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“Republicans – well, we’re all part of the same family. We need to have some good disagreements with each other, we need to debate, but in the end, it’s all about uniting, not dividing,” - Gov. Asa Hutchinson



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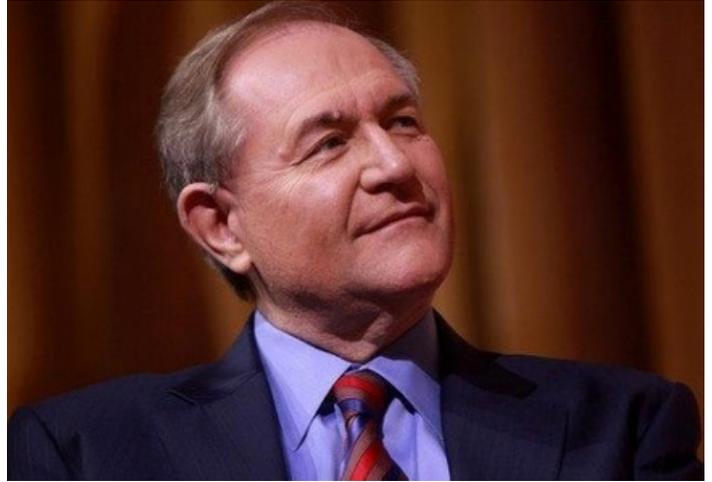
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Local & State

At our last two breakfasts, House and Senate leadership have reminded us why we as a party need to come together to win the General Assembly in November. Del. Rob Bell, Chair of the House Campaign Committee, and Sen. Bill Stanley, Senate Majority Whip, reminded us how the party who holds the General Assembly after November will have the right to redraw our election districts on the State and Federal levels. That means that not only will the party in power be able to redraw our State Districts, but also the Federal Districts. Just think about what we could do if we pull together to win. We could redraw the 7th Congressional District. We could maintain the districts that are fair and that work and address the 2011 Senate gerrymander that created so many extra Senate seats in Northern Virginia. Redistricting is just one of the things that will be within our control on the State level if we just come together to win. Absent such a win, however, the Democrats will redraw the districts in their favor, leaving us to wander in the political wilderness for years to come. In the words of Marshall Bullock – “It’d be a pity not to recognize what’s at stake.”

CONGRATULATIONS GOVERNOR GILMORE!

On May 23, 2019, Gov. James S. Gilmore was confirmed by voice vote in the U.S. Senate for his appointment as U.S. Ambassador to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe. (Exec. Matter PN124). The OSCE is focused on security and handles crucial issues regarding electoral integrity, press freedom and human rights. Gov. Gilmore has a unique depth of knowledge and experience that will enable him to serve our Nation well. Please join us in congratulating him.



PRESERVING LIBERTY AND KEEPING THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC

By Eddie Whitlock

For the past ten months we have been discussing LIBERTY. Last month we explored the ten basic principles that can have an effect on societies and the importance of each principle. This month we begin a discussion regarding the American system of government.

Our system of government is unique. Unlike other democracies and republics based on parliamentary forms, the United States bases its system on a Presidential-Congressional form. When we begin to understand the mood behind the Founding Fathers, we can begin to understand the differences between these two models.

We have heard the expression "no taxation without representation." This referred to representation of the American colonists in the British Parliament. The frustration of the Founding Fathers with the British King and his Parliament led to a desire for a totally different form of government.

The British government was able to act, for the most part, unified and unchecked. The Founding Fathers wanted a "separation of powers" and "checks and balances."

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The British government played a significant role in shaping the economy and society based on the Classical Conservative approach of paternalistic government. The Founding Fathers, who were Classical Liberals, wanted "laissez-faire" and the protection of individual rights and liberties.

The British government was based on partisan debate. The Founding Fathers wanted consensus.

These factors, among others, led to the development of the American system of government. Of course, it has changed over time - some changes, I feel, have not been for the good.

I don't want to detail or critique the development of the American governmental system in total; but I would like to address the development of our system when it is necessary to make my point. There are some basic and fundamental aspects of the American government system which are strengths; these should be preserved or enhanced. However, there are also some basic and fundamental problems which have developed during the exercise of American governance which should be addressed and fixed.

In summary, I believe there must be a limited, responsible, strong-party system of government. Each of these terms have meaning, which I will explain later. I will focus on the American system of government (federal, state and local), strengths and weaknesses, along with some problems and solutions. Stay tuned!

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YES, THERE IS A BATTLE FOR THE SOUL OF AMERICA

By Bob Dutton

This is a battle that has been going on for years – predating Joe Biden’s run for the White House in 2020. I believe the battle goes much deeper than liberal (I hate the word progressive) or conservative. It goes deeper than pro-choice or pro-life. The battle goes to the foundations of this country, and to the very essence of who we are as individuals. Put another way, are you honest with yourself and with others?

We are one heartbeat away from losing our freedom; it goes much deeper than the so called “Equality Act.” Where is your heartbeat? Let me explain.

The Values we hold determine who we are, what we stand for, and what we want to accomplish in life – regardless of political persuasion. What we value the most drives everything else in our lives; our values are the basis for our being – our ‘I am’ level of life.

The second level is what I call the ‘I know’ level - the Beliefs we hold. For example, if we value human life as that given to us by the Creator, then we will believe that life is sacred. The belief level is where we can begin to understand who we are because of what we value.

The third level is that of Attitudes – the ‘I feel’ level. This is where communication with other individuals takes place. Thus, if we feel human life is sacred because of our values, we will be able to express that belief by our attitude about the value of life.

The fourth level is the ‘I do’ level - the actions we take because of our attitudes, beliefs and values. For each of us, this is the Action level, the level where others begin to interact with us. Using the pro-choice/pro-life example, we might express our value for human life by participating in a March for Life or praying for the unborn in front of an abortion clinic.

The fifth (top) level is the “I show’ level. As the Personality level, this is the first thing other people see in us. Again, in the pro-choice/pro-life example, we can show others our value for life before we even begin to interact with those individuals.

Ultimately, communication takes place at the Attitude level. That communication may be positive, or negative, depending on what we have shown by our actions and the expressions we make, based on our beliefs and values. Put another way, we can stimulate another person to action and a change of attitude. But we cannot motivate. Motivation comes from within. For example, we can tell someone about the great food we found at a particular restaurant, but we can’t make them eat.

When we show in our personalities who we are in our values, then we are honest; it’s a matter of character, integrity, and believability. Don’t allow yourself to be driven by the externals (the ways of the world), but by the internal - the presence of the Creator in your life.

Yes, we are in a battle for the soul of America. A battle far deeper than Democrat or Republican, liberal or conservative, pro-life or pro-choice. Where is your heartbeat?

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UPCOMING HENRICO GOP EVENTS

June 11, 2019
Primary Election

June 17, 2019
Next Business Meeting
7pm, Henrico Supervisors Boardroom
4301 East Parham Road
Henrico, VA 23228

July 13, 2019
Breakfast
Atlas 42, 4032 Cox Rd - Suite A
Glen Allen, VA 23060
8am-9am
Speaker: TBA



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LOCAL & STATE

June 11, 2019
Meeting
Henrico Board of Supervisors
7:00 p.m.

June 20, 2019
Meeting
Henrico School Board
6:30 p.m.

June 25, 2019
Meeting
Henrico Board of Supervisors
7:00 p.m.

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