

# 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-minded" 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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