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**Race to the White House:
ELECTION 2016 UPDATE**

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Stories of the week:

Clinton Wins Kentucky, Sanders Takes Oregon, *CNN*

On Tuesday in Kentucky, Hillary Clinton won a narrow victory over Democratic rival primary by half a percentage point. In Oregon, Bernie Sanders picked up an easy win. Overall, on the night, Sanders will come out with more delegates. Many believe she will officially clinch the nomination after voters in California and New Jersey decide. Clinton will need 2,383 delegates to clinch the nomination. At this point, she has won 2,291 delegates. From the other side of the political aisle, Donald Trump taunted Clinton about her narrow margin of victory in Kentucky. "Do you think Crooked Hillary will finally close the deal?" Trump tweeted Tuesday night. "If she can't win Kentucky, she should drop out of race. System rigged!" (1)

Donald Trump Borrows from Bernie Sanders' playbook in his attacks on Hillary Clinton, *The New York Times*

Trump has been criticizing Hillary on her minimum wage stance, tax reform, national security, and her ties to Wall Street- all criticisms that Senator Sanders has used on multiple occasions. *The New York Times* notes that Trump seems to be attacking Clinton from the Left on many of these issues, perhaps hoping to woo some of Sanders's supporters and swing them to his side for the General Election. This comes just days after Trump ridiculed Sanders, labeling him "Crazy Bernie" at a recent rally. (2)

Hillary Clinton Super PAC plans to launch first Anti-Trump Ads, *The New York Times*

The Super PAC "Priorities USA Action," one of Clinton's biggest supporters, plans to launch the first two attack ads against Trump from the Clinton campaign. The ads will feature scathing criticisms of Trump's comments about women and will run for three weeks in Ohio, Florida, Virginia, and Nevada. These ads are the first of many, yet running these ones will cost the Super PAC 6 million dollars. According to a New York Times/ CBS Poll, female voters favor Clinton to Trump by a 20% margin: 55% to 35%. (3)

Donald Trump Expresses Willingness to Negotiate with North Korea, *The New York Times*

"I would speak to him, I would have no problem speaking to him," Donald Trump told Reuters on Tuesday, expressing that he may open the doors to talks with North Korean dictator Kim Jong-Un as President. Trump said the talks could help solve national security issues. The Republican frontrunner has been criticized in the past for offering an olive branch to the likes of Russia, while criticizing traditional allies such as Britain and Mexico. (4)

Upcoming Events:

5/24: Washington Republican Primary
6/7: California Primary

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On the Democratic side, Hillary Clinton hopes to clinch the Democratic nomination.

On the Republican side, Donald Trump climbs even closer to acquiring the 1,237 delegates to mathematically clinch the nomination.

Delegate Count: (5, 6),
RealClearPolitics.com

Democrats:

Clinton: 2,291

Sanders: 1,528

Republicans:

Trump: 1,160

Cruz (dropped out): 566

Kasich (dropped out): 166

Sources:

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