

# Republican

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Remember the 2012 election? Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum were the two frontrunners (Santorum was the anti-Romney and Romney was the Romney) and Newt Gingrich was the comic relief, partially because he was funny but mostly because his name is Newt Gingrich. Ron Paul was also there, I think. That election was so boring compared to whatever it is that's happening right now. As the numbers stand currently, Donald Trump is in the lead with 678 delegates, Ted Cruz has 423, and John Kasich has 143. Things are a lot more difficult than they were in 2012. Rick Santorum only got 245 delegates in 2012, and people actually liked him. The problem with Trump and Cruz right now is that the Republican establishment doesn't really like either of them. They're even looking into having a brokered/contested/open convention in order to prevent Trump and/or Cruz from securing the nomination. Since the Republicans are considering their options, mostly people who aren't even running (they aren't considering Kasich for some reason, possibly because they don't know who he is), I'd like to make some suggestions on who the Republicans should nominate should there be a contested convention.

## 1. Who: John Kasich

Why: He's the only Republican still running that isn't Trump or Cruz. Call me old-fashioned, but I'd like the nominee to be someone who's actually running for president. Also, here's what he said about the idea of a brokered convention: "It's exciting...I think it will be very cool." You have to support a candidate who talks about a brokered convention like a Star Wars fan talks about Episode VIII.

## 2. Who: Sarah Palin

Why: It'd be funny if the Republicans voted down Trump and replaced him with Trumpette.

## 3. Who: Stephen Colbert, in character

Why: I miss the character now that the real Colbert is hosting The Late Show. He would also make the debates more entertaining than they would be with traditional politicians, and he's probably more knowledgeable than a lot of them.

Who: a hologram version of Ronald Reagan  
Why: He's the only Republican that Republicans ever mention favorably, so I think he'd have a good chance in the general election. Though it would also be nice if Trump won first and then Reagan ran against him in 2020, mostly so Reagan could say, "Mr. Trump, tear down this wall."

## 4. Who: Adele

Why: I know she's not American, a Republican, or old enough to be president, but she's more universally beloved than any actual politicians. She could win Grammys for her debate performances. She's popular in almost every demographic, so she could easily win the general election. And if she lost...well, at least she could say that she tried.