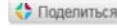




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"Donald Trump is radioactive", says Gerald Benjamin, a political science professor at SUNY New Paltz.

There's been a lot of talk about the fact *that* neither Trump nor Cruz will have enough pledged delegates to win a majority on the first ballot.

Trump is now leading in the delegate race to the chagrin of many party elders - including former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney - who fear he's unqualified to be president, isn't a true conservative and has little chance of beating the Democratic nominee - whether *that's* Hillary Clinton or **Bernie Sanders**.

The expert panel put together by FiveThirtyEight projected Trump to win seven delegates in the state.

Cruz, Trump and Kasich are competing next in *New York's* primary on April 19, where home-state son Trump has a big lead in polls.

With **Donald Trump's** command of the Republican presidential field in doubt after *his* loss in Wisconsin, the bellicose *New York City* billionaire's campaign announced Thursday it's reshuffling its team.

But Whitaker *said* it's important for a candidate to have more than 50 percent of the delegates to build around.

New York, with its 95 delegates and favorable inclination towards the Manhattan mogul, could give Trump a critical boost to *his* delegate count.

All three presidential campaigns - *those* of Cruz, Trump and John Kasich - handed out sample ballots, providing a slate of names with the number to each candidate. District 2 also elected two unpledged delegates *that* are expected to support Cruz. Ted Cruz is re-framing *his* controversial comments *that* were widely understood as disparaging to voters there. *His* campaign has also been uncharacteristically quiet since losing in Wisconsin on Tuesday, and we have yet to see what will happen to his *vote* share if he can't command media attention.

"They don't want the people mad at them who are mad at Trump, and who are going to demonstrate *that* in the general election", he said. "We are one of the poorest congressional districts in the country, and to receive this right-wing bigot is an insult to the whole community".

Elsewhere on Saturday, Democrats are caucusing in Wyoming, while Republicans in Colorado are choosing delegates for the party's convention in July.

This all has not been tested before, but these are our rules and I would say most of the Republicans in Colorado agree how the process should work.

Trump and Cruz had formed an alliance behind the scenes to deny Kasich the seats needed to get himself even nominated in Cleveland, but the skirmish in MI marked an apparent shift in alliances. In another congressional district, two of the candidates they urged voters to back did not, in fact, make it onto the ballot.

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