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Countdown

110 days: The National Presidential Caucus, an online venture aimed at preparing voters for the flurry of votes set for next January and February, takes place. The goal is to use the Internet to organize face-to-face meetings of voters around the country. Former senators Bill Bradley (D-N.J.) and Warren Rudman (R-N.H.) have endorsed the concept.

Full story:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/08/18/AR2007081800935.html?sub=AR>

The Wall Street Journal

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Democracy Heads to Web Laboratory

Novel Online Forums Reshape Presidential Debates, But Will Voters Engage?

In December, a separate nonprofit group is planning a national Internet presidential caucus. Stanford University's Center for Deliberative Democracy and the University of Virginia's Center for Politics are among the groups that have signed on to help with the event, which would still require voters to meet in person to decide on their favorite nominee. Information about local caucusing sites and the results would be compiled and posted online.

"If there's going to be a national primary, then you ought to have a national caucus first," says Myles Weissleder, a former Meetup.com executive who is helping to plan the event.

Full story: <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB118722249353998997.html>

National Journal's "The Hotline"

June 18, 2007

NATIONAL PRESIDENTIAL CAUCUS : Not Just for Iowans Anymore

Moved by what they see as a need for citizens to have "more and better ways to prepare for the very short, intense" presidential primary calendar in '08, a consortium of political groups, including Politics Online, Unity '08, Democracy for American and the University of Virginia's Center for Politics, have initiated a National Presidential Caucus to take place 12/7/07.



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CBS News

June 18, 2007

A National Caucus?

With up to two dozen states looking to hold a presidential primary next February 5, we're already looking at a national primary on that day. So why not a national caucus?

Full story: <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/06/18/politics/purehorserace/main2944815.shtml>

Associated Press

June 20, 2007

McCain Decries Early Primary Trend; McCain: Early Presidential Primaries Hurt Voters, Candidates

The goal of the National Presidential Caucus is to have thousands of local, self-organized, Web-enabled and face-to-face gatherings across the country convene on Dec. 7, more than a month before the first votes are cast for the Democratic and Republican nominations. (6/20/07)

Full story: <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/06/19/ap/politics/main2951210.shtml>

ABC-7 News San Francisco

June 20, 2007

Local Group Pushes For National Caucus

The Iowa caucuses are the first true test for the presidential election, which means a disproportionate number of candidate visits and media attention. But now a Sausalito-based group is working to change that . . . What if there was another caucus before Iowa? A national caucus stretching from coast to coast?

Full story and video: <http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=politics&id=5399815>

InternetNews.com

June 20, 2007

Muscling Meetups Into a National Presidential Caucus

Organizers of the latest online political initiative hope to trump the early primary season by holding a nationwide presidential caucus on Dec. 7. The plan is to build on the more than five million people who used the Internet in the 2004 election to organize political meetups, town hall meetings and house parties.

Full story: <http://www.internetnews.com/bus-news/article.php/3684281>



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Cybercast News Service

June 20, 2007

'National Presidential Caucus' Planned for December

Fifteen states will hold primary elections on Feb. 5, and in preparation for that "national primary," a non-partisan group of political and technology analysts is organizing a "National Presidential Caucus," which will give Americans an opportunity to discuss issues and candidates before voters in a few states decide the frontrunners.

Full story: <http://www.cnsnews.com/ViewPolitics.asp?Page=/Politics/archive/200706/POL20070620b.html>