

'War chests' talks miss the mark

One of the persistent themes in the coverage of Gov. Jeb Bush's presidential announcement is the money that his campaign has raised and is capable of raising. The discussion of candidate "war chests" is not limited to Bush, but also extends to his Republican rivals and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. While money for campaign expenditures has always been a factor in politics, the media coverage is new. It is almost as if the media is extolling the amount of a candidate's budget as they would gawk at a professional athlete's salary. The difference is that the media states, in a very matter-of-fact manner, that the candidate's budget could help him/her get elected. Hopefully, the news attention will shed light on the flawed method in choosing our country's leaders. The reasons for electing candidates should be their views of the issues, vision for America, and ability to lead and govern. One's fundraising ability should not be a criterion for becoming president.

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