



Aspirational Guest List

Pat and Chris created an aspirational guest list. They assigned point values to various characteristics:

- Politicians (elected or appointed) get two points. Anyone who ran for president receives a bonus 5 points. (They got really nerdy on the rules: First ladies don't count as politicians if they never ran for anything themselves. To compensate, being first lady is worth 2 points.) And ever having worked regularly in the White House automatically gives the person 3 more bonus points.
- TV stars and news anchors are worth 1 point. But anyone on Star Trek gets an extra point.
- Five points for being an internet meme, but anyone famous for nothing important (reality television or a sex tape) get 2 points taken away.
- Hosts of The View (past or present) get 6 points.
- Ordained reverends get 4 points.
- Anybody famous enough to go exclusively by one name gets 3 points. This doesn't include people that could go by one name, like Oprah – everyone knows her last name is Winfrey.
- Anyone local (hangs out in Portland a bunch) gets 5 points.
- Dealing with food gives 3 points automatically, but ever had a Food Network show one of those points is taken away.
- Musicians get 4 points.
- Movie stars get 4 points, too. Not just anyone who has appeared in a movie (or a music star who dabbles in movies), but someone whose major works include movies.
- Anybody with a company named after them gets 6 points. That's pretty bold, eh?
- And anybody starting a major internet retailer gets 10 points.

They decided the cutoff for being invited was getting at least 8 points. The list was just a fun exercise, though – an inversion from the regular wedding planning grind. The whole wedding process was a long...