

Tucker Carlson floats moderating alternate GOP primary debate with Trump

Tucker Carlson, the former Fox News prime-time host whose exit from the network sent shockwaves through political media last week, is reportedly floating the idea of hosting a Republican primary forum.

Carlson's unexpected departure from the company has left the media world wondering what he will do next. Carlson, according to the Washington Post, citing people familiar with his thinking, is interested in hosting a forum for 2024 GOP candidates.

Carlson has even chatted about the idea with former President Trump, according to the report, who has threatened to skip one or both of the first Republican debates that are scheduled for the summer. The first GOP debate is slated to be hosted by Carlson's former network, Fox News.

Carlson's contract with Fox News reportedly runs through the end of 2024, which could limit his ability to dip his toes into other ventures until then.

But the Post, citing a source close to Carlson, said the cable host would be willing to part with millions of dollars that is owed to him by the company so he can start a new gig sooner.

Carlson has been approached by several smaller right-wing media outlets, according to the report.

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Carlson's departure from Fox News came just days after it settled a lawsuit with Dominion Voting Systems for more than \$787.5 million over the network's coverage of the 2020 election and claims by Trump that the election was stolen.

In the days after the parting, unconfirmed reports suggested Carlson's private comments about the network and its leadership led to his ouster.

Fox has not publicly explained why they parted ways with Carlson, their top prime-time draw, only saying the decision was mutual.