

Sen. Ted Cruz Wins Values Voter Summit Straw Poll

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 12, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- U.S. Senator Ted Cruz (R-Texas) has won Family Research Council Action's 2013 Values Voter Summit Straw Poll, receiving 42 percent of the votes cast. Dr.

Ben Carson

finished in second place, with one vote separating him from former Sen.

Rick Santorum

(R-Pa.). They each finished with 13 percent of the vote. Sen.

Rand Paul

(R-Ky.) came in fourth and Sen.

Marco Rubio

(R-Fl.) came in fifth, with six percent and five percent respectively.

Dr. Carson won the vice presidential straw poll, with 21 percent of votes cast. Sen. Cruz came in second with 17 percent and Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-Minn.) was third with nine percent of the vote.

Over 2,200 people were registered for the eighth annual Values Voter Summit. Only FRC Action members who were present at the event were allowed to vote.

Family Research Council Action President Tony Perkins released the following statement in reaction to the 2013 Values Voter Summit Straw Poll:

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"The Values Voter straw poll reveals what conservative, Republican-leaning voters are looking for in a potential candidate. Values voters are looking for those who will refuse to be bound by the 'can't mentality' of the establishment and will challenge the status quo.

"In short, values voters, many of whom did not fully engage in the last election, are looking for a leader that will inspire them by challenging President Obama and speak clearly and directly to the challenges facing America," Perkins said.

The following are the straw poll results:

Presidential Candidate Name

Votes

Percentage

Senator Ted Cruz

317

42%

Dr. Ben Carson

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102

13%

Senator Rick Santorum

101

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Senator Rand Paul

49

6%

Senator Marco Rubio

36

5%

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Congressman Paul Ryan

31

4%

Governor Mike Huckabee

27

4%

Governor Mike Pence

23

3%

Congresswoman Michele Bachmann

16

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2%

Governor Rick Perry

12

2%

Governor Chris Christie

9

1%

Write In Candidate

8

1%

Governor Scott Walker

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8

1%

Governor Bobby Jindal

7

1%

Governor Jeb Bush

6

1%

Speaker Newt Gingrich

4

1%

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Governor Susana Martinez

2

0%

Senator Mike Lee

2

0%

Governor Sam Brownback

1

0%

Senator Hillary Clinton

1

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0%

Vice Presidential Candidate Responses:

Candidate Name

Votes

Percentage

Dr. Ben Carson

161

21%

Senator Ted Cruz

127

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17%

Congresswoman Michele Bachmann

72

9%

Senator Rand Paul

64

8%

Senator Marco Rubio

56

7%

Senator Rick Santorum

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55

7%

Congressman Paul Ryan

41

5%

Governor Scott Walker

32

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Governor Mike Huckabee

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Senator Mike Lee

26

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Congressman Eric Cantor

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Senator Hillary Clinton

1

0%

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