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It's Us vs. Them

Pundit Mary Elizabeth Williams recently penned an article under the title of, "So What If Abortion Ends a Human Life." Williams coldly admits she believes "all life is not equal."

NY Governor Andrew Cuomo said in a radio interview that gun "confiscation could be an option ... mandatory sale to the state could be an option."

President Barak Obama asserts:

We have a very large Christian population, [but] we do not consider ourselves a Christian nation or a Jewish nation or a Muslim nation; we consider ourselves a nation of citizens who are bound by ideals and a set of values.

For patriots, there are so many battlefronts — so many issues.

However, I suggest there is a more pivotal and effective way to channel our various concerns. First, I suggest our members and friends read the Constitution Party [platform](#). There you will find all the ammunition one needs to understand the core of any issue.

In the fight against abortion, the Constitution Party is the only party that advocates the protection of all life from conception to natural death. Our platform states, "The first duty of the law is to protect innocent life, created in the image of God."

In defense of the Second Amendment, we are consistent — and I dare say courageous. Our platform is clear: "We oppose attempts to prohibit ownership of guns by law-abiding citizens, and stand against all laws which would require the registration of guns or ammunition."

And the vision and values of President Obama is certainly not ours. Howard Phillips, founder and three-time presidential nominee of the Constitution Party, put it this way:

The Founders all said we are endowed by the Creator with certain inalienable

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rights. The Constitution Party wants to return to Constitutional government, which is rooted in British common law, which was itself rooted in Holy Scripture.

Whether it's Common Core, a non-interventionist foreign policy, illegal aliens, or abolishing the Federal Reserve, it's us vs. them.

The establishment elite would have us believe that the U.S. is too far gone down the road to socialism, and that American voters are on their side. Not so: According a survey of likely voters in 2014, 53 percent think neither party in Congress represents the American people. In a national poll last month, 33 percent of voters think the current president is the worst since 1945.

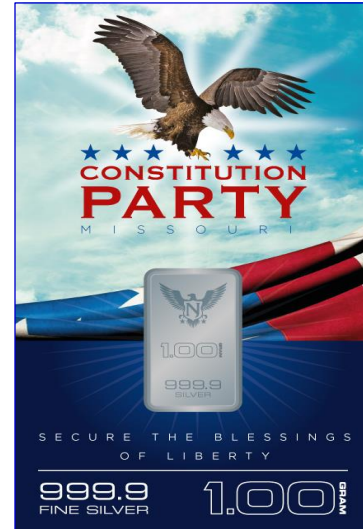
So my message to you is simple: get familiar with the party platform, share it with fellow patriots, and [invest](#) time and resources in our candidates and party. The duopoly is counting on passive resistance — we must prove them wrong.

Sincerely,

Frank Fluckiger

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The Howard Phillips Legacy Society

Our party has been blessed in the past year with a dramatic upswing of visits to our Facebook page, more readers of our party newsletter than ever before, and by a number of Constitutionlists who are putting up their name as candidates.

That kind of growth doesn't happen by accident. It takes a decisive plan of action, grass roots activists willing to work hard, and generous patriots who commit financial resources to get the job done.

Among those who invest in the Constitution Party are a growing number of Howard Phillips Legacy Society members.

Named after the founder of our party, The Howard Phillips Legacy Society provides the regular income necessary to run the "business end" of our work. Members receive the exclusive VICTORY REPORT newsletter various gifts of appreciation for joining, including a one gram 999.9 pure silver ingot especially created for the Constitution Party (pictured above).

Learn more about Howard Phillips [here](#), and how to join The Howard Phillips Legacy Society [here](#).

FACES OF THE CONSTITUTION PARTY: MEET GRAHAM JUDD



Graham Judd, a new and active member of the Constitution Party of Florida, explains why he is involved and what he is doing. His work and motivation should be an inspiration to all Constitution Party supporters.

Graham was interviewed by Peter Gemma, a National Committee member from Florida.

Question: Graham, you're new to the Constitution Party so welcome aboard. Before we get into some details, tell me about your background.

Answer: Peter, I wear many different hats. I own two successful businesses. I am a father to six children, active in my church, and my family is involved in local rodeo. I have coached my boys in football, my daughters in softball, and I've been a substitute teacher at a local Christian school. On top of all that I am a full-time student. I have a degree in Emergency Medical Services but went back to school to get a degree in Organizational Leadership with a minor in Missions. I will graduate in December of 2015.

Q: What brought you into the Constitution Party?

A: The truth is that the Republican Party led me to the Constitution Party. The more I see of the GOP, the more I realize that I am not a Republican. I believe in the Constitution. I believe in the Bill of Rights. I believe in limited government and states' rights. The GOP will say they support those things but their actions say otherwise. Unfortunately, people believe that if they are conservative, their only option is the Republican Party and that's just not true. I joined the Constitution Party to show my fellow conservatives that we really do have a principled center home in the Constitution Party.

Q: As a sidestep, there was a newspaper [article](#) about you recently — it brought home to me the fact that you live the Constitution Party's principles in your everyday life. Can you tell me about that?

A: One of the businesses I own is a painting company. I read an article about a painter who had been left

homeless after his previous employer didn't pay him for over a month. One of the things that I hate the most is dishonesty and I couldn't just sit back and watch this poor man living on the streets because of someone else's greed. So I hired him. Within one week we had found him a place to live, transportation, new clothes, and got him a pantry full of food. I didn't feel like I did anything special, I just felt like I did the right thing. As a result however, a writer for our local newspaper called and interviewed me for the article. But the beauty of it was that my values were highlighted in the article. Matthew 5:16 says, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." This was just one simple way that I could glorify God.

Q: What were the first things you got into with the Florida Constitution Party?

A: The first thing I did after registering with the party was to try and find my county chairman so that I could get involved locally. Unfortunately, there wasn't a county chairman. Because I know how important this is to my county, state, and our nation, I stepped up to the plate and volunteered for the position. The next thing I did was take advantage of social media. Facebook is such a wonderful tool to reach people. I created a Facebook [page](#) for our state so that people could see what we're doing and that we are involved. Then I helped out at the state level and created a Facebook page for the state. In just a few short months, our party has reached tens of thousands of Floridians as a result.

Q: What are the ups and downs you've faced so far?

A: Peter, we have a lot of work to do. I have been encouraged to see how much other people care about politics; I think that's very important. We have had several people register as new CP members. It's been great. But I'll be honest, it's tough. Although our party has been around since the 90s, we're still really just beginning. This is a true grassroots movement, especially here in Polk County where we had no existing political infrastructure. The beautiful thing is that now we at least have the foundation laid. It's time to start laying the brick.

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Q: What are you focusing on now?

A: I have two major goals right now; increase the voter rolls for our party, and to have candidates on the ballot in 2016. I am constantly spreading the word. When people see our platform, they love it. It's just a matter of getting people to get out of the two-party system mindset. The two party system has brought us to where we are, and it's time to make some changes. To do that we have to have voters and we have to have candidates. We don't have to be as big as the other parties, at least not initially, we just have to have good solid candidates who are able to effectively spread our message. That is what will get us noticed. That is what will get us elected. If we can get people in office, I assure you we'll get the attention of the other two parties. We'll really get their attention when we start taking their offices from them.

Peter, this isn't going to be a simple process but it is very, very doable. That's why I'm involved.

CONSTITUTION PARTY MEMBERS CURRENTLY HOLDING ELECTED POSITIONS

AK	Pam Goode Deltana Community Corporation Board Delta Junction
IL	Phil Collins Libertyville Township Trustee Lake County
MI	Rich Ryskamp Board of Directors Grand Rapids Community College
OR	Mary Starrett Yamhill County Commissioner
PA	Bob Goodrich Osceola Township Supervisor James N. Clymer Judge of Elections Manor New East Precinct Manor Township
UT	Bryce Hamilton Duchesne City Council Steven W. Johnson Enoch City Council
WA	A.J. Burton Medical Lake City Council

THE TRUTH ABOUT BALLOT ACCESS

If you are new to the Constitution Party, you may be wondering why we are talking so much about ballot access. Most people have never heard of it and think that anyone who wants to run for office just has to file and, presto!, they are on the ballot. Not so in the real world of the American political system.

The truth is that, in some states, ballot access for independent and alternative parties is nearly impossible. In others, there are hurdles that the Republican and Democrat Party candidates do not have to jump. These hurdles, created by state legislators and state officials who tend to represent their parties rather than protect the political rights of their constituents, have the effect of stifling access for candidates and their supporters who have different solutions to the problems facing America today.

Cynthia Davis, creator and host of the *Home Front* podcast recently explored the trials and tribulations of ballot access with James N. Clymer and Gary Odom. Jim served three terms as national chairman of the Constitution Party and was our vice-presidential candidate in 2012. Gary has a long history with alternative party politics dating back to the 1960s and more recently served six years as national field director for the Constitution Party.

You will not want to miss the insights shared in this episode. Listen here: [BALLOT ACCESS WARS](#).

We have also set up a website page to help visitors find answers to the basic questions about ballot access. Read here: [BALLOT ACCESS FAQs](#).

Once you learn about ballot access and why we need it, consider making a donation to the national party so we will have funds to allocate to targeted states where it is most needed.

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With God All Things Are Possible --
Ohio State Motto



WELCOME TO CINCINNATI!
Constitution Party National Committee Meeting
14-15 November 2014
hosted by the Constitution Party of Ohio

Registration and other details can be found on the national Constitution Party website at:
www.constitutionparty.com/get-involved/events

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: NATIONAL COMMENTATOR BEN SWANN



Ben Swann spent 14 years working as a journalist in broadcast news—from news photographer to reporter to morning anchor/reporter, finally to prime time anchor/reporter. He won two Emmy Awards and two Edward R. Murrow awards. In 2010, he moved to Cincinnati, Ohio taking a position as prime time anchor with WXIX where he became producer/writer/anchor of a segment called “Reality Check”. Later he started Truth In Media as he realized that mainstream media is not interested in doing the hard work or asking the hard questions of true investigative journalism.

www.benswann.com

Plan to arrive on Thursday the 13th: Our Hospitality room will provide light food and snacks.

Friday:

Executive Committee Meeting – 9 am to 4 pm
Leadership & Training Meeting – all day
Continental Breakfast and Luncheon – included in the registration fee
Riverboat Dinner Cruise – 6:30 pm, included in the registration fee

Saturday:

Agenda to be published soon
Continental Breakfast and Luncheon – include in the registration fee

A block of rooms have been reserved for our use. Please tell the reservations agent that you are with the Constitution Party to get our special rate of \$93 per night. Rooms have double queen-size beds. Price is good for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights.

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Hebron, Kentucky 41048
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EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION IS ONLY \$180 if paid by October 10th!



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Since the Primary election and because of state party conventions, some changes have been made to the list of candidates. More changes may be forthcoming as we are notified of results. Check back often for the latest updates.

Please visit the [ELECTION CENTRAL](#) page of our website where you will find our Key Candidates and the list of all Constitution Party candidates.

You will also find links to the following pages:

[BALLOT ACCESS FAQs](#)
[CP PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION HISTORY](#)

THE STATE PARTY REPORT

Alaska. The [Alaska Constitution Party](#) (ACP) will hold its state convention on Saturday, 27 September 2014 from 8am until 6pm, at the Coastal International Hotel in Anchorage. Contact J.R. Myers at 907-314-3033 or Maria Rensel at 907-455-7008 for more information.

California. The [Constitution Party of California](#) will hold its annual state committee meeting on Saturday, October 11th, at the Picadilly Inn Airport Hotel in Fresno, California. Registrations begins at 11:30 am, lunch and Keynote Address follow at noon. Guest speakers will be national chairman Frank Fluckiger and 2010 California gubernatorial candidate Chelene Nightingale. For more information or to register call Charles Deemer at 310-352-4355, Gary Odom at 951-235-2295, or email cpofcalif@gmail.com.

Florida. A state-wide meeting to organize grass roots action, and recruit and train candidates, will be held in Lake City on November 1st — 2008 vice presidential candidate Darrell Castle will be the Keynote Speaker. For more information contact state Vice Chairman Jack McClain at Jmclaincpf@bellsouth.net.

New York. The [Constitution Party of New York](#) has announced that it has a new chairman – Bill Wilday. Contact him at: chairman@cpofny.com.

Pennsylvania. The [Constitution Party of Pennsylvania](#) has announced its quarterly state meeting to be held at Loxley's Restaurant in Lancaster on 1 November 2014 starting at 9am. Cost is \$15.00 and includes breakfast buffet. [RSVP here](#).

West Virginia. [Constitution Party of West Virginia](#) report on the [Phil Hudok campaign](#) for U. S. Senate.

- It is an open race since longtime Senator John D. (Jay) Rockefeller IV is retiring; Congresswoman Shelley Capito is the GOP nominee.
- It is sort of a rematch since Phil was on the ballot in 2010 running for Congress vs. Shelley Capito;
- There are three minor party candidates ballot qualified for this election, a Libertarian, a Mountain Party (Green), and the Constitution Party;
- The Libertarian is strongly backed by the homosexual lobby, and the Mountain Party candidate only campaigns on environmental issues (including shutting down West Virginia's coal industry): he ran for U.S. Senate two years ago;
- There is a stated [media blackout](#) against the non-corporate controlled candidates;
- While Shelley Moore Capito is currently polling at a substantial lead (17%) over Democrat Natalie Tennant, about [10% of voters are still undecided](#). With Capito that far in the lead, and with so many other candidate choices available, many independent-minded voters can still be swayed over to an alternative candidate. Five percent or more each is not out of the question here;
- A five-way televised debate in in the works for October 7th. This is certain to shed more light and bring even more attention to Phil's campaign. For a preview, listen to [Phil's interview](#) by WV Metro News statewide broadcaster Hoppy Kercheval from last March.