announced and five Democrats on the trail* (as of early
With 17 major contenders for the Republican nomination

**WHAT TO WATCH FOR:**

SIX PIVOTAL SIGNPOSTS ON THE ROAD TO THE WHITE HOUSE

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS
   Early Summer 2015–September 2015
   - Important announcements are made by both the Republican and Democratic candidates

2. PRIMARY DEBATES
   September 2015–February 2016
   - Candidates announce their plans to run for office.
   - Events unfold that define’s the primary season.

3. CAUCUSES & PRIMARY ELECTIONS
   February 2016
   - Candidates and volunteers start to focus on the early voting states.
   - Events unfold that define’s the primary season.

4. VEEPSTAKES & EARLY CONVENTIONS
   May 2016–July 2016
   - Candidates and volunteers start to focus on the primary season.
   - Events unfold that define’s the primary season.

5. PRESIDENTIAL & VICE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES
   September 2016–October 2016
   - Events unfold that define’s the primary season.

6. ELECTION NIGHT
   November 8, 2016
   - Events unfold that define’s the primary season.

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