

# Top 10 candidates in first 2016 GOP debate



## **Donald Trump, 68.** *President of Trump Org.*

Outspoken business mogul and TV personality. Focuses on border security, coming under fire for controversial remarks about immigrants



## **Jeb Bush, 62.** *Former Governor of Florida*

Son of one president and brother of another. Moderate positions on immigration and other social issues could hinder him in primaries



## **Scott Walker, 47.** *Governor of Wisconsin*

Lacks name recognition of other candidates, but has support of donors looking for more conservative alternative to Bush



## **Mike Huckabee, 59.** *Former Arkansas Governor*

Ran unsuccessfully in 2008. Declined to run in 2012 despite his popularity with influential evangelical leaders and voters



## **Ben Carson, 63.** *Retired neurosurgeon*

From humble background, rose to be director of pediatric neurosurgery at **Johns Hopkins Hospital**. Favourite of conservative activists



## **Ted Cruz, 44.** *U.S. Senator for Texas*

Harvard-educated son of Cuban immigrant and Tea Party favourite, Cruz spoke in Senate for 21 hours against Obama's healthcare law



## **Marco Rubio, 44.** *U.S. Senator for Florida*

Son of Cuban immigrants, conservative on fiscal and social issues but role in bipartisan immigration reform package cost him support



## **Rand Paul, 52.** *U.S. Senator for Kentucky*

Libertarian who casts himself as anti-establishment reformer who could win over young and minority voters



## **Chris Christie, 52.** *Governor of New Jersey*

Moderate, but with abrasive edge. Has vowed to bridge Washington's partisan divide but support waning amid troubles in home state



## **John Kasich, 63.** *Governor of Ohio*

Represents important election swing state. Has record of fiscal conservatism and experience with national security