

Trump Needs VP with ties to Capitol Hill

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Dhillon is a former aide for the Clinton Administration

Neil Dhillon, policy strategist, suggests Trump needs to select a strong policy leader and defense expert to manage turbulent relations with congress.

([Newswire.net](#) -- September 10, 2015) -- Neil Dhillon, a policy strategist and veteran of Capitol Hill, suggests front-runner Donald Trump to begin narrowing his sights on a Vice

President with strong ties to Congress. "With a commanding lead in all national polls, Trump should now begin to focus on a Vice Presidential partner who can successfully manage what will likely be an awkward and highly critical Congress of Trump's legislative proposals," he said in a recent interview.

"Trump is one of the most influential and successful business negotiators of our time, but that does not necessarily mean that his policy proposals, if elected President, will fly with Congress," says Dhillon. "Dealing with Congress is often turbulent and many lawmakers want to sabotage Presidential policies so Trump needs a viable and substantive member of Congress at his side to offset potential negative relations. This can be accomplished with an experienced legislator."

"The good news for Trump is that among the other Republican candidates running for President, a few serve in the Senate and Governorship and some would certainly add value to his candidacy, if he selected one of them. The key is to have a VP who can reach to both sides of the aisle and negotiate controversial policies, including any proposals dealing with an 'act of war' or fiscal year budgets. Bi-partisan reach is crucial to any success in negotiating policies," added Dhillon.

"We know health care, defense spending, fiscal year budgets, Social Security, immigration, tax, and trade issues will be early hot ticket items, and Trump will have to quickly form a bond with Congress to pass his proposals. A good example is what Joe Biden was able to do for President Obama who also has endured very turbulent relations with Congress. Biden previously served as chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and that proved valuable to Pres. Obama during complex legislative negotiations, military actions, and fiscal year budgetary issues."

Traditionally, presidential nominees do not select their running mates until closer to national conventions, which for Republicans will be July 18-21, 2016 in Cleveland, Ohio. "With Trump running a rather unconventional but winning campaign, and leading by wide margins in most polls, it should not surprise anyone if he selects a running mate well ahead of the Republican convention."

About Neil Dhillon: Served as chief of staff to Congressman Bob Matsui (D-CA) on the House Ways and Means Committee, senior legislative aide to former president Bill Clinton, and managing director for two top international public affairs firm. Received awards for winning public affairs and communication's programs while at Hill & Knowlton International Public Affairs. Dhillon regularly comments on policy and legislative issues with television, print, and radio journalists. Dhillon can be reached at (202)5501243. He also [successfully predicted the historic GOP gains](#) in the 2014 elections six months before elections.

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