



Here's how conservatives ripped Donald Trump in National Review

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Talk about a civil war.

National Review, a conservative magazine that's been published since 1955, is grabbing attention on the political scene for dedicating an entire issue to bashing Donald Trump's presidential candidacy. The issue, its cover emblazoned with the words "Against Trump," features a host of essays on why the real-estate mogul shouldn't be the Republican nominee, or president.

The issue led to the publication's being un-invited to partner with the Republican National Committee at an upcoming GOP debate, and lands as antipathy towards Trump rival Ted Cruz is mounting from the likes of former Sen. Bob Dole. Trump, predictably, is trashing the magazine right back. Here's a sample of what the magazine says about Trump:

From the editorial: "Trump is a philosophically unmoored political opportunist who would trash the broad conservative ideological consensus within the GOP in favor of a free-floating populism with strong-man overtones." It goes on to say his political opinions have wobbled "all over the lot," and that he's supported abortion rights, gun control and punitive taxes on the wealthy.

David Boaz, executive vice president of the Cato Institute, writes Trump's campaign would have appalled Ronald Reagan and other Republicans. He whacks Trump for "know-nothing protectionism" and defending eminent domain.

Even Trump's personal life isn't off-limits. Russell Moore, president of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, writes that Trump "has abandoned one wife after another for a younger woman," and made millions off a casino industry that "destroys families."

Trump brushed off the hit job with a few tweets. He's also simultaneously keeping up an attack on Cruz, his closest rival, as Republican figures including Dole and Sen. Orrin Hatch rip the Texas senator. Hatch bluntly said "I think we'll lose if he's our nominee," while Dole told the New York Times "nobody likes" Cruz and that Trump could probably work with Congress since "he's got the right personality and he's kind of a deal-maker." Here's what Trump's been saying: Trump is narrowly leading Cruz in polls of Iowa Republicans, with a little more than a week to go until the state's first-in-the-nation caucuses on Feb. 1.