

Idaho's Legislature

To oppose this pay raise, in my opinion, shows a blindness to the greater problem, which is the dominance of the Administrative State. How do legislators push back against a dominate Administrative State with so little fuel in the fuel tank; with no ammo in the ammo box; and with worn out troops who scramble everyday to do a full-time job on part-time pay? Idaho legislators need more resources to fulfill their constitutional responsibilities.

Idaho Considers More Mandatory Minimums for Fentanyl

I believe this new law, with its expanded definition of what constitutes trafficking, will add hundreds of additional inmates to Idaho's prisons. Because our prisons are already full and we are storing prisoners in other states, it will also add to the cost of transporting our inmates around the country.

Arizona-Mexico Border Crisis

A couple of weeks ago I visited the Arizona/Mexico border at Seabee Arizona. I had been there before, in 2008 and 2013.

The purpose of my visit was to see firsthand the circumstances surrounding the wave of illegal immigration flowing north across our southern border. I agree that today it is a wave and that it is out of control. As I write this, Title 42 is expiring, and predictions are that it will get worse.

Dobbs versus Roe v. Wade

There was no basis for Roe, and it took our Supreme Court fifty years to reverse itself. But it actually did not fully reverse itself, what it determined was that abortion was not a federal issue. Roe was overturned, but that did not eliminate the practice of abortion, nor make abortion illegal. What it did was to make abortion an issue for the states.

Federal Wolves – State Rights, an Update

Idaho's wolf emergency is a state issue. And in this situation, the state of Idaho has both a duty and the authority to protect its people and their property. House Bill 343 lays out the facts, the argument and the authority to do so. And the governor can devise a process, outlined in an executive order, that is dignified and methodical in confronting this emergency.

Personal Use of Logs and Timber in Idaho State

So my conclusion is that neither Lewis and Clark, nor those who might re-enact their trek through Idaho today need get a permit nor enter into a contract with the state of Idaho if they want to cut down a large and marketable Ponderosa Pine on state land and carve it into a canoe for their own personal use.

The Corona Virus, An Emergency or No?

The governor of Idaho must agree as he suddenly thinks that Idaho needs a law on the books giving Idaho government officials immunity from their "Covid-19 actions." He just called a special session of the Legislature in the hopes the Legislature will pass such a bill.

Uncle Sam Is The Biggest

Brother

Once upon a time there was a collection of radicals, who were highly educated in the natural law and the errors and successes of past political and economic systems. They were American Colonists with names like John Hancock, Samuel Adams, Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, et. al. They believed that each man was uniquely created by God and could have a personal relationship with the Creator if he or she chose to do so. This mind-set also caused these men to reject the idea that God only spoke to men through either the Pope or the King, and that the political theory of the "Divine Right of Kings" was a scam used by kings to justify their dictatorial form of government. Claiming their divine right, kings would claim they represented God to the people and that all their policies were God ordained and therefore infallible.

Instead, these radicals reasoned that if each of them were uniquely created in God's image, not only were they all equal before God in the spiritual sense, but that every man was also equal politically. Back in the 1700's such thinking was radical compared to the status quo. They also believed that men were capable of governing themselves and writing their own laws.

In 1775, the "Divine Right of Kings" form of government clashed with the "all men are created equal" way of thinking when the King's government imposed a tax on tea in the American Colonies. The amount of the overall tax burden was small, only about 2%, but the way the tax was imposed on Americans was highly offensive to them. American Colonists objected to any tax being imposed on them that they did not approve of through representation in the legislative body imposing the tax.

Americans further objected to being forced to purchase the taxed tea only through governmentally approved outlets. In

fact, these passionate and thinking Americans were so opposed to this construct they successfully boycotted the entire scheme and the tax on tea had to be withdrawn. Ultimately a war was fought over these conflicting political theories and much blood and treasure was expended in order to resolve the conflict. During the War of Independence, Americans would cry out "No Taxation without Representation".

What replaced the "Divine Right of Kings" in the newly formed United States of America was a Constitution that recognized that every man had equal standing in the new government. This new governmental system utilized democratic processes, representing We the People, to run the government. The new system also recognized that men are fallible, as all men sin and fall short of the glory of God. One characteristic of this new Republic was that a citizen's rights were more important than what might someday be the appetite of a mob.

The Declaration of Independence listed 27 grievances against an abusive King; and the new Constitution recognized that political leaders might be so bad that they might need to be removed from office through an impeachment process. Our system of reoccurring elections also allows for bad actors to be removed from office. This was a huge change from the previous system where the King claimed he represented God and that his policies were therefore infallible.

Believing that all men are sinners, the founders of America chose to limit the power and size of government such that at the beginning America had a limited form of government, limited by what Thomas Jefferson referred to as "the chains of the Constitution".

How is that working out for us today? Not so good I would say. Referring to the [CIA's World Fact Book](#), we see that the government of the United States is the biggest government in the world at \$3.893 trillion in budgeted annual expenditures.

China is second at \$2.897 trillion. Japan is third at \$1.931

trillion. And Germany is fourth at \$1.484 trillion. Recently demonized Russia isn't even in the top 10 at \$286 billion per year, just one fourteenth the size of our budget.

In fact, in all of recorded history, the government of the United States is the biggest government the human race has ever seen on Planet Earth! Uncle Sam is Biggest Brother. How did this happen with a Constitution that guarantees us a limited form of government?

The simple answer is that our government ignores our Constitution. More accurately, what it does is lure us away from our God-given rights as guaranteed in our Constitution with benefits and privileges such that we leave our common law and constitutional rights behind in the rear view mirror in exchange for cradle to grave governmental security.

We have come full circle and have made government our God through a modern version of the Devine Right of Kings. However, instead of being up front about this new scheme, instead we are tricked into joining a new political overlay that uses familiar sounding terms, like "citizen of the United States," which is a statutorily created entity subject to Congress' authority and unable to object to the rules and regulations pertaining to the benefits and privileges being sought after. This constitutes a political overlay that has caused the original Republic and its Constitution to go into hibernation.

All of us have left the jurisdiction of the Several States, where Congress' authority is limited, and instead joined the "public rights" jurisdiction where Congress has plenary power. Most of us have no clue as to how all of this works.

Instead of relying on our God-given natural rights, memorialized in our Constitution and our Bill of Rights, we chase after "public rights" created by a bleeding heart Congress anxious to make us subject to its authority as we

indulge in tax payer funded benefits. Congress has created a “right to food stamps”, a “right to unemployment benefits”, a “right to low interest loans” if you are a student, a farmer, and first-time home buyer. There are rights to farm subsidies, grants, and of course bailouts for those too big to fail and too big to jail. (For a discussion of “public rights” see Kuretski v. C.I.R., 755 F.3d 929, (D.C. Cir. 2014.))

In reality, these “public rights” are not rights at all, but government granted privileges. The United States Supreme Court has ruled many times that those who chase after a privilege have no standing to complain , object or otherwise defend any right, as there is no such thing as a “right” in the universe of privileges.

A big government, who takes care of us from cradle to grave, is also a government that has become a defacto god. We are now right back to where we were before the War of Independence, except the tax rate and the size of government has increased an order of magnitude compared to that of 1775.

The ancient Divine Right of Kings is very much alive and well today.

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Of the seventeen, Trump is the best

When the Republican Presidential Primary season started, I personally had no clear favorite of the seventeen candidates,

and at that time I knew little about Donald Trump and didn't care for his (dynamic, hyper, potent) alpha male style. I did have what amounted to three favorites, who in my mind, were all tied for second place. Those were Senator Rand Paul, Senator Ted Cruz and Dr. Ben Carson. (I had a strong bias toward Senator Rand Paul, having been a Ron Paul delegate to the 2008 GOP National Convention in St. Paul Minnesota.)

I believe that with Senator Rand Paul, we have a genuinely solid libertarian conservative who walks the walk and talks the talk. With Senator Paul 'what you see is what you get'; and the underlying man is as decent and honest as men come. But in this era of turmoil, I don't see Senator Paul up to the task of being CEO of the USA as we move through a period of globally engineered chaos.

Initially Senator Cruz impressed me with his aggressive defense of constitutional and moral issues, mostly based on his tip-of-the-spear rhetoric. But upon further investigation, I ended up with serious concerns about Cruz's connections to Goldman Sacs, the Council on Foreign Relations and the Bush family. After the voter fraud episode in the Iowa primary where the Cruz campaign put out the word that Dr. Carson had dropped out, it appears that Ted Cruz is ethically challenged. And lastly, because Senator Cruz was born in Alberta, I don't believe he is constitutionally eligible to be president in the first place, notwithstanding all the arguments to the contrary.

My third "second place" favorite was Dr. Ben Carson. He seems like a courageous and intelligent man who knew what he believed, and knew how to apply those principles to real world situations. I thought he had pure intentions to serve his country and serve the American People. I still think highly of Dr. Carson, but I don't think Dr. Carson has the CEO experience that will be necessary to deal with today's world-wide chaos, nor does he have that CEO experience which will help him kick butts and roll heads as needed to prevent

America from declining into a third world “has been” destroyed by today’s institutionalized corruption found all throughout government.

Now that I know more, and as I look back on that that original field of seventeen candidates, I do have a clear #1 favorite. And for me, that #1 choice is Donald Trump.

Donald Trump has shown more courage than any of the other seventeen candidates, and he stands on his principles, even when his position is unpopular. In 2001, when the majority approved of the war in Iraq, Donald Trump took a public anti-war position warning about the dangers and foolishness of that war. Donald Trump also has come out against all the various “crony – capitalism” trade agreements that most of the other politicians support and which have been proven to be bad for America.

What other national figure is pushing hard to release the classified 28 pages of the 9-11 Commission’s report? Candidate Trump has promised, if elected president, to release to the public that 28 page document. Donald Trump is a New York City real estate developer, and he probably knew the World Trade Center buildings inside and out. He probably knows what really happened on September 11, 2001, a day that changed America for the worse. Donald Trump is a no nonsense man, and he won’t put up with the false paradigm. I expect a Trump Administration to undo the many losses of freedom we’ve experienced since then, and to effectively “make America free again.”

Candidate Trump should be heralded for calling out the democrat opposition for what she really is: corrupt, crooked, dishonest, lying, thieving, self-serving, and bad for America. Who among the other 16 candidates even comes close to Trump in speaking the truth about the opposition? Donald Trump is a courageous man, the most courageous of the seventeen candidates, and it is no secret that he may be risking his life running for public office.

Which other candidate is calling the establishment and the election process corrupt and rigged? Only Donald Trump has the courage to say what he says. And the media? He is also calling them some of the worst people on Planet Earth. Most Americans know this to be true, but only Donald Trump has the courage to state this in public.

Donald Trump is a Nationalist, and he will do what is best for America. It appears to me that his nationalism is actually part of his DNA and is engrained in his thinking. He was the only candidate of the seventeen who has been brutally honest about the real affects of NAFTA, the WTO and the TPP. As a successful businessman, he instinctively knows what will make America's whole economy successful, and what will be harmful to it. He has the real world experience of having people on a payroll that needs to be funded week by week. He sounds like an economic guru who wants to reinvigorate our economy so that every American can buy a condo or own a home. (Would you expect anything less from a real estate developer?) His approach will be different than the status quo in that he understands people must work at good jobs to own a home and that it will not be a "give away" as it is with the democrats.

Some people are successful in business because they are single-minded and focus on only their business. They are like a greyhound chasing a rabbit, and are driven only to the goal (making money). Donald Trump is a proven multi-tasker, having had a variety of career successes across the board including being an author, promoter, philanthropist, community activist and now political candidate. (I also appreciate that he is a graduate of America's top business school, The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, where I also received my MBA.) The 50 Best Business Schools in the World, Business Insider (Dec. 14, 2015).

Of all of the original seventeen candidates, Trump (fittingly) trumps them all in his ability to function as a CEO. With the change we desperately need to restore our Republic, it is

going to take strong CEO experience to make decisions, provide leadership, persuade people, and have the guts to tackle vexing problems.

President Reagan, the 'great communicator', campaigned on the promise of eliminating the Departments of Education and Energy, but it never got done. Trump, who is a man of action, says he is going to get rid of ObamaCare, get ride of Common Core, get us out of NAFTA, and the TPP, fix our immigration problem, protect the Second Amendment and so on.

Of the original seventeen Republican presidential candidates, I believe only Donald Trump has the chutzpah to do what he says. He has proven CEO experience. He knows how to get things done. (As a real estate developer, consider the number of Certificate of Occupancies he has gotten for 'getting the job done'!) And now in hindsight, I see that his hyper-alpha male attribute is actually his strongest asset. Of the seventeen Republicans who ran for president in 2016, Donald J. Trump is my #1 choice.

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Idaho state rep. Phil Hart endorses Trump for president

When I was a teenager, I used to read the print off of Human Events, a conservative weekly newspaper my parents subscribed to. It was in the pages of Human Events where I was introduced to many intellectuals and political leaders who later became my heroes. Congressman Ron Paul, a prolific writer, was among them. I can remember "Dr. No", our affectionate name for Congressman Paul, standing alone on issue after issue, getting

nothing done legislatively. Often he could not find a single co-sponsor to the many excellent bills that he proposed. Yet his constituents loved him, and sent him back to Congress over and over again.

Today I use Congressman Paul as an example as to why standing alone has value. Just look at the issue of central banking and the private Federal Reserve Bank. For decades, Ron Paul was a voice in the wilderness speaking out against the private Federal Reserve, and few people listened back then. But today the majority of Americans are aware that the Federal Reserve is not a government bank, and most Americans want it at least audited. Ron Paul's voice in the wilderness from the 70's and 80's turned into a tsunami of skepticism regarding the Federal Reserve Bank; and as of this date, there is still more good fruit that will be gained from Congressman Paul's decades of effort on this issue.

All political movements must have a number of moving parts; components of the whole. I learned from my own political journey, that getting things done politically was always a larger task than could be performed by one person. It takes a team.

The Liberty Movement is full of people who want to be left alone; such is the nature of the "liberty mindset". We have a good number of intellectuals in the Liberty Movement, and this intellectual foundation is necessary for any movement to be successful. Ron Paul is one of our most valuable intellectual assets. But where we are weak, is in the number of people we have with direct government or political experience. Liberty-minded people generally don't like to be part of the government.

Campaign for Liberty was a great idea of Congressman Paul's to train workers to fight in the trenches of political warfare. And his efforts there will pay the Liberty Movement dividends for many more years to come. But what a lot of "liberty-

mind" people can't visualize is how does one get from "Point A" to "Point B". If we are honest, we will recognize this as a serious defect in the Liberty Movement.

Said another way, "How do we implement our agenda?" "How do we reach our goals?" "How do we restore America to the principles of our ancestors?" We have already won the intellectual debate in the minds of the people. Now how do we get the job done on the ground?

I suggest in 2016 we either recruit, or we support, or we get behind someone who will champion our values, and who also knows how to get from Point A to Point B. It is a simple idea.

In my own life, I competed in long distance running, cycling and alpine ski racing, which was all about getting from Point A to Point B as fast as you can. I must have learned how to do this from my father, who held the American record in the 5,000 meters, getting from Point A to Point B the fastest. In business it is similar. Eighty percent of all businesses fail in the first five years, as many people cannot figure out how to get from Point A to Point B successfully.

I am supporting Donald Trump for President. As I have listened to him these past few months, I am learning that he embraces many of my values, my principles and my goals. While Ron Paul was for decades sowing the seeds of Liberty, and gradually winning the minds of the People; Donald Trump was proving as a businessman that he is someone who knows how to successfully get from Point A to Point B.

As one who has been hugely successful in business, who has a lot of his own money, and has proven himself to be a successful CEO, Donald Trump is in a position to promote his own agenda free from the influence of special interests. Who else can do this? And it just so happens that Donald Trump's agenda lines up pretty closely with mine.

In my own life, I've figured out how to get from Point A to

Point B; and therefore I can recognize and appreciate this quality in someone else. And regarding Donald Trump as a candidate for President, I have a further bias in that both he and I graduated from the Wharton School of Business; him in '68 and me in '84.

Wharton has always been ranked in the top three business schools. While I was in the MBA program there, I had a cousin and friends in the MBA programs at the other two top business schools. I noticed at the other top schools, once you were admitted to their programs, whether you worked hard or goofed off, you got the diploma at the end of the program. Not so at Wharton; if you didn't do the work, or you didn't do it successfully, Wharton would flunk you.

Donald Trump must be good at problem solving; otherwise he would have flunked out of Wharton. He wants to audit the Federal Reserve Bank. (Thank you Ron Paul for sowing those seeds). He wants to get rid of Common Core. He wants to secure our borders.

He will get rid of Obama Care (the son of Romney Care). He will negotiate tough trade deals with our trading partners that will greatly improve what we have now. He's a real estate developer from New York City and says he will deal with the events of 9-11. He probably knew the World Trade Center buildings inside and out, and probably already has his head wrapped around that issue. And lastly, Donald Trump knows how to get from Point A to Point B.

As a proven CEO from the business world, I believe a Donald Trump in the White House will kick butts and roll heads! Who else can the Liberty Movement support who has proven CEO experience and can guarantee to us they will kick butts and roll heads?

All that said, I support Donald Trump for President in 2016.

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