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Media misdirection: As far back as 1940, Samuel Pettengill, a statesman who served in Congress during most of the 1930s, expressed his dismay over the misdirection of Americans: "At the present time the attention of the nation is largely and somewhat hysterically centered upon the question of who will be nominated and elected president of the United States.... But the nomination and election of a president is not going to pay the national debt. It is not automatically going to cure unemployment.... It is not going to balance the budget.... With a strong Congress an ambitious president can do little harm, and with a weak Congress a strong president can do little good."

The Presidential Race

In a recent message to Chapter Leaders, G. Vance Smith asked for their help in overcoming the huge distraction of the presidential race. More than ever, good members and their prospects have become caught up in this media-hyped professional wrestling match.

As Don Fotheringham shows in his extensively researched *The President Makers*, the Insiders and their media lackeys have controlled the race for decades. Not that each visible candidate is controlled, but the Insider grip on the process is sufficient to guarantee that no one that seriously threatens the Insider agenda will receive significant exposure.

Even the previous candidacies of a Ron Paul (Rand's father), a committed

constitutionalist who never talks conspiracy, were no threat. And this surely applies to those candidates who actually *win* the nomination of the major parties. Consider, for example, the 2012 race with Mitt Romney as the Republican challenger. Romney said what would appeal to a conservative constituency, but 13 of his 22 announced foreign policy and national security advisors were members of the CFR. And among the 28 chairmen and co-chairs of 13 working groups shaping Romney's campaign proposals, 12 were members of the CFR.

Even more so today, it is almost impossible to escape the constant media barrage hyping the presidential contest. And the consequences for the freedom fight are serious. As Tom Gow wrote in the August 2007 "The

Great American Swindle":

Although the quadrennial presidential contest is now a sham, the Conspiracy has a great interest in maintaining the illusion that something substantial is being decided demanding the attention and involvement of every American. And it certainly wants as many citizens as possible to join a cheering section for one of its candidates and get caught up in the frenzy of its staged wrestling

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match. The illusion that the good guys can win this “important” contest provides the Conspiracy with multiple benefits:

- The illusion provides a smokescreen to hide the Conspiracy’s domination of the executive branch and the leadership of the major parties.
- It entices American conservatives eager for immediate results to do battle where the advantages all favor the enemy.
- It provides an enticing, safe (for the Conspiracy) outlet for frustrated Americans, thus neutralizing potentially serious opposition. Attention and resources are thus drawn away from opportunities to fight genuine battles where astute opposition could threaten the Conspiracy’s agenda.
- If an overt liberal should win, the election demoralizes Americans concerned over the consolidation of power in Washington and the erosion of traditional values.
- And should an ostensible conservative get the nod, the election puts these same

Americans to sleep with the comforting feeling that the occupant of the White House is championing their concerns.

The above conclusions were based on experience over many elections. Every four years, good Americans who might otherwise be involved in doing something constructive in the freedom fight became caught up for many months in this swindle.

So what can we do, besides wait until after the November election, to draw some of these concerned Americans back into a constructive program? In essence, the principal challenge is to convince them that the race is rigged. When elected, presidential candidates (including Ronald Reagan) have necessarily ignored campaign promises that conflicted with the Insider agenda. *The President Makers* describes the forces that control the cabinet secretaries who oversee the actual development and implementation of policy.

Not until prospects understand those forces will they really be receptive to the tough medicine of a realistic solution. The only way to overcome the totalitarian forces that dominate the opinion-forming conduits in America is for a segment of the intended victims to organize to challenge that grip.

And last, we can show them that Freedom First Society has already been addressing, with the needed realism, the very issues they are concerned about, e.g., the unwillingness of Washington to manage the (legal and illegal) immigration spigot. In particular, we can show them why, despite overwhelming (but uninformed) popular pressure to control our borders, year-after-year America gets just the opposite. And we can show them, as Don Fotheringham does in *The President Makers*, that the election of a president, by a misinformed public, cannot

possibly solve our serious national problems.

Recommended action: Introduce prospects to *The President Makers*, “The Election-year Illusion” in *Tangents and Traps*, and “Immigration Reform” (Chapter 7) and “Same-sex Marriage” (Chapter 3) in *Media-Controlled Delusion*. Help shift their attention to the House of Representatives and our congressional scorecard.

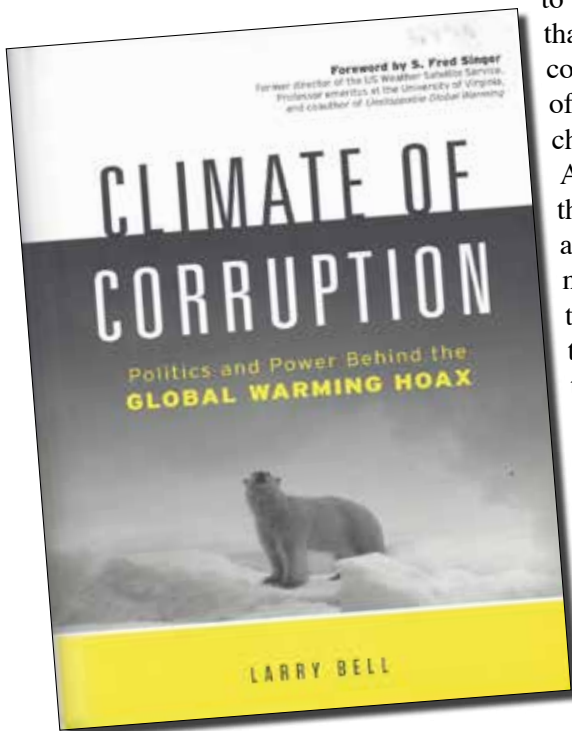
Concerted Action

The Conspiracy has vast influence and resources at its disposal. That’s why our opposition at any one time needs to focus on just a few carefully chosen opportunities, using the tactical power of concerted action. It’s also why in each of our campaigns or agendas we need to rise above the “ignore the Conspiracy” level that occupies most “conservative” media outlets.

We are not facing a battle of ideas, where the superior argument will likely win. Indeed, we are facing numerous assaults that are not driven at all by facts or logic and will not be stopped by facts or logic.

At the “ignore the Conspiracy” level, America seems to be facing a myriad of problems, with no common thread. We could list dozens of issues where extensive reading would be required to provide “expert” opposition at this level.

Take the Insider drive to counter “man-made climate change,” for example. Numerous articles and books expose the fallacy of relying on flawed climate models. (See, for example, “The Truth Warming Alarmists Don’t Want You To Know About The Climate Models,” *Investor’s Business Daily* (5-25-16), Larry Bell’s thoroughly documented 1981 “Climate of Corruption — Politics and Power Behind the Global Warming Hoax,” or his 2015 update: “Scared Witless: Prophets and Profits of Climate Doom.”)



Our path is different. We rise above the timid who won't risk being cast as "Conspiracy nuts" to expose the *revolutionary* forces and *agendas* hyping the danger. Only by documenting *the common thread* to the multiple assaults at a level where a *single* picture emerges — a *Conspiracy for power* — can we hope to guide the many we need to really effective action.

Campaign for Decency — Curb the Courts by Andrew Carver

The next six months offer a huge window of opportunity for our Decency campaign. Congressional candidates and returning legislators in Congress are thinking about what measures they'd introduce in the Congress that starts in January. This is therefore the easiest time for us to get our model resolution on their radar.

Our immediate objective must be to get at least one (but preferably many) of those who will be in the 2017-18 Congress to agree to introduce a resolution along the lines of our model resolution. Usually in such endeavors, of course, it is crucial to show clout.

Fortunately for us, last year's Supreme Court decision re-defining "marriage" continues to reverberate among values voters, notably evangelical Christians. Yet clearly they are still confused about how to respond to the ruling and its damaging social consequences. They are primed and open, therefore, for our message that the Constitution contains — in Article III, Sec. 2 — the solution to our runaway Supreme Court.

So, in addition to our own phone calls, letters, and/or emails to those who will, or who hope to, be in the new Congress, we need to involve our value-voter friends, including fellow church members and other members of our denomination. Explain to them the time-limited opportunity we have just outlined — and the consequent need for them to do what we are doing with it.

If you have any questions about how

to proceed, feel free to contact me at andrew.carver@freedomfirstsociety.org. To access our online model resolution, search by "model resolution" or use the link provided in this month's *Action Report* email.

Save Our Constitution! by Andrew Carver

In the Con-con war, the way to tell "the score" is by looking at how many states have active Con-con calls. So I would remind every member that in this year's state-legislative sessions — as in last year's — the count of calls passed exceeded the count of rescissions.

If that pattern continues, sooner or later we'll have a Con-con, a completely unacceptable eventuality. So we must lay our plans for how to prevent it. Obviously, the plans must include reversing that pattern.

In our current situation, we need as many members as possible to contact their own state senator and representative. Tell them that you are strongly opposed to any call for an Article V Constitutional Convention. And as for why you are opposed, it is because such a Con-con creates huge risk to our Constitution with virtually no prospect of achieving any reduction in federal government.

While a few legislators may be persuaded by logic alone, most need to recognize constituent clout before they will stand up to the pressure from the Con-con lobbyists. That is why we urge members to persuade non-member prospects to join our efforts in contacting legislators in strong opposition to a Con-con. Our "Dagger in the Heart" report can help you educate your friends and neighbors as to the serious danger of a Con-con and enlist them in having their voices heard.

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RAND PAUL (R) KENTUCKY SENATOR

GLENN BECK
Is a Constitutional Convention just around the corner?

MARK LEVIN
"THE LIBERTY AMENDMENTS"

Con-con promoters: Establishment-approved "conservative" media idols, such as Glenn Beck, Sean Hannity, Mark Levin, and Rush Limbaugh, are all promoting a deceptive campaign in our state capitols that would subvert our Constitution through a modern constitutional convention. Supporting this drive are prospective presidential candidates Senator Rand Paul and Ohio Governor (and former Fox News commentator) John Kasich. And we thought conservatives were supposed to defend the Constitution!

Dagger in the Heart: A Modern Constitutional Convention
The Constitution has once again become the target of an insidious, concerted attack by advocates of a modern constitutional convention (con-con). This well funded campaign is deceptively capitalizing on legitimate conservative concerns to stampede state legislators into calling for a disastrous con-con under Article V of the Constitution.
A modern con-con would most assuredly play right into the hands of the enemies of limited government. The last time state legislators fell for the con-con ploy, and came

close to calling one, it delighted the Constitution haters. Socially connected author and liberal political activist Gore Vidal could hardly contain his glee:
I am one of the few people outside of an institution who would like to see a new constitutional convention. To date [1987], 32 state legislatures have voted in favor of such a convention. When another two states vote in favor, such a convention will be unavoidable. It is a nice irony that the far-right — disguised as conservatives — can take credit for so fundamental and radical an

upheaval. In order to balance by law the budget, to put prayer to God and Mammon in the schools, to forbid abortion, pornography and drugs ... they have set in motion the great engine that will overthrow the very Constitution which they insist be so strictly construed. [Emphasis ours.]
— Gore Vidal, "Reconvene the Convention and Rewrite the Document," *LA Times*, 6-7-87
That time the assault narrowly failed, and the enemies of the Constitution had to back off and prepare for a better opportunity. Now, over two decades later, a new team, once more using a

Mobilize informed clout: Share our "Dagger in the Heart" *Campaign Action Report* with others to alert them to the danger of a Con-con, and enlist their help.



As with our Decency campaign, the next six months is our best window of opportunity: Most state legislatures are in recess, and all but a few will be starting brand new legislatures next year — the best time to introduce new rescission calls or to nip new Con-con calls in the bud. So, they will be unusually open to hearing your concerns. If you need any help with information or with how to proceed, contact either me or Tom Gow, or refer to the links on our State Legislature page.

Scorecard Upgrade (Cont.)

After announcing last month that individual legislators now had their own uniquely addressable scorecard pages, we emailed the following request to our members in many states:

Dear [State] members,

Below, for your convenience, are links to the FFS scorecard page for each of [your State]’s federal legislators.

Please help put our no-nonsense scorecard on the map in [your State] by sharing one or more of the links with your prospects and with others

you would like to influence.

If you forward this email, please delete what you don’t need (unwanted links and my message) and substitute your comments.

Tom Gow

If you received one of those emails and have not yet responded to the request, please do so.

Although you can edit and forward our email, you can also start fresh, write your own email, and copy and paste the legislator page link into your email. Doing so takes just a little more computer savvy: Go to the website page you wish to share. The address (URL) for that page appears near the top of your browser window. Highlight the address (e.g., put your cursor in the address and press cntrl-A), grab the highlighted address (press cntrl-C) and then put your cursor in your email and paste the address (press cntrl-V). (To turn the congressman’s name into the (hyper) link is more complicated but not necessary.)

In addition to introducing the scorecard to your personal contacts, please promote it to your representative and senators by emailing them a link to their individual pages. You can

get their attention by complimenting or criticizing their voting record (note: Kentucky’s Thomas Massie, Michigan’s Justin Amash, and North Carolina’s Walter Jones each earned all blue checkmarks on our 2015 scorecard).

Note: Congressmen no longer seem to publish their email addresses, instead forcing constituents to contact them through their official web pages. To access the page for a representative, for example, go to www.house.gov. The contact form likely does not permit inserting a hyperlink, but you can copy and paste the actual address for the legislator’s scorecard page in your message.

Additional suggestion: Write a letter to the editor (for your local newspaper) and direct readers to your representative’s scorecard page.

Action Summary

Note: Some requests below are ongoing from previous *Action Reports*.

1. **Share** copies of *The President Makers* and *Media-Controlled Delusion* widely. **Follow up** to develop and recruit qualified prospects
2. **Build** an audience for a group recruiting presentation. **Contact** our office to schedule a presentation of “How to Restore America’s Greatness.”
3. **Invite** good prospects to join FFS.
4. **Ask** your congressmen to introduce a *concurrent* resolution to limit the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court (Article III, Section 2).
5. **Contact** your state legislators to insist they oppose any calls for a Con-con. **Ask** others to do likewise.
6. **Share** the scorecard pages for your legislators with your online contacts.



The standard is the Constitution: Our no-nonsense scorecard skips the many posturing votes designed merely to impress voters with no expectation that they will become law.