

Election 2036

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The 2016 presidential election is almost a year away, but you'd think it was tomorrow. Politicians have been officially campaigning for months and unofficially for years. A few have already dropped out of the race. The fallen include Rick Perry, Scott Walker, Jim Webb, Lincoln Chafee, and Bobby Jindal. There are probably others, but I've forgotten them because they polled in the negatives. Half the Republican candidates have experienced brief stints as the frontrunner. Trump's lead continues, though I'm not sure exactly who likes him, because even the Republican Party itself seems annoyed that he's still here.

Kanye West has already announced that he is running for president in 2020. You need to declare your candidacy very early if you want to have any chance of winning. And even if you announce your intention to run, first you need to form an exploratory committee, which is what Trump first did in 1999. Apparently they had a lot of exploring to do. Therefore, I would like to announce that I am forming an exploratory committee (my two cats and any of my friends who want to jump on the President Born bandwagon before it becomes cool) to consider the possibility of my running for president in 2036. This will be the ideal election for me to run in, mostly because I won't be eligible until then due to the presidential age requirement. Here's my 2035 announcement speech:

What's up, USA? I'm running for president.

America has lots of problems and it's terrible, but it's also the greatest country in the history of the universe. We're going to need to cut taxes, but in order to raise enough money to be able to do that, we're going to have to raise taxes.

I've been traveling all throughout our great, tattered nation, talking to the American people. I talked to Bob the Electrician, of Waukegan, Illinois, and he told me that America, awesome though it is, faces many problems.

Problems like the various crises in the Middle East. Well, I think we should stay out of other countries' affairs. We aren't the world's policemen. However, we need to protect the liberties, ideals, and freedoms that make this country great, and that probably means we should invade. I mean, sure, we've failed whenever we've tried to do that, but there's always a first time.

What shall we do about the deficit? Bob the Electrician asked me this as we ate breakfast in a diner, as normal Americans such as myself do. The federal deficit hit a gazillion dollars in 2034, so I propose that we shut down everyone's wifi and make them pay a billion dollars to get it back. The ensuing mass hysteria and national rebellion will make all of our other problems look much less severe. It's all about perspective.

So that's my plan for the presidency. Follow my campaign on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat. My campaign slogan is #bornleader. Let's do this, America!