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Republicans who vow to never back Trump

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A number of prominent Republicans are vowing to never back **Donald Trump** even as he closes in on the GOP presidential nomination.

The "Never Trump" ranks include lawmakers, party operatives, pundits and GOP donors — and the movement even sparked a popular hashtag on social media.

They are convinced Trump as standard-bearer would lead the GOP to a devastating defeat in November, costing the party the Senate and potentially the House.

The real estate mogul, though, is marching ahead, and now has 994 of the 1,237 delegates needed to capture the nomination, according to the Associated Press.

And there are growing signs many in the GOP establishment are warming to Trump. He's been endorsed by 11 lawmakers, with others regularly attending Capitol Hill meetings with his staff. Trump has also declared himself the "presumptive nominee."

Republican National Committee (RNC) Chairman Reince Priebus has criticized the Never Trump movement as well. "It is essential to victory in November that we all support our candidate," Priebus said at the RNC's spring meeting.

Trump's opponents are focused on trying to deny him the delegates needed to secure the nomination in hopes of forcing a contested convention in July.

Here's a list of Republicans who won't back Trump as nominee.

Rep. **Justin Amash** (Mich.)

Gov. Charlie Baker (Mass.)

Glenn Beck, radio host

Michael Berry, radio host

Max Boot, former foreign policy adviser to Sen. **Marco Rubio** (R-Fla.)

Brent Bozell, conservative activist

Jay Caruso, RedState

Mona Charen, senior fellow at Ethics and Public Policy Center

Eliot Cohen, former George W. Bush official

Former Sen. Norm Coleman (Minn.)

Rep. Carlos Curbelo (Fla.)
 Steve Deace, radio host
 Rep. Bob Dold (Ill.)
 Erick Erickson, writer
 David French, writer at National Review
 Jon Gabriel, editor-in-chief, Ricochet.com
 Jonah Goldberg, writer
 Rep. Richard Hanna (N.Y.)
 Doug Heye, former RNC communications director
 Ben Howe, RedState writer
 Former Rep. Bob Inglis (S.C.)
 Cheri Jacobus, GOP consultant and former Hill columnist
 Robert Kagan, former Reagan official
 Randy Kendrick, GOP mega-donor
 Matt Kibbe, former FreedomWorks CEO
 Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-Ill.)
 Bill Kristol, The Weekly Standard editor
 Mark Levin, radio host
 Dana Loesch, radio, TV host and writer
 Kevin Madden, former Mitt Romney aide
 Tucker Martin, former Gov. Bob McDonnell's (R-Va.) communications director
 Former RNC Chairman Mel Martínez (Fla.)
 Liz Mair, GOP strategist
 David McIntosh, Club for Growth president
 Ken Mehlman, former RNC chairman
 Tim Miller, Our Principles PAC
 Katie Packer, chairwoman of Our Principles PAC
 Former Gov. George Pataki (N.Y.)
 Former Rep. Ron Paul (Texas)
 Katie Pavlich, Townhall editor and Hill columnist
 Brittany Pounders, conservative writer
 Rep. **Reid Ribble** (Wis.)
 The Ricketts family, GOP mega-donors
 Former Gov. Tom Ridge (Pa.)
 Rep. **Scott Rigell** (Va.)
 Mitt Romney, 2012 GOP presidential nominee
 Jennifer Rubin, Washington Post conservative blogger
 Sarah Rumpf, former Breitbart contributor
 Mark Salter, writer and former aide to **John McCain**
 Rep. Mark Sanford (S.C.)
 Sen. Ben Sasse (Neb.)

Elliott Schwartz, Our Principles PAC

Tara Setmayer, CNN analyst and former GOP staffer

Ben Stein, actor and political commentator

Stuart Stevens, former Romney strategist

Paul Singer, GOP mega-donor

Charlie Sykes, radio host

Brad Thor, writer

Connor Walsh, former digital director for former Rep. **Eric Cantor** (R-Va.)

Former Rep. J.C. Watts (Okla.)

Peter Wehner, New York Times contributor

Former Gov. Christine Todd Whitman (N.J.)

Rick Wilson, Republican strategist

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