

MY analysis of where these Republicans see themselves during the run for President

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Expects to be nominated:

Bush, Jeb  
Cruz, Ted  
Paul, Rand  
Walker, Scott

Does not expect to be nominated, but is using the primary to demonstrate their abilities in order to position themselves to be a candidate for Vice President:

Carson, Ben  
Fiorina, Carly  
Jindal, Bobby  
Rubio, Marco  
Santorum, Rick

Is in the race to promote a commercial enterprise such as an existing or future television show, book, or perhaps a future appointment in a future administration (i.e. The political horse they are riding now is worn out):

Christie, Chris  
Graham, Lindsey  
Huckabee, Mike  
Kasich, John  
Pataki, George  
Perry, Rick

Uncategorized:

Trump, Donald

With “The Donald” the dynamics are entirely different. He may or may not expect to be nominated and may not care. The limitations of other candidates, however, do not apply. He doesn’t need donations. He doesn’t even need support. He is wealthy enough to stay in the race as long as he decides to stay in the race. He is in the race because by being in the race, he gets the microphone. He is dedicated to America, certainly, but he is also dedicated to commercial enterprises (his and those of others) - and they are suffering at the hands of the existing situation, at home and abroad. Having the microphone, he can engender support for his ideals even if he is not nominated.

Thompson, Madison was unavailable for an interview.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Madison Thompson is a fictional character in the book DRAGONFLY, by Sebastian Roberts.