**Super Tuesday**

**Mitt Romney’s six wins are "maybe not enough."** So said Senator John McCain to CBS anchor Bob Schieffer on Wednesday. McCain has had experience facing the President head-to-head, and added “I have to tell you, it makes me very worried about our chances to win in November.”

Romney squeezed out a win in Ohio by only eight tenths of a percentage point, but his campaign is playing up their delegate take, with one advisor saying that it would take “some kind of act of God” for Santorum or Gingrich to catch Romney in delegates. Romney now has 332 of the 1,144 delegates he needs, ahead of his closest rival, Rick Santorum, who stands at 139. Romney told supporters in Georgia: “There are lots of bunny rabbits to run through, I am the tortoise. I just take one step at a time.”

However, despite that confidence, it maybe just that slow, plodding quality which leaves so many conservatives with lasting doubts about Romney. “It is [Romney’s rivals] who evoke passion among the people who are voting,” pointed out the BBC with characteristic frankness. Notably, these victories were achieved largely through Romney’s significant advantages in infrastructure and money. In Ohio, Romney spent $1.5 million on TV ads, and Restore Our Future (the pro-Romney super-PAC) spent $2.3 million. Santorum and his PAC, Red, White and Blue, only spent about $1 million. Romney is still well positioned to eventually take the nomination.

**Rick Santorum takes home key wins and should look forward to a good month.** “They’ve got the machine, they’ve got the insiders and the big money and we've got the people,” Santorum said.

Though only taking 3 states on Super Tuesday, many of the other states split their delegates, leaving Santorum with tangible results. In the immediate future, the more conservative states of Kansas, Mississippi, and Alabama caucuses give Santorum a good chance to regain serious momentum. If he can win these – as he is likely to do – and carry through to Missouri, where he already won the non-binding primary, Santorum may find himself in a position to challenge Romney in Illinois. A win there would indicate broader appeal for the conservative candidate. Either way, Santorum can look forward to a month of good press coverage – and more importantly, increased enthusiasm and donations from his supporters.

Santorum is optimistic. “Tonight, it’s clear, it’s clear. We’ve won races all across this country against the odds. When they thought oh, OK, he’s finally finished, we keep coming back.” He attacked notions – promoted by the Romney campaign, that Romney’s victory is inevitable. “If the governor now thinks he's now ordained by God to win, then let's just have it out,” Santorum said. However, Santorum himself is urging Newt Gingrich to drop out, hoping to take Gingrich’s ‘conservative supporters into his own camp. Gingrich’s victory in his home state of Georgia let him meet the bare minimum in expectations, but Gingrich’s campaign is withering around him. If he drops out in the

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near future, his supporters will likely latch to Santorum, giving his a powerful boost in the coming contests. “If you deliver a victory for us on Tuesday, you will make this a two-person race,” Santorum said to voters in Mississippi. “And once it's a two-person race, the conservative will be the nominee.”

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9 Romney encourages rivals to fold; no way, they say, AP, 3/7/2012