

《特朗普吃麦当劳喝可乐庆祝初选获胜》

Donald Trump on Thursday reached the number of delegates needed to clinch the Republican nomination for president, completing an unlikely rise that has upended the political landscape and sets the stage for a bitter fall campaign.

本周四,唐纳德 • 特朗普得到了足够的票数,锁定了共和党党内总统候选人提名。一度看似不可能胜利的特朗普却一路胜出,颠覆了政治版图,为即将到来的更加艰苦的 秋季竞选铺好了道路。

And he celebrated with McDonald's takeout and Diet Coke on his private plane - after a swipe at his rival Hillary Clinton for being unable to secure the Democratic nomination.

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During a press conference Thursday in North Dakota, Trump said he was 'honored' by the help he received from a handful of local delegates who gave him a majority.

'I'm so honored by these people! They had such great sense!' Trump beamed.

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One, John Trandem, said he was Trump's 1,238th pledged delegate – the one who put him over the top and cemented the presidential nomination.



Trump shook hands with Trandem - after crowing that Clinton can't do the same.

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'Here I am watching Hillary fight, and she can't close the deal,' he told reporters. 'We've had tremendous support from almost everybody.'

It takes 1,237 delegates to win the Republican nomination for president. Trump has reached 1,238. With 303 delegates at stake in five state primaries on June 7, Trump will easily pad his total, avoiding a contested convention in Cleveland in July.

Trump, a political neophyte who for years delivered caustic commentary on the state of the nation from the sidelines but had never run for office, fought off 16 other Republican contenders in an often ugly primary race.

Many on the right have been slow to warm to Trump, wary of his conservative bona fides. Others worry about Trump's crass personality and the lewd comments he's made about women.

But millions of grassroots activists, many who have been outsiders to the political process, have embraced Trump as a plain-speaking populist who is not afraid to offend.

Steve House, chairman of the Colorado Republican Party and an unbound delegate who confirmed his support of Trump to AP, said he likes the billionaire's background as a businessman.

'Leadership is leadership,' House said. 'If he can surround himself with the political talent, I think he will be fine.'

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Others who confirmed their decision to back Trump were more tepid, saying they are supporting him out of a sense of obligation because he won their state's primary.

Cameron Linton of Pittsburgh said he will back Trump on the first ballot since he won the presidential primary vote



in Linton's congressional district.

'If there's a second ballot I won't vote for Donald Trump,' Linton said. 'He's ridiculous. There's no other way to say it.'

All the while, Republican leaders declared themselves appalled by Trump's rise. Conservatives called the onetime Democrat a fraud.

But they failed, ultimately, to block him. Republican leaders slowly, warily, began meeting with Trump and his staff. And he began winning endorsements from a few members of Congress.

Trump incurred relatively low campaign costs — just \$57 million through the end of April. He covered most of it with at least \$43 million of his own money loaned to the campaign.

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He spent less than \$21 million on paid television and radio commercials. That's about one-quarter of what Jeb Bush and his allies spent on TV.

Bush dropped out of the race three months ago, after disappointing results in South Carolina.

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Trump, 69, the son of a New York City real estate magnate, had risen to fame in the 1980s and 1990s, overseeing major real estate deals, watching his financial fortunes rise, then fall, hosting 'The Apprentice' TV show and authoring more than a dozen books.