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The goal of the 285 CTP is to establish an informed electorate through political education and building awareness by promoting and encouraging:

1. The rights of the individual
2. Reduction of government to the lowest practical level
3. Fiscal responsibility in government
4. Protection of the free enterprise system.

Above all, we must realize that no arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women. It is a weapon our adversaries in today's world do not have.
Ronald Reagan

May, 2012 Meeting



Mike Brazell



Gary Bartel



Senator Tim Neville

May Speakers were Senator Tim Neville and Park County Commissioner Candidates

About twenty people gathered at the May meeting to hear Senator Tim Neville give a rundown of the 2012 Legislative session and meet Mike Brazell and Gary Bartel, two candidates for Park County First District Commissioner.

In addition to going over some of the bills that passed or were killed, Senator Neville

emphasized the importance of supporting and electing conservative candidates for both the House and Senate.

Mike Brazell told us how his private sector background as an engineering project manager would be a useful tool as county commissioner and that roads seemed to be the number one issue

with Park County citizens.

Gary Bartel told us how his background in sales and marketing would benefit the commissioner's seat and that he would push for a community college to be built in Park County to benefit the citizens.

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Alexis Tsipras, head of Greece’s Radical Left Coalition, declared that country’s commitment to austerity is over because voters have rejected those deals. “There is no way we will sneak back in again what the Greek people threw out”, Tsipras said. “This is an historic moment for the Left and the popular movement and a great responsibility for me,” he added, saying he would try to form a left-wing government that will “end the agreements of subservience” with Greece’s bailout creditors. “The pro-bail-out parties no longer have a majority in parliament to vote in destructive measures for the Greek people,” he added. “This is a very important victory for our society.”

In France, Socialist François Hollande said he will move quickly to implement traditionally Socialist tax-and-spend programs, which call for boosting taxes on the rich, increasing state spending, raising the minimum wage, hiring some 60,000 teachers and lowering the retirement age from 62 to 60.

Meanwhile, in California, Gov. Jerry Brown is calling for more social services cuts to help eliminate \$15.7 billion deficit. Brown revealed a revised budget that calls for higher income and sales taxes to avoid deep cuts to K-12 and higher education. Rather than canceling an ill advised bullet train to nowhere that will cost the state at least \$6 billion to build, Gov. Brown chose to scare Californians into voting for tax hikes by threatening cuts to education.

What do these three states have in common? They’re either already broke or will be soon due to government spending money it doesn’t have on socialist welfare programs, characterized within institutionalized “progressive” leftist circles as “entitlements”.

Greece, where the population is already suffering from 20% unemployment, describes austerity measures they’re expected to follow in order to receive additional bailout money from the EU as “barbaric”. With an economy so weak that it can’t employ one fifth of its own citizens, where does Greece expect to find the money necessary to become financially solvent?

France, if it enacts Hollande’s pledge to mimic Greece’s socialist welfare spending, will soon experience similar fiscal troubles. By following Greece down the road to fiscal insolvency, France will ensure that Germany stands alone in continental Europe as the sole, fiscally responsible, productive society.

California has been on a similar, European style path for decades, which is why California is closer to a fiscal cliff than most of the United States. The legislature in California continuously acts on the belief that it can spend the state into prosperity. California has taxed the rich, spent money on socialist programs, established sanctuary cities that fund the lives of millions of illegal aliens and spent huge amounts of money on education. Much of the cost of that education goes for the children of unlawful residents.

On the list of most business friendly states, California is currently ranked fiftieth. California has held that rank for the last eight years. Meanwhile, businesses are fleeing California in droves, seeking residence in states like Texas, where tax and regulatory policies are friendlier to business. The California tax base is fleeing along with those businesses.

In Sacramento California, government employee unions are running the show. Not only do “progressive” politicians vote overvalued salaries and perks for themselves, they also obediently kowtow to union demands for ever escalating salaries, benefits and pensions. This occurs because those politicians depend on union money, muscle and turnout for their own re-election. Rather than choosing to run the state responsibly, self interested career politicians continuously submit to demands from “civil servants” who are too often far from civil. The looming, unfunded costs of union benefits and pensions are among the largest liabilities contributing to the state’s \$15.7 billion deficit.

These are precisely the results all Americans can expect for future generations if the cradle to grave mentality continues to be legislated by “progressive” me first career politicians. These results are predictable if the cradle to grave lie remains propagandized in schools, promoted in television programs, glorified in the movies and dutifully drubbed into the minds of sound bite voters by the news media.

If America is to be saved, these combined forces of the institutionalized “progressive” left must be stopped; starting with voting “progressive” politicians out of office. That’s the first order of business. When a patient arrives in an emergency room, stopping the bleeding receives top priority. The detailed surgery needed to excise the root problem, while still necessary, comes later. It took years for “progressives” to infiltrate and infect academia, Hollywood, the media and political class with their cancerous agenda. And while delay is not an option, it will take years to repair those institutions.

Unless that happens, today’s Americans will spend their declining years describing to young people who’ll listen, how the United States was once the place where the world’s people came for otherwise unavailable opportunity. How the land of the free and the home of the brave was more than just a line in a song.

In America, for an increasingly limited amount of time, cradle to grave suicide is still an option.

TOM TANCREDO WILL BE THE GUEST SPEAKER IN JUNE



Tom Tancredo will be the guest speaker for our June meeting.

Come join us on Monday, June 25, 2012 at 6:30 PM at the Mountain Resource Center located on Kitty Drive in Conifer. (Located behind the Staples Shopping Center).

Come and meet Tom and bring your questions for him. His perspective as a former Congressman is always informative and educational.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE CONTACT:

Connie Harn

303-838-4669

Former 6th District Colorado Congressman, Tom Tancredo is the founder of the Rocky Mountain Foundation and founder and co-chairman of Team America PAC.

TRUMP SEEKS 'GOOD, SOLID PROOF' ON OBAMA BIRTH

By: Bob Unruh

Billionaire businessman Donald Trump, whose comments about Barack Obama's eligibility to be president have stirred up another media firestorm this week, says he doesn't talk to GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney about the issue.

"I actually think it's a very good issue for Mitt Romney. I actually do. Now, I may be different. And again, I'm not a politician. I'm somebody that's done very well in business. I understand what life is all about.

"Obama does not like the issue of where he was born," he told Blitzer in the interview. "There's something that bothers Obama very much. I will tell you: It's not an issue that he likes talking about, so what he does is use reverse psychology on people like you ... He does not like that issue because it's hitting very close to home. You know it, and he knows it – but you don't report it accurately



Editorial by Loren Sheets - AMERICAN EXCEPTIONALISM

To many contemporary politicians “American Exceptionalism” is simply a euphemism for “this great country.” Through ambiguity, they conjure sentiments of national pride and a sense of American strength, but the phrase “American Exceptionalism” has a rich and fascinating history.

So, what is American Exceptionalism? At its core, the term refers to unique qualities that set America apart from other countries around the world.

American Exceptionalism is based in a belief that the principles expanded on by our Founding Fathers in the *Declaration of Independence* and in the *Constitution* are unique and form a better basis for governing a nation than any other set of principles laid out before or after. It is a belief that those unique principles make the United States a beacon of liberty and set an example for the rest of the world to follow.

Among the unique principles upon which these documents were based are:

- **Natural Law** – Drawing from John Locke, our Founders established a government based on the idea that rights are inately possessed by all people and granted to us by God. Because of this, our rights are inherent and inalienable. The traditional view at the time (and common view even today) is that governments are the source of rights. Our Founders said that was not true.
- **Limited, Constitutional Government** – The Founders drew from the writings of Montesquieu to develop a system in which authority of government was constrained by the design of its institutions to limit the growth and power of government. The Founders understood that once a power is assumed it is rarely relinquished and, because of this, they believed the best way to ensure individual freedom was to place limits on the growth and power of government.
- **Federalism** - Our Founders extended Montesquieu’s principles by applying the philosophy of limited government to the relationship between federal and state government. They did this by specifically enumerating the things the federal government was allowed to do and deferred all other matters to the states.
- **Free Enterprise** – Our Founders understood that a free enterprise system would ultimately provide greater freedom and greater prosperity to its citizens than a centrally managed economy.

More than four decades after the drafting of the Constitution, Alexis de Tocqueville published a two-volume essay entitled *Democracy in America*. In this, Tocqueville described the unique composition of American society by saying, “The position of the Americans is therefore quite exceptional, and it may be believed that no democratic people will ever be placed in a similar one.”

Interestingly, however, the term “American Exceptionalism” was coined by a very un-American thinker – Joseph Stalin. In 1927, American Communist and union organizer Jay Lovestone and others in the Communist/Socialist movement reflected regret that America’s working class did not rise in revolt against their bourgeois oppressors. Socialist could not understand the failure of Marx’s prophecies – especially given that America was the most industrialized nation in the world.

In this atmosphere, Lovestone theorized that America was lagging Europe’s drive toward communism because America’s form of capitalism was uniquely successful. In response, Stalin demanded an end to the “heresy of American exceptionalism.” (Shortly thereafter, Stalin also had Lovestone expelled from Communist International a leading communist organization.)

To the left, American Exceptionalism represents a conundrum. How can a nation with an economy as productive as the United States not follow Marx’s path toward socialism? Isn’t the evolution inevitable? It is a confusing anachronism. To the left, America is unique because it’s an exception to the way the world should work.

To the right, American Exceptionalism expresses an understanding of the unique qualities that place the United States in the position of acting as a beacon of liberty around the world and, as Tocqueville put it, “no democratic people will ever be placed in a similar one.”

Editorial, Continued

So where does President Barack Obama stand on the idea of American Exceptionalism? Let's let him speak for himself. In 2009, President Obama said:

I believe in American exceptionalism, just as I suspect that the Brits believe in British exceptionalism and the Greeks believe in Greek exceptionalism.

Are these the words of a leader who understands America's unique position in the world and who understands that its ideas serve as a beacon for liberty to others? Or, do these words reflect indifference to the history and the philosophies that make us unique? I'll let you be the judge.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, June 2nd

Campaign Bootcamp State GOP GOTV The Independence Institute. \$25. RSVP in advance.
www.leadershipinstitute.org

Monday, June 4th

Primary Mail-In Ballots Go Out

Jeffco Republican Men's Club Meeting—7AM to 9AM \$11 Full Breakfast. Speaker: Dick Sargent. Howard Johnson's Denver West Wheatridge. For more info contact Fred Holden at 303-421-7619

Ron Paul Forum 6PM to 8PM at Jeffco HQ. For more info contact Katie Schneider at 303-618-6962

Saturday, June 9th

Jefferson County Republicans Spaghetti Dinner. 6:00 PM \$16. RSVP to:
www.jeffcorepublicans.com

Monday, June 11th

Evergreen Tea Party 6:30 PM at The Wood Cellar Bar & Grill in Evergreen

Wednesday, June 13th

Weissmann Wednesdays 4PM to

9PM—Phone calls and walking precincts. To volunteer contact Aslin Scott at 720-242-6237

Thursday, June 14th

North Jeffco Republican's 7AM to 8:30AM at Indian Tree Golf Course. Contact Rich Ferdinandsen 303-429-1889

Foothills Republicans CD1, CD2 and CD7 Candidate Forum 11:30 AM to 1PM. Homestead Golf Course Grill in Lakewood. Must RSVP by June 11th to Shirley Schneider at 303-238-5931

Colorado Hispanic Republicans at El Senior Sol 2301 7th St. in Denver, 6:30 PM.

Saturday, June 16th

Evergreen Rodeo Parade 9:30 AM in Evergreen

Tuesday, June 19th

High Country Republicans 7AM to 8AM Le Peep in Evergreen. Contact Art Onweller at 303-670-1540

Jefferson County Republican Women 6PM \$17 Speaker is Kevin Lundberg. Contact Susan Sexton at 303-202-2877

Thursday, June 21st

Romney Fundraiser at The Chowdry Barn. 6:30 PM to 9PM. \$100 per person. RSVP to Jennie Virgilio at 303-913-2364

Monday, June 25th

285 Corridor Tea Party 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. By Donation. Guest Speaker is Tom Tancredo. The Mountain Resource Center on Kitty Drive in Conifer. For more info, please contact Connie Harn at 303-838-4669.

Tuesday, June 26th

Deadline for primary ballots back to Jeffco Clerk and Recorder

Thursday, June 28th

Mt. Republican Women's Club Hiwan Golf Club 6:00 PM. \$20—RSVP to Judy Merkel 303-674-1956

Friday June 29th to Sunday July 1st—Western Conservative Summit. <http://www.ccu.edu/centennial/events/wcsummit.asp>



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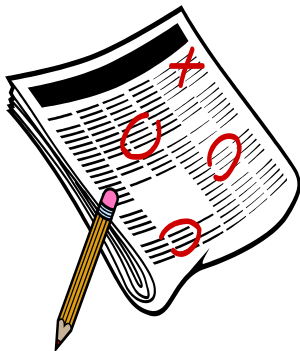
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