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Huckleberries Online Santorum Visits Coeur d'Alene

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Which local Republican group will celebrate the most winners in the GOP Primary Tuesday:

- United Conservatives of North Idaho
- Reagan Republicans
- Reasonable Republicans

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Presidential candidate Rick Santorum is speaking to a packed house at the Coeur d'Alene Resort Events Center (at the golf course) as I type this. I don't know the two people to the far left seated behind him. But Hagadone Hospitality partner Jerry Jaeger, then Tina Jacobson, Katie Brodie, and Ruthie Johnson. (SR photo: Jesse Tinsley)

SReporter Jonathan Brunt (@bruntjon) & Chris Stein of the Inlander (@InlanderChris) are live-tweeting Santorum visit:

- 1:27 p.m. Finishes after nearly an hour and a half — Brunt.
- 1:27 p.m. "I hope the conservative bastion of Idaho speaks loudly" on Super Tuesday — Brunt.
- 1:26 p.m. As he wraps up urged people to become delegates. Calls Idaho Iowa — Stein.
- 1:25 p.m. "Why do we let people at age 62 to collect" Social Security benefits? — Brunt.
- 1:21 p.m. "[Obama] thinks that you are incapable of freedom" — Stein.
- 1:19 p.m. Santorum talks about welfare reform, audience claps for requirement to look for work. Says would be model for other programs — Stein.
- 1:17 p.m. Corrects himself before almost making an "Iowa" reference instead of Idaho — Brunt.
- 1:15 p.m. backs foreign aid, says money spent in country. "Not the panacea some people think... Entitlements are the problem" — Stein.
- 1:13 p.m. Would reduce federal pay 10 percent "across the board" — Brunt.
- *Much more below*

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- 1:13 p.m. Santorum says won't cut defense, leave as-is in budget. References Defense Sec. Leon Panetta — Stein.
- 1:12 p.m. Rips on Ron Paul without using his name for Paul's criticism of defense spending — Brunt.
- 1:10 p.m. "I am a believer in the flat tax at the corporate level" — Brunt.
- 1:08 p.m. "Not a big fan of" Endangered Species Act — Brunt.
- 1:07 p.m. Says will "fire all the Czars" if in office to loud applause — Stein.
- 1:05 p.m. Lots of jokes about sweater vests — Stein.
- 1:05 p.m. "There is an open hostility to religion in this administration, and: Santorum offends says "rights given by" then let's audience say "God". Seems key to his message — Stein.
- 1:02 p.m. Santorum calls TSA "harassment agency of all time" says will instead "profile folks who are most likely to harm" country (huge applause for TSA comment) — Stein
- 12:58 p.m. Obama has tried "to embrace Castro and Chavez" — Brunt.
- 12:55 p.m. Santorum: European Union Issues many "Obama-like edicts" and undermines the culture of many European countries, and: I don't think we should be bailing them out (Greece and other countries with debt problems) — Brunt.
- 12:51 p.m. Speaker wishes #Santorum happy Valentines, calls him "hardest working politician" in modern history — Stein.
- 12:48 p.m. Santorum criticizing Obama on environment. "It turns out man made global warming wasn't climate science. It was political science" — Stein.
- 12:40 p.m. "I do not believe life begins at conception. I know life begins at conception." Loud applause — Stein.
- 12:38 p.m. "My policy's not going to be called Santorumcare. It's called YouCare" — Brunt.
- 12:37 p.m. Taking audience questions — Brunt.
- 12:36 p.m. Criticizing Romney Idea to do waiver for healthcare overhaul as "insincere." "California's not going to waive it" — Stein.
- 12:35 p.m. "Government spending is overously not doing the trick" — Brunt.
- 12:33 p.m. Santorum promises that government will shrink each year he is president — Brunt.
- 12:33 p.m. Obama "just dodesn't want to reduce government. Well, I do" — Brunt.
- 12:31 p.m. Standing ovation when #Santorum says he is the best qualified to run against Obama — Stein.
- 12:30 p.m. Obamacare "is the best example of crushing the business community in this country" — Brunt.
- 12:28 p.m. "This is our chance" ... "to roll back all of those huge and oppressive government regulations" — Brunt.
- 12:25 p.m. "if we don't win this election Obamacare will be implemented and if Obamacare is implemented America as I describe it will be no more" — Stein
- 12:22 p.m. This election is about the economy and jobs, "but ultimately it is about the role of government in your lives" — Brunt.
- 12:21 p.m. Santorum criticizing #Obama admin for arguing against ministerial exception in hiring. "who are these people?" Crowd responds, "Dictators" — Stein.
- 12:19 p.m. future of Obama's America is "people holed up in their homes at night who look to the government to sustain them" — Brunt.
- 12:16 p.m. Santorum gets big applause when he talks about homeschooling his kids: "I fit into Idaho pretty well" — Brunt.
- 12:10 p.m. Crowd seems solidly supportive of Santorum message, clapping often — Stein.
- 12:09 p.m. Events center employee says people started showing up at 830 a.m. — Stein.

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- 12:07 p.m. Santorum in CDA the Constitution exists to: "protect one thing and that's to protect the rights given to you by God" — Brunt.
- 12:05 p.m. Packed house of more than 500 — Stein.

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Dennis on February 14 at 12:33 p.m.

Looks like a "Star Wars" convention.



Phaedrus on February 14 at 12:34 p.m.

Mom jeans and a sweater vest. Hal

Is Tina Jacobsen wearing a camouflage skirt?



DFO on February 14 at 12:35 p.m.

Can anyone identify the two people are the far left?



poolman on February 14 at 12:44 p.m.

I can pretty much guarantee there is not a single person in that room on the far left.



Phaedrus on February 14 at 12:45 p.m.

Can anyone identify the two people are the far left?

dfc, they're a figment of your imagination; nobody at a Santorum event is on the far left.



Phaedrus on February 14 at 12:48 p.m.

"My polly's not going to be called Santorumcare, it's called YouCare"

"YouCare" because I don't.



Phaedrus on February 14 at 12:52 p.m.

I do not believe life begins at conception. I know life begins at conception.

Can someone explain to him the difference between faith and facts? If not he'll just be the beginning of the Theocracy, kinda like Khomenie was for Iran.



Spudbob on February 14 at 12:53 p.m.

What does the sign behind Santorum say? I can't read all of it.

Does it say, "CARNAGE for America"?



DFO on February 14 at 12:57 p.m.

Ⓢ Phaedrus & Poolman re: "they're a figment of your imagination; nobody at a Santorum event is on the far left."

I know this was coming the moment I set that one up on the tee. Still, I was hoping against hope someone would provide the IDs. Aka ...



Does it say, "CARNAGE for America"?

FTW



Phaedrus on February 14 at 1:08 p.m.

I knew this was coming the moment I set that one up on the tee. -dfo!

And I appreciate that.



coeurd on February 14 at 1:12 p.m.

That is Philippe Baker with Hecla on the far left.



DFO on February 14 at 1:21 p.m.

@ Coeurid ... I've had 2 people email to say that's Dan Pinkerton of Pinkerton Retirement Specialists. At least we've narrowed the field to two possibilities.



Phaedrus on February 14 at 1:23 p.m.

That is not Phil Baker.



The Seer on February 14 at 1:32 p.m.

Santorum trotted out Castro?

Someone on his staff needs to update his lexicon of current manufactured boogymen. However, I don't blame him for pandering to North Idaho's influential Cuban community.

I'm guessing the woman beside Baker is Santorum's wife. She has that classic adoring and servile countenance deemed requisite for right wing candidate wives. Nancy Reagan raised it to the stratosphere, followed closely by Laura Bush. Their secret appears to be a carefully prepared elixir of valium, robutaxin, complete lack of empathy, and undying fealty to the misogyny their husbands seek to expand.



Stryphus on February 14 at 1:39 p.m.

Nothing says carpet begger like a sweater vest in cowboy boots. What does he do for a living? I'd respect him more if he did the tequila dance.



duroc on February 14 at 1:44 p.m.

What I find most irritating/disturbing/hilarious about his comment regarding "it won't be called SantorumCare, it'll be called YouCare" is that it implies that Obama is such an egomaniac (a popular theme on talk radio) that he named it ObamaCare, after himself, rather than Obama's political opponents coming up with that term as an insult.

So, is Santorum really that ill-informed, or is he simply insulting the intelligence of North Idaho's conservatives? Or is he as willfully-ignorant about that fact as he is with the fact that we don't live in a theocracy?



duroc on February 14 at 1:47 p.m.

Agree about the fashion "statement," Slayphus, and I wonder: do all presidential nominees get advice from their campaign managers along these lines - "Whenever you appear in public anywhere from Denver on West, make certain you've got your cowboy boots on! The locals will think you're 'keepin' it real," because it's the only type of shoes they wear out there."

I will say this much: At least the flag is in its proper place at this rally (on a pole and in a stand, rather than draped over the front of a podium and dragging on the floor).



Spudbob on February 14 at 1:52 p.m.

"The_Seer"

Wow! Beautifully descriptive and forid writing! A tip of the Hello hat to you.

also: "North Idaho's influential Cuban community" Too funny! Usted es el hombre!



Was on February 14 at 2:11 p.m.

This guy in no way is presidential material. Just as pitiful as Bachmen.



mingardener on February 14 at 3:28 p.m.

Duroc, I'd say he's willfully ignorant because he wants a theocracy but doesn't want to say so out loud.



almostinnocentbystander on February 14 at 3:31 p.m.

Is that the missing \$10,000 from Kootenai County Central Committee funds actually stuffed inside Tina's blouse??? Let's not try to find out.

←



Phaedrus on February 14 at 3:33 p.m.

Is that the missing \$10,000 from Kootenai County Central Committee funds—ah

Missing funds? Do tell.

←



McGruber on February 14 at 3:47 p.m.

That's Dan Pinkerton on the left side of photo. Curious that Katie Brodey who represents Gov. Otter is there on the date since the Gov. very publicly has endorsed Romney. And Tina J. representing the GOP in Kootenai County induces a gag reflex.

←



OutofStateTater on February 14 at 3:50 p.m.

Yes, do tell, Bystander. Tina's missing funds at the local GOP, Sheriff Mack and John Birch Society are coming to town, things are getting interesting around here.

←



It's not everyday that a candidate for national office who is MORE CONSERVATIVE than the locals comes to Idaho.



almostinnocentbystander on February 14 at 6:25 p.m.

@Phaed - the treasury has gone a little tight and Mistress Tina is not allowing the treasurer report to go into the minutes (which seems common practice). Let me rephrase that ... a whole Boat load of money is missing and Tina won't let anyone see the books. Doesn't she make her living as a bookkeeper? Did you just see where Idaho is high on the list for embezzlement? Not that any of that is related or anything ...

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