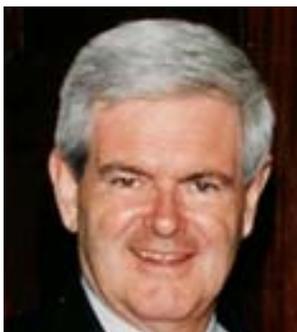


NEWT GINGRICH

08 WATCH: DECEMBER 2005



IN FOCUS:

Gingrich Not Ready to Disclose 08 Plans. “At a recent press conference, Gingrich wouldn’t say for sure if he’ll run in ‘08, but he’s at least considering it. If he doesn’t run, Gingrich hopes his ideas to protect and improve America are something fellow Republicans can run with. ‘I’m going to have a whole series of ideas, which are there for my friends to steal,’ Gingrich said.” [[Arkansas Democrat-Gazette](#), 11/30/05]

IN HER OWN WORDS: GINGRICH’S SISTER ON SHARED LOVES

“We both have an affinity for women and Guinness.” –Candace Gingrich, gay activist and Gingrich’s half-sister, on what they have in common [[US News and World Report](#), 12/12/05]

BUZZ WATCH:

Gingrich Running to Boost Book Sales? Critics of Gingrich have suggested that he encourages the presidential talk mainly to boost book sales and promote lecture fees. As Gingrich travels the country, he privately makes personal pitches in seeking supporters for a presidential candidacy. There is no sign of any success by Gingrich in signing up former colleagues whom he has approached. He has generated more support from former staffers, who are ready to work on his ‘08 campaign. [[www.cnn.com](#), 12/06/05; [Augusta Chronicle](#), 12/05/05]

Gingrich Trying to Stay in the “Limelight.” Gingrich has visited New Hampshire and Iowa. He has made himself an expert on the issue of healthcare and has kept his name and ideas in the limelight enough to be ready if “lightning struck and a presidential bid became possible for him.” [[The American Spectator](#), 12/2005-01/2006]

Gingrich is at 6 Percent in National Polls Among Republicans. A November Diageo/Hotline Poll revealed that, when Republican voters nationwide were asked, “If the 2008 Republican presidential primary were held today, whom would you support,” only six percent would support Gingrich. [Diageo/Hotline Poll, <http://www.pollingreport.com/2008.htm>]

RHETORIC WATCH:

Gingrich Suggested News Organizations Should Restrict What They Report in Order to Protect Allies of the US. Appearing on Fox News’ The O’Reilly Factor, Gingrich said, “Look, we haven’t really gotten to grips yet with the fact that there are people in the world who want to use a nuclear or biological weapon to eliminate entire American cities, to kill Americans by the millions. And we better think very carefully about how much we want to embarrass our allies and weaken our allies and behave capriciously as though this was not a really profound threat to our survival..” [The O’Reilly Factor-Fox News, 12/08/05]

Gingrich Testified That Iran May Be Planning for a Pre-Emptive Nuclear Strike on America. Gingrich testified before a subcommittee of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee that the threat posed by Iran was likened only to the one posed by Nazi Germany in the 1930’s. Gingrich also suggested Tehran could be planning for a pre-emptive nuclear electromagnetic

pulse attack on America that would turn a third or more of the country “back to a 19th century level of development.” [www.worldnetdaily.com, 11/20/05; CQ Today, 11/14/05; FDCH Congressional Testimony, 11/15/05; Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, <http://hsgac.senate.gov/>]

DAY JOB:

Deseret Morning News Says Gingrich is Working to “Reinvent Himself.” “For Gingrich, this latest foray into the political fray, like his joint appearances with Hillary Clinton, seems to be an attempt to reinvent himself. He’s still young, bright and bold. He wants back in politics. And shaking up the status quo is one way to catch the media eye. What’s more, putting all his self-serving reasons aside, Gingrich does have a vision. And the powerful GOP, he is saying, needs to realign its compass. Distracting scandals and failures in crises have forced the party to take its eye off the ball. And that ball, Gingrich would say, is the future.” [Deseret Morning News (Salt Lake City), 12/05/05]

MONEY UPDATE:

Gingrich Has No Federal Fundraising Mechanism. As of the most recent financial filings, Gingrich has no federal PAC or committee. [www.fec.gov, 12/08/05]

SCHEDULE RECAP:

12/08/05- Gingrich in Washington, DC: Gingrich’s Center for Health Transformation hosted a Leadership Conference entitled “Business, the Economy & the Avian Flu.” [www.newt.org; US Newswire, 12/06/05]

12/02/05- Gingrich in Salt Lake City, UT: Gingrich visited Salt Lake City to speak to the conservative Sutherland Institute. [National Journal, 12/02/05]

11/29/05- Gingrich in Springdale, AR: Gingrich was the keynote speaker at the annual Lincoln Day Dinner, a fund-raiser hosted by the Republican Party of Washington County. The dinner is one of the premier GOP fund-raisers in Arkansas and takes place each year at the Springdale Holiday Inn Convention Center. [Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 11/14/05]

11/22/05- Gingrich in Washington, DC: The U.S. Institute of Peace, a U.S. government funded think tank, presents a plenum in Washington on its Task Force on the United Nations. Task force co-chairmen George Mitchell and Newt Gingrich will speak. Earlier reports by the task force recommended changes in how the United Nations treats Israel. [www.jta.org]

11/13/05- Gingrich in Bonita Springs, FL: Gingrich was in Bonita Springs to attend a fundraiser for Rep. Connie Mack at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point. [The News-Press, 11/13/05]

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