Potential 2012 Republican candidates



Tim Pawlenty
Former Minnesota
governor was
first candidate to
launch campaign



Newt Gingrich Political analyst, former speaker of U.S. House of Representatives



Jon Huntsman
Expected to run
after quitting as
U.S. ambassador
to China



Sarah Palin Former Alaska governor and 2008 nominee for vice president



Haley Barbour
Former party
chairman, now
governor of
Mississippi
Mitt Romney
Former





Mitch Daniels Governor of Indiana, former budget director to President Bush



Rick Santorum
Former senator
from Pennsylvania,
known for socially
conservative views



Mike Huckabee Former Arkansas governor and 2008 presidential candidate



Michele Bachmann Congresswoman from Minnesota, self-styled Tea Party leader