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## **Leadership Project for America Matrix Gives Voters Their Best Tool To Rate 2016 Contenders**

### ***‘A’ Grades to Rubio, Walker, Cruz, and Jindal; ‘F’ Grades to Trump, Clinton, Biden and Sanders***

WASHINGTON, DC --- The Leadership Project for America's (LPA) new leadership matrix gives voters their best tool yet to rate the 2016 presidential candidates. So far ‘A’ grades go to Republican Senators Marco Rubio (Fla.) and Ted Cruz (Tex.), as well as Republican Governors Scott Walker (Wis.) and Bobby Jindal (La.).

**"This is not just another scorecard. It uniquely evaluates candidates on their principled, effective leadership, not ideology. The American people aren't looking for just another politician in this election, they're looking to elect a principled, effective leader,"** said LPA CEO Paul Mero. **"This matrix is designed to help voters evaluate America's next great leader."**

Is Donald Trump a principled and effective leader? No, the leadership matrix gives him an ‘F’ with a score of 57 on a scale of 1-100. Is Bernie Sanders more liberal than Hillary Clinton? No, the leadership matrix has them pretty close and both get failing grades, but Mrs. Clinton actually scores a couple of points lower than the socialist from Vermont. Other interesting findings include how Cruz and Sanders both get a top grade, a 10, on consistency; and how Governors John Kasich (R) and Lincoln Chafee (D) both score very high, 10 and 9 respectively, on ethics.

Mero noted [The LPA leadership matrix](#) grades candidates in nine different disciplines for voters who care most about the values the organization champions: opportunity and fairness for all, a strong national defense, prudent assistance to the most vulnerable among us, and American exceptionalism.

[Other candidate full grades include:](#)

#### A or A-

Sen. Marco Rubio  
Gov. Scott Walker  
Sen. Ted Cruz  
Gov. Bobby Jindal

#### B or B-

Gov. Jeb Bush  
Sen. Rand Paul  
Gov. Rick Perry  
Sen. Lindsay Graham  
Carly Fiorina  
Ben Carson  
Gov. John Kasich  
Sen. Rick Santorum

C or C-

Gov. Jim Gilmore  
Gov. Chris Christie

D or D-

Gov. Mike Huckabee  
Gov. George Pataki

F

Sec. of State Hillary Clinton  
Donald Trump  
Vice President Joe Biden  
Gov Martin O'Malley  
Sen. Bernie Sanders  
Gov. Andrew Cuomo  
Sen. Elizabeth Warren  
Gov. Lincoln Chafee  
Sen. Jim Webb

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