



As Rick Santorum surges in Iowa caucuses, Google users around the world are baffled

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DERRY, NEW HAMPSHIRE -- On Wednesday, the top Google searches in the world were "Iowa Caucuses" and "Rick Santorum" -- leaving people around the world wondering how an American presidential candidate landed their computers on a screen that's definitely NSFW.

Santorum, a social conservative, lost to Mitt Romney by just 8 votes, 30,015 to 30,007 on Tuesday.

Unfortunately for Santorum, a search for "Santorum" brings up RickSantorum.com (his political website) first, then his Wikipedia profile, and then SpreadingSantorum.com, with this abstract: "Santorum 1. The frothy mix of lube and fecal matter that is sometimes the byproduct of anal sex. 2. Senator Rick Santorum."

As [Reuters](#) reported on Jan. 4: "Googling Santorum Leads to Nationwide Ewwwws."

If you're not familiar with how this happened, here's the back story: In 2003, sex columnist Dan Savage, furious over comments Santorum made comparing gay sex to bestiality and incest, decided to "redefine" the word "Santorum." Savage created "spreadingsantorum.com," and with the help of similarly outraged people, spread the new, sexual definition of the then-Senator's last name all over the internet.

Politico reports that in September 2011, Santorum contacted Google (again) to see if they could do anything about the search results. No dice.

"I suspect if something was up there like that about Joe Biden, they'd get rid of it," Santorum told [Politico](#). "If you're a responsible business, you don't let things like that happen in your business that have an impact on the country."

Bing, Baidu and Yahoo search engines bring up similar results.

"To have a business allow that type of filth to be purveyed through their website or through their system is something that they say they can't handle but I suspect that's not true," he said.

One of his seven children, Elizabeth, told [HuffingtonPost](#) that it makes her sad.

"It's disappointing that people can be that mean," she said. "That's really the first thing that comes to mind, it's hurtful. But it's okay, we just try and focus."

Santorum, along with Michele Bachmann - who dropped out of the GOP presidential race after her dismal performance in Iowa - and Texas Governor Rick Perry, signed The Family Leader's controversial anti-gay marriage pledge, which asks each candidate to "vigorously" oppose marriage equality.

Last week, Santorum said not only does he want a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage -- he'd like [invalidate all same-sex marriages](#) that have already taken place.