

# A Worthy Challenger

After every other conservative alternative to Mitt Romney crashed and burned (libertarian Ron Paul is in a category of his own), from the rubble emerges Rick Santorum. But he isn't just the last man standing. He is the first challenger to be plausibly presidential: knowledgeable, articulate, experienced, of stable character and authentic ideology.

He'd been ignored largely because he appeared unelectable – out of office for five years, having lost his Senate seat in Pennsylvania by a staggering 17 points in 2006.

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