



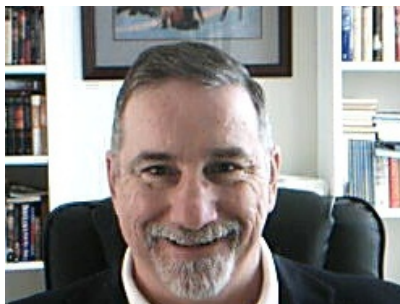
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“Where there is no counsel, the people fall, but in the multitude of counselors there is safety.” (Proverbs 11:14)

“President-elect Donald Trump is assembling an impressive cabinet. It will be interesting to see his complete cabinet nominees and how Congress, the Democrats in particular, conduct themselves during the confirmation hearings.” –Dave



As President-elect Donald Trump continues his transition to the presidency, like many, I am closely watching his cabinet nominations. Why? It is, to use an old political cliché, because personnel is policy. Mr. Trump will need to surround himself with trusted advisors, ones who will not only tell him the options before him, but also speak truth into his life.

We'll look at the genesis of a presidential cabinet in “From the Founders,” and why a council of advisors is so important in “From the Pulpit.” Also, and hopefully of great interest to some of you, how you can become part of the Trump Administration in “To the Streets.”

George Washington had only four cabinet members. That number is now quadrupled. I am in favor of returning it to its original

construct, however I know that is a pipe dream. So let's cut it in half.

Here are my nominees for federal department eliminations: Commerce, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services (HHS), Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Interior, Labor, and Veterans Affairs (VA). That would eliminate over 645,000 federal jobs and save \$3.52 trillion annually.

Now, to be compassionate to all those workers losing their jobs, I propose to give them one year's salary, plus benefits costs, as a lump-sum cash severance pay.

Of course, there are some programs that would need to be phased out so that Americans “dependent” on them could transition to private sector aid, and that would help those in the new job pool. However, we have to train Americans to stop depending upon government to meet their needs.

FROM THE FOUNDERS



The Truth Watch understands that our country has evolved and grown, however, the need for sixteen cabinet departments is not the idea of limited government. Eliminating eight cabinet departments would spur our economy and return much of the original constitutional powers back to the states.

“It has been observed in a former paper, that ‘the true test of a good government is its aptitude and tendency to produce a good administration.’ If the justness of this observation be admitted, the mode of appointing the officers of the United States contained in the foregoing clauses, must, when examined, be allowed to be entitled to particular commendation. It is not easy to conceive a plan better calculated than this to promote a judicious choice of men for filling the offices of the Union; and it will not need proof, that on this point must essentially depend the character of its administration.” Alexander Hamilton, [*Federalist 76*](#)

The Founders knew the President would need strong and able advisors to help run the executive branch of government. They understood the President would need qualified and trustworthy diplomats to represent the new country’s national interests. Furthermore, they knew that it would be far more practical to allow one man to nominate advisors than for the whole Congress.

However, they put in place restraints on the chief executive to preclude the President from having sole power in appointing cabinet members. This is why the Senate is given the constitutional power of consent. Notice Hamilton’s reasoning behind this in *Federalist 76*:

“In the act of nomination, his judgment alone would be exercised; and as it would be his sole duty to point out the man who, with the approbation of the Senate, should fill an office, his responsibility would be as complete as if he were to make the final appointment.”

As was said in “Unshackled,” The Truth Watch will be closely monitoring the Senate confirmation hearings and posting videos on our Truth Watch PAC YouTube channel.

FROM THE PULPIT

““There is not a single choice or decision in life that does not need wisdom. We need wisdom at every turn in life. In other words, we need to know what is the true and right thing to do in every decision we make and then the good sense to actually DO it.”” Pastor John Respold, “Who Needs a Counselor” [sermon](#), Mosaic Spokane, Spokane, WA., June 28, 2015.

Pastor Respold, as is the case with all good shepherds, understands the importance of surrounding himself with strong counselors. All leaders must surround him or herself with wise counsel because every decision has consequences that cannot be avoided.

The President of the United States must make some of the world’s toughest and most important decisions. These decision, good or bad, will affect not only our country, but also other nations with whom we have treaties and economic relations.

While discomfoting to liberals, the fact that President-elect Trump has nominated three former generals for the important positions of National Security Advisor, Secretary of Defense, and Secretary of Homeland Security brings great comfort to The Truth Watch.

Our greatest external national security threat is Islam. Understand I am not saying all Muslims are security threats. The religion of Islam, in its purest form, is diabolical and dangerous to all liberty-loving peoples. Sharia law is antithetical to the US Constitution.

The three warriors Mr. Trump has nominated understand and have dealt with “radical” Islamist jihadis.” They know that if we do not defeat this enemy abroad, we will have to defeat it on the homefront. We are already under attack. It must be dealt with.

America was founded on biblical principles. Those principles, found in the Holy Bible, are the foundation for self-government. They do not assign great powers to one individual or religion. The Bible recognizes that only Jesus Christ can be King, Lawgiver, and Judge:

“For the Lord is our Judge, the Lord is our Lawgiver, the Lord is our King; He will save us.” (Isaiah 33:22)

Until Jesus returns, we are going to have to trust the governance of our nation to fallen men and women. That is why the establishment of the President’s cabinet is of such importance. As citizens, we must be vigilant in the forming of this new administration.

Perhaps you feel led to join the Trump Administration? Turn to the page to find out how you can do so, or how WE the People can ensure a smooth transition for President-elect Trump.

TO THE STREETS

Have you ever considered serving a President? My dream job is to be the President's Chief of Staff. At first glance, Reince Priebus seems to be the right man to run the day-to-day White House operations.

Below is how you can join the Trump Team. However, if you are not interested in serving in the new administration, please take note of how you can play an important role in its confirmation and construction:

1. There are approximately 4,000 administrative positions available. You can peruse the extensive list in the [Plum Book](#).
2. If you find a job that interests you and fits your qualifications, you can apply for the position at the official Presidential Transition [portal](#).
3. The patriots at *The Leadership Institute* are offering to help guide you through the appointment process. You can fill out their referral [form](#) and get pointed in the right direction.
4. If you are not interested in joining the Trump Administration, then please be a good citizen by [contacting](#) your Senators and letting them know that you support President-elect Trump's cabinet appointments. Let them know that you expect their support too. If you have a Senator-elect, then you'll have to wait until he or she has been sworn-in.
5. Encourage your friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors to either join the Trump Administration and/or [join](#) The Truth Watch so we can ensure WE the People get the government we desire.

We are excited and looking expectantly to 2017 as a year of refreshing, renewal, and revival. Please be in prayer for our great nation, the new administration, and The Truth Watch.

Know that we will be devoted to being an integral part in Making America Great Again. God bless and Merry Christmas!

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