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Why a Republican Mock Convention?

To ensure there is lively debate and competition among a number of candidates, Ohio Wesleyan's Mock Convention traditionally represents the party currently not in control of the White House.

2nd Platform Hearing held in conjunction with:

“BORDERLINES: IMMIGRATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY”

Thursday, November 5, 2015
Noon
Merrick Hall 301

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There are currently many candidates running for the 2016 Republican Party Presidential Nomination. We are providing information on the leading candidates, as well as those who might be of particular interest to OWU students.

**Former Governor of Florida Jeb Bush**  
https://jeb2016.com

**Dr. Ben Carson**  
https://www.bencarson.com/

**US Senator from Texas Ted Cruz**  
https://www.tedcruz.org/

**Businesswoman & Former CEO of Hewlett-Packard Carly Fiorina**  
https://www.carlyforpresident.com/

**Governor of Ohio John Kasich**  
https://johnkasich.com/

**US Senator from Kentucky Rand Paul**  
https://www.randpaul.com/

**US Senator from Florida Marco Rubio**  
https://marcorubio.com/

**Businessman, TV Personality & Author Donald Trump**  
https://www.donaldjtrump.com/

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**Interested in being a State Delegate?**  
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**Upcoming Events:**

**Platform Hearing #3**  
**Tuesday, December 1**  
12:00—HWCC Benes AB  
“Student Debt”  
Panelists:  
Ben Andrews, Ph.D. Candidate, OSU  
Rock Jones, OWU President  
Alice Simon, Professor of Economics

**Tuesday, January 19, 2016**

“Speed Date the Candidates”  
4:00-6:00—HWCC Benes AB  
Meeting for all State Chairs  
6:00-8:00—HWCC Benes BC

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**MOCK CONVENTION 2016**  
**February 5-6, 2016**  
University Hall—Gray Chapel
Marco Rubio, Senator from Florida

"The only way we're going to be able to address it [immigration]—and I believe we should—is through a sequence of bills that begins by proving to people that illegal immigration is under control, modernizing our legal immigration system and then dealing with those who are here illegally."

Senator Rubio, with others, introduced in 2013 "The Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act." This bill is consistent with his belief that the Obama administration has failed to properly secure the U.S. borders. He argues that the current immigration system is outdated and that the deferred action of the government has led to issues such as human trafficking that have created border problems. Rubio is confident that electronic surveillance and monitoring systems will play a large role in solving the border crisis. He argues that immigration policy should be left to the federal government rather than the states and that the children of undocumented immigrants should be given a legal status but not full citizenship.

Donald Trump, Chairman and President, The Trump Organization

“I will build a great wall — and nobody builds walls better than me, believe me — and I’ll build them very inexpensively. I will build a great, great wall on our southern border, and I will make Mexico pay for that wall. Mark my words.”

Trump’s stance on immigration can be summed up using the three principles listed on his campaign website. First, “A Nation without borders is not a nation. There must be a wall across the southern border.” Second, “A nation without laws is not a nation. Laws passed in accordance with our Constitutional system of government must be enforced.” Third, “A nation that does not serve its own citizens is not a nation. Any immigration plan must improve jobs, wages, and security for all Americans.” His final caveat is mentioned in the quote above: “Make Mexico Pay For The Wall.” Trump also advocates for tripling the number of ICE (Immigration and Custom Enforcement) officers, implementing a nationwide e-verify program, enforcing mandatory deportation of all criminal aliens, defunding sanctuary cities (cities that do not enforce federal immigration laws), enhancing penalties for overstaying a visa, and, perhaps most controversially, ending birthright citizenship.

IMMIGRATION

Compiled by the OWU Mock Convention Platform Committee using the candidates’ official campaign websites, documents and published interviews.

Jeb Bush, Former Governor of Florida

“Immigrants are an engine of economic vitality. We need to find a way, a path to legalized status for those that have come here and have languished in the shadows. There’s no way that they’re going to be deported. No one is suggesting an organized effort to do that.”

In 2013, Former Governor Bush published a book in which he detailed how the United States could establish a path to earned legal status for the millions of undocumented immigrants living within its borders, while also revamping other elements of the citizenship for undocumented immigrants. But in recent years, he has shifted his focus to legalization. He supports the DREAM Act and believes that those children ought to be given the chance to earn citizenship if they serve in the military, graduate from high school, or make another similar contribution to society. In August 2015, Bush posted his immigration plan: “Securing the Border and Enforcing Our Immigration Laws.” He proposes to create “forward operating bases” to increase the use of drones and other technology to watch for drug and human traffickers. He also calls for “an act of love” to make a better life for those who come to United States illegally. Bush argues that the country’s legal immigration process should focus more on letting in the workers that the country needs rather than reuniting families.

Dr. Ben Carson, Former Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital

“The American people should not be manipulated into believing that they are heartless simply because they want to preserve the rule of law in our nation and look after their own before they take in others.”

Carson has sent mixed signals on where he stands on the most controversial part of immigration: a path to citizenship. In his book, “America the Beautiful,” he implies that taking advantage of cheap labor of undocumented immigrants while denying them citizenship is wrong. He favors a guest worker program--modeled
Ted Cruz, Senator from Texas

"Once we demonstrate we can secure the border, I think then, we can have a conversation about the people who are here illegally. I think until then the American people don't trust Washington."

In 2013, Senator Cruz proposed amendments to the “Gang of 8” bill to strengthen border security, expand green card opportunities, increase high-skilled “H1B” visas, prevent undocumented immigrants from receiving welfare benefits, and enforce the rule of law. However, the bill was struck in Congress before it could reach President Obama’s desk. Cruz often discusses immigration in personal terms, relating how his father left Cuba and emigrated to the United States. He is backing a push to increase penalties for undocumented immigrants who enter the country again after previously being deported.

Carly Fiorina, Businesswoman, Former CEO of Hewlett-Packard

"The truth is this. The federal government isn't doing its job. It's the federal government's job to secure the border."

Businesswoman Fiorina believes that a series of bills is the government solution to the immigration issue in the United States. She advocates for reinforcing parts of existing law, like the country’s guest worker program and employer verification systems, before new policies are created. She has objections to a comprehensive reform and opposes granting amnesty to undocumented immigrants, but she does support the DREAM program, which would allow some undocumented youth to earn legal status by going to college or serving in the military. Fiorina believes that the Obama administration has failed to secure the borders as it should have.

John Kasich, 69th Governor of Ohio

“If they’ve been law-abiding over a period of time, they ought to be legalized, and they ought to be able to stay here.”

Governor Kasich supports a path to legal status for undocumented persons, stating that undocumented immigrants “contribute a lot to the country.” He also supports the completion of a fence along the US-Mexico border and the establishment of a guest worker program. Aside from these comments, Kasich has been largely quiet about the issue of immigration, because he says he is aiming for a middle ground and doesn’t want to box himself in if he were to be part of negotiations.

Rand Paul, MD, Senator from Kentucky

“Millions of illegal immigrants are crossing our border without our knowledge and causing a clear threat to our national security...My plans include an underground electric fence, with helicopter stations to respond quickly to breaches of the border. Instead of closing military bases at home and renting space in Europe, I am open to the construction of bases to protect our border.”

Rand Paul does not support amnesty because he believes that the millions of undocumented immigrants who enter the United States without our knowledge pose a threat to national security. He believes that the number one priority should be securing the border before the United States turns to implementing and enforcing a legal immigration process. Paul actually introduced a piece of legislation called the “Trust but Verify Amendment” that would provide national safeguards to monitor immigrants with visas. These actions are fitting with Paul’s desires to secure the border before enacting legislation to address the immigration system. Paul introduced legislation to end birthright citizenship because of his belief that only those who respect our immigration system should be allowed the privilege of being a citizen.