



# The Truth

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“Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.” (Exodus 18:21)

*“Electing a president is not a beauty pageant. Electability should not be the defining quality in choosing a candidate. The president, as is the case with all government representation, is applying for a job with the voters.” –Dave*



WE the People need to regain the upper-hand in presidential politics. We need to understand that we are the served and not the servants. We are the employers and not the employees.

In the next few months, the American electorate is going to be inundated with polls, punditry, and pitches for its support of the next hot candidate. You'll be told that anyone but Hillary Clinton is the only candidate you need to support. You'll be told not to become overly concerned about a candidate's stance on the issues. You'll be accused of being a purist on social issues, as though purity in politics is a bad thing.

My buddy [Steve Deace](#) has written the quintessential [book](#) about how we should fight the Left and how to stand on conservative principles.

Steve and my other buddy [Gregg Jackson](#) have also written a [book](#) on how the GOP Establishment, with the assistance of the Religious Right, have spent the last 45 years losing the cultural war. Both books are must reads and part of The Truth Watch's reading list.

WE the People need to be armed with the Truth and understand how we are to decide on whom we will support for president. Three years ago, The Truth Watch (under the old name Aletheia Group) published a [webinar](#) titled “How to chose a presidential candidate.” Be sure to watch that video and share it with everyone in your email address book.

Of course one man or woman cannot save America; only Jesus Christ can do that. A president can set the focus of government and set the tone of the nation's conversations. The purpose of the presidency and the role of religion in our nation's founding is clear. Turn the page...

# FROM THE FOUNDERS



**We cannot afford another feeble president. The case can be made that the last four presidents have been feeble in that they governed from a foundation of political correctness. Political correctness is steeped in moral relativism and antithetical to what the Founders had in mind for the presidency.**

“A feeble Executive implies a feeble execution of the government. A feeble execution is but another phrase for a bad execution; and a government ill executed, whatever it may be in theory, must be, in practice, a bad government.” James Madison, [Federalist #70](#)

Being a man of strong convictions was one of the main characteristics that attracted voters to Ronald Reagan. The Founding Fathers saw that same quality in George Washington and no doubt had the Father of Our Country in mind when they designed the executive branch.

A king was obviously out of the question, and the Founders distrust of one man being in power brought the conversation of shared power in the presidency. You can read more of this in [“A King, A President or Two?”](#) that I wrote in 2011.

We elect a president to lead our country and to set the tone of the nation. The man currently occupying the White House at 1600 Pennsylvania has zero leadership abilities and qualities and has set a toxic tone in our nation. He is the most divisive president in my lifetime and the case can be made for the presidency’s history.

I want a president who is a person of conviction, not some wobbly politician who takes positions on issues that he or she thinks will ingratiate them to the majority of the voters and the media.

It all comes down to servant leadership and statesmanship.

We haven’t had either in a long time.

# FROM THE PULPIT

“I’m here to tell you, church, God loves each and every one and Christ died for our sins, and we’ve got a responsibility to take this message to the ends of the Earth. And I want to encourage you to take a stand in your communities. The only hope is that this country repents of its sins and turns once again to the God of our fathers.” Franklin Graham, [speech](#) to the Oklahoma State Evangelism Conference, January 26, 2015.

I was so thankful to hear of Franklin Graham’s speech. This is a man who can embolden preachers across the land to begin speaking truth to politics from their pulpits. There are no laws that forbid pastors from doing so. There are only bullies like the ACLU and Barry Lynn’s godless Americans United for the Separation of Church and State (AU) that use their wicked tactics to scare far too many religious leaders.

If Christian Americans are going to become the salt and light in politics of which I called for in my [book](#) *Understanding Evangelicals: A Guide to Jesusland*, then we must know the issues and know the candidates. We must also know the biblical reasons for why we take certain stands on important political issues. That is part of our responsibilities of which Rev. Graham spoke. That is why I wrote *Understanding Evangelicals*:

“...to encourage evangelicals by providing a more thorough understanding of what we believe and how important it is to be an active, voting member of society; to be the ‘salt and light of the earth’ that Jesus called us to be” (pg. xii)

This past week I had the great opportunity to speak to over 50 junior high and high school students at a local charter school. These children are being taught factual American history and civics; the type of education I received from California public schools over 40 years ago. It is a crying shame that so many parents have to send their children to charter or private schools, or homeschool their children because the education they receive in public schools does not teach them how to be good citizens.

One of things I really appreciate, and I encouraged the students to put this training to good use, is they are taught how to critically think through the issues. The average student in America today is not taught that and are discouraged from doing so.

Like it or not, ready or not, the presidential season is upon us. We need our pastors and lay leaders to step out front and lead the way in selecting our leaders and “to take a stand in your communities.”

# TO THE STREETS

You may be thinking it is way too early to be considering candidates for the 2016 election. I would agree with you to a point, however the candidates, their supporters, and opponents of liberty are already active. That means we must also activate ourselves.

The case can also be made that a true citizen stays up on the issues and active in politics as much as possible. Why? It is because we are the final guardians of liberty, not those we elect. Our elected officials are the custodians of the powers we enumerate to them through our US and state constitutions. Here are just a few ways you can keep up on the issues:

1. Please [subscribe](#) to my free Truth Watch Radio podcast and be sure to visit and comment on each posting at our [website](#).
2. I encourage you to visit my buddy Steve Deace's [website](#) and subscribe to his free and informative articles and updates. Just look for the "Become An Insider!" box on the right side of the site.
3. Hillsdale College is a fine institution and one I hope to be able to send my grandson to, should he desire to go. Be sure to visit their [website](#), sign up for their excellent and free [Imprimus](#) monthly newsletter, and [register](#) for their free online courses. They are currently running a course on "The Presidency and the Constitution."
4. If you're willing to invest \$25 annually to further your education, then I highly recommend your [join](#) the Heritage Foundation.
5. Encourage your friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors to [join](#) The Truth Watch and to take the above four steps, which altogether cost only \$35. That is \$3 a month to become informed citizens.

WE the People *are* the guardians of liberty and it is up to us to restore it back to its original foundations grounded in the Bible, the Declaration of Independence, and the US and state constitutions.

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