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Objectives



Learn Capabilities

Learn What Others Are Doing

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This is consistent with our **mission** of providing objective, unbiased best-practices for Neighborhood/Precinct Organizing to those individuals and organizations interested in advancing the constitutional principles of limited government, free markets, and individual liberties.



- All Content Available on Web Site
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- Not an Organization
- Focus: Neighborhood Organizing Best Practices

What Can We Expect - Florida 2008

Neighborhood Organizing

- 19,000 "neighborhood teams" focused on 1,400 neighborhoods across the state
- Directed by about 500 paid campaign field organizers
- Teams <u>physically knock on doors and phone-bank</u> to assure voters are registered, know where to vote, & actually vote

State-Wide Organization

- <u>Leadership teams</u> are assigned specific roles, such as team coordinator, data coordinator, volunteer coordinator, voter-registration and voter-contact coordinator, and house-meeting coordinator.
- <u>Point system</u> helps other would-be supporters figure out who they can hook up with locally if they want to get more involved in the campaign

IT Enabled

- Volunteers have access to <u>databases</u>
- <u>Constantly updated</u> through its field-office computers and through myBarackObama.com with information about potential voters' political leanings.
- Campaign also seems to recognize that some volunteers won't cotton to a top-down system, and its web tools accommodate <u>independent efforts</u>.

Training

- Weekend <u>training sessions</u>
- Vary in size from groups of 40 to more than 300
- Held variously at the campaign's headquarters, in rented office spaces, union halls, churches or on college campuses.

Source: http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2008/10/obamas-secret-w/ Van Icon: created by LJ Miller, friend of Carol Greenfield, LadyImpactOhio

We Are Ohio (WAO)



- Citizen-driven, community-based, bipartisan coalition that seeks to fight back against Senate Bill5
- The Regional Field Director
 - Overseeing field operations in select regions throughout Ohio.
 - Provide trainings and leadership development
 - Manage Field Organizers to engage volunteers in grassroots activism and voter contact
- Field Organizers
 - Work directly with Regional Directors to execute the We are Ohio (WAO) field plan within their assigned region.
 - Organizers will work to build a strong network of volunteers to meet and exceed voter contact goals.
- Volunteer Coordinators
 - Develop volunteer programs through recruitment efforts; volunteer training programs and supervision of the volunteers.
 - Manage office activities, support field organizers in preparing for voter contact activities such as cutting turf and generating call lists.
- Competitive salaries, good benefits, and the opportunity to fight for the future of Ohio.



Neighborhood/Precinct
Organizing Best Practices

What is rVotes?

Proven, Enabling Campaign Software

- Used by LEFT
- Ideally Suited for the Tea Party



rVotes: Overview



- Full campaign software suite being used by national parties
 - rVotes' underlying programming and architecture is identical to the proven, nationally scalable campaign software used by Democrat National Committee and Organizing for America
- Designed / Programmed by Steve Adler, the cofounder, inventor and architect of the <u>Democrat</u> Voter Activation Network (VAN), and VoteBuilder.
 - Gave birth to CataList, the system Karl Rove said "Republicans ought to have"
 - VAN (now NGPVAN) is the world's largest political software company, built on Steve Adler's technology as a foundation
 - rVotes is Steve Adler's new & improved system

Vetting of Steve Adler



History

- Created VAN in 2001 foundation for national OFA
- Left company in 2005 with \$\$, Source Code, & five-year non-compete
- Programmer, innovator w/ patents, with family of five
- Unaffiliated voter, while his former partner was a radical Democrat.
- Endorsed RI RNC former chief of staff and now RI GOP Chairman.

Endorsed by

- Carol Greenberg (LadyImpactOhio) Investigative Reporter & Blogger
- Kristine Cassidy iCaucus & rVotes Board Member
- Anita Moncrief former ACORN & rVotes Board Member
- Ron Robinson PROCINCT & now with NationBuilder
- Numerous conservative bloggers, websites, & print media

rVotes: Key Capabilities



Walking List

- Bar Coded, route optimized walking and calling lists
- Custom report (list) features.
- Ability to share reports
- Map based, graphical turf cutting for walking list creation

Volunteer Phone Bank

- Integrated, web based Virtual phone banking allowing people to canvass from home with no required software or hardware
- Suppress bad phone and email
- Neighbor-to neighbor option for VPhone bank allowing preferential assignment of voter to caller based on any combination of distance, age and gender.

Voter ID w/ Surveys

- Any survey can be married to any list for uniform canvassing regardless of the medium (digital devices, phone, walking Robocall, etc)

Micro Targeting

- Micro targeting engine
- Each qualified user can produce detailed micro targeted lists to act upon

GOTV

- Early Vote/Absentee / Vote by Mail drive and tracking system
- Real-time, integrated GOTV system with Virtual phone bank, volunteer management and iPhone integration

Volunteer Management

- Powerful and flexible Basic Volunteer management
- Support for unlimited number of committees and users for each committee
- Ability to share and assign lists to other users
- Sharing of volunteers and events
- Basic event management
- Volunteer FastTracking allowing volunteers to near instantly click and start doing productive work for a committee
- Voter Fraud
- E-mail Blasts
- Data, Upload, & Search
- Mobile Data Entry
- IT System Interfacing Security
- IT System Management

Italics indicate that not currently activated for some states.

Well Suited for Tea Party

Key Differences versus other Software Providers!



- Enables an infinite number of autonomous groups from using rVotes, while allowing voter information sharing among these groups.
 - Unique and powerful feature of rVotes, based on much field experience with its precursor VAN.
 - Lends itself perfectly with the **Tea Party movement** and its existence of local autonomous groups who resist central control.
 - Other organizations tend to have centralized databases.
- Can be rapidly deployed in organizations by users who, in turn, can sign-up other users in a rapid cascading/viral fashion, unlike other campaign software that typically requires central access control
 - Only possible due to rVotes' unprecedented user-based, granular security features.
- rVotes allows uploads and downloads/ exports of locally created new voter information.
 - This assures that a backup of all the voter information exists locally and is not locked within rVotes' proprietary "Vault".

Votes Successes

- The whole ground-game of the LEFT is based on rVotes' precursor Voter Action Network (VAN) and is evidence of rVotes' success and capabilities over the last 10 years.
 - To convince yourself that we are indeed dealing with the same software, check out the rVotes visuals on the rVotes training sub-tab relative to the 2011 <a href="mailto:training visuals for the LEFT's Vote Builder (VAN).
- rVotes deployed first in Rhode Island during 2010 Election
 - Used by over 70 campaigns
 - Governor to School Committee
- In 2011, deployed, to date, in Ohio, Florida, Iowa, with more states coming soon.
 - Deployed in Ohio to over one hundred fifty Tea Party leaders by the <u>Ohio Liberty Council</u> (OLC) in collaboration with <u>TheVoicesOfAmerica.org</u>.
- rVotes Endorsements
 - Over ten years, and several dozen campaigns I have used nearly every voter database system around. ... I have already identified it as being superior to any other system I have employed.
 Campaign manager for candidate for Governor of Rhode Island
 - Use rVotes as platform for tracking data collected from millions of paid survey calls annually. VP of a political paid phones firm
 - In just a few short months, rVotes has been responsible for over ten thousand calls to voters in Rhode Island. - Deputy Campaign Manager John Loughlin for Congress

VAN(*rVotes*) in Action California Statistics - 2008



- 10,000 volunteer Precinct Captains
- 7,000 VAN accounts deployed
- 4-5,000 became active
- 100,000 avg. attempted voter contacts/day
- 240,000 max one day attempts
- >1 million contacts in 10 days

http://techpresident.com/blog-entry/power-edge-obamas-california-field-operation-future

The Problem...

Republicans lack the Party-wide ground game that Dems already have.

- Thousands of Precincts lack a Republican Party Chair or poll officials.
- No system-wide ability to gather data or build community contacts.
- Republicans antiquated, centrally-managed data centers, create top-down, inaccessible, tightly controlled data while Democrats exploit and leverage affinity groups.

THE SOLUTION...



Tea Party Movement – Many Informed & Motivated Volunteers



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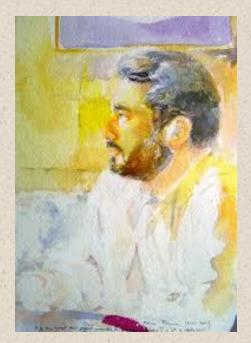
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Affordable Business Model

- Unparalleled affordability
 - For county level or below access
 - Costs a total of \$100/organization
 - Regardless of membership size
 - For the period from now until November, 2012

 Pricing for multi-county or state-wide access costs more, but is equally affordable.

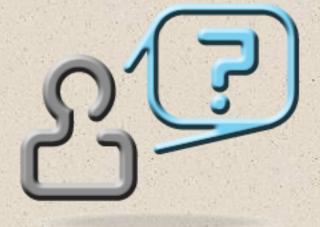




rVOTES Demo

- 1. Overview
- 2. Walking List
- 3. Volunteer Phone Calling

Questions?



rVotes: State-wide Deployment



- Free rVotes access to county level or below leaders
 - Create downward cascading rVotes communities
- Modest monthly fee is paid by the largest, statewide and federal political organizations, campaigns, and PACs.
 - rVotes State-wide Tea Party Leaders Committee
 - Could purchase a state-wide rVotes access license
 - Freely exchange, reciprocal newly obtained voter information with local rVotes groups.
 - Use for analyses, coordination, and strategy development.
 - Other like-minded organizations can also purchase a state-wide rVotes access license, i.e. Right-To-Life, etc., and exchange voter information
- Advisable that have sign-up coordinator
 - Perform the appropriate due diligence to assure only those abiding to the core principles of limited government, free markets, and individual liberties are given access.
 - Would not have any control or access to the respective rVotes county groups / committees that are created.

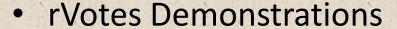
rVotes Sign-up Request



Member of Which Organization
Organization Leaders Name
Organization Leader's Phone #
Geographic Area Your Group / Committee Leads (County or Precinct)
rVotesGroup /Committee Name (Use existing group name, or create a new name.)
Agree to share relevant voter information with OLC rVotes Leadership Committee
User Level Control of the Control of
Your Ohio County
Your Voting Precinct
First Name
Middle Initial
Last Name
Primary Phone Number
e-Mail Address

rVotes Training Agenda

- Overview
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- Walking List Creation & Survey Input
- Volunteer Phone List Creation & Use
- Administration Add Users, Security, & Messaging
- How Upload Phone Numbers into rVotes
- How Get Started



Funding for New rVotes States

- 10-20 Tea Party/912 organizations pool money
- National & State Organizations help pay
 - Americans for Prosperity
 - American Majority
 - Tea Party Express
 - Freedom Works
 - Tea Party Patriots
 - Heritage Action
- GOP Tea Party oriented Donors



Request



 Call like-minded friends & associates in other states to inform of rVotes

 To WIN, we must get these tools broadly used in 2012

Also inform them of TheVoicesOfAmerica.org

Supplemental Information



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