

CPAC Straw Poll Gives Trump the Nod as 2024 GOP Favorite

Former President Donald Trump was the top pick for the 2024 GOP Presidential nomination straw poll at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) this weekend.

Trump won 59 percent of the ballots cast in the anonymous survey, based on results announced by CPAC Sunday afternoon.

Trump spokesman Taylor Budowich tweeted that the former president, "continues to grow the conservative MAGA movement, which includes growing his political dominance."

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) was runner-up with 28 percent of the vote and former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo finished in third place with just 2 percent.

During his speech, Trump argued that President Biden is to blame for the Russia-Ukraine conflict, stating that if he was still president, Vladimir Putin would not have invaded his neighbor.

The former president also slammed Biden for the botched withdrawal from Afghanistan and other international conflicts.

"China is threatening Taiwan. Russia is decimating Ukraine. Iran is on the cusp of a nuclear bomb," Trump said. "Joe Biden has turned calm into chaos, competence into incompetence, stability into anarchy, and security into catastrophe. The Russian attack on Ukraine is appalling. It is an outrage and catastrophe that should never have been allowed to occur. It never would have occurred," he asserted.

This year's CPAC attendees said they support Trump, but also showed interest in DeSantis. The governor has become widely popular in recent years for his strong resistance to COVID

masking and vaccine rules implemented by the government.

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