

Let's Be Real: Who Wants To Be President?

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This weekend we heard that both Mike Huckabee and Donald Trump will not be seeking the GOP nomination for President. They're just the latest in a growing number of potential Republican candidates saying "thanks, but no thanks." I'm beginning to wonder: doesn't anyone out there want this job?

Okay...Ron Paul, Newt Gingrich and Mitt Romney all want to be president, but I'm talking about the top tier guys who don't, like former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee and Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour. They're both out. Indiana's governor Mitch Daniels is not out, but not in either.

And remember Democrats just lost 66 seats in the House and the current president's approval is back down to 46 percent. Yet, top notch GOP challengers

are in short supply? What's wrong with this picture?

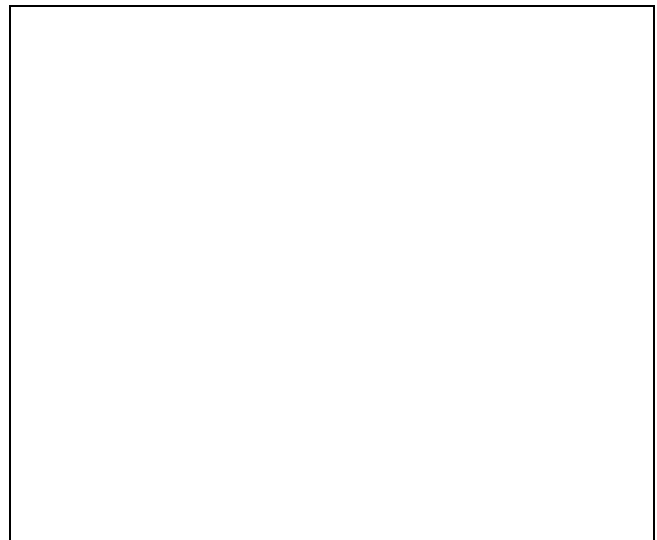
John Samples, an analyst with the conservative Cato Institute, says it may be a pretty simple cost benefit analysis. Running for president costs you just about everything: 100 percent of your time, privacy and **energy** until November 2012. Then, if you win, you get to fix the deficit, cut popular entitlements and finish up the war in Afghanistan. Nice.

Make no mistake-- President Obama can be whopped, especially if the economy stays down and **gasprices** stay up. But New Jersey Governor Chris Christie put it this way: "I don't feel like getting in an airplane in November or December for the next two years of my life. It's just not what I want to do."

And let's be real...can you blame him?

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