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More Marshall on Gingrich

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Josh Marshall of the must-read **Talking Points Memo** website picks up where he left off on Hardball last night. The "...the pattern with Gingrich shows a level of hypocrisy, cruelty and emotional immaturity that most people won't accept in a president," he writes.

I'm not so sure. The good news for Gingrich is that he doesn't, at least early on, need the votes of "most people." Instead, in a crowded Republican field he needs a plurality of votes, or a vote count that "exceeds expectations," in the early contests of Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina. Given the weakness of the Republican field, and given Gingrich's ambitions, that's a bet well worth making.

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