

# United vs. Clinton, GOP rebrands Trump

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CLEVELAND — Nomination in hand, Donald Trump's campaign charged ahead Wednesday with a convention-week mission to redefine the party's celebrity leader as a serious-minded family man. It's a project proving harder than uniting skeptical Republicans behind their distaste for another brand they know well: The Clintons.

Trump, the real estate mogul and reality television star, secured the GOP mantle Tuesday night in a roll call vote that officially brought the outsider into the heart of American politics. The tallying of the votes was followed by a display of Trump's two-track persuasion effort: Testimonials vouching for his character — delivered by his family — and searing indictments of Democratic rival Hillary Clinton's character — delivered by the rest of the party.

Trump adviser Paul Manafort acknowledged both elements Wednesday, noting the campaign is "trying to show other parts of his personality."

"We feel the America people don't know all of Donald Trump," he said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Portraits of the softer side of Trump, however, have been fleeting moments in a convention with a clear, hard edge. Republicans have shown a visceral reaction to a possible second Clinton presidency and have sought to capitalize on that emotion. Outside the convention hall, vendors are selling lewd T-shirts and buttons mocking her. Inside, delegates have repeatedly broken out in chants of "Lock her up!" and cheered on speakers who labeled her a liar.

The Trump campaign has tried to gloss over the rough treatment. Manafort on Wednesday called it merely an "undertone" of the event and stood by the assertion that Clinton should be in jail. Some Republicans believe firmly Clinton should be prosecuted for mishandling classified material during her time as secretary of state, Manafort said.



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump appears on a video monitor during the Republican National Convention, Tuesday in Cleveland. ASSOCIATED PRESS

The rebranding effort continues on Day 3. Eric Trump, the candidate's 32-year-old son and a close adviser, is to deliver a speech aimed at answering what motivates his father to leave a life of luxury resorts and golf for the gritty work of politics: "Why is my father doing it? Why does he care this much? Why now?" he said.

Wednesday's program also will bring two conservative stalwarts to the stage: Trump's running mate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, a favorite of evangelicals; and the nominee's most tenacious challenger in the primaries, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, the man Trump used to call "Lyn' Ted."

Pence is heartily on board the Trump bandwagon; Cruz isn't yet, nor are many of his supporters in

Cleveland. The senator's scheduled prime-time address will be keenly watched as a measure of whether a desire to beat Clinton can heal even the deepest wounds.

There are signs the answer is: not quite. Cruz isn't expected to offer a full-throated endorsement of Trump, but will at least "suggest" that he is backing Trump's candidacy for president, Manafort said.

Cruz's hedging could provide a reminder of how Trump's polarizing, unpredictable bid for the nomination has alienated Republicans both on the right and in the center.

The divide has spilled over into the convention, which has been dominated by a thwarted attempt to block Trump's nomination and talk of Melania Trump's partial use of a Michelle Obama speech.

Both episodes raised questions about his oversight of his campaign, which gives voters a window into how a candidate might handle the pressures of the presidency.

Tuesday night's lineup appeared to be course correction. Speaker after speaker stepped forward to denounce Clinton, none to greater effect with the crowd than New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie.

The governor, a dropout in the GOP presidential race who ended up on the short list for Trump's running mate, energized the hall as he ticked through numerous accusations of wrongdoing against Clinton and implored delegates to shout "guilty."

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell told the crowd scandal follows Hillary Clinton and former

President Bill Clinton "like flies."

Two of Trump's children testified to his character. "For my father, impossible is just the starting point," said Donald Trump Jr., eldest of the nominee's five children. Tiffany Trump, 22, said her dad is a "natural-born encourager" and she recalled the notes he wrote on her report cards.

Delegates have had mixed reactions to the offerings. Iowa delegate Cecil Stinemetz said he continues to believe Trump is "the worst nominee that we have put forward for the Republican Party in the history of the Republican Party."

Kentucky delegate George Barnett said the choice was clear: "The bottom line here is we need to get rid of Hillary. We don't need her in the White House," he said.

## Cruz refuses to make an endorsement at GOP convention

Only his congratulations for Trump from rival

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CLEVELAND — Undercutting calls for Republican unity, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz stubbornly withheld his endorsement from Donald Trump Wednesday night as he addressed the GOP convention, ignoring noisy pleas from delegates and instead encouraging Americans to "vote your conscience" in November.

In a surreal moment, Trump unexpectedly walked into the arena as Cruz was wrapping up his remarks. Delegates chanted Trump's name, then erupted in a chorus of boos when Cruz continued to resist their appeals.

"Vote for candidates up and down the ticket who you trust to defend our freedom and to be faithful to the Constitution," Cruz said. While he backed some of Trump's policy proposals, including building a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, he mentioned the GOP nominee by name only once.

Cruz's decision to accept a speaking role at the convention but not explicitly endorse Trump was remarkable, and underscored the deep divisions still coursing through the GOP. It also raised questions about why the Trump campaign invited Cruz to speak — in a headlining role, no less — without getting him to agree to an endorsement.

The stunning moment upended what had been the convention's most successful night. Taking the stage shortly after Cruz, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich tried to explain away the senator's lack of support for the nominee.

"Ted Cruz said you can vote your conscience for anyone who will uphold the Constitution," he said. "In this election there is only one candidate who will uphold the Constitution."

Later, Trump was turning to his newly named running mate Indiana Gov. Mike



Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Tex., addresses the delegates during the third day session of the Republican National Convention in Cleveland Wednesday. ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pence to close Day 3 of the convention on a more unifying note. A favorite of evangelicals, Pence was expected to urge conservatives to shed their unease about Trump by explaining why he chose to partner with a man who is his opposite in temperament, experience and in some cases, policy.

The gulf between Pence's hearty embrace of Trump and Cruz's reluctance is emblematic of the turmoil still roiling the GOP.

Trump did get a boost from Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, one of the 16 Republicans whose White House dreams were vanquished during the primary. Still, Walker suggested he was driven as much by a desire to keep Democrat Hillary Clinton out of the White House as admiration for his party's nominee.

"Let me be clear: a vote for anyone other than Donald Trump in November is a vote for Hillary Clinton," Walker said.

After two nights of low-energy speeches, the crowd packed into the arena was noticeably more energetic Wednesday night, dancing in the aisles and waving signs reading, "America Deserves Better Than Hillary."

Lynne Patton, a longtime Trump employee, spoke movingly about the businessman's strong family.

Patton, who is black, said she was proud to support Trump "not just in spite of the color of my skin, but in fact because of the color of my skin."

Trump's campaign had hoped that by the convention's end, voters would look past the gathering's rough start, including the plagiarism charge involving Melania Trump's opening address. After 36 hours of denials, the campaign moved to put the matter to rest Wednesday, releasing a statement from a speechwriter who took blame for including lines from a Michelle Obama speech in the remarks.

Trump, who will address the convention Thursday night, cheered on the night's proceedings via Twitter. After Walker's remarks, Trump wrote, "Great speech!"

Campaign officials see Pence's address as an important opportunity to reas-

sure lingering doubts about Trump. In a show of unity, he is being introduced by House Speaker Paul Ryan, a lukewarm Trump supporter, and lay out his reasons for partnering with the celebrity businessman who is in many ways his opposite.

While Pence is expected to make the case that Clinton is unfit for the White House, officials said his speech will not be a full-throated take-down in the style of earlier speakers.

Cruz was harshly critical of Trump in the waning weeks of their primary battle, calling the businessman a "pathological liar" and "utterly amoral." He arrived in Cleveland with an eye on his own political future, holding a rally with hundreds of supporters who greeted him with chants of "2020" — suggesting Cruz's backers have no interest in seeing Trump become a two-term president.

In his convention address, Cruz spoke at length about the recent stretch of violence across the country. He urged Americans to fight for the families of five police officers killed in his hometown of Dallas, as well as the family of Alton Sterling, a black man killed by police in Louisiana.

While Trump has dominated campaign coverage for months, Clinton has been the negative star of the GOP convention. Speakers have painted an apocalyptic vision of America if she should win and have aggressively challenged her character. While Clinton has been a target of GOP ire for decades, the harshness of the attacks has been striking.

For a third straight night, the crowd repeatedly chanted, "Lock her up." While anti-Clinton sentiment is an easy way to bring

Republicans together, the negativity crossed the line for some in the party.

"Certainly races can be won based on focusing on the opponent," said Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee. "But I think we're at a place in our country's evolution where it's particularly important now, with all that's happened and the concerns that people have, for a positive vision to be laid out."

Wednesday afternoon, Pence and his family, along with Trump's adult children, greeted the billionaire as his helicopter landed by Cleveland's picturesque lakefront.

Eric Trump, the candidate's 32-year-old son, took the stage near the evening's end, praising his father as other family members had earlier in the week.

"Vote for the one candidate who does not need this job," he said.

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