

21st Century RINO Stampede

	Date	RINO	Position	Target	Situation	Details
1	May 24, 2001	Jim Jeffords	Rep. senator (Vermont)	Senate Republicans	Funding of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act	<i>Senate was divided 50-50. Angry with Republicans for not fully funding his pet project, he left the party and announced that he would caucus with the Democrats, which gave them a 51-49 majority.</i>
2	November 7, 2006	Lincoln Chafee	Former Rep. senator (Rhode Island)	Steve Laffey/John Robitaille	Lost reelection bid - immediately became Independent	<i>Facing conservative opposition in 2006 Republican primary, he won with Democrat votes - then after losing election said the Democrat win was good for the country because it switched control of the senate.</i>
3	March 18, 2008	Wayne Gilchrest	Rep. congressman (Maryland)	Andy Harris	Lost Republican primary	<i>After the loss in the primary, he broke with his party and endorsed Frank Kratovil, the Democrat nominee, in the general election. Kratovil won.</i>
4	October 19, 2008	Colin Powell	Former Secretary of State for George Bush	John McCain	2008 presidential election	<i>Endorsed Barack Obama.</i>
5	April 28, 2009	Arlen Specter	Rep. senator (Pennsylvania)	Pat Toomey	Decided he couldn't win reelection as a Republican	<i>Switched parties, giving the Democrats a 60-50 super majority in the senate - then lost in the 2010 Democrat primary anyway.</i>
6	October 16, 2009	Newt Gingrich	Former Rep. Speaker of the House	Doug Hoffman	NY 23rd Congressional District special election	<i>Endorsed Dede Scozzafava - two weeks later she dropped out of the race and endorsed the Democrat.</i>
7	October 31, 2009	Dede Scozzafava	Rep. nominee for congress (NY)	Doug Hoffman	Saw she was losing to both Democrat and Conservative Party	<i>Dropped out of race when she saw she couldn't win and backed Democrat Bill Owens over ascendant Conservative Party nominee Doug Hoffman.</i>
8	January 18, 2010	Tom Horner	Staffer for Rep. Senator David Durenberger	Tom Emmer	Doesn't like extremism of Sarah Palin-endorsed Republican	<i>Announced his decision to run for governor against the Republican nominee - received immediate endorsement of former Senator Durenberger and other Minnesota Republicans.</i>
9	April 29, 2010	Charlie Crist	Republican governor (Florida)	Marco Rubio	Saw he was losing Republican primary for senator	<i>Running as a third-party candidate.</i>
10	May 8, 2010	Bob Bennett	Rep. senator (Utah)	Mike Lee	Lost Republican primary to tea party candidate	<i>Complained about the lack of moderation in the Republican Party and said the party is, "long on slogans right now, but they're short on ideas."</i>
11	June 9, 2010	Bob Cashell	Mayor (Reno)	Sharron Angle	Backed Sue Lowden who lost in Republican primary	<i>Endorsed Harry Reid, saying about Angle, "Oh she's wild. She's wild. I mean, with the wild ideas she has going back to Washington, our state will suffer..."</i>
12	June 22, 2010	Bob Inglis	Rep. congressman (South Carolina)	Trey Gowdy	Lost Republican primary	<i>Told Associated Press that racism was a factor in tea party movement and chided GOP for "demagoguery" after losing.</i>
13	July 5, 2010	Geno Martini	Mayor (Sparks)	Sharron Angle	Backed Harry Reid even before Angle won Republican primary	<i>Endorsed Harry Reid, saying, "Never mind about Sharron Angle. I just don't think that she's the right fit for us in Washington, D.C."</i>
14	August 10, 2010	Rob Simmons	Former Rep. congressman (Conn.)	Linda McMahon	Lost Republican primary for senator	<i>Offered only grudging endorsements of McMahon.</i>
15	August 11, 2010	Bob Dole	Former Rep. senator and presidential candidate	Marco Rubio	Florida senate race	<i>Donated \$1,000 to Charlie Crist, who is running as an independent against the Republican.</i>
16	August 24, 2010	Lisa Murkowski	Rep. senator (Alaska)	Joe Miller	Lost Republican primary to tea party upstart Christine O'Donnell	<i>Running as a third-party candidate.</i>
17	August 24, 2010	Bill McCollum	Florida Attorney General	Rick Scott	Lost Republican primary for governor	<i>Refuses to endorse nominee Scott, publicly questioning his character and integrity.</i>
18	September 15, 2010	Mike Castle	Rep. congressman (Delaware)	Christine O'Donnell	Lost Republican senate primary to tea party upstart	<i>Refuses to endorse O'Donnell and explored the idea of running as a write-in candidate.</i>
19	September 16, 2010	Michael Bloomberg	Mayor (New York)	Conservatives in general	Vows to support moderates	<i>Endorsed Lincoln Chafee, Independent Party candidate for governor in Rhode Island. Also endorses "moderates" Harry Reid in Nevada and Michael Bennett in Colorado.</i>
20	October 4, 2010	Joseph Cao	Rep. congressman (Louisiana)	None	Only Republican to cast floor vote for Obamacare	<i>Much to Cao's chagrin, Obama's very first general election ad endorsed Cao's felon Democrat opponent in general election.</i>
21	October 12, 2010	Arnold Schwarzenegger	Rep. governor (California)	Florida Republicans		<i>Endorsed Charlie Crist in Florida senate race.</i>
22	2009-2010	NRSC				<i>Enlisted/endorsed Crist over Rubio. Tried to enlist Ridge against Toomey. Refused to support O'Donnell after primary win. Helped Murkowski over Miller in primary recount. Supported Specter over Toomey two weeks before Specter turned Democrat.</i>

^ Red = Bitter, angry, take-their-ball-and-go-home RINO's Green = Classic never-conservative-in-the-first-place RINO's Yellow = Stupid never-had-a-clue RINO suckers