

Our Finest Hour



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On June 18, 1940, Winston Churchill addressed the British – House of Commons with one of his most famous speeches, the legendary “Finest Hour” speech. It is one of the most inspiring and uplifting speeches of our modern era. Churchill made the claim that,

“Upon this battle depends the survival of Christian civilization. Upon it depends our own British life, and the long continuity of our institutions and our Empire. The whole fury and might of the enemy must very soon be turned on us. ... If we can stand up ... , all Europe may be free and the life of the world may move forward into broad, sunlit uplands.

“But if we fail, then the whole world, including the United States, including all that we have known and cared for, will sink into the abyss of a new Dark Age made more sinister, and perhaps more protracted, by the lights of perverted science.

“Let us therefore brace ourselves to our duties, and so bear ourselves that, if the British Empire and its Commonwealth last for a thousand years, men will still say, ‘This was their finest hour.’”

I see similarities with our current age and the dilemma before us. Will we show steadfast courage and bravery while bringing Truth, Goodness and Mercy with us into the battle for our

American values and culture? Or, will we, “sink into the abyss of a new Dark Age made more sinister, and perhaps more protracted, by the lights of perverted science”?

Here’s a quick layout of a practical battle plan that can provide us with victory.

We need to raise up an army of citizens who realize that they have a right, a duty, an obligation to put an end to the tax, spend, rule and regulate crowd of administrative bureaucrats that are playing games with our futures.

In the May Primary, there were 456,000 registered Republicans, who did not vote. Additionally, there are nearly 1.3 million unaffiliated or minor party voters who lean conservative but could not vote for partisan candidates. These conservative, patriotic, and traditionally-minded voters are tired of being blown about and tossed around by the glamorous winds of the well-moneyed and powerful political elites.

Taxpayers sent more than 3 million people a Voters’ Pamphlet. Then, we sent them all a personal engagement letter (i.e., a ballot) that already had a stamp on it!

Yet, nearly seventy-five percent of these people did not vote.

These are people in our communities whose voices we need to harness. They are the silent watchers; they don’t like the turmoil and perhaps feel their voices don’t count. Other than funny cat or grandkid videos, they rarely use social media. They are waiting for us to step forward and on a personal level engage them as real, sincere people.

We can win votes their without spending like members of the Democrat Party because we don’t need to buy votes. We are offering what people really want – Smaller government, Lower taxes, Fewer rules and regulations – more Freedom.

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ON A COUNTY-BY-COUNTY BASIS...

2024 Primary State	Resident's GOP	GOP Turnout	Mixing GOP Voters	Lean GOP but 2nd Party	2024 Primary State	Resident's GOP	GOP Turnout	Mixing GOP Voters	Lean GOP but 2nd Party
Chickasaw County	88,184	22.6%	57,178	127,009	Greene County	8,797	41.3%	5,848	18,568
Washington County	79,728	28.1%	12,992	171,806	Clatsop County	7,314	36.3%	4,548	13,802
Madison County	61,242	19.2%	47,209	101,368	Creek County	9,411	54.3%	4,804	8,776
Multnomah County	94,957	29.8%	38,686	218,927	Union County	8,176	50.0%	4,045	7,861
Lane County	60,884	35.1%	38,095	113,098	Wallowa County	6,189	45.0%	3,722	9,641
Jackson County	49,874	45.0%	27,321	69,914	Tillamook County	5,886	37.1%	3,375	9,256
Deschutes County	44,586	39.0%	26,781	67,473	Jefferson County	5,710	46.1%	3,088	8,393
Douglas County	38,927	18.6%	21,049	58,749	Baker County	5,820	49.4%	2,943	5,293
Umatilla County	38,086	17.4%	20,887	41,526	Kerry County	6,092	51.0%	2,869	8,879
Harney County	29,852	16.0%	13,172	31,121	Wasco County	5,047	46.1%	2,718	8,564
Josephine County	24,684	45.0%	12,170	50,708	Wood River County	3,043	47.0%	1,595	7,078
Polk County	19,038	36.7%	12,050	24,861	Lake County	2,827	50.0%	1,400	2,761
Wheath County	19,759	50.0%	9,687	21,954	Wheath County	2,799	51.0%	1,360	2,114
Umatilla County	11,801	39.0%	9,431	21,914	Morrow County	2,114	49.0%	1,219	3,649
Coos County	11,698	46.0%	8,430	21,046	Wallowa County	1,982	61.2%	1,126	2,714
Benham County	11,297	38.1%	8,111	21,750	Grant County	1,798	59.1%	1,114	2,008
Columbia County	11,693	41.4%	6,852	18,761	Sherman County	N/A	49.0%	365	536

INSPIRE THESE PEOPLE

ommon-sense and believe me, on county-by-county basis this is very do-able. Look at the following numbers; look at the turnout in your county. How do we reach these people?

Here's one way you can help: Attached is a [one-page, single-sided PDF flyer](#) that you can use, print, and distribute at **fairs, events** and upcoming **Independence Day parades**. You might even choose to print off 10 copies to handout in your neighborhood.

Every day we are faced with **making intelligent choices** – How much does it cost? What time should I leave to get to Grandma's on time? How should I plan my errands, where should my first stop be? Should we eat out tonight, or should I cook at home?

All of these examples take place in what I call the **miracle of the free-market**. These are all choices that we can freely make; it's on us, on our dime; it's our choice – BBQ-chicken or meatloaf.

Unfortunately, most of the people we'll see everyday around in the grocery store or on the street aren't paying attention to politics. **They want to live their lives and be left alone.** Many people seem to have been **suckered into complacency** by big government programs and proponents who have created the big problems plaguing our state and nation.

The **wide-open drug culture, rising homelessness, unbelievable home prices, and rampant metro-area crime didn't explode on us accidentally.** These first-world horrors have been ushered into our communities **straight from left-field.** The socialist-left has brought uncertainty into our lives by **destroying the vocabulary we have traditionally used to deal with Truth.**

In turn, the personal decision-making skills which people use for determining their own success has been **supplanted with a confused and docile mind.** Those in authority are banking on this confusion to continue their deception and rob each of us of our hope, our motivation, and our independence. But don't worry they promise to keep us safe as our complacency forges the chains of our daily existence.

To counter this, Republican **Liberty-lovers,** have a worldview that champions objective truth, moral ethics, natural law, reason, science, individual liberty, personal responsibility and virtue. A worldview without coercion and where choices actually make a difference.

This is what is needed to win the minds of those conservative leaning voters. We can offer them engaging arguments about the moral superiority of free-market solutions vs. more government intrusions being forced into their private lives.

Our worldview isn't based on Statism, it is based on Liberty.

Reject the Democrat Majority's Grip on our lives, businesses and property!

Help me organize the new Secretary of State's office to:

Reclaim every citizen's God-given Right to Free-Speech and Privacy.

Terminate the censorship and monitoring of social media outlets.

Secure Transparent, Honest, Fair, and Secure Elections.

Remove Propaganda from the IP (Initiative Petition) process so that citizens rightly understand proposed ballot measures

Audit Executive Agency and Departmental spending and overreach.

Restore Common-sense to the Land-Use Board and the State Sustainability Board.

Bring Back Accountability and Transparency

Sure, [this PDF](#) isn't a glossy palm-card, but times are tough, inflation is high and we can each manage a few sheets of paper. So please, feel free to print out this flyer and distribute at your events throughout the summer and fall.

Again, thank you for your continued support – Your help and efforts will secure our success in Oregon!

Here's some more information about me and my candidacy:

[Election Website](#)

[April 16, Video of Oregonian interview](#)

[A series of newsletters on election integrity](#)

Your support is vital and your VOTE is appreciated!

Best Regards,

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