

From Republican Convention Projecting into the November Presidential Election

Mainstream and Organic Views

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Abstract

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The GOP convention was a gathering of about fifty thousand people. Due to the long primary process with 17 presidential candidates, it is expected that the Republic Delegates were somewhat divided even in disarray going into the convention. One noticeable fact is that despite of the pledge the 17 candidates signed to support the final winner or presumptuous nominee, only Ben Carson, Chris Christie, Ted Cruz, Rick Perry and Scott Walker attended the convention. Marco Rubio sent in a video speech endorsing Trump and Carson, Christie, Perry and Walker made a warm endorsement speech but Ted Cruz delivered a 'campaign' speech advocating a conservative position but did not openly endorse Trump. Obviously, this gives the left leaning media opportunity to create negative sensational headlines and plenty of ammunition to make attempts to drive a wedge into the GOP unity. However, the GOP convention floor had shown a strong unity as they entered into the main events after they got over the convention rules. They paid attention to the speakers and responded warmly to the endorsement speeches by the governors, senators, house representatives and other public officials. The convention delegates responded warmly and enthusiastically to the endorsements by Ben Carson, Paul Ryan, Rick Perry, and Scott Walker and they even booed Ted Cruz when they did not hear him making an endorsement. This will have a bad impact on Cruz's political future rather than Trump's winning of the election.

The Trump family have done a superb job in their speeches to show that they are a decent, intelligent, hard working and loving family who genuinely love Donald and support his bid for the White House because they truly believe that Donald Trump will make the country safe and great again. The Trump campaign slogans, "we will make America work, safe, great, first, winning, rich again." were effectively worked into the four-day convention agenda as well as rhythmically into the inspiring speeches throughout the convention. After listening to the call-ins on C-Span in four days, one cannot help but coming to the following conclusion: the Republican Party is far more united in the rank and file than you would be led to believe otherwise, and they are fired up by Trump. The GOP party machinery is apparently oiled with continued successful fund raisings in the remaining days. The hard core Democrat is not likely to switch even those who supported Sanders and bitter about Hillary. However, there are some wavering Democrats who have openly come forward to say that they will vote for Trump mainly for the following reasons: Hillary's dishonesty (lies), lack of accountability and not trustworthy. The presentations about Benghazi, email abuse and the victims' testimonies at the GOP convention certainly left a deep impression on Democrats and Republicans alike.

Trump's acceptance speech was the longest ever in the history of GOP presidential nominee's acceptance speech, one hour and six minutes long which forced all major TV channels to delay their night news or regular programs. His speech of course increased the TV ratings. His speech netted out all aspects of issues, safety and security: intelligence gathering and law and order, prison crime, immigrants, border wall and security; economy: budget and trade agreements, jobs, wages and mother and children; foreign policy: Middle East and ISIS, working with Israel, protection of LBGTQ, pay us for protection; work: employment opportunities, reduce taxes, American citizen first; rhetoric: China currency manipulation and Mexico unfair trade and defense spending for rich Japan, but he opposes TPP and NAFTA and prefers bilateral trade negotiations as China does. His speech brought repeated cheers, an apparent success in uniting the party. His rhetoric cries more like to get fair deals than wage wars and threats.

Perhaps, Donald Trump's pick of Mike Pence as his VP running mate is the most significant decision not recognized by the political pundits in the media. In my opinion, though Pence is not an exciting speaker or a well known name, Trump must have picked him for the win of the White House for the following two main reasons: One, Pence is a Christian, conservative and Republican in that order as he himself proclaims which is what Trump needs to draw the conservative, attract the religious and unite the Republicans. The second, more importantly, Trump selected Pence because Pence is a good friend of Paul Ryan, Speaker of the House. It is a smarter move than picking Paul Ryan himself for VP if Trump is confident to win the White House. Trump needs Ryan to be on his side and in the House when he wins the Presidency; picking Pence, likely consulted with Ryan, Trump made a brilliant choice. After all, the VP is the key liaison to the Congress.

Democrats' convention is coming up next week. Hillary is busy making responses to Trump's convention already. The biggest news this weekend of course is that Hillary has picked Senator of Virginia, Tim Kaine as her VP running mate. Hillary's official line for her pick is that Kaine is beloved by his staff and Senate colleagues and he, with foreign policy experience. could step in as President. His background, however, is a past supporter of NAFTA and PTT and more so he is not a liberal stalwart to draw Sanders' supporters. Kaine is a Catholic attended a predominated black church for two decades and he speaks Spanish fluently, strength for attracting black and Latino minority votes. One contrast should be pointed out is that Hillary is pro-abortion and Kaine has been anti-abortion but now Kaine is shifting his position. Was he forced to shift because of the VP pick? It would be interesting to watch when Mike Pence a strong anti-abortion GOP VP

candidate facing off Tim Kaine a recently “converted” pro-abortion Democrat VP candidate to debate this moral issue as a matter of personal integrity and belief.