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## Take Back Your Government!

Greetings!

We have much to share in this newsletter. It has been some time since our last one, which was sent out in late April. Importantly, now is the time to start mobilizing to get ready for November's crucial election. Be sure to click on any of the highlighted hyperlinks in the following articles to access more information for the indicated subject matter.

### Precinct Organizing Actions WIN Elections

The most impactful actions that individuals and patriot organizations can pursue to "Take Back Your Government" are: targeted door-to-door canvassing, volunteer phone calls, and local meetings. These three *Precinct Organizing* actions have the strongest statistical correlation with Getting-Out-The-Vote and winning elections according to [Get Out The Vote, Second Edition: How to Increase Voter Turnout](#), which was written by two Yale Professors, Donald P. Green and Alan S. Gerber, and published in 2008.

These findings are corroborated by Robert A. Heinlein, who wrote [Take Back Your Government](#) in 1946, based on his own experience in politics. He states: "Remember at all times ...the votes are in the precincts. ... Club meetings are primarily to arouse and hold together your volunteers ...Rallies are for morale building primarily and secondarily for publicity. ...It isn't hard to get adherents to your cause.

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*The people are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty"* - Thomas Jefferson

*Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must ... undergo the fatigue of supporting it"* - Thomas Paine

*The people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless, and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance,*

...Volunteer campaigns should not cost much... Elections are not won with dollars."

Net, *Precinct Organizing* methods worked in 1946 and are still relevant today! You can use our website, [TheVoicesOfAmerica.org](http://TheVoicesOfAmerica.org), to learn all about *Precinct Organizing* best practices.

## November Election Strategy

Elections are won first, by messaging to inform voters what candidates stand for and then, by Getting-Out-The-Vote (GOTV). If you approach registered voters not yet affiliated with patriot organizations with a message of concern that career politicians are bankrupting our country, and then advocate the Constitutional principles of limited government, free markets, and individual liberties, you will find that 70-80% of people already agree with you based on recent CNN, Fox, and Rasmussen polling. In other words, the messaging part of winning elections for conservative candidates has already occurred. Much credit goes to the Tea Party movement for this development because it has awakened the *Silent Majority* with its many rallies, press releases/ conferences, and social networking.

Consequently, we need only focus on Getting-Out-The-Vote (GOTV). Based on a strategic planning [SWOT](#) analysis, this plays right into the patriot movement's key strength; that is, we have many passionate and well-informed volunteers who are willing to work for free. This mitigates our weakness of not having much money. While Napoleon states "The morale is to the physical in war as three is to one", Heinlein states in his book, [Take Back Your Government](#), that "In politics the ratio expressed by Napoleon is nearer ten to one."

Net, our patriot movement, with its focus on limited government, free markets, and individual liberties, is ideally suited to leverage its strongest asset of informed, passionate volunteers to Getting-Out-The-Vote (GOTV) and winning elections!

## States Are Mobilizing with Precinct Organizing

We continue to be motivated by the many patriots and organizations around the country who are coming to the realization that *Precinct Organizing* methodologies are required to win elections this November and beyond.

As we travel the country, we speak to regional and state leaders about *Precinct Organizing*, Candidate Nights, and Voter Guides in an effort to get them started. Most recently, in collaboration with Kimberly Fletcher, President of [Homemakers for America](#) and founder of the [Abigail Adams Voter Guide Project](#), we gave presentations in Orlando, Florida to about eighty patriot organization leaders from throughout the State of Florida. This followed an earlier trip to Naples, Florida during which we gave presentations to patriot leaders in Florida's southwest region. While in Orlando, [Peter Wolf was interviewed](#) by free-lance reporter, John Sipos, who has his own radio talk show in the Florida market. Closer to home, we gave our presentation to over eighty southwest Ohio Community Tea Party and 9/12 Project organization leaders on June 12<sup>th</sup>. In mid-July, we will be presenting at the [National Tea Party](#)

*recklessness, and corruption. If it be intelligent, brave, and pure, it is because the people demand these high qualities ....If the next centennial does not find us a great nation ...it will be because those who represent the enterprise, the culture, and the morality of the nation do not aid in controlling the political forces."*

Rev. James A. Garfield (1831-1881),  
United States  
President, Minister of  
the Gospel

*It was perhaps equally important that the existence and prestige of the Church prevented society from being totalitarian, prevented the omniscient state, and preserved liberty in the only way that liberty can be preserved, by maintaining in society an organization which could stand up against the state."*

A.D. Lindsay in his classic 1943 study,  
*The Modern  
Democratic State*

[Unity Convention](#) in Las Vegas.

Obviously, we can't be everywhere. That is why, on our homepage, we make available free downloads of our presentations and backup material, and provide video of our prior presentations. Clearly, we are trying to enable the many state and regional leaders with this material so they can provide the training themselves. The success of this approach is evident in Utah's caucus results, in which an incumbent representative was voted out of office in favor of the more conservative contenders. Warren Edstrom had been working with Utah leadership to teach them *Precinct Organizing* methodologies since September of last year. We are also aware, through discussions with leaders in Iowa, California, and Oregon, that they are using our website content to train patriot organizations across their states. In fact, a few of the Oregon leaders will be presenting our PowerPoint slides to about three-hundred fifty patriot leaders on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to host a state or regional event and have us present the *Precinct Organizing*, Candidate Night, and Voter Guide training to your group, please contact [Peter Wolf](#). For these presentations, we have partnered with Kimberly Fletcher, Founder and President of [Homemakers for America](#) and the [Abigail Adams Voter Guide Project](#). The seminar length can be adjusted, but is most effective when 3-4 hours are allowed. There is no cost for these seminars, but we do require that our out-of-pocket travel expenses be paid. This can usually be covered by the host organization requesting donations from attendees at the event.

## **Democratic Party Plan for November's Election**

The *Precinct Organizing* methodology was successfully used by Democrats in 2008 to gain control of the House, Senate, and Presidency with only 20% of the population being Liberal. Last week, on June 5<sup>th</sup>, *Organizing for America* kicked off their national *Precinct Organizing* training in preparation for this November's election.

Sources indicate that they plan to get many of the 15 million people who voted for the first time in 2008, and largely supported Obama, back to the polls this year. To facilitate this, they plan to use the massive *Organizing for America's* e-mail database of 13 million names to Get-Out-The-Vote in November, in collaboration with local *Precinct Organizing* efforts.

It is their hope that this plan will avert a crushing Republican landslide in November.

## **Civic Duty Instead of Politics**

As we reach out to other voters through *Precinct Organizing* methodologies in an attempt to recruit more volunteers for our organizations, it is imperative that we distinguish between civic responsibility and politics. People frequently state that they are not interested in getting involved in politics. In our presentations, we clarify that an individual who votes and mobilizes others to vote, as well, is

doing one's civic responsibility, not getting involved in politics. One enters politics when deciding to run for an elected office or campaign for a specific candidate.

It is also important to clarify for potential patriot organization volunteers that all you are asking them to do in *Precinct Organizing* is to find like-minded voters in their community, obtain their contact information, and later mobilize them to vote in forthcoming elections. We are not asking volunteers to argue and debate the opposition with the hope of converting them to our side. Most people don't want to do the latter. It is our experience, and that of others who have personally done *Precinct Organizing*, that it actually can be much fun and the challenge becomes one of keeping volunteers focused on their task instead of getting too involved in engaging discussions with like-minded voters. They should simply ask these like-minded voters to start attending patriot organization meetings where this type of discussion can occur with fewer time constraints.

It is also important to inform potential *Precinct Organizing* volunteers that they would only be volunteering for several hours per week, using a well-defined and proven method. Assure them also that training will be provided and direct them to our website, [TheVoicesOfAmerica.org](http://TheVoicesOfAmerica.org) for self-guided instruction.

## **Faith-In-Action Coalition & Mobilization**

Individuals and organizations already associated with the patriot movement need to reach out to their religious friends and associates to have them engage with the patriot movement. By joining, they can help thwart a move to secular-socialism and instead, assure limited government, free markets, and individual liberties. The latter will include the freedom to freely practice religion. This is a unique historical opportunity for coalition-building between patriot organizations, who have already mobilized to take back our country, and people-of-faith, who can further grow our influence and impact November's election!

As we travel the country and speak to organizations, it has come to our attention that most patriot movement members are people-of-faith and that a unique opportunity exists for them to engage their existing communities of faith and relationships within their churches to mobilize many others to join our movement. This can be accomplished by using *Precinct Organizing* methodologies, such as volunteers calling members using church directories and hosting home socials for like-minded church members. This approach avoids having to deal with church leadership, many of whom prefer to hide behind the non-partisan 501(c)3 issue, thus encumbering any civic or political involvement of their membership. [The only constraint a non-partisan 501\(c\)3 status provides is that churches are prohibited from endorsing candidates - that's it!](#)

People-of-faith must be educated to realize that if the socialization of America is not stopped, religion will be replaced by an omnipotent, secular-humanist socialist government, as evidenced in socialist Europe where churches are empty. For too long, churches have been excluded from the political process via "misunderstanding and excuse" of the 501(c)(3) non-profit status. All the while, churches have allowed assaults on religion in the public square by government-funded third parties, such as the ACLU who gets paid, win or lose, under the [1976 Civil Rights](#)

[Attorneys Fee Act](#). All this is contrary to Alexis de Tocqueville's observations in the mid-1800's. In [Democracy in America](#), he writes extensively about the marriage of religion and politics in America.

## **Candidate Night To Inform Voters**

Patriot organizations should focus on sponsoring Candidate Nights to allow voters to become informed about the candidates. Unlike Candidate Nights of the past, in which candidates may have had access to the questions beforehand, patriot organization Candidate Nights need to be more like an open, unscripted townhall in which audience questions are random and broad-ranging. These Candidate Nights should be videotaped and posted on voter accessible websites. Content from these Candidate Nights can be used in subsequent [Voter Guides](#), which can be disbursed prior to elections via [Precinct Organizing canvassing](#).

Candidate Nights should occur well before voters receive their mail-in / absentee ballots prior to primary or general elections. This allows sufficient time for Voter Guides to be created and disseminated to voters, based on candidate statements made during the Candidate Nights.

Best practices for conducting successful Candidate Nights are detailed on [our website](#). Much thanks goes [to Dan W. Offineer](#) who is the Candidate Night Project Coordinator for Ohio District 18. He personally spent much time and effort in developing much of the shared best practices. His efforts were rewarded with much praise from attendees and local media for having conducted effective and unbiased Candidate Nights. (*Yet one more reason for patriot organizations to remain non-partisan.*) In fact, based on website access records, the success of Ohio District 18 Candidate Nights resulted in much web-traffic from the Republican Party, Democratic Party, Campaign Consultants, National Lobbying Organizations, and National Corporations.

## **Miscellaneous - [The Road To Serfdom](#)**

It has come to our attention that the [The Road to Serfdom](#) by Friedrich A. Hayak is on back-order and that the wait is now two to three months. I personally read this book early last year and found it to be an excellent reflection of what we are experiencing today. As the old adage goes, history repeats itself.

Fortunately, a free condensed version of [The Road to Serfdom](#) by F. A. Hayek, as it appeared in the April 1945 edition of *Reader's Digest*, is available. Just click on a [The Road to Serfdom](#) hyperlink and it will take you to the British Institute for Economic Affairs website from which you can access a PDF version of this condensed version. I would still suggest you read the complete book. An even briefer, illustrated "cartoon" version is also available from the [Ludwig von Mises Institute](#).

## **Please Share This Newsletter Broadly - ALL MUST PURSUE!**

Please broadly share this newsletter and the [Precinct Organizing Best Practices](#) website with as many patriots and organizations in your vicinity and nationally as you are able. We need everyone to pursue [Precinct Organizing Best Practices](#) since it is the only way to win

elections!

Any input you might have to improve the website, the newsletter, or the *Precinct Organizing* methodology would be much appreciated.

Likewise, we would appreciate receiving anecdotal success examples which we can share on the website. Others can learn from them.

In liberty,

The Voices Of America

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