

Rand Paul 'Seriously Thinking About' 2016 White House Run

Republican Sen. Rand Paul said on Sunday he is giving serious thought to a run for the presidency in 2016 but might decide against it because of the burden a campaign would cause for his family.

"Well, you know, the thought has crossed my mind," the Kentucky senator said on *Fox News Sunday*. "And I am seriously thinking about it.

"But I'm also very serious about the family considerations."

Paul, a favorite of the conservative Tea Party movement, said politics had become "uncivil" and that sometimes "you have a good week" and other times "the haters and the hacks go after you."

Paul indicated on Friday that his wife disliked the idea of a presidential run, ABC News reported.

When asked after a speech in Detroit whether he would run, Paul replied, "Where's my cellphone? Can I call my wife?"

"There's two votes in my family. My wife has both of them, and both of them are 'no' votes right now," Paul said, according to ABC.

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