

The Stop Donald Trump Party

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Who has been the biggest bully in politics? Who has sounded like your grandfather giving you a lecture about the top 1%? Who sounds like your mother yelling at you to take out the garbage? These people would of course be: Donald Trump, Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton. Over the past few weeks, one of the craziest political seasons since 1968 has been going on, at least according to my parents. With the news networks jamming coverage down your throat I'd be surprised if you haven't noticed all the massive backlashes, fighting, and disagreements going on. A lot of the chaos has begun to form at the actual political rallies themselves, as well as on the many debate stages.

Within the GOP, we are now down to "just" four candidates, and the wave of insults has dropped from a level of 4th grade material to a level of 3rd grade play. There was even an incident between Rubio and Trump where Rubio implied that Trump has "small hands," if you know what I mean. The four candidates still standing include "The Donald," "little" Marco Rubio, the most hated of them all, Ted Cruz, and the quiet Governor of Ohio, John Kasich. Let's start my analysis of the political landscape with the results of the first "Super Tuesday," held a few weeks ago on March 1st. The momentum ordained upon Donald Trump continued its streak when, "The Donald" won 7 out of the 11 states that were up for grabs. Whether you find this good or bad is dependent on your political leaning. It could definitely be considered good for the democrats because it seems (according to the latest national polls) as if Trump would lose to Hillary or Bernie if either one of them were the DNC nominee. It could also be considered bad for the Republicans, specifically Rubio. Marco only managed to win one state – Minnesota. Cruz on the other hand received 3 states, which has now propelled him to the proverbial second place spot.

Now let's move on to "Super Tuesday #2" which was held on March 8th. Another nice day for Mr. Trump. Wins in Mississippi, Michigan and, of course, the most important, Hawaii, worth a whopping 19 delegates. On the Democratic side, something unexpected happened, and Bernie Sanders won the crucial state of Michigan, home of the Wolverines. But it was a close win of 50% to 48%, so the delegates were essentially split 67/60. At least Bernie got the title of "winner" of the state of Michigan.

Back to the Republicans, Rubio won Washington D.C. on March 12th, a good 10 delegates for him and 9 for the second placed Kasich, with Trump and Cruz sharing none of them. Also, Cruz won Wyoming and received a nice 9 delegates for it. Still Trump has a 90 delegate lead over Cruz, and a hefty 297 delegate lead over Rubio. This week is big. On March 15th "Super Tuesday #3" already will have occurred by the time this goes to print. Florida, Rubio's home state, and Ohio, Kasich's home state, being a winner-takes-all state are the focal points of the day. Florida is worth a substantial 99 delegates, while Ohio will award 67 delegates to the winner. Rubio has made the contest quite interesting by urging Ohio voters to vote for Kasich to help stop Trump from winning and expanding his almost unconquerable lead over the rest of the GOP. It may not seem like the Republican party is unified, but I can definitely tell you that they are a united "stop Donald Trump" party! The GOP should reconsider that as a name for their party. The DNC runs a bit contrary to the GOP. Florida and Ohio are not winner-takes-all states for the Democrats, but they are worth many more delegates.

In conclusion, as Trump states, “it’s over” if he wins Florida and Ohio, is truly not an inaccurate statement. On the other hand, Trump not getting any delegates from Ohio and Florida means Rubio and Kasich would have won each of their home states. Despite Cruz currently being in second place, he has a very little chance of winning either state. Therefore, Rubio getting a 99 delegate bounce would be huge, excuse me, “huuuuge” for him. Rubio would most likely swing some “Marcomentum” onto his campaign and gain himself some serious traction. It would help him stop Trump from running off happily into the GOP convention in Cleveland with his hair flying in the air, if it can even do that. With this big day coming up, there is a lot of pressure for the other GOP candidates to start to heat up the race. Can the “Stop Donald Trump” political party be successful? Whether it’s the Democrats or the Republicans, only time will tell. See you in Cleveland.