

The Republican Presidential



Debate

*“There is no such thing as a power of inherent sovereignty
in the government of the [federal] United States...*

*In this country sovereignty resides in the people, and Congress can exercise
no power which they [the sovereign people] have not, by their Constitution entrusted to it:
All else is withheld.”*

Abstract

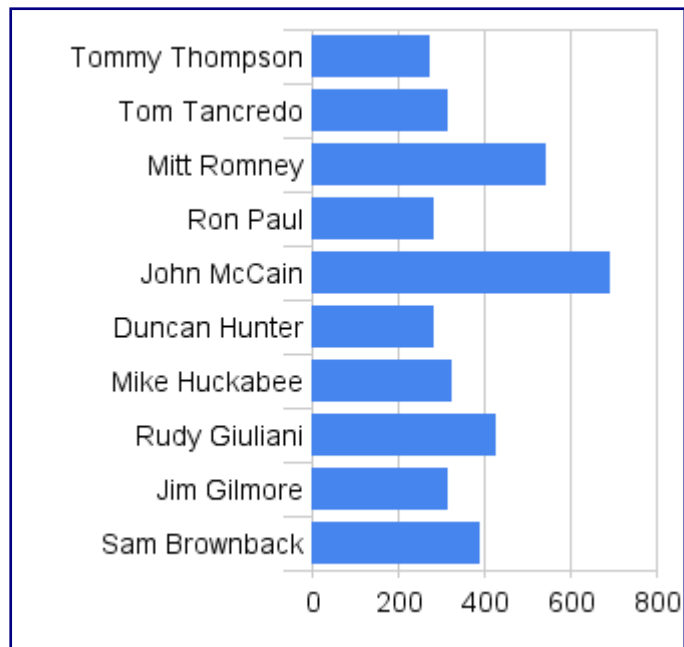
The Republican primary debate for President was held on May 3, 2007. MSNBC consented to be the host of the event. No greater undertaking can be had than the pursuit of liberty and justice engendered by the election of the President of the United States of America.

Together, the President, Congress, and the Judiciary, provide the structure known as government. As such, they represent the will of the people, the fabric of society. The government exists for the sole purpose of protecting the people’s unalienable rights: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

MSNBC provided a great service by allowing the people to see and hear the candidates up close and personable: what they stand for, what policies they believe in, what philosophy they are guided by.

The Cast

Nine men took to the stage, to bask in the light of the public forum, revealing themselves to the nation – to the people they wished to represent, to those who alone have the sovereign power to say yeah or nay – We the People.



Total Speaking Time in Seconds

On MSNBC's website that covers the debate (<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/1829690>), there is a picture of each candidate with a short one line clip, providing a glimpse into the man behind the face. They are as follows:

- Hunter – need to move quickly on Iraq
- Thompson – says he is the reliable conservative
- Tancredo – speaks about Reagan, beliefs
- Romney – says bin Laden will pay
- Paul – explains the role of government
- Huckabee – would have fired Rumsfeld before the election
- Giuliani – stresses bi-partisanship
- Gilmore – lead against a sea of hostility
- Brownback – stresses building strong families
- McCain – says he is most prepared

Chris Matthews of Hardball notoriety monitored the debate. A better choice would have been difficult to make, as Matthews played hardball – in a softball sort of way. The nuances of the presentation and monitoring of the debate explained the political process in the same manner as did the debate, perhaps even more – in a more subdued and subtle kind of way.

The Stage

The time allotted to each candidate, and the remarks made introducing and dismissing them, were fascinating to watch: a true master of ceremonies was orchestrating the play. All that was missing was the maestro, but perhaps he was in the audience – a watcher.

Another website (<http://2008central.net/?p=656#more-656>) that covered the debate, listed the total time that each candidate was allowed to literally speak. A question and answer format was used. Certain questions were allotted a longer response time than others. It was alluded to that all candidates were to receive *fair* and *equal* treatment.

Republican Presidential Candidates

John McCain	11:31 - (11 minutes 31 seconds)
Mitt Romney	9:04 - (9 minutes 4 seconds)
Rudy Giuliani	7:10 - (7 minutes 10 seconds)
Sam Brownback	6:33 - (6 minutes 33 seconds)
Mike Huckabee	5:24 - (5 minutes 24 seconds)
Tom Tancredo	5:17 - (5 minutes 17 seconds)
Jim Gilmore	5:17 - (5 minutes 17 seconds)
Ron Paul	4:46 - (4 minutes 46 seconds)
Duncan Hunter	4:42 - (4 minutes 42 seconds)
Tommy Thompson	4:36 - (4 minutes 36 seconds)

Permission

The allotment of time given to each of the candidates is most telling, but just what is it telling? First, we note that the time allotted to each individual *greatly varied* in length. If one was looking for equality they were searching in the wrong place.

Senator John McCain received the lion's share of the bounty – 11.5 minutes, with Romney not far behind with 9 minutes.

Giuliani had 7, and Brownback 6.33 minutes. From there it was all down hill. Three of the remaining candidates were granted 5 minutes and change, while the last three were only permitted approximately 4.5 minutes.

Cui Bono

Why such disparity? Was this fair play or hardball? Several candidates seemed to have come packing for hardball, as if they knew the score before the game even started.

Apparently Senator McCain benefited – tapped with the seal of approval to deliver political speeches, as opposed to the limitations of direct answers to specific questions. The words *my friends* still rings in my ears.

Was favoritism shown for a select elite few over and above the rest, and if so – why? Was it prearranged or was it happenchance? Does anything occur by happenchance, especially in the world of politics?

At What Cost

Perhaps this behavior is indicative of the times – a comment upon the neocon plutocracy we have allowed to take root, spreading its limbs over the face of the land, offering shade to those who accept its protection – no matter what the cost: even if freedoms are part of the toll.

Clues

A quick glance at the one line summations of each candidate provides further clues. McCain claimed to be the most prepared, and thus he so appeared. The question is – prepared for what? Iraq, Iran, and then what – all other imagined threats to the **greatest military power ever to walk the face of the earth?** I think not.

Hunter, Romney, and Gilmore espoused the same ideal – divide and conquer was the call of the day. War – not peace had its say. From chaos comes order was part of the mix. Why fire Rumsfeld if such is the way? Perhaps he was a bit too enthusiastic and drew unwanted attention; better to come dressed as sheep seemed to be the motto of the day.

At least Tancredo and Brownback provided moral fiber to the tone of the debate, while Giuliani was hell bent on reciting the litany of his well honed record. Strike up the band to inspire others to pay – the costs of imperialism and occupation are meant to stay.

A Beacon

While limited to just four minutes and forty-six seconds, Congressman Ron Paul had a lot to say, and he performed admirably well considering the debilitating circumstances imposed by the controllers.

Ron Paul's constitutional grounding permeated all his answers, which espoused a different message compared to his colleagues with whom he shared the stage. His message was simple yet sage: follow the Constitution and one would not be led astray, falling by the wayside – unable to pay.

The Message

Protect the homeland without seeking the conquest of the world, as ordained and sanctioned by the Supreme Law of the Land. Protect the freedoms of the sovereign people, who granted limited powers to the government for just such a cause – freedom, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Why spend billions of dollars trying to police the world, while many are still starving here at home? Are we really trying to force democracy on others, or enable global plutocracy to grow stronger by the day? Take our sons and daughters out of harms way, and into the loving arms of ones held dear – families and friends who make it all worthwhile.

Without paying to feed the dogs of war, much less credit and debt would need to be created and then discharged. Ron Paul spoke of the *purpose of government* as his guiding light, which makes perfect sense given our plight. Is there an enemy out there, or was Sun Tzu right when he stated he had met the enemy, and he was I. Remember well – the first casualty of war is truth.

War is a business of the merchants of death – they who ply their trade to rule the world. Listen not to their false ways; follow thy heart in all it has to say. Make peace not war; intervene not in the affairs of others – clean up one’s own house before all else.

Heartfelt

Congressman Ron Paul cast an aura of truth and honesty that came through loud and clear in the minimal time he was permitted to speak. Imagine what we would hear if he was afforded equal time and exposure by the mainstream media.

The links below lead to MSNBC’s 2008 Primary Debate website, as well as to a few others that have video’s of Congressman Ron Paul and his beliefs that emphasize following the mandates of the Constitution of the United States.

You will be surprised at the message you hear, a message of truth – that only Congress can declare war; that freedoms are being forsaken and usurped by those whose sole constitutional purpose is to honor and protect those very same freedoms and liberties.

And lastly you will hear about Honest Money – the hard currency of Gold & Silver Coin mandated by the Constitution of the United States. Why is it not adhered to if it is the Supreme Law of the Land?

If you care about the future of our nation, and the future of your children and their children you will leave behind – take a few minutes to listen to the videos. It may be one of the best investments of your time you ever make.

“The sole end for which mankind are warranted, individually or collectively, in interfering with the liberty of action of any of their number, is self-protection.

That the only purpose for which power can be rightfully exercised over any member of a civilized community, against his will, is to prevent harm to others. His own good, either physical or moral, is not sufficient warrant.

He cannot rightfully be compelled to do or forbear because it will be better for him to do so, because it will make him happier, because, in the opinion of others, to do so would be wise, or even right...

The only part of the conduct of anyone, for which he is amenable to society, is that which concerns others. In the part which merely concerns himself, his independence is, of right, absolute. Over himself, over his own body and mind, the individual is sovereign.” [John Stuart Mill]



Congressman Ron Paul

Website to view videos of Dr. Ron Paul:

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/18296908>

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/17153378>

<http://www.house.gov/paul/>

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