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This total mentions chart from our analytics partners at Signal Labs, which shows media mentions between 9 p.m. to midnight Eastern, indicates **Kasich may have had a bit of a breakthrough during tonight's debate:**



“Kasich gave a solid performance of strength, sense, charm, and gravitas that was further elevated when contrasted with the three heated squabblers on stage beside him,” writes [Bloomberg’s Mark Halperin](#). “Some rousing moments recounting his campaign trail and Ohio experiences that will potentially leave a lingering positive impression with Main Street Republican voters.”

From a USA Today political reporter:

 **Heidi Przybyla** 
@HeidiPrzybyla 

Kasich looked like the adult in the room. That's right, people are suffering out there. Get on with it. [#GOPDebate](#)

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This is George Costanza from Seinfeld:



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As a Democrat, I was hugely impressed with Gov. Kasich. I only pray my Conservative friends are, too. A leader, a united and a decent man.

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-- **But, but, but: Kasich would still rather watch his party combust than directly engage Trump.** Shown a web video that *his own campaign* released mocking the front-runner for praising Vladimir Putin, the governor of Ohio refused to comment about it. **“I’m not biting,” he said.** That sounded like a consummate and calculating politician, not a statesman staying above the fray. Now is a gut-check moment for leadership, not dodges.



Annie Linskey ✓

@AnnieLinskey

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Hard to see how this [#gopdebate](#) changes anything, everyone is following their playbook & Kasich fades even w just 3 others on stage.

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There seem to be three guys debating each other and Kasich weighing in occasionally from the sidelines.

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-- The Post’s Fact Checkers flag 14 fishy claims made during the debate. [From Glenn Kessler and Michelle Ye Hee Lee:](#)

- Trump seriously overstates the case when he claims the United States is getting “absolutely crushed” in trade with “every other country.”
- Cruz continues to say that Trump financed the Gang of Eight. But this is misleading. The majority of Trump’s donations was made long before the 2013 Gang of Eight’s support for comprehensive immigration reform.
- Rubio dropped his estimate of Trump’s inheritance from \$200 million to \$100 million, but that’s probably still too high. Trump and his siblings were reported to have expected \$35 million each before Trump’s father died. But, as we have explained, Trump’s “\$1 million to \$10 billion” claim is also false.
- What could account for Trump’s strange notion that the 9/11 hijackers were married and shipped their wives home just before the attacks? Perhaps he is conflating reports of Saudi nationals leaving the United States after the attacks. But even so, it would have made little sense for such a carefully planned plot to have such poor operational security.
- Cruz is exaggerating his law-enforcement credentials.
- Trump University actually earned a D- from BBB before it was shut down.

-- **Read an annotated transcript of the debate here.**

-- *If you missed it, watch a three-minute recap of the debate from our video team:*



The Fox News GOP debate, in less than 3 minutes

Welcome to the Daily 202, **PowerPost's** morning newsletter.
With contributions from Breanne Deppisch (@b_deppy) and Elise Viebeck (@eliseviebeck)

WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING:

-- **“A Catholic diocese in Pennsylvania announced it will post the names online of priests credibly accused of sexually abusing children, a decision that came two days after a dramatic grand jury report alleged a decades-long cover-up,”** [Michelle Boorstein](#) and [Julie Zauzmer](#) report. "The report relied on a secret archive at the Altoona-Johnstown diocese, which dates back to the 1950s and was opened after authorities obtained a search warrant. The grand jury interviewed surviving priests and their victims, and compiled a 147-page account detailing accusations against more than 50 religious leaders. 'These findings are staggering and sobering ... Hundreds of children have fallen victim to child predators wrapped in the authority and integrity of an honorable faith,' the grand jury wrote, describing the actions of two previous bishops – one of whom has died, and the other retired – as criminal. Both bishops moved known abusers to new assignments where they could harm children again, and pressured law enforcement not to prosecute clergy, the report said."

-- **“North Korea’s Kim Jong Un has ordered his military to be ready to use its nuclear weapons at any time, saying they were needed given the ‘ferocious hostility’ of new ‘gangster-like’ sanctions leveled against Pyongyang,”** our [Anna Fifield](#) reports from Tokyo. "The order is the second outburst from Pyongyang in response to new multilateral sanctions aimed at punishing Kim’s regime for its recent nuclear test and missile launch. Yesterday, the North Korean military fired six projectiles into the Sea of Japan. 'The only way for defending our nation is to bolster up nuclear force,' Kim said, stressing the 'need to get nuclear warheads ... ready to be fired at any moment.' While there are plenty of question marks hanging over North Korea's actual technical capacity, analysts say Pyongyang is clearly trying to increase its bargaining power. Pyongyang has a habit of making grandiose

threats in colorful language, part of the regime's efforts to maintain a climate of fear and signal defiance to the outside world."



Jesse Ventura in 2014 (AP Photo/The Star Tribune, Elizabeth Flores, File)

-- **Jesse Ventura is considering a third-party presidential bid.** The former Minnesota governor [told CNN's Don Lemon](#) that he will decide "in the next month" whether or not to run as a third-party candidate. "Absolutely, I'm considering it," said Ventura, who said he was invited to an upcoming Libertarian convention. "I'm a centrist ... fiscally conservative and socially liberal. All the people in the middle, that's how I won [in Minnesota]. It's the middle that controls your election."



Bernie Sander meets 3-month-old Oliver Jack Carter Lomas-Davis, of Venice, Calif., during a rally in Las Vegas last month. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci, File)

-- **"Bernie Baby, the cheerful infant who won the affections of people of all political stripes after his mom posted photos on social media of him greeting Bernie Sanders in a lookalike white-haired wig, oversized glasses and plaid tie, has died of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome,"** [the AP reports from Los Angeles](#). "He was 4 months old."

GET SMART FAST:

1. **President Obama will remain in Washington after his presidency so that Sasha can finish high school.** ([Greg Jaffe and Juliet Eilperin](#))
2. **Syria was hit with a nationwide blackout yesterday,** in the throes of a partial cease-fire brokered by world powers. ([Hugh Naylor](#))

3. **Israel will soon begin to deploy one of the most sophisticated missile defense systems in the world**, which will be able to knock down not only ballistic missiles but also orbiting satellites. The U.S. has provided more than \$3.3 billion to support the program. ([Ruth Eglash and William Booth](#))
4. **A potential British departure from the EU could have “disastrous repercussions” for Western security.** Experts said the U.S.-led post-Cold War order relies heavily on a united Europe to deter adversaries, saying a “Brexit” could blunt their collective punch and heighten vulnerability to future attacks. ([Griff Witte](#))
5. **European Council** president Donald Tusk told migrants **“Do not come to Europe.”** His stark warning came as **the U.N. cautioned that as many as 70,000 people could be “trapped” in Greece** for weeks due to European countries shutting their borders, transforming that country into a holding pen for migrants desperate to leave. ([James McAuley and Karla Adam](#))
6. **House Republican leaders pitched a new budget plan in hopes of convincing conservatives to back a bipartisan spending agreement** struck last year – **but the right-wingers aren’t biting.** Republican leaders have made passing such a bill a top priority for the year, saying it would show the party’s ability to govern. ([Kelsey Snell](#))
7. You can die from a broken heart – and apparently, from a happy one too. **Researchers found that “broken heart syndrome,” which can be caused by sad or stressful events, can also be triggered by happy occasions.** ([Elahe Izadi](#))



Chuck Grassley (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

POWER PLAYERS IN THE NEWS:

-- Former Iowa Lt. Gov. and Secretary of Agriculture Patty Judge (D) will challenge Sen. Chuck Grassley (R) because of his refusal to even hold a confirmation hearing for President Obama's Supreme Court nominee. From [The Des Moines Register](#): "Judge said she was largely considering a run because of Grassley's stance on the court vacancy. 'I don't like this deliberate obstruction,' she said. 'Sen. Grassley owes us better. He's been with us a long time ... Maybe too long.' Kurt Meyer, a Democratic activist in Iowa, said Judge's history in politics could make her a credible [competitor.] 'If Patty gets into the race, it's going to shake things up a bit.' ... Grassley's re-election campaign spokesman Eric Woolson said he looked forward to contrasting their records. 'Judge was part of an administration soundly rejected after only one term,' he said. 'Iowans looked at her record and said, 'we don't want another day of that failed leadership.'"

-- **A new poll, however, shows Grassley remains relatively popular in Iowa:** The latest [Des Moines Register/Mediacom Iowa Poll](#) shows Grassley's approval rating at 57 percent, while just 28 percent say they disapprove of the job he's doing ... suggesting that even Iowans who are frustrated by Grassley's role in blocking the nomination proceedings aren't ready to deny him the seventh term he's seeking this fall. **But Obama carried Iowa twice, and Grassley now has a race on his hands.**

WAPO HIGHLIGHTS:

-- **“What Trump said under oath about the Trump University fraud claims — just weeks ago,”** by Tom Hamburger, Rosalind S. Helderman and Alice Crites: “Trump claims he has the ‘world's greatest memory,’ but when it came time this winter to give testimony in fraud cases filed against him and a real estate training program known as ‘Trump University,’ he displayed repeated inability to recall names and faces of instructors he claimed to have hired personally. **New depositions released Thursday show Trump spent considerable time personally engaged in litigation, even in the heat of the campaign ...** He sat for one deposition in New York in December from 10:05 am until 5:02 pm. He then sat again for nearly three hours in Vegas, concluding the deposition just before he appeared at a rally in the city ... **The depositions quote Trump acknowledging a lack of close involvement with mentors and students. ‘Did you do anything personally to confirm the expertise of any of the Trump University mentors?’ Trump was asked in the depositions. ‘No, I didn't,’** he responded.

-- **“What ever happened to all that money Trump raised for the veterans?”** by David A. Fahrenthold: “In January, Trump skipped a Republican debate and held his own event instead – a rally to raise money for veterans. ‘One hour. Six million dollars,’ said Trump. ‘The vets are amazing, amazing people.’ His fundraiser highlighted the candidate's remarkable ability to draw people, attention and money to any cause he chooses. **But the aftermath showed another side of Trump's campaign: its tendency to focus on front-end spectacle over back-end details.** In the days following, donations to veterans became campaign centerpiece ... He would frequently call **leaders of local charities onstage,**

hanging them a huge check in front of the cameras and the crowds. But more than a month later, only half of the money, roughly \$3 million, has been donated to veterans' charities ... And the rollout of contributions has raised questions about how long Trump would keep donated funds within the Trump Foundation, a personal charity whose gifts can boost his political brand."



Hillary speaks at her victory party in Miami on Tuesday. (Photo by Melina Mara/The Washington Post)

-- **The revelation that the Justice Department has granted immunity to Bryan Pagliano, a former State Department staff member who set up Hillary's private email server, is actually a likely indication that the investigation is nearing a conclusion and should not be read as a sign that the Democratic presidential candidate will face criminal charges.** From [Matt Zapotosky](#): "I wouldn't necessarily claim that someone has 'flipped' and is going to say a bunch of incriminating things about other people," said Justin Shur, a former deputy chief of the Justice Department's Public Integrity Section. 'It could be an indication that agents

and prosecutors are winding down an inquiry that will not result in charges.’ **As the FBI is looks to wrap up the Clinton inquiry — a criminal investigation of the possible mishandling of classified information —** in the coming months, there are **no outward signs that prosecutors have convened a grand jury**, a powerful tool allowing them to subpoena witnesses.”

MORE ON THE DEMOCRATIC RACE:



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-- **Sanders will participate in an hour-long town hall hosted by Fox News next week.**

Clinton has declined the invitation, and a Sanders' spokesman said there have been discussions involving having Trump participate instead. ([John Wagner](#))

-- **Clinton's tax proposal would raise \$1.1 trillion in new revenue over the next decade, according to a new study.**

Under Clinton's plan, the top 1 percent would pay for three quarters of the revenue gains, and the bottom 95 percent would see "very little change" in their taxes. Her plan mirrors the "Buffett rule," the concept advanced by investor Warren Buffett that people earning more than \$1 million should never pay a smaller share of their income in taxes than middle-class earners. ([Kelsey Snell](#))

-- **Clinton won the endorsement of the United Farm Workers,** the largest farmworkers union in the country. The union, which also endorsed Clinton in 2008, is active in ten states and has a largely Latino membership. ([AP](#))

-- **Sanders hit Clinton on U.S. trade policy, telling voters in Michigan that her trade policies have been a "disaster"** and ticking off a series of trade pacts that he had opposed and Clinton supported. ([John Wagner](#))

MORE ON THE REPUBLICAN RACE

-- Trump named Sen. **Jeff Sessions** (R-Ala.) the chairman of his "national security advisory committee."

-- **Caitlyn Jenner** said in [an interview with The Advocate](#) that, should Cruz win the nomination, she **would like to serve as a trans ambassador in the White House.**

-- **Trump told Fox News' Tony Snow in 1999 that "he wishes Bush would have finished the war" and toppled Saddam Hussein from power,** something he has vehemently denied on the trail. ([Buzzfeed](#))

-- **At the Conservative Political Action Conference, which is going on into the weekend, certain conservative leaders found it best not to speak of Trump at all.**

“Onstage, some politicians who had been openly critical of Trump opted not to mention his name. Sen. Ben Sasse (R-Neb.), one of the first elected Republicans to say he would never vote for Trump — and whose state holds caucuses this Saturday — asked activists to take the Constitution seriously, his Trump barbs carefully buried between the lines. ‘**I am anti-establishment, but we [don’t] need someone to breathe fire onto Washington,**’ he said.”
(David Weigel)

Matt Schlapp, chairman of the American Conservative Union (which puts on CPAC), said he believes the conservative base is realigning in the fact of Trump's rise. But he said that conservatives can't use adherence to principles as a reason to ignore what voters care about, because it will reduce the movement's impact on the political discourse and cause it to miss an opportunity to grow in numbers and influence. "We're going to be vigilant of our values,' he told the Washington Examiner's [David M. Drucker](#). "But we also have to listen to what's happening out there in the country, and the message [voters] are sending ... What I want to do is marry both of them together."

SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:

-- Rubio's best moment of the night came when Cruz and Trump were arguing.

“Donald has a tenuous relationship with the truth,” Cruz said.

As Trump responded with an insult, Cruz replied calmly: “Breathe, breathe, breathe, you can do it. I know it’s hard.”

Rubio jumped in: “When they’re done with the yoga, can I answer a question?”

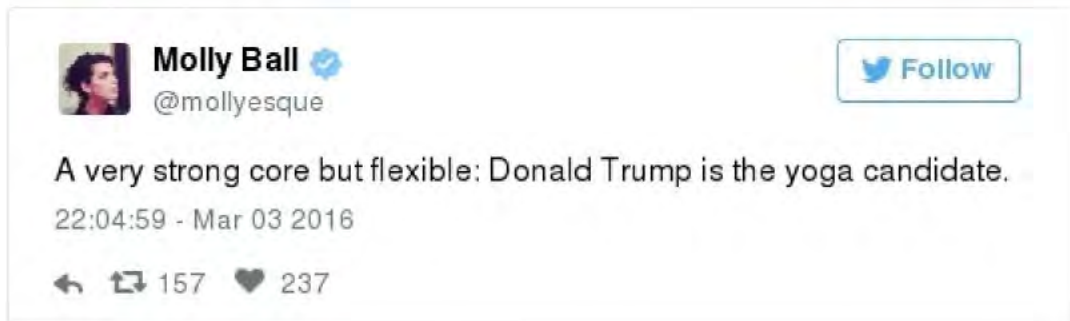
“I hope we don’t see yoga on this stage,” Cruz said.

“Well, he’s very flexible, so you never know,” Rubio said.

The crowd roared. And the Rubio campaign quickly tried to raise money off of it:



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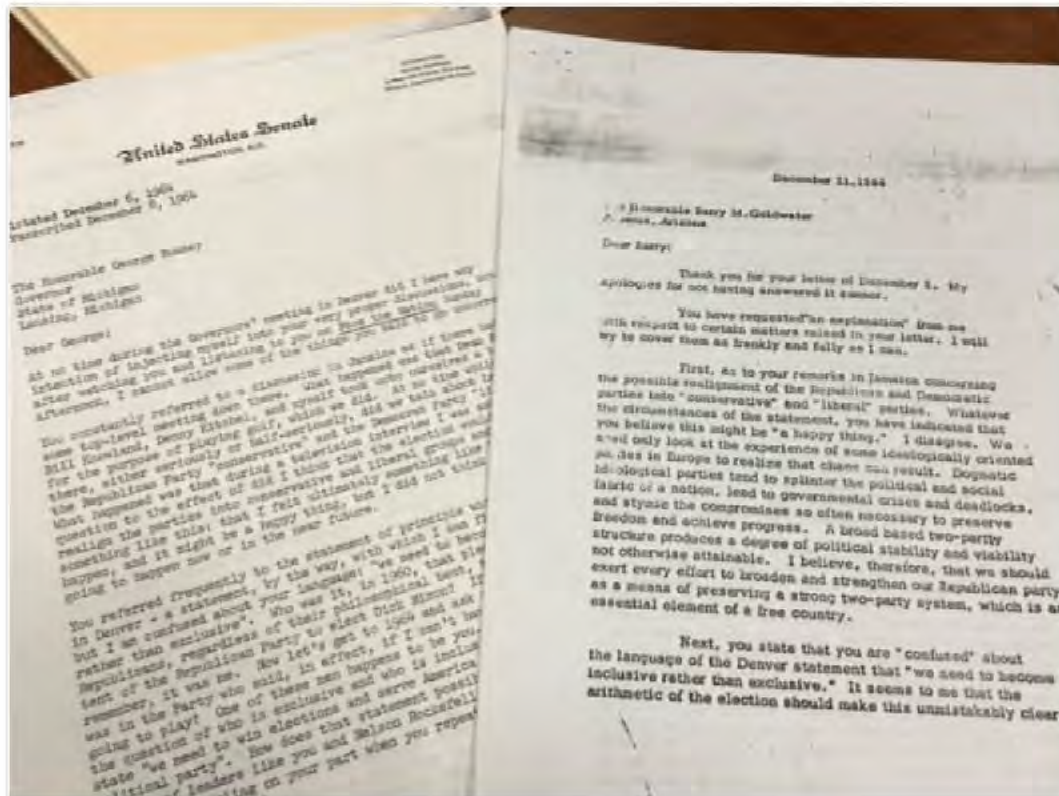
Romney defended his pursuit of Trump's support in 2012:



Mitt's body man during the 2012 election claimed that Trump told Romney to use birther rhetoric because "rightwing crazies will believe it."



Flashback: When party elites were freaked out about Barry Goldwater in 1964, moderate Michigan Gov. George Romney said he would not support him as the GOP nominee.



Chris Donovan 
@chrisdonovan



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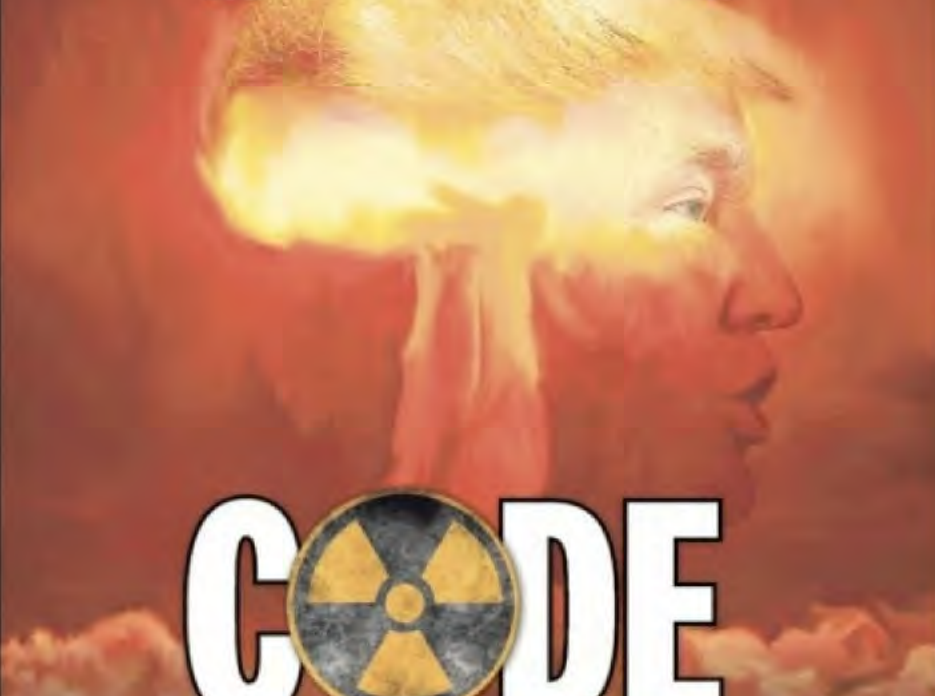
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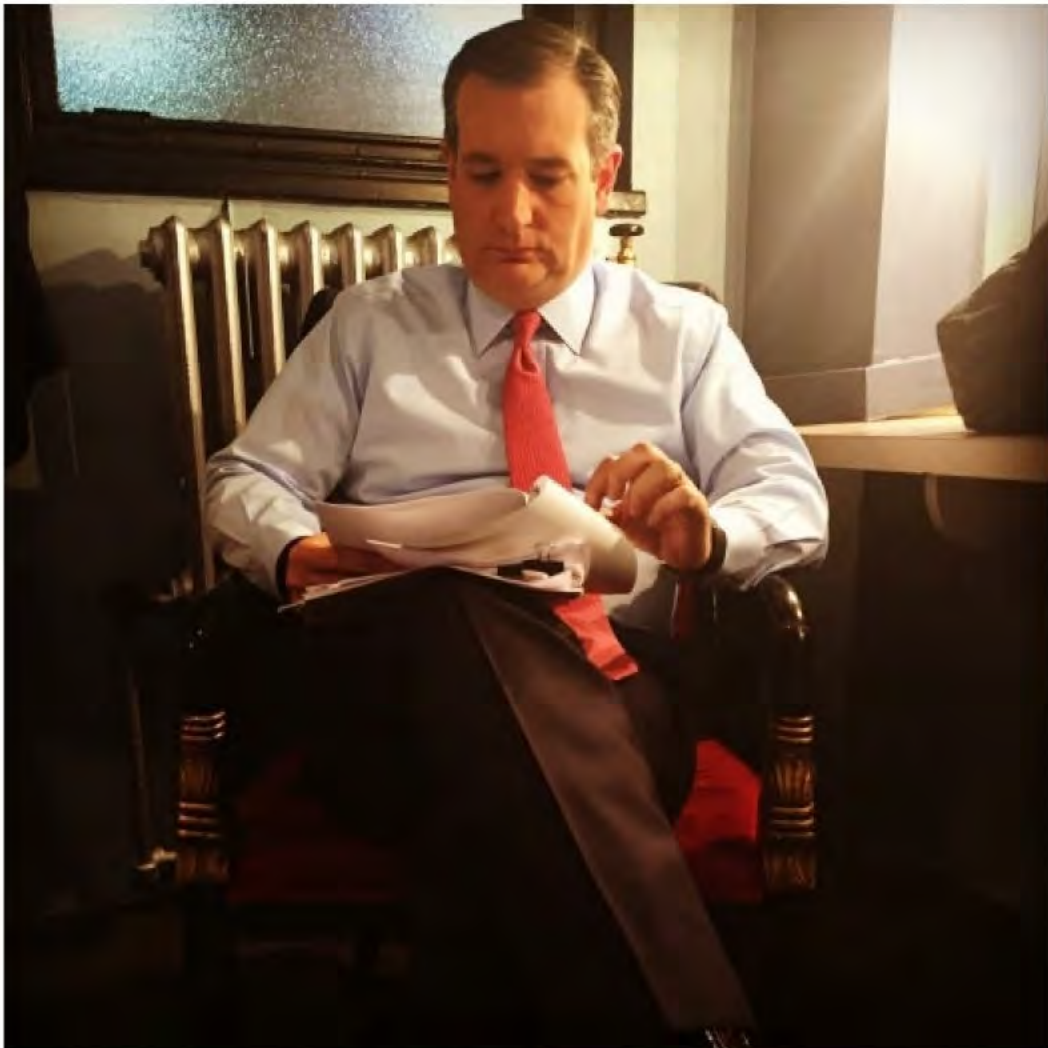
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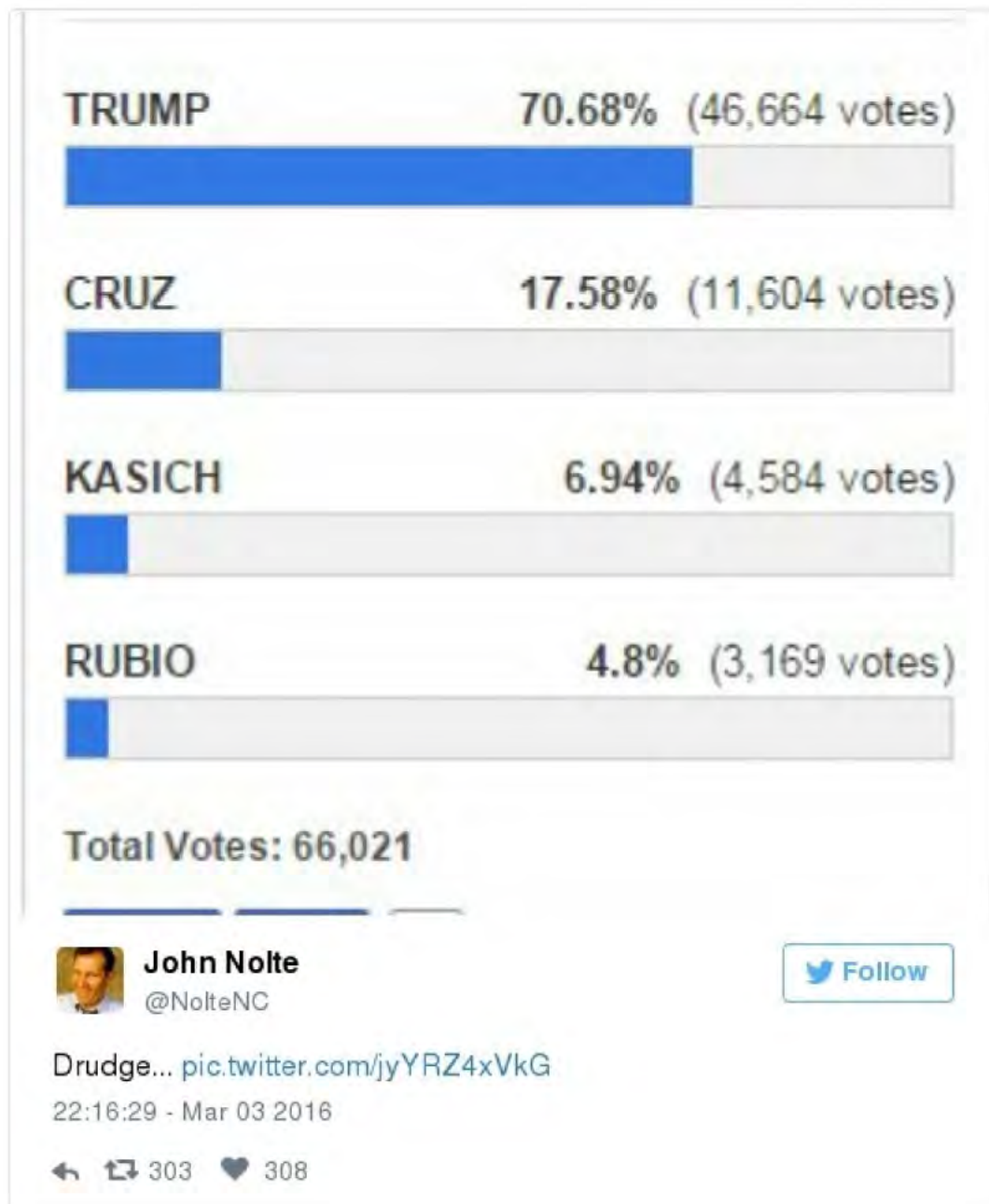
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Trump supporters love to vote in online polls:



-- Hundreds of protestors rallied outside of the debate in Detroit, chanting "Flint lives matter," and demanding attention be paid to civil rights issues. ([USA Today](#))



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A fun selfie with Congressman Castro, Senator Gillibrand and Chelsea Clinton. We all spoke tonight along with Congressman Kennedy at an event for HRC tonight.

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And enjoyed his first dinner back on earth:



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My first dinner on #Earth! I'm often asked what food I missed most while away on my #YearInSpace. I missed the dining experience on Earth more than a specific food. I also missed my friends and family. #backonearth #dinner #mealtime #gravity #home

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David Cicilline bumped into some VEEP cast members:



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HOT ON THE LEFT

ICYMI: How three fierce female justices took control of the Supreme Court. From Slate: "It felt as if, for the first time in history, the gender playing field at the high court was finally leveled, and as a consequence the court's female justices were emboldened to just ignore the rules ... It's hard to imagine President Obama conjuring up, from even the darkest, most devious underground lab, a new justice who would be half as fierce as the four-car train of whoop-ass we saw today."

HOT ON THE RIGHT

Caitlyn Jenner wants to be a trans ambassador for Ted Cruz. From the Huffington Post: "Caitlyn Jenner told The Advocate that she's vying to be named America's 'trans ambassador' if Cruz is elected president in November ... 'I think he's very conservative, and a great constitutionalist, and a very articulate man,' she said. She does, however, take issue with the GOP presidential hopeful's evangelical Christian beliefs and that, consequently, he's 'probably

one of the worst ones when it comes to trans issues."

DAYBOOK:

On the campaign trail: Lots of candidates are in Michigan. Here's the rundown:

- Clinton: Detroit, Mich.
- Sanders: Edwardsville, Ill.; Traverse City, Allendale, Mich.
- Trump: Warren, Cadillac, Mich.; New Orleans, La.
- Rubio: Berryton, Wichita, Overland Park, Kan.
- Cruz: Orono, Maine; National Harbor, Md.; Mandeville, La.
- Kasich: Holland, Mich.

At the White House: President Obama meets with Secretary of State John Kerry.

On Capitol Hill: The Senate and House are adjourned until Monday.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"I want everyone to know for those who were concerned: **I wasn't being held hostage**, I wasn't upset. I wasn't angry. I wasn't despondent," Chris Christie said during a news conference in Trenton. "I was not sitting up there thinking, 'Oh, my God, what have I done?'" (Katie Zezima)

NEWS YOU CAN USE IF YOU LIVE IN D.C.:

-- **Don't ditch the hat or gloves just yet.** The [Capital Weather Gang](#) forecasts: "Snow showers taper off fairly quick early this morning if they're not already done as you wake up. One exception may be around St. Mary's County where a winter storm warning was hoisted late night. Even there, it shouldn't last too long. But dress for breeziness in the storm's wake. A few patchy icy spots may remain in spots before the sun rises high above the horizon. Clouds hang tough early, though they should be in full on breaking mode during the afternoon."

High temperatures in the near 40 to mid-40s range gives any necessary melting some assistance.”

-- **School closures:** Page County Schools, Prince William County Schools, Providence Christian Academy

-- **Two-hour delays:** Calvert County Schools, Certified Learning Centers, Christ Chapel Academy (OPENS AT 10 AM), Colonial Beach Public Schools, Fredericksburg Public Schools, King George County Public Schools, Manassas City School, Matthew's Center for Visual Learning, Mt. Carmel Christian Academy, Shenandoah University (OPENS AT 9 AM), Spotsylvania County Schools, St. Mary's County Schools, Stafford County Schools, Star of Bethlehem Christian Academy

-- **A man in Manassas was charged after firing shots at moving vehicles.** No one was injured, and police are continuing to search for a believed second suspect in the case. (Clarence Williams)

-- **FUN FRIDAY READ**, from [Julie Zauzmer](#): "Forget the campaign going on in the rest of the country. Jesse and Jennifer Nielsen are in the midst of a presidential election within their own household. Should they vote for Reagan? Opt for Kennedy? The Arlington couple needs to choose a presidential namesake for their fourth child. The Niensens have three children, all named for presidents: Grant, 4, for Ulysses S., who was in the White House from 1869 to 1877; Madison, 2, for our fourth president, James; and little girl McKinley, 1, named for William, who was elected in 1896. They're expecting their fourth in May. Since five presidents have shared surnames with a predecessor, the Niensens are down to [just 36 options](#) to choose from." *So cute. So D.C.*



Jennifer Nielsen, left to right, poses for a portrait with her children, Grant Nielson, 4, Madison "Maddie" Nielson, 2, McKinley Nielsen, 1, and Jennifer's husband, Jesse, at the family's home in Arlington. (Photo by Matt McClain/ The Washington Post)

VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

Bill O'Reilly's had an awkward post-debate interview with Trump on the debate stage. "You've become very negative, I do think," Trump said. "Me? Why? Why would I do that?" O'Reilly asked. "You'll have to ask your psychiatrist," said Trump. "But I think you've become very negative." *Watch:*



Donald Trump reacts to the GOP debate in Detroit

Watch kids react to Trump:



KIDS REACT TO DONALD TRUMP

Because he has a cold, Rubio avoided shaking the hands of his rivals at the end of the debate. Instead he gave elbow bumps.



Trump and Rubio nearly made the mistake of shaking each other's hands.

Some debaters goofed off when they realized they were on camera:



finally someone dabbled at a presidential debate

Watch the highlights from Mitt's Trump take-down:



Mitt Romney's speech on Donald Trump in less than 3 minutes

Conan O'Brien poked fun at Christie's hostage face:



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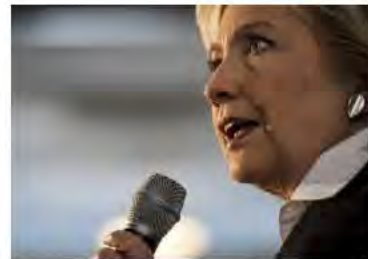
The GOP front-runner captured the night's top contests despite intense attacks against him.

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Fact checking the Hillary Clinton email controversy

Here's a roundup of the 10 fact checks we have done on the controversy since it burst into view a year ago.

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Trump is projected to win Hawaii's Republican caucuses

Billionaire Donald Trump is projected to win the Republican presidential caucuses in Hawaii, the Associated Press reports. This is a developing story. It will be updated.

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Cruz is projected to win Idaho's Republican primary

Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas is projected to win the Republican presidential primary in Idaho, the Associated Press reports. This is a developing story. It will be updated.

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Clinton won Mississippi earlier in the day. Trump wins Michigan and Mississippi.

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Sanders is projected to win Michigan's Democratic primary

Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont is projected to win the Democratic presidential primary in Michigan, defeating Hillary Clinton in an unexpectedly close race, the Associated Press reports. This is a developing story. It will be updated.

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Kasich elbows past Rubio with last-minute Michigan surge

Ohio governor comes in second in Michigan, getting a portion of the delegates, looks forward to primary in his home state, Pennsylvania.

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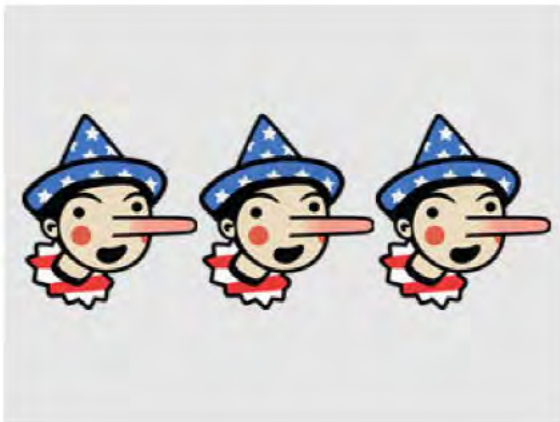
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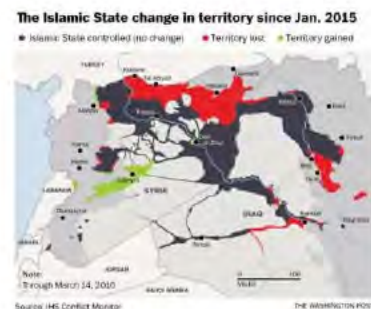
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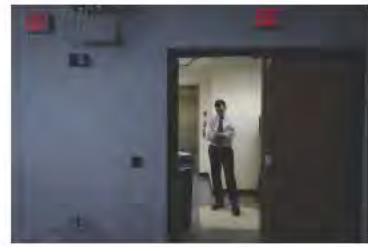
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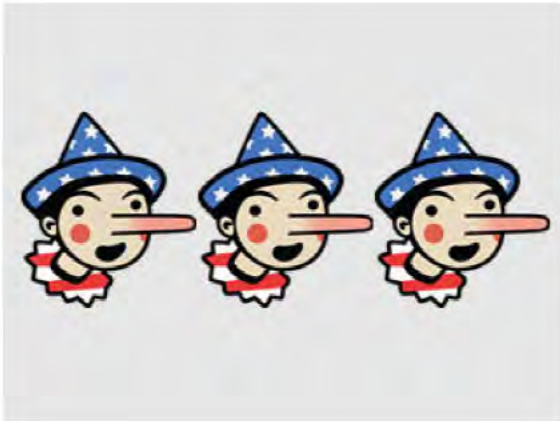


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