Subject: Whats next in line for the GOP?
Posted by Bill Martinelli on Wed, 06 Sep 2006 00:27:11 GMT
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Like him or not the president has emphasized the war on terror. I think keeping the country safe is wonderful. I would argue at what expense, none the less safety is a good thing. With only a few years left in this administration, anyone care to chance at who is going to work on positioning for the GOP primary? I'd like to see some issues like government cost, tax incentives for corps, term limits for house and senate, and immigration in the discussions.

Subject: Rudy Giuliani
Posted by colinhester on Wed, 06 Sep 2006 00:56:16 GMT
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The guy's earned it.....
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rudy_Giuliani

Subject: Re: Rudy Giuliani
Posted by Bill Martinelli on Wed, 06 Sep 2006 01:05:13 GMT
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I like what he stands for. I read that he isnt a favorite among people in power. Maybe things can pan out and he gets a nomination

Subject: Re: Rudy Giuliani
Posted by colinhester on Wed, 06 Sep 2006 03:08:11 GMT
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Republican voters seem to like him.....C
http://www.freerepublic.com/perl/poll?poll=158

Subject: Re: Rudy Giuliani
Posted by Bill Martinelli on Wed, 06 Sep 2006 03:45:01 GMT
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Incredible how far in front of McCain in this particular pole. Does he have anything to say about foreign policy yet? I haven't seen anything specific. Foreign policy may be a key in the next election. Hopefully, in the next election, the people will be looking farther than gun control, abortion and taxes. (all good issues, just more to it)

Subject: Re: Rudy Giuliani
Posted by Manualblock on Wed, 06 Sep 2006 12:02:45 GMT
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I likie Rudy but I am afraid he carries way too much baggage around. He doesn't have a shot but he could end up being a power broker for the Reps. I like Russ Fiengold but he is a Jew so stands little chance to be elected.Immigration will be the big question. The war in Iraq is pretty much marginalised as we see in the polls. The so-called war on terror never existed in the first place. The things the Bush white house did supposedly to combat terror; look at it. The OPatriot Act? Nothing. There has been no significant convictions of any terrorists so-far; they can't even figure out what to do with the guys in Guantanamo. The arrest rate of terrorists is down to a small fraction of what they did right after the 9/11 and most of those have been exonerated.The Europeans have been dealing with this terrorism thing for 40 yrs and they let the police handle it and they do a good job. No; I don't see the "War" on terror being an issue in the Presidential election of 2008. By then we will be seriously in debt and taxes will have to be raised to cover the vig. That will be a big issue. Education; when the middle class realises they can no longer afford to send their kids to college it will be screaming time from te electorate about that.How to fund the re-building of the military now that we have squandered most of the equipment and forces inIraq and it wqill all have to be re-built.Lots of retirement issues as these companies continue to eliminate retirement plans they promised the workers and more and more of those workers begin to look at retireing as they get older.

Subject: Re: Rudy Giuliani
Posted by colinhester on Wed, 06 Sep 2006 15:31:31 GMT
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I don't know what Mr. Giuliani has to say about foreign policy; I really don't care. In my opinion the key issues will be immigration, immigration and immigration. Gun control and abortion are always polarizing issues and will always be there - no getting around them.....Colin

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Subject: Re: Rudy Giuliani
Posted by Bill Martinelli on Wed, 06 Sep 2006 16:18:23 GMT

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Yes I agree with you Colin. I'd like to see more interest in other issues about the country other than the polarizing one, that absorb everyone's attention. Also agreed, immigration issues are a big problem for me too. Foreign trade may also be a factor. I'm not looking to be the worlds police by any stretch, and I'm not looking to be a world negotiating keystone. I'd like to see something better than we have now.

Subject: Re: Rudy Giuliani
Posted by Manualblock on Wed, 06 Sep 2006 16:20:42 GMT
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Rudy worked closely with The premier of Israel when he was in New York. He is a big supporter of Irael and it's place in the mideast. He also is a consumate negotiator and believes in diplomacy for all international relations.

Subject: Re: Rudy Giuliani
Posted by Bill Martinelli on Wed, 06 Sep 2006 16:35:44 GMT
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The belt on middle class is starting to feel like a python.

Subject: Re: Rudy Giuliani
Posted by Manualblock on Wed, 06 Sep 2006 16:47:53 GMT
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Bill; whats the housing markett doing up by you if you don't mind me asking?

Subject: Re: Rudy Giuliani
Posted by Bill Martinelli on Wed, 06 Sep 2006 19:09:00 GMT
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Funny you ask, I've been looking about lately. The prices are holding but I don't see much

movement. There has been places for sale in a normally fast moving neighborhood still on the blockI have a friend who's going to buy or build in south Florida and I've been looking at that a little. the market there looks like it's down 15% in price right now. What's up on the island? I was looking while in Brooklyn last week. The housing market would have to fall at least in half for me to afford anything!

Subject: Re: Rudy Giuliani
Posted by colinhester on Wed, 06 Sep 2006 19:12:56 GMT
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What are prices running per square foot?....C

Subject: Re: Rudy Giuliani
Posted by Manualblock on Wed, 06 Sep 2006 19:36:11 GMT
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You were in Brooklyn? Why didn't you give us a yell. One of the hottest marketts in the U.S. is Brooklyn/Queens. Even now 25% increases anually and nothing stays on the markett more than 2 weeks. Lot of money too; little homes in Queens start at 700K. Thats due to proximity to Manhattan and very low taxes.

Subject: Re: Rudy Giuliani
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 06 Sep 2006 21:38:44 GMT
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I'd vote for Rudy in an instant.

Subject: Re: Rudy Giuliani
Posted by Bill Martinelli on Thu, 07 Sep 2006 02:09:02 GMT
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Sorry; caught the 6 oclock to JFK and 5 oclock home. had a few appointments and had to make haste. sometime I'll give a call if I have some time for lunch or so. Housing is just incredible there isn't it? I mean, unbelievable. I saw the same thing your talking about. An Archie Bunker house for

3/4 mill. just astonishing.

Subject: Re: Rudy Giuliani
Posted by Bill Martinelli on Thu, 07 Sep 2006 02:19:38 GMT
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Depends on the neighborhood really. 1400 foot in city areas are 60-80k1800 foot in suburbs are 125-150k. nicer developments can be 2500 foot for 250-300. of course there is always a very nice place here and there 3500-5000 foot for 500k-1m. I like to go to remax.com to look at areas. Lots of time they list the taxes. realtor.com gets you anywhere in the country but never show the taxes.

Subject: Re: Rudy Giuliani
Posted by Manualblock on Thu, 07 Sep 2006 11:10:17 GMT
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My Niece just bought a three story in Park Slope. Beautifull there; right by Prospect Park a block from the Subway. 12 foot ceilings and flagstone fireplaces. 6" oak mouldings and solid core oak doors.

Subject: Re: Rudy Giuliani
Posted by colinhester on Thu, 07 Sep 2006 12:27:45 GMT
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That's pretty much in line with Cincinnati/Dayton. Somehow I had it in my head prices would be much higher. I was poking around the Brooklyn MLS a little yesterday. What amazed me was how little the taxes were. We pay more here!

Subject: Re: Rudy Giuliani
Posted by Manualblock on Thu, 07 Sep 2006 15:13:13 GMT
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The prices Bill just mentioned are for his area upstate. 500k would not get you a shed in Brooklyn.