Agency from 2012 to 2014, and currently serves as an informal advisor to Trump
- Flynn is a registered Democrat, and his addition could cause controversy among conservatives

Trump has said he is looking for a running mate who has "a strong political background, who was well respected on the Hill, who can help me with legislation, and who could be a great president."

Sources: Daniella Diaz, Jim Acosta, and Sara Murray, "Donald Trump Lists Top VP Picks, Chris Christie Still in the Running," CNN, July 13, 2016; Andrew Rafferty, "Who Is Potential Trump VP Pick Michael Flynn," NBC, July 11, 2016; Patrick Healy and Ashley Park, "Run on a Ticket with Donald Trump? No, Thanks, Many Republicans Say," New York Times, April 30, 2016.