

Donald Trump Wins Fox News Debate Without Showing Up

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Trump looks unstoppable, the likely Republican presidential nominee, way outdistancing other aspirants in polls consistently.

He withdrew from Thursday's Fox News debate in Des Moines, Iowa, ahead of Monday's state caucuses, over animus toward moderator Megyn Kelly, demanding she be replaced - accusing her and Fox of "toy(ing) with me like they toy with everybody else."

Trump didn't miss a beat boycotting Thursday's debate. He won without showing up, maintaining daily publicity by holding his own solo act in Drake University's Sheslow Auditorium.

Around 700 supporters showed up. Millions watched on cable TV. The event saluted veterans, featuring theater without substance - the standard formula for all US political "debates." Why anyone wastes time watching them, they'll have to explain.

Rival candidates on Fox News beat up on each other without Trump's help. Closest rival Ted Cruz took a beating, responding to questions with evasive answers. Jeb Bush, Marco Rubio and others fared no better, unimpressive like earlier.

Republican and Democrat presidential aspirants look more like an FBI most wanted list than legitimate candidates.

They represent big money-controlled duopoly power, dirty business as usual. Don't let their deceptive rhetoric and phony promises fool you. They're all cut out of the same cloth.

The late Gore Vidal explained, saying by the time a politician "gets to be presidential material," he or she has "been bought ten times over."

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