

# THE ROUNDUP

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## IT'S TIME FOR CIVIL WAR

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The Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) has been developing for eight years, starting with the release of Iron Man. Now, after a dozen films and just as many superheroes, it's time for war. The past is prelude, so choose your side now; it's time for Captain America: Civil War.

Before we talk about the teams themselves, let's talk about why these beloved characters are fighting in the first place. In every MCU film, there's massive amounts of destruction, and this wasn't just for show. It has all been building up to the day when someone with power that has been watching in the shadows would put a stop to the unsupervised vigilantism. That person is General Ross (William Hurt), someone that people just tuning into the action might not recognize. General Thunderbolt Ross is a returning character from the Incredible Hulk film back in 2008. Ross explains that the destruction and casualties have caused the world more suffering than peace, despite their best intentions. Because of this, a law is being passed by the UN for all superheroes to tell the world of their secret identities and work for the government.

This has divided our heroes into two teams. Tony Stark/Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.) is all for this law. He thinks that the superheroes need to be put in check. James Rhodes/War Machine (Don Cheadle), the Vision (Paul Bettany), Natasha Romanoff/Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson) and newcomer T'Challa/Black Panther (Chadwick Boseman) agree with Tony and join him. Steve Rogers/Captain America (Chris Evans) is on the other side of the coin. If superheroes are put on a leash, what would stop the government from stopping the Avengers from saving the world from something truly destructive? The same government going after his best friend Bucky Barnes/Winter Soldier (Sebastian Stan) doesn't help much either.



On his side are Sam Wilson/Falcon (Anthony Mackie), Clint Barton/Hawkeye (Jeremy Renner), Wanda Maximoff/Scarlet Witch (Elizabeth Olsen) and Scott Lang/Ant-Man (Paul Rudd).

Supporters of Team Cap believe that their freedom-fighting superheroes will prevail, and for good reason. Captain America enters the fray with his enhanced skill set and iconic Vibranium shield, backed up by his good friend, Falcon, soaring into battle with his wings and guns at his side. Winter Soldier joins them with his metal arm and assassin skills, given to him by the villainous military force known as Hydra. Hawkeye comes in hot with his bow and arrows, as well as Scarlet Witch with her use of magic. Ant-Man returns with his shrinking

technology from Hank Pym and has the potential to throw quite the curve ball, one that Team Iron Man won't see coming.

On the other hand, fans on the side of Team Iron Man think their heroes are superior to any of the people on Team Cap. No one can entirely blame them, as they have some of the strongest heroes in the entire movie saga. Of course, there's Iron

Man with his massive array of suits and weapons, with his sidekick War Machine, who's decked out with enough firepower to bring anything out of the sky. With them is Black Widow, complete with her combat prowess and technology. Vision returns wielding an Infinity Gem in his forehead, specifically the Mind Gem. Newcomer Black Panther also enters

the arena in his Vibranium suit and claws. All around, Team Iron Man is full of powerhouses ready to keep vigilantes in check.

Overall, this film will be packed with action, suspense, and emotion and will leave everyone divided. Go see Captain America: Civil War in theaters today and choose your side.

**"CIVIL WAR IS AN INCREDIBLE AND EMOTIONAL MOVIE EXPERIENCE THAT IS UNLIKE ANY OTHER MARVEL MOVIE I'VE EVER SEEN."**

**ERROL PARKER, SENIOR**

# END OF THE GOP

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## CIVIL WAR?

They started as a group of seventeen. They were popular governors, sensational senators, business leaders, and even a famed author and neurosurgeon. One by one, through the course of nine months and twelve debates, the field slowly narrowed. Two days ago, the last stalwart, Ohio Governor John Kasich, announced the suspension of his presidential campaign, effectively sealing real estate mogul Donald Trump's nomination following a decisive primary win in the state of Indiana and the abdication of his major rival, Texas Senator Ted Cruz.

"We're going to win in November," a victorious Trump declared from his campaign headquarters as he urged what has seemed to be a sharply divided GOP to rally behind him to win the general election, "We want to bring unity to the Republican Party. We have to bring unity."

Indeed, unity may be Trump and the Republican party's biggest challenge this year. Millions of dollars were spent by conservative groups to prevent Trump from being the nominee, and several prominent Republican senators and congressmen have already publicly stated they would not vote for Trump. Whether this civil war within the Republican Party can be resolved may be the determining factor in the general election this fall.

While the other day was a rather swift end to what has at times seemed to be a drawn out primary season for Republicans, perhaps an even more surprising outcome than Trump's victory is that it comes before a Democratic nominee has been determined. Hillary Clinton, the establishment favorite and long-presumed nomi-

nee is nearing the required 2,383 delegates needed to seal the deal. Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders meanwhile is continuing his campaign and seems to halt Clinton's momentum right when it looks like she may be ready to clinch the nomination.

As the race currently stands, Clinton holds a lead over Sanders with 2,205 delegates to his 1,401. This does, however, include so-called "super delegates," Democratic politicians and officials who are not bound to any particular candidate and can change their vote as they please.

Whether or not Sanders gets to challenge Clinton at a contested convention, which occurs after no candidate receives a majority of delegates from primaries and caucuses, may depend on if Clinton can retain the support of her approximately 505 superdelegates.

Sanders received a recent boost from an upset victory in Indiana, a win he hopes will help him remain in the race up until the convention. "I want to thank the people of Indiana for the great upset victory that they gave us tonight. This is the 18th state that we have won, and we expect more victories in the weeks to come," Sanders said in a statement released Tuesday night.

With the long primary season now drawing to a close for both parties, Americans already weary of the political clashes and fervent campaigning will begin to endure the election's cycle transition into general election mode. Campaigning will now shift to several key swing states like Ohio, Florida and Virginia. And if this year's primary season is indicative of the next few months ahead, the 2016 presidential race will certainly be an intense civil war.

