

Some Mormons worried about Romney

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SALT LAKE CITY - Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney's campaign for the Republican nomination for president is causing a bit of apprehension among his fellow Mormons in Utah.

In the state where the church has its headquarters, many are worried Romney's candidacy could bring scrutiny to the church and may exacerbate longstanding bigotry against the Mormon religion, The New York Times reported Monday.

Not helping the situation is Romney's tendency to gloss over Mormon history or tenets, the newspaper said.

Some Salt Lake City residents told the Times they cringed when Romney said during a "60 Minutes" interview that he couldn't imagine anything more awful than polygamy.

"If I were one of his relatives, I would be upset with him," Audrey M. Godfrey, a historian, told the Times.

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