



It's Time to Get-Out-The-Vote!

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Greetings!

The time is NOW to mobilize and return our country to elected officials who believe in the U.S. Constitution and the intent of our Founding Fathers! Many states allow "No-Excuse" Absentee Ballots, which can be requested as early as August. In addition, many states allow "Early Voting", which allows registered voters to vote in person at their local county Board of Elections well before Election Day. Two excellent websites with relevant state-by-state information regarding absentee ballots and early-voting are: [National Conference of State Legislators](#) and [EVIC](#), a non-partisan academic research center based at Reed College in Portland, Oregon.



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Simple, Principle-based Message for Broadest Impact

[The Voices Of America](#) applauds how like-minded, local organizations across the country, as well as conservative national organizations, have embraced [Neighborhood Organizing](#). We have been advocating the importance of [Get-Out-The-Vote](#) initiatives since 2009. Unfortunately, the GOP and many conservative national organizations are continuing to insist that they each conduct their own GOTV initiatives, many on a per candidate basis, resulting in duplication of efforts, poor use of resources, and wasted money. Much of this is driven by professional Campaign Managers who don't have ready access to volunteers and profit from their espoused approaches. Worse, these Campaign Managers continue to [focus on the less effective components of GOTV](#), such as [phone banking](#). As discussed below, a simple non-partisan, principle based message will have broad acceptance, benefit all candidates aligned with the espoused principles, including down-ticket candidates, is sustainable from election to election, and does not require survey responses from voters for micro-targeting. National polling data and Dick Morris support this simple messaging approach to Get-Out-The-Vote for this Election! See discussion below.

"We the People are the rightful masters of both Congress and the Courts--not to overthrow the Constitution, but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution."-

Abraham Lincoln

Mobilize People-of-Faith as GOTV Volunteers

Much of [The Voices Of America](#) recent efforts have focused on mobilizing people-of-faith to join the [Get-Out-The-Vote initiatives](#). The government's assault on Religious Freedom with the Health Care mandates on contraception and abortion has given us an opening to recruit like-minded, concerned people-of-faith. Even though most pastors, rabbis, and priests are afraid to pursue tangible actions to defend Religious Freedom due to [501c3 concerns](#), many people-of-faith within their communities are upset and are searching for what they can do to have an impact. Importantly, many registered voters previously aligned with our opposition are questioning their allegiances, e.g. African-American Pastors, embarrassed liberal Catholics, and staunch Catholic Hispanics. Just imagine the impact we would have if 300,000 (# of precincts in the U.S.) of the 400,000 who attended this year's March for Life in Washington, D.C. were to pursue [Neighborhood Organizing](#) in their very own neighborhoods! It would require much less time, far less money, and be much more impactful! See discussion below.

Please share this newsletter broadly in your region and nationally with your relatives, friends, neighbors, organization, and associates. We must assure that all like-minded liberty-oriented individuals and organizations are aware of the best practices for [Neighborhood / Precinct Organizing](#). To facilitate sharing, just click on the Facebook, Twitter, etc. icons on our home page.

In liberty,

[The Voices Of America](#)

[Peter H. Wolf](#) & [Warren A. Edstrom](#)

TheVoicesOfAmerica.org, through its website, provides Neighborhood / Precinct Organizing best-practices training nationally to all liberty-oriented individuals and organizations. The website is the only comprehensive Neighborhood / Precinct Organizing training website on the internet and is the top Google search result for "precinct organizing". TheVoicesOfAmerica.org [newsletter currently reaches like-minded individuals and leaders in over forty-seven states](#).

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Dick Morris stated some months ago that all you would need in order to mobilize Independents was to ask them, and we paraphrase, "if they were happy with the state of jobs in this economy", "if they were happy with the enormous government debt", and then state that "if you vote for the same leaders now in power, you will get four more years of the same".

[The Voices Of America](#) has been advocating simple, principle-based messaging since the beginning. This is because in our current economic and political predicament, we are witnessing a paradigm shift in which the silent-majority has finally awakened to the dangers this country is facing based on macro-indicators. The micro-targeting, based on survey responses and which Campaign Managers typically focus on, is no longer necessary! All voters need to know is what they can do to make a difference! Peter Wolf in 2010 has personally witnessed this phenomenon in his own neighborhood

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

"I know no safe depository of the ultimate powers of the society but the people themselves, (A)nd if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education. This is the true corrective of abuses of constitutional power." - **Thomas Jefferson**

"Hold on, my friends, to the Constitution and to the Republic for which it stands. Miracles do not cluster, and what has happened once in 6000 years, may not happen again. Hold on to the Constitution, for if the American Constitution should fail, there will be anarchy throughout the world." - **Daniel Webster**

"If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be."
- **Thomas Jefferson** to Charles Yancey, 1816

"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." - **Abraham Lincoln**

precinct, in which registered Democrats approached him seeking to know "what they could do". With their help, he pursued [Neighborhood Organizing](#) in his own neighborhood and increased the number of like-minded voters at the polls in 2010 by +32% relative to 2006. Feedback from around the country has further affirmed that this approach works!

As further evidence that the silent majority has awakened and is acutely aware of the macro-indicators which show that our country is in trouble, we cite national Rasmussen polling results:

- **Jobs / Economy:** 87% Oppose Letting Government Officials Play Politics In the Marketplace, 72% Favor Free Market Economy Over One Managed by the Government, 10% Trust America's Political Leaders More Than Public on Key Issues, and Just 14% Think Today's Children Will Be Better Off Than Their Parents.
- **Debt:** Just 22% Approve of 2011 Debt Ceiling Deal, Most Doubt It Will Cut Spending, 42% See U.S. Debt Default As Somewhat Likely, and 66% Say Spending Cuts Should be Considered in All Government Programs.
- **Individual Freedoms:** 92% Favor Strict Limits on Government To Protect the Individual, 17% of Americans believe that the U.S. government has the consent of the governed, and 66% Believe U.S. Has Too Much Government Power, Too Little Freedom.

As affirmed in 2010, these polling results indicate that well over 90% of the targeted neighborhood homes you approach in 2012 with an expressed concern about jobs, debt, and individual freedoms will indeed be like-minded. Many will thank you for your efforts to Get-Out-The-Vote.

In addition to the stated benefits discussed in the introduction above, a non-partisan principle-based, simple message does not require that you form a Political Action Committee (PAC), required in many states if you advocate and endorse a specific candidate. Furthermore, in the statistical analyses book, [Get Out The Vote - How To Increase Voter Turnout](#), it states that non-partisan Get-Out-The-Vote efforts are as effective as partisan Get-Out-The-Vote efforts! We would add, based on experience, that in addition you will be able to reach many more Independent voters in your neighborhood with a non-partisan, principle-based message.

To help you with [Neighborhood Organizing](#) in your neighborhood precinct, The Voices Of America provides you with detailed [Step-by-Step Instructions](#). These include: instructions for which homes to focus on in your neighborhood, a simple script example of how to engage your neighbors, and a simple, [non-partisan door-hanger](#), which we updated for the 2012 Election.

Mobilize People-of-Faith as GOTV Volunteers

With much assistance from Paul Brown, over the last several months [The Voices Of America](#) has been working with leaders in other states to develop a [strategy](#) and best-practices for engaging concerned people-of-faith and national pro-life organizations to educate them about the most effective and

"It is the duty of the patriot to protect his country from its government." - **Thomas Paine**

"Patriotism means to stand by the country. It does NOT mean to stand by the President or any other public official save exactly to the degree in which he himself stands by the country. It is patriotic to support him insofar as he efficiently serves the country. It is unpatriotic not to oppose him to the exact extent that by inefficiency or otherwise he fails in his duty to stand by the country."

Theodore Roosevelt

"To sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards of men." - **Abraham Lincoln**

Lincoln

efficient actions they can pursue in defense of Religious Freedom. Our field-tested learnings are captured in our [Faith-In-Action](#) section of the website. Importantly, proven [Step-by-Step Guides](#) are available for download. We're already receiving much feedback of how this material is being [successfully leveraged](#), e.g. New York State with much credit to Barbara Samuells and her team. Even major campaigns, in a number of states such as Colorado, are referring their followers to our [Faith-In-Action](#) section of the website.

Most recently, for your reference, [The Voices Of America](#) video-taped a [Faith-In-Action Presentation](#), given to a gathering of liberty-organization leaders representing southwest Pennsylvania. We want to thank the Pennsylvania Tea Party for organizing this event and specifically, Ted Voran for coordinating the professional video-taping and production of the presentation. The presentation video explains why people-of-faith must be concerned about the Religious Freedom issue and what actions they can pursue to fight this government assault on our liberties. We encourage you to show this video to as many people-of-faith and communities-of-faith as possible!

[The Voices Of America](#) is also collaborating with Carl Brown to further our national reach with the [Faith-In-Action](#) Initiative. Carl led the successful Cincinnati, Ohio, *Stand Up for Religious Freedom Rallies*. Through his extensive involvement in the national pro-life movement he is well connected with national pro-life organizations. Our objective is to link with the numerous national pro-life organizations and have them share our [Faith-In-Action](#) material with their respective, national memberships. In addition to the above, we [created three, pro-life targeted, one hour webinars](#) . To date, Carl gained alignment from the following national pro-life organizations, which plan to share our information with their membership: Priests for Life, Human Life International, American Life League, Heartbeat International, Concepts of Truth, Life Coalition International, NIFLA (National Institute of Family and Life Advocates), ProLife Action Ministries, Good Counsel Homes, and Americans United for Life. Additionally, Carl is in active discussions with many more national pro-life organizations, such as Catholic Vote and Live Action Films.

Many pastors, rabbis, priests, and communities-of-faith are converging on [Voter Registration](#) as a viable action they can pursue to avoid [501c3 issues](#). Unfortunately, our research suggests that voter registration is only effective if performed in the context of a comprehensive neighborhood / precinct organizing strategy. See [video from a Senior Community Organizer on the left](#) as affirmation, by clicking on this sentence link. In the statistical analyses book, [Get Out The Vote - How To Increase Voter Turnout](#), the two Yale Professor authors indicate that no studies exist to address the effectiveness for registering voters to gain additional votes in elections. Apparently, that's why our opposition decided they needed Golden Week, which exists in a number of key states, in which they can register voters and get them to vote, all at the same time.

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