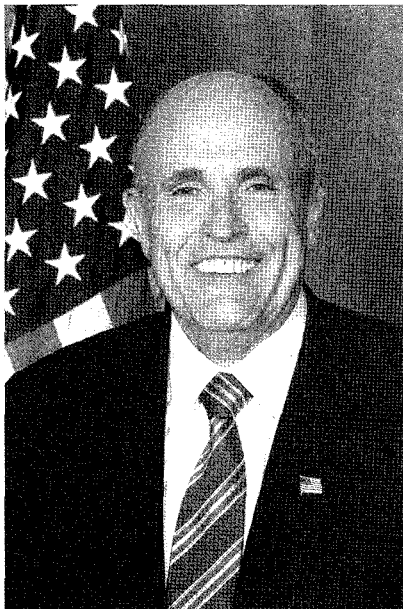


RUDY GIULIANI is the kind of leader who should appeal to conservatives in search of a candidate with executive leadership experience and a proven record of results. The stakes for the upcoming presidential election are incredibly high. We need a president who will keep our country safe and keep our economy moving forward. As we move through the presidential nominating process with the California primary on February 5, it is critical that Republicans select a candidate whom we trust to deliver results and who can win the race against the Democrats in November.

Mayor Giuliani is the only candidate in this cycle I've seen with the executive experience needed to step in on day one and be ready to lead this country. Not only did Rudy lead one of the nation's largest governments while he was mayor of New York City, but he was an effective common sense executive who found solutions to problems that others said were unsolvable.

Rudy is the true fiscal conservative candidate in the



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race. In fact, George Will has called Rudy's time as mayor of New York "the most successful episode of conservative governance in this country in the last 50 years." That testimonial is not simply a recognition of his unmatched fiscal record, but is a statement borne of the understanding that Rudy, for years, fought on the front

lines of the culture war — in the very heart of American liberalism.

If you look at each candidate's accomplishments, it is clear that Rudy Giuliani is the true fiscal conservative. Like Ronald Reagan, a fiscal conservative is someone

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John McCain knows from personal experience that war is a terrible thing, but not the worst thing.

— *John Allan Peschong*

who can lower taxes, limit government spending, and grow the economy in the face of difficult challenges. With Democrat control of Congress, it would seem to be a nearly impossible task in Washington, D.C., these days, but one man did it in a place that it may have been even tougher: New York City.

Americans across the nation are looking for a leader committed to ending runaway government spending. Rudy Giuliani is the only proven conservative leader running for president who can reform our budget process. He knows that our country needs strong fiscal management and his remarkable record as the reform-minded, two-term mayor of America's largest city backs up his commitment.

Mayor Giuliani has committed to the American people to budget like a business and make government more honest, accountable, and transparent. He will demand cost estimates for all legislation before it is voted on so taxpayers know how Congress is spending their money. Rudy also pledges to replace only half of the federal workers scheduled to retire over the next 10 years. This dramatic reduction will bring about a more efficient, effective workforce and save taxpayers an estimated \$21 billion each year.

Rudy will bring transparency to the federal government by supporting an end to congressional earmarks that drive up the cost and size of government. By cutting taxes, controlling spending, and limiting the size of government, Rudy turned a deficit into a surplus, all while balancing the city's budget.

THOSE WHO remember New York City prior to Rudy's tenure recall its depraved conditions. Prostitutes and porn shops lined Times Square, the heart of the city. Violent criminals ran roughshod over defenseless tourists and residents alike, turning America's most recognizable city into what some called the crime capital of the Western world. Drug dealers, beggars, the infamous "squeegee men" — they all contributed to the moral decay of what was once a proud, vibrant, and dynamic American city. And more than one million New Yorkers — one of every seven residents — was on welfare.

And the one million citizens on welfare? More than 640,000 of them were moved from the public dole to the private sector payroll.

BUT TIMES SQUARE is a dramatically different place today, as is almost all of New York. That is no accident. Rudy systematically went after the root causes of the dramatic social decline that had occurred in New York, and he did it successfully. Rudy's career fighting crime is well-documented. As mayor, Rudy significantly reduced crime making New York City the safest large city in America. As president he will do the same.

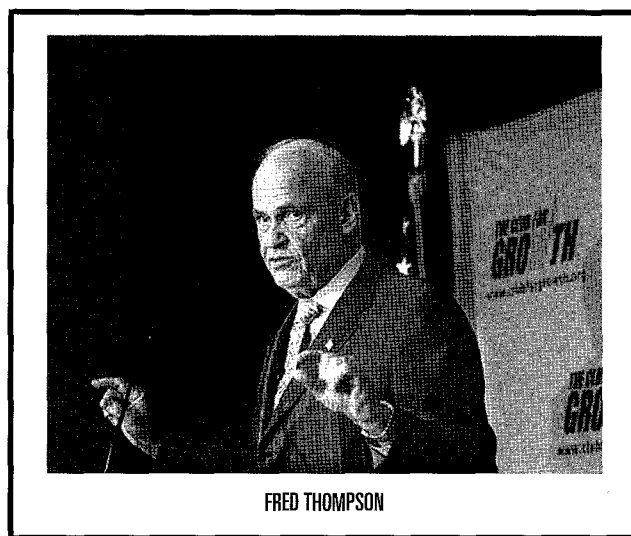
Rudy is committed to keeping America on the offense in the Terrorists' War on Us. He understands that the "terrorists are at war with us," even though many Democrats refuse to realize this. Rudy is committed to ensuring that every community in America is prepared for terrorist attacks and natural disasters. He emphasizes the role of state and local governments, reducing bureaucracy and thereby empowering local law enforcement and first responders. With less focus on centralized control we will be able to focus on coordinating and training local governments to prepare and respond to disasters.

Our many areas of agreement manifest themselves in many of Rudy's other commitments to the American people. Rudy is the strongest supporter of school choice in the race. His health care reforms would transform our health care system so that Americans could choose to keep their employer-based health insurance or, if they prefer, purchase insurance that better suits their needs. Rudy has committed to implementing the Adam Walsh Act and defending our children from sexual predators and child pornography. With his experience in law enforcement, he's by far the best candidate to get this done.

The truth is, while there may be disagreements with Rudy on some social issues there is much common ground not only on these issues, but also on critical issues such as the economy and homeland security. He shares our concerns and is eager to work with conservatives to achieve real results and move our country forward.

CHUCK DeVORE THOMPSON: THE CONSERVATIVE IN THIS RACE

I—ALONG WITH the largest contingent of Republican state lawmakers supporting any presidential candidate — am backing Senator Fred Thompson for the Republican presidential nomination. What do many of us see in Sen. Thompson's candidacy?



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Well, before I go into my reasons for supporting Thompson, I think it appropriate to state why I did *not* endorse any of the other gentlemen who have been running for the most part of what seems like a decade now.

I'll limit my critique to the four front running candidates. As of this writing, national polling shows Rudy Giuliani in the lead with the support of a little more than a quarter of Republicans, followed by Fred Thompson, then John McCain and Mitt Romney, and lastly, Mike Huckabee at just over five percent.

We'll start with "America's Mayor" Rudy Giuliani. A CBS News Poll completed October 16 appears to indicate a substantial weakening of Giuliani's support, with six in ten of his backers manifesting growing doubts about his candidacy. Why this dramatic weakening of Republican support? Perhaps because rank-and-file Republicans are finally becoming acquainted with Mr. Giuliani, a man who supports federal funding for abortions, made New York City a sanctuary city for illegal immigrants, and, as Thompson charged in the October 21 debate, Giuliani is "... for gun control. He supported Mario Cuomo, a liberal Democrat, against a Republican who was running for governor, then opposed the [Republican] governor's tax cuts [Giuliani] sides with Hillary Clinton on each of those issues."

Indeed, apart from being an articulate defender of America and Western Civilization in general during a time of conflict with radical Islam, what is the former mayor known for? A Democrat and an independent in the 1970s, Giuliani switched parties to join the Reagan Administration in 1981. When he first ran for mayor and lost in 1989, he ran as both Republican and Liberal Party nominee. New York's Conservative Party backed Giuliani's primary opponent, noting that the Liberal

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