

Trump Toys with Birther Lawsuit Against Cruz

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Summary: Donald Trump toys with the idea of making lawsuit over Ted Cruz's legitimacy to run as president.

Republican president front-runner Donald Trump continues to push the button he loves to push: the birther issue, as he once did to President Barack Obama. Now he's after rival Ted Cruz, questioning his eligibility to serve as U.S. President. Furthermore, he's considering filing a lawsuit over the issue, The Hill reported.

"I've said Ted has a lot of problems — number one, Canada. He could run for the Prime Minister of Canada and I wouldn't even complain because he was born in Canada," Trump said.

"The Democrats are going to sue if he ever got the nomination within two days. There have already been two lawsuits filed, but they don't have standing. I have standing to sue. Can you imagine if I did it? Should I do it just for fun?"

Nevertheless, as if to underscore the tedium of pursuing a non-issue to win the prize, Trump nonchalantly said he will defeat Cruz without resorting to challenging the legality of his presidential bid.

"It's probably why I want to save the legal fees. If I thought it was going to matter, maybe I would do it, maybe I wouldn't."

"You know, back in September, my friend Donald said that he had had his lawyers look at this from every which way, and there was no issue there," Cruz said during a Republican debate on January 14. "There was nothing to this birther issue."

He also said, "the facts and the law here are really quite clear. Under longstanding U.S. law, the child of a U.S. citizen born abroad is a natural-born citizen."

Nevertheless, Cruz learned in 2013 that under Canadian law, he was in fact a Canadian citizen. His mother, as an American citizen, nevertheless gave birth to him in Canada. Since then, he has formally renounced his Canadian citizenship, as of May, 2014, limiting his ability to take Donald's advice to run for Prime Minister of Canada.

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