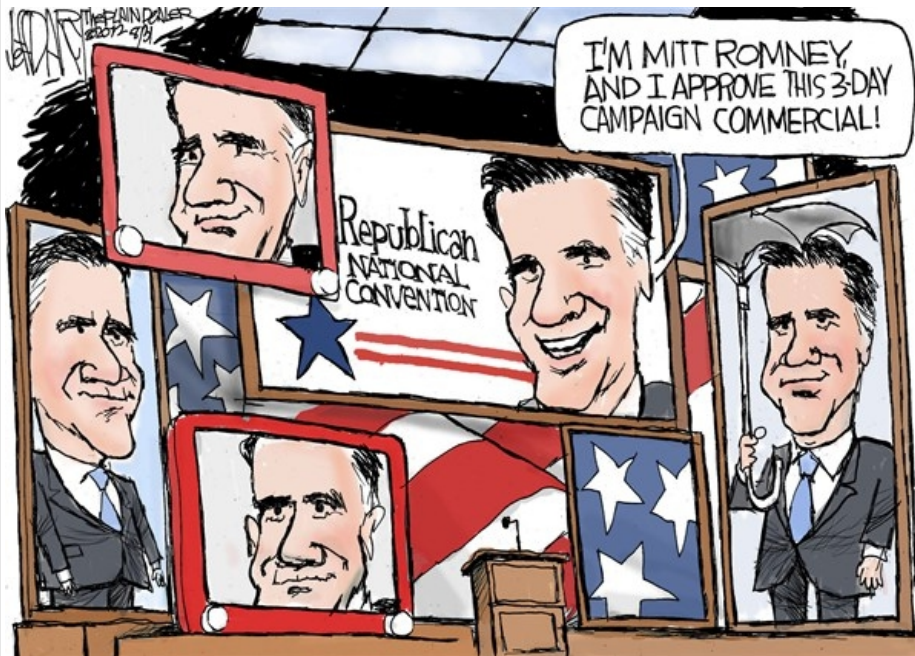


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What's the point of conventions?



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Talking points

1. Once upon a time, presidential candidates were picked at party conventions. But, now primary and caucus voters usually select candidates long before the meetings. So, what is the purpose of modern conventions?
2. When was the last time a convention really selected a candidate? Look it up.
3. Do you think convention speeches have much impact on how people will vote? How many people actually watch the conventions?

Between the lines

"It is reasonable to ask whether American taxpayers should be asked to continue to pay for these weeklong infomercials." - Dan Schnur, Republican Political Consultant

<http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2012/08/26/do-party-conventions-matter-anymore/let-the-parties-not-the-taxpayers-foot-the-bill-for-the-conventions>

Additional resources

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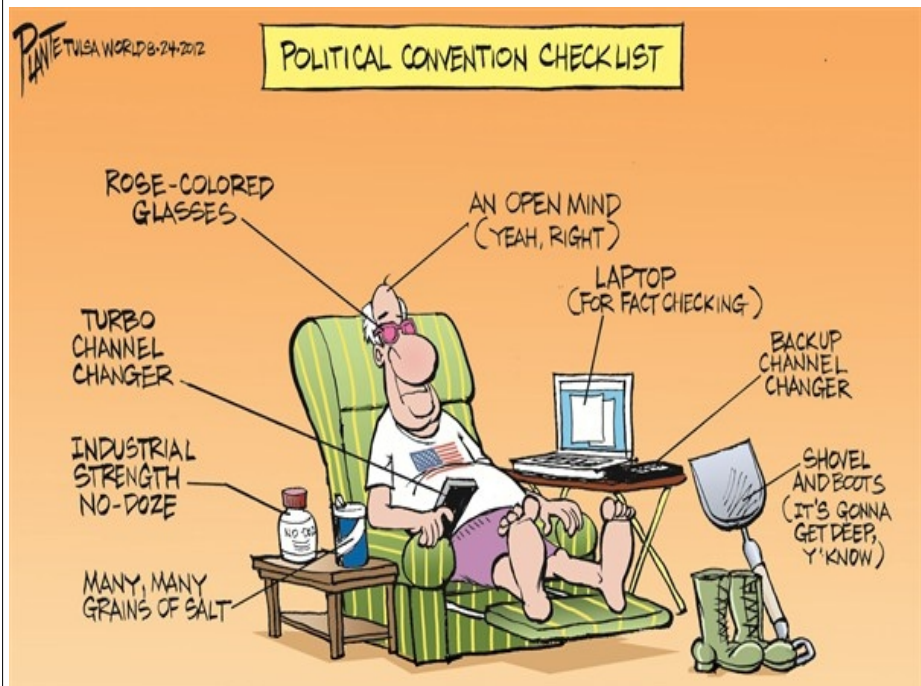
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