

Former Ted Cruz Surrogate Predicts Who Will Win in November

Throughout much of the Republican presidential primary campaign, nationally syndicated radio host Glenn Beck has been a stalwart champion for U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz and a very vocal detractor of now-presumptive nominee Donald Trump.

So on Wednesday's broadcast, he likely shocked many with his prediction for the 2016 general election.

"I'm going to make a prediction about Donald Trump. I could say he's going to be the nominee of the Republican Party. But I think that's obviously a foregone conclusion.

"Here's my prediction, and I stand by it: Donald Trump is going to be the next president of the United States. And I don't think there's any way around it. I believe Donald Trump will beat Hillary Clinton. And here's why: Hillary Clinton is such a flawed candidate.

"I've said this for a long time. My shoe would beat Hillary Clinton, right? Anything—a rock will beat Hillary Clinton. That's why I said, 'This is our biggest chance, our biggest chance to beat Hillary Clinton.'

"And my theory was, because nobody is going to cross over to vote for the Republicans, per se. But if the Republicans would unite and they would unite around constitutional principles, we could win and restore the nation."

Beck repeated his claim that most Trump supporters are "not constitutionalists." He said they have been "so badly beaten and disenfranchised by the GOP," the government, and culture, that "they just want somebody to stop the madness."

Ultimately, it was the West Virginia Democrats' exit polling on Tuesday that convinced him that Trump will win in November:

"I believe the number was 30 percent of Democrats that said they will cross over and vote for Donald Trump. Now, 40 percent of Republicans say they're not happy with Donald Trump. Let's say 20 percent actually stick by that. Let's say 20 percent actually stick by that and say, for principles, I'm not going to do it. I'll find another party, or I just won't for that level on the ticket. Ten percent, probably maybe 20 percent will just stay home, and they'll say, 'It doesn't matter.'

"But if you can get 30 percent—when was the last time you ever saw a poll that said 5 percent of Democrats would vote for a Republican? Certainly not 30 percent in an exit poll that say they would cross over. That shows how weak of a candidate [Clinton] is."