

*The irrelevance of Iowa
Analyzing the Hawkeye Cauc(eye)
By Hal Mitchell – 1/2/12*

What goes up must go down; spinning poll numbers round and around. Ride a tainted phony. Let the spinning wheel spin. These are few words from a [parody of "Spinning Wheel"](#) I wrote recently about Obama's poll numbers. However, the same principle applies to Iowa just before their Caucus on Tuesday.

The latest poll (Sunday 1/1/12) shows [Gringrich in a dead heat with Romney](#) and wild man Ron Paul. The [Iowa Straw Poll](#) back in August was won by Michelle Bachmann and now she is in a virtual dead head for last place, according to the polls. (Not counting John Huntsman who was never in the race) Rarely does the winner of the Iowa Caucus win the Presidency.

Here are some quotes from [Newmax's Insider Advantage poll](#) taken on 12/29/11: "The Iowa contest is now in total and complete chaos". "It's almost as if we're starting all over again and the weekend is going to decide who wins Iowa". "The poll revealed that 7 percent of voters still had no opinion". This is more like a tag team match from the [WWE Smackdown](#) than a legitimate sampling of who Iowans will eventually choose in the GOP Primary election. If the Hawkeye Cauc(eye) (A term I borrowed from Rush) really represents how Americans as a whole are going to act on Election Day we are in more trouble than I thought.

Two things astound me about the Iowa Caucus: 1) Polls show Ron Paul is in a virtual tie for first and 2) The idea is preposterous that Iowans still can't make up their minds and now they will decide over the weekend, which includes New Years Eve, who they want to represent the GOP in the most critical Presidential race in history. I say these farmers are more interested in feeding their cattle than feeding the GOP with info on who they want for President. This is why I say "The Hawkeye Cauc(eye) is Irrelevant!"

*Carry on,
Hal Mitchell*

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Here are some interesting statistics about the Iowa Caucus ([Source: Blogchron.com](#)) Ten Million dollars was spent in December alone by candidates for radio and television time. And according to Politico, in 2008: More than 60% of Iowans earned over \$50,000 per year, 73% were more than 45 years old, 97% were white and 75% were Protestant.

