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UPDATE on 2016 CMR Quadrennial Presidential Candidate Survey

Bush, Rubio & Christie Not Helped, Cruz Not Hurt, by Taking Opposite Positions on Selective Service Registration for Women

During the February 6 Republican Presidential Debate in Manchester, NH, ABC moderator Martha Raddatz [asked](#) Sen. Marco Rubio and former Gov. Jeb Bush whether they favored registration of women for Selective Service. Gov. Chris Christie gratuitously jumped in with comments that appeared to agree with the other candidates' support for registering women. Sen. Ted Cruz was not asked to respond to the same question, but in a post-debate speech, Cruz issued a strong challenge to the position of the other three on Selective Service.

*The following comments may be attributed to **Elaine Donnelly**, President of the **Center for Military Readiness**:*

“Presidential candidates **Sen. Marco Rubio**, **Gov. Jeb Bush**, and **Gov. Chris Christie** provided unserious, politically-correct answers to questions about **Selective Service** - a national security issue of critical importance to military personnel and unsuspecting young civilian women.

“Exit polls did not explore the reaction with New Hampshire voters, but the narrow finish of Rubio, Bush, and Christie behind **Sen. Ted Cruz**, who challenged their position as [“nuts”](#) in a post-debate speech, apparently shows that these three were not helped, Cruz not hurt, by taking their respective positions on the Selective Service issue.

“In providing answers to six questions on the **2016 Quadrennial Center for Military Readiness Presidential Candidate Survey**, which began on January 4, Sen. Cruz affirmed that he supports the **All-Volunteer Force** and opposes efforts to impose Selective Service obligations on women.”

This is a replica of the ongoing CMR survey, which asks candidates for their views on military/social issues such candid re-evaluations of Obama-era social experimentation; e.g., **women in direct ground (infantry) combat, religious liberty, and LGBT events promoting transgenders in the military**. These are military/social issues that affect active-duty personnel every day.

[2016 Center for Military Readiness Quadrennial Presidential Candidate Survey](#)

Updated survey results, which include comments on the statements of Sen. Rubio, Gov. Bush, and Gov. Christie are posted here:

[UPDATE: Responses to 2016 CMR Quadrennial Presidential Candidate Survey](#)

Gov. John Kasich, Donald J. Trump, Dr. Ben Carlson and Carly Fiorina have yet to respond to questions on this and related issues raised in the ongoing **2016 CMR Quadrennial Survey of Presidential Candidates**. CMR, which does not endorse candidates, will continue to invite all of the presidential candidates to participate in the survey.

For more information, or to arrange for an interview, contact CMR President **Elaine Donnelly**: elaine@cmrlink.org, or call her at **734/464-9430**.

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