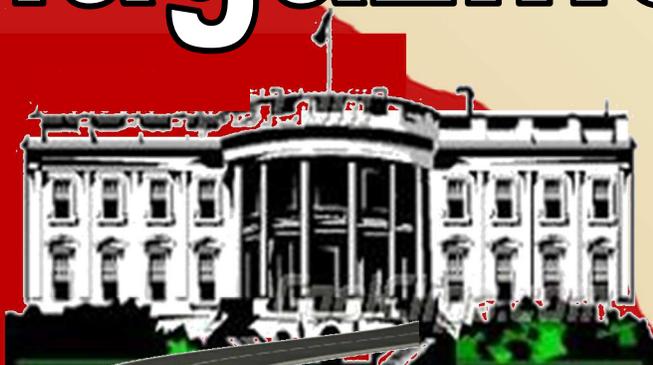


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Being a Leader in the Parade to the SEC Primary

By John Simpson
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For the first time in many election cycles, the 2016 Presidential Preference Primary will offer Georgia voters greater influence in picking the Republican nominee for president. Not because we are voting any earlier than normal — we still have a March primary date, but because Georgia will be among the first states to hold its primary.

In 2000, Georgia was the 11th state to hold its primary; in 2008, we were the ninth state along with 20 other states; and, in 2012, Georgia was the 13th state to hold its primary. However, in 2016, Georgia voters will be just the fifth state to head to the polls behind Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina, and Nevada.

The traditionally early primary states are fond of saying they “pick presidents”; and, while that’s not always the case, a candidate who wins early and often gains essential momentum that is often tough for other campaigns to overcome. This momentum brings both media attention and fundraising prowess that are necessary for continuing the long campaign ahead. However, perhaps even more important, this momentum may have a subconscious effect on voters. Tom Rice, of the University of Iowa, and Patrick Kenney, of Arizona State University, published a study in 1994 titled “The Psychology of Political Momentum” which found that individuals prefer to vote for winners. Momentum intensifies this bandwagon effect and makes later state primaries less and less relevant.

So what does all this mean for Georgia? It means we have an exciting opportunity ahead of us during the first three months of 2016. Candidates will be forced to pay attention to Georgia voters; they will spend an increasing amount of time at events around the state; and, our airways will be packed with political advertisements. It’s easy to begrudge the political process when every other television advertisement ends with “...I approved this message,” but as voters and as conservatives we should relish the opportunity to have outsized influence in the direction of our country and our party. Rather than simply jumping on the bandwagon, Georgia is finally a leader in the parade. We should seize the opportunity while we have it and allow Georgia to “pick the next president.”

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By Ruby Robinson

Letter from the President

It has been an honor to serve as your president for the past two years. As I complete my term, I am leaving one of the most important leadership roles of my life.

While there were challenges along the way, we worked through them as a team, and I am extremely proud of our accomplishments. Our Red Coat Days at the Georgia Capitol were truly remarkable. A big thanks to U.S. Sen. David Perdue (R-GA) and to all of the elected officials who so graciously gave of their time to make Red Coat Days and our board meetings special events for our members.

Since beginning my term as president, membership has increased from 665 to 895. I thank everyone who worked so hard to promote membership because it is the heart and soul of our organization.

I am extremely proud of two Georgia women — Allison Miller of Griffin and Erica Barker of Dahlonega. Griffin was our National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) Pathfinder Scholarship winner and Barker was one of only two women selected nationally to receive NFRW's Dorothy Andres Kabis Memorial Internship.

Congratulations to the many clubs that won achievement awards from NFRW this year. My heart was filled with pride as I accepted these awards on your behalf. WE did this together.

Presidents make hard decisions. It is the president's responsibility to support and encourage the organization's members. Presidents inspire, not dictate. I urge new club presidents and those continuing as president of their clubs to honor the commitments of the positions to which they were elected. Set your goals high; move forward with enthusiasm and anticipation of the election of the next Republican president.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president and, as I take leave, I know that I leave you in good hands. Good luck in your endeavors. To coin a phrase from a presidential candidate, "Together We Can Make America Great Again."

May God bless each of you, this organization, and MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Ruby

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Presidential Candidates Come to Georgia!

By Brian Kemp
Georgia Secretary of State

Photo from GaPundit

Georgia doesn't have any problems getting attention during football season. Our high schools provide one of the deepest wells of talent in the nation, our universities have winning traditions and large fan bases, and our NFL team is building one of the most cutting-edge stadiums in the league.

In fact, with the gleaming new College Football Hall of Fame, the Kickoff Classic, the SEC Championship game, and the Peach Bowl, Georgia is the epicenter of NCAA football.

As Georgia's Secretary of State, where one of my duties is running our elections and setting our primary dates, I want the rest of the country to hear our voices not just on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, but on Tuesdays, too.

That's why I spearheaded the effort to create the SEC primary for the 2016 presidential race. On March 1, Georgia will join Alabama, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia as the voters of these Southeastern states speak with a powerful voice that will deliver 471 delegates to the Republican National Convention.

This prime placement gives Georgia voters the potential of winnowing the large GOP field and perhaps playing kingmaker for a [Democrat] candidate.

The primary calendar has relegated Georgians to the sidelines since 1992, when then-Gov. Zell Miller successfully engineered a Southern Super Tuesday to give his friend Bill Clinton a boost.

[The office of Secretary of State] is moving the ball down the field for all of Georgia's voters and looking to put some points on the board for the candidates we choose.

In the intervening years, the Peach State has provided reliable votes for Republican candidates, but those candidates have rarely spent time here hearing voter concerns specific to our state.

Iowans get to grill candidates every four years about their positions on issues important to Iowans. I believe Georgia voters should get the chance to ask candidates face-to-face whether their presidential budgets would include the full federal share needed to deepen the harbor in Savannah or keep the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center on our coast.

The candidates should visit Fort Stewart and see for themselves not only its importance to our national defense, but also its community support and positive impact on the local economy. They'll find the same is true at bases in Augusta, Columbus, Warner Robins, and Valdosta.

Certainly, presidential candidates are no strangers to Georgia. If you have given thousands of dollars to a campaign, perhaps you're one of the few in this state who have a picture with a major candidate on your refrigerator door.

Candidates are intimately familiar with Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International and Peachtree-DeKalb airports and the highway corridors from the terminals to their fundraisers.

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Georgia is, in fact, a major donor state for both Democrats and Republicans nationally — and that’s an important part of the process. It reflects a state of people who are civically engaged and care deeply about the future of their country.

However, candidates need to take more than our money for their coffers; they need to take our opinions, our concerns, and our values to heart. While they famously like to stop by the Varsity in Atlanta for some hot dogs, they should also get the chance to sip some sweet tea while swatting away gnats in south Georgia and dusting red clay off their shoes in north Georgia.

That’s where the SEC Primary is already paying dividends. Earlier this year, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz held a town hall in Savannah and former Ark. Gov. Mike Huckabee attended the 8th District Republican Party Fish Fry in Perry. In October, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush tailgated at a UGA game in Athens. These candidates are listening to Georgians, and Georgians are speaking with a strong voice.

To educate Georgians on the March 1st date for the SEC Primary, my office sponsored Georgia’s first-ever Peanut Poll at the Georgia National Fair in Perry. The tradition of presidential straw polls has gained much notoriety in the Midwest, and it was time to let that spotlight shine on Georgia.

The response to the poll shattered all expectations. More than 28,000 fair-goers placed a peanut in the mason jar of their favorite candidate, making the Peanut Poll the largest straw poll in America, surpassing the famous Iowa Straw Poll by nearly 20,000 votes.

Ultimately, through this poll, my staff was able to educate and excite Georgians

about the role we will play in choosing our nation’s next president. You need to help us spread this message. Talk to your family and friends about the SEC Primary on March 1. Make sure that you, your friends, and your family are registered to vote. Registering has never been easier than on my office’s online voter registration (OLVR) platform. If you have a valid Georgia driver’s license, you can visit the OLVR webpage (<https://registertovote.sos.ga.gov>) or download the “GA Votes” app to register for next year’s historic election.

Georgia is going to have a large voice in the 2016 election. My office is moving the ball down the field for all of Georgia’s voters and looking to put some points on the board for the candidates we choose.

Who Am I?

Brian Kemp has been Secretary of State since January 2010. Secretary Kemp was elected to the Georgia Senate in 2002 and served until 2006. During that time, he served as chair of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee and vice chair of the Higher Education Committee. During his professional career, Secretary Kemp founded and developed many small

businesses. He remains an active small business owner today with companies involved in agribusiness, financial services, and real estate management and investment. Secretary Kemp is a lifelong resident of Athens and a graduate of Clarke Central High School. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from the University of Georgia. He is married to the former Marty Argo of Athens. They are proud parents of three daughters.



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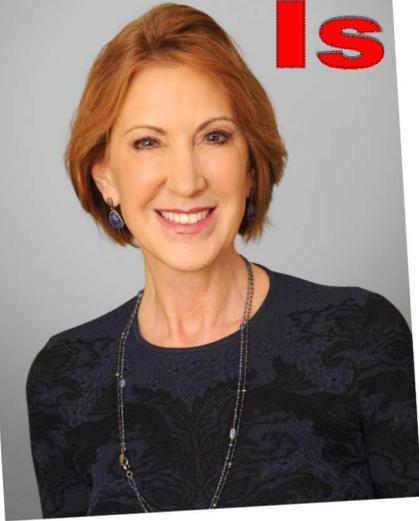
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NEWSLETTER



Leadership Is about Service

By Carly Fiorina



Thank you to the women of GFRW for the opportunity to introduce Carly Fiorina, Republican presidential candidate. American voters are getting to know Fiorina as a strong conservative, a political outsider, an accomplished leader, and a formidable challenger to the Democratic nominee. To illustrate our point, we'd like to share with you powerful excerpts from her remarks to the NFRW 38th Biennial Convention in Phoenix this past September.

**Loretta Lepore & Kathleen Ruth
Georgia co-chairs for Carly Fiorina**

Republican women I salute you, and the few men who are here too. Ladies, look at this face. This is the face of a 61-year old woman. I am proud of every year and every wrinkle. And look at all of your faces.... The face of leadership in our party, the party of women's suffrage. The face of leadership in your communities, in your businesses, in your places of work and worship.

I personally am so tired of hearing about women's issues. Every issue is a woman's issue. We care about healthcare; we care about national security, about education, about debts and deficits. Yes, we care about the character of our nation.

We know that the burdens of poverty still rest more heavily on women. The responsibilities of parenthood rest more heavily upon women. We know that we do not have meritocracies everywhere. Yet, this is a time in our nation's history where it must be true that every man and every woman have an opportunity to fulfill their potential. That is why I am running for the presidency of the United States.

The potential of too many Americans, men and women, indeed the potential of this great nation is being crushed by the weight, the power... the ineptitude, and the corruption of the federal government and a political class that is unwilling or unable to do anything about it.

We need to get this economy going and growing again and we can only do that by recognizing who creates the jobs in this country — small, family-owned, community-based businesses. We have to disentangle peoples' lives from those webs of dependence. We have to cut a 73,000-page tax code down to about three.... We have to cut this bureaucracy down to size and hold it accountable. That will take a lot of challenging of the status quo. It means we have to go to some version of zero-based budgeting. We do actually need to know where our money is being spent.... We need to go to some version of a meritocracy so that when hundreds of thousands of veterans die without an appointment, more than two people in the Veterans Administration lose their jobs. We have 256,000 federal government bureaucrats—baby boomers—who are going to retire in the next four or five years. I will not replace a single one.

We need to restore leadership in the world... because when this nation does not lead, the world is a very dangerous and a very tragic place. We must have the strongest military on

the face of the earth and everyone has to know it, which is why we must serve those who have already served us.

I have chaired the Advisory Board at the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) and have advised the head of the CIA, NSA (National Security Administration) and two Secretaries of Defense, a Secretary of State and a Secretary of Homeland Security. I understand the world and who is in it....

Leadership is not about position. It is not about title.... Leadership is about service. The highest calling of leadership is unlocking the potential of others and now we need a leader in the Oval Office who understands that [she] must serve by unlocking the potential of this great nation.

That vision of what we can and must be is symbolized by two of the most powerful symbols of our nation's democracy — Lady Liberty and Lady Justice. Picture in your minds Lady Liberty. She stands tall and strong as America must always be...she waves her torch high because she knows she is a beacon of hope in a very troubled world.

And Lady Justice — Lady Justice holds a sword by one side because she is a fighter; she is a warrior for the values and principles that have made this nation great. She holds a scale in the other hand and with that scale she says all of us are equal in the eyes of God and so all of us must be equal in the eyes of the law and government, powerful and powerless alike. And she wears a blindfold. And with that blindfold, I think she tells us that it must be true...in this nation, in this century, that it does not matter what you look like; it does not matter who you are; it does not matter how you start; it does not matter your circumstances. Here, in this nation, every American's life must be filled with their God-given gifts, one nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.



Between the Hedges!

By John Padgett
GAGOP Chairman



Who Am I?

John Padgett, an entrepreneur, business owner, grassroots leader, and family man, is proud to serve as the Chairman of Georgia's Republican Party. Padgett has proudly worked in the grassroots of the Republican Party for 35 years, humbly serving as the Chairman of the Athens-Clarke County Republican Party four times, Chairman of the 11th and 12th Congressional District, Secretary of the Georgia Republican Party and member of the GAGOP Executive Committee. Padgett was elected to serve as Chairman of the Georgia Republican Party at the 2013 State Convention and re-elected in 2015. Above all, Padgett is a family man. Married to Mary for more than 30 years, the couple has three daughters and three grandchildren. The Padgetts are members of Highland Park Church and are proud to call the City of Athens their home.

College football is in full swing and teams from around the country are battling for victory every weekend. Some are competing with the BCS National Championship in mind, while others are trying to win their conference, division, or just remain bowl-eligible.

The road to victory in college athletics begins in the off-season. For my alma mater to compete at Sanford Stadium against their SEC rivals, they need to do more than just show up a few minutes before game time. They train, study film, and run scrimmages days, weeks, and months in advance. To win, the Georgie Bulldogs need to be prepared.

The same is true in politics. Even though it's an off-election year, political parties, activists, candidates, and donors are not sitting on the sidelines waiting for kick-off. Even with Election Day far off in the distance, we remain in campaign mode. No matter the season, the Georgia Republican Party is always working toward victory.

From our satellite office in Augusta down to Fayette County, and several places in between, Georgia Republicans are still connecting on the phone and in-person with targeted voters throughout Georgia.

Even with the remarkable success at the ballot box in 2014, Leo Smith and the GAGOP Minority Engagement Department are still working around the clock to connect with African American, Latino, and Asian voters.

And on the fundraising side, we are already preparing for Victory 2016 by raising funds on

the phone and at events throughout the state. Under the leadership of Foundation Chairman Jack Kingston, we exceeded fundraising goals for the 2015 Chairman's Dinner by more than \$50,000.

To win at the ballot box, we need more captains on the team. In September, the Georgia Republican Party and Republican National Committee teamed up in Atlanta to kick off the Republican Leadership Initiative. This intense, six-week program trains, equips, and inspires the next generation of grassroots leaders. Soon enough, these rising stars in the Republican Party will join our victory efforts and work alongside fellow conservatives to earn victory for our nominees.

We have a long road ahead — lots of doors, lots of phone calls, lots of early morning breakfast meetings at Victory Headquarters around the state — but I am confident that with your help, we can implement a first-rate Victory Program that reaches every precinct in Georgia.

It's time to get off the bench and join us between the hedges. I am confident that with your help, we can protect our United States Senate seat and win back the White House in 2016!

As always, thank you for your strong commitment to the Georgia Republican Party. The Georgia Federation of Republican Women is the backbone of the conservative movement and the grassroots efforts of the GAGOP. It is an honor to serve as your chairman and I look forward to continuing to work side-by-side with you in the months ahead.

The unsettled field and the regional vote have . . . fundamentally reshaped the art of campaigning in Georgia.

(Daniel Malloy and Greg Bluestein, AJC)



Connect and Engage!

By Michael McNeely
GAGOP First Vice Chairman



In 2014, Georgia saw electoral success with a clean sweep for Republicans in statewide elected positions as well as success in two highly contested races resulting in the election of David Perdue to the U.S. Senate and the re-election of Gov. Nathan Deal. GAGOP Minority Engagement efforts, coupled with criminal justice reform initiatives

and an overall inclusive perspective, contributed to 10 percent of the vote for Gov. Deal and 7 percent for Sen. Perdue from the black community. Among Latinos, Gov. Deal received 47 percent and Sen. Perdue received 42 percent of the vote. The focus was on conservative ideas and not pandering based on race, class, and gender. While Georgia Democrats used racial tension in Ferguson, Mo., to distract voters, the focus of Georgia Republicans was on conservative ideas within all communities statewide. Fear is a Democrat tactic and not a solution to problems. Criminal justice reform is one example of how focusing on issues, articulating how they impact voters, and promoting solutions can equate to support on election day.

candidates based solely on a list of principles is not enough; we must connect and engage. According to Pew Research Center, since 2000, five Georgia counties have shifted to majority-minority. Four of those five counties are in the metro Atlanta area. As of 2013, **Rockdale County's** non-Hispanic white population stood at 37.8 percent, down from 72.8 percent in 2000. **Henry County** fell to 49.8 percent, from 80.1 percent. In **Gwinnett County**, the total was 41.6 percent, from a previous 67 percent. **Douglas County's** population went to 46.2 percent from 76 percent. **Chatham County**, where Savannah is located, is currently at 50 percent from 54.2 percent. The increased diversity we see in counties across the state will need to be met with diversity among Republican candidates, staff, and operatives who will craft and promote a conservative message with bold ideas.

The 2016 Presidential Primary and general elections are fast approaching. It's a time when voters all over the country are evaluating candidates based on their backgrounds, experience, and core beliefs. They also make determinations based on party affiliation and perceptions associated with them. Being prepared to address the challenges that come with an ever-changing world is paramount.

Following the 2012 elections, the importance of engaging minority voters was one of the main highlights of the Growth and Opportunity Project Report released by the Republican National Committee. The report reflected what most Black, Hispanic, and Asian Republicans knew all along: the party needs to make significant changes on how it approaches minority voters across the board. The report and subsequent \$10 million project used for hiring staff and funding initiatives that engage minorities, served as a first step. However, true effectiveness requires a sustained commitment at the state and local levels over a prolonged period of time. Any relationship worth having is one worth investing in. This demands the giving of your resources in time, effort, and money. Just as I did not expect my wife Jennifer to agree to marry me after our first date, Republicans also should not expect a significant relationship with non-traditional Republican voters simply by saying "hello."

I've personally seen the positive results of reform in my work with juvenile justice and law enforcement. Minority voters have previously supported Republicans on issues of school choice and the traditional definition of marriage. The passion expressed to me on these issues has been overwhelming. Imagine the impact Republicans can have by aggressively engaging minority communities on issues like jobs, the economy, home ownership, and youth mentorship. As Republicans, we must create an environment to listen, learn, and then promote policies that speak to the needs of all people. Hoping that minorities will support GOP

For Republicans to be successful, we must acknowledge the issues facing many Georgia communities, understand how those issues relate to every Georgia citizen, and have the wisdom to go beyond the comfort of our own communities to share our ideas and solutions in communities throughout the state. Now is the time, this is the place, and Georgia Republicans are the people.

Who Am I?

Michael McNeely is 1st Vice Chairman of the Georgia GOP and has chaired the Georgia Black Republican Council. He has been Vice Chairman of the Douglas County GOP and Political Director of the Georgia Young Republicans. In 2010, he graduated from the Republican National Committee's Campaign Victory School, its Campaign Management College, and Republican Leadership For Georgia.



Domain

By John Wood
Chairman
GAGOP 1st District Chair

SEC Primary looks for more success than SEC football teams

Georgia will be an important state and many candidates realize this. The night after the first debate, Texas U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz was in Savannah on his way to the Red State Tailgate in Atlanta, which was arranged by conservative

radio host and RedState editor, Erick Ericson. It was one of the first events of true, bedrock conservatives that shunned Donald Trump. Trump, who created his own non grata persona to the GOP by flatly stating that he would not swear to running as a third-party candidate should he not win the Republican nomination next July in Cleveland.

Though Cruz's prized University of Texas Longhorns are not in the SEC, rather the Big 12, UGA may get to spend some time as a cow dog. Cruz has said on several occasions that Georgia is indeed a prize that he is seeking very heavily.

Former Georgia 1st District Congressman Jack Kingston, along with his son Jim, helped to add Savannah to Cruz's itinerary. However, Kingston is one of the keys to bringing more of the field of presidential candidates to coastal Georgia.

"Deepening the port, the beauty and people of the area show why this is a very important area not just to Georgia but to the whole country. It's great to see voters get to interact with candidates such as Sen. Cruz," Kingston said.

- 18 Republican presidential candidates on the stage,
- 18 Republicans on the stage, take one down and pass them around and you still have to decide between
- 17 Republican presidential primary candidates on the stage.

the Bulldogs, Bleed crimson or orange in Alabama, etc., we find Kemp not only elevated the position of Georgia in the national conservative political conscience, but he also pulled along the South, coining it the "SEC" Primary.

It may be a twist of irony though that as presidential candidates crisscross the South trying to land a seven-state prize with the SEC Primary, the pride generated by the SEC football conference is less than the normal fever pitch. First-year Florida head coach Jim McElwain compared the energy that his team played with in an overtime win against weak sister Florida Atlantic University to that of a dead fish packed in ice at a fish market. Of course, that energy has still seen the Gators through a season that allowed them to stumble but still dominate the Georgia Bulldogs and win the SEC East. There are more comparisons that you could draw to the current watching the grass grow feeling of the SEC and politics, but there isn't enough space on the page.

Watching the debates sponsored by liberal networks showed that Republicans or anyone who protects their own beliefs simply cannot coexist with the liberal ideology MSNBC and CNN feed their viewers daily.

No reason to continue the song because everyone gets it; and, after we sat down for our Thanksgiving turkey as a Party, we are not sure if we will ever find our next presidential candidate.

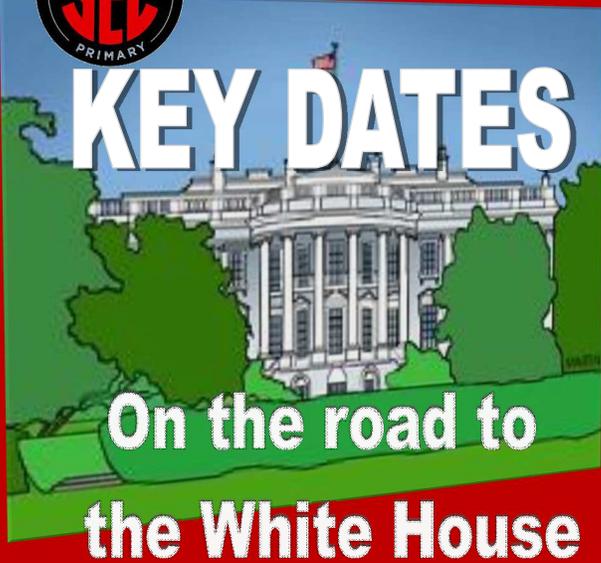
Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry doesn't have to remember anymore of the federal agencies that he would cut on his first day of office because he suspended his campaign. Outgoing Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal is in the same position. Once considered a front-runner and true political survivor from his recall election, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker is certain to be a good choice for any Republican president's cabinet.

Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp at the urging of Republican super lawyer Randy Evans created a plan that would catapult the state of Georgia into a battleground state to decide the nomination of the next Republican presidential candidate.

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KEY DATES



February 1: Iowa plans to get things started with its caucuses. Likewise, presidential primaries will start in February. New Hampshire might want to move things up depending on how some other states finalize their primaries or caucuses. Only two other states are allowed nomination contests earlier than March 1: South Carolina and Nevada.

March 1: Georgia and Texas take part in the “SEC primary.” The college athletics-themed primary includes mostly states from the Southeast. Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp is considered its inventor.

March 15: Ohio and Florida are among the states holding their primaries.

June: Caucuses and primaries are expected to last until the year is almost halfway over. Several states have not yet finalized the dates for their events.

July 18-21: The Republican National Convention will be held at the Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland.

July 25-28: The Democratic National Convention will be held at the Wells Fargo Center in the Philadelphia Convention Center.

[Source: The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Monday, Nov. 9, “Election Extra”]

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Cruz certainly hasn't been the only candidate to come through Georgia; all of the major candidates have spent time in the Peach State. Trump made amends with the Red State Tailgate and Jeb Bush gave a speech at Herty Field before the University of Georgia Bulldogs beat South Carolina before the season started to nosedive. Dr. Ben Carson had an Atlanta-based rapper create a campaign rap song for him. Carly Fiorina has held numerous telephone town halls. Georgia certainly is in play and those wanting the nomination know it.

However, it was Cruz's Savannah visit and some of the things he said that still resonate with Georgia voters. Months before the world would reel from the attack of ISIS at the Bataclan Theater in Paris, Cruz painted the picture of the actions of the Senate that were allowing the seeds of radical Islam to continue to grow.

He thanked fellow Sen. Charles Schumer (D-NY) for taking a stand against the Iran Nuclear Deal

and warned of the United States making that decision because it will continue to increase radical Islam.

“Radical Islam is a real threat, and we have a president [who] does not want to call it what it is,” Cruz said. “I don't think it was a bunch of Presbyterians flying planes into the buildings on 9/11.”

Cruz also found a very creative way to deal with the broken IRS and our ever-increasing immigration problems. “I am saying this partly for our friends in the media, but we should padlock the IRS building in Washington, D.C., and send those 90,000 employees to the border,” Cruz said. “Now imagine if the first sight you saw as an illegal immigrant after crossing the Rio Grande was all of these IRS agents, you would go right back to the country you were coming from.”

Regardless of which candidate you support March 1, the Republican Presidential Preference Primary election is your opportunity to choose whom you believe will best represent the party to

win the White House in 2016. For candidates, it's their chance to learn the truth about the importance of southern football and the southern voter.

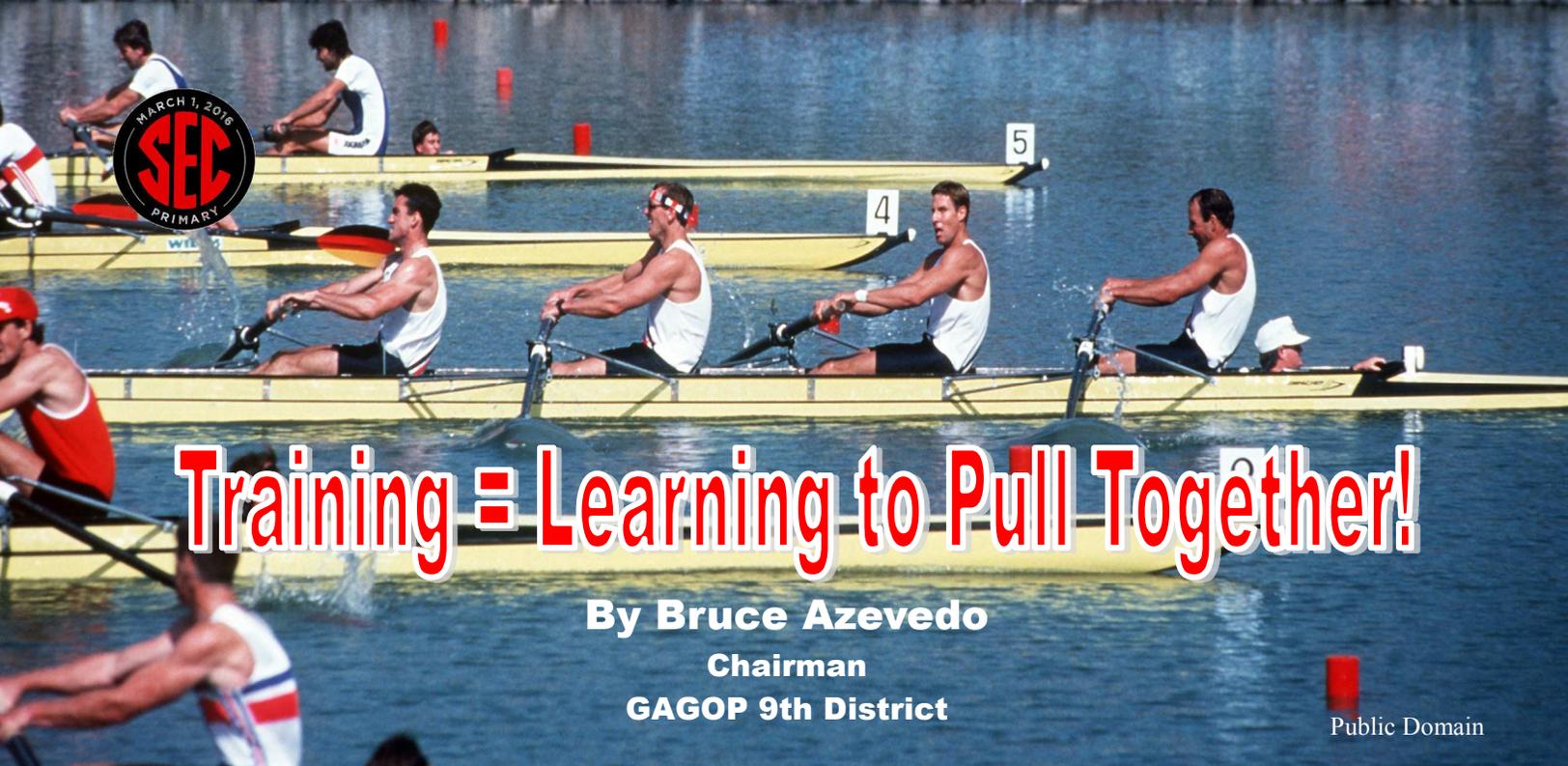
Who am I?

John Wood is Chairman of the 1st Congressional District. Wood, originally from Oklahoma, moved to the Georgia Coast 10 years ago to coach football at Bradwell Institute and teach Government and U.S. History. Wood is working toward a Masters of Public Administration from Valdosta State University and plans on entering public service full time in 2016. He was named to the second class of Georgia Young Gamechangers, selected by Georgia Forward in 2014, which is the Top 30 leading business and political leaders in Georgia under 40. He was the only member selected from the Coastal Empire. He is married to Dell McLean and they have two sons.



The SEC Scoreboard has been launched by ZPolitics. This is a new site that tracks and reports presidential campaign activities throughout the SEC Primary states. You will find the most up to date news regarding the candidates, including scheduled events and results of the latest polls – reported as totals and reported by state. <http://zpolitics.com/sec/>





Training = Learning to Pull Together!

By Bruce Azevedo
Chairman
GAGOP 9th District

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The 9th Congressional District encompasses 20 counties in the state of Georgia. As the Republican District Chairman, it is my responsibility to ensure each county participates in electing delegates to the county, district and state, and national conventions. In preparation for the convention cycle, our 9th district committee holds organizational meetings each quarter approving the grassroots training schedule, financial budget, district fundraising events, convention site selection, and identifying counties where Republican grassroots and financial support is needed for a candidate.

The training planned for 2015-2017 includes county convention training—November 2015; precinct organizational—January 2016; county candidate qualifying—February 2016; get out the vote training—May 2016; district leadership training institute—July 2016; and, grassroots development training—August 2016.

As you see, our district is concentrating on training everyone from our grassroots precinct leaders to our county chairs. We are interested in ensuring all Republicans in the 9th district have the opportunity to join in on our training.

Past elections have proven that Republicans are their own worst enemies. This presidential election may be more of the same unless we learn to pull together. Republicans have many different beliefs and ways of implementing these beliefs. I venture to say you can find a Republican liberal, moderate, or conservative in the current list of presidential candidates who supports your views. This field will narrow down very quickly as we approach the Presidential Preference Primary in March.

Once we have elected our candidate, we need to all come together and support the one Republican candidate running against the Democrats. Republicans cannot win as individuals; we have to win as a unified team. Let's not repeat history and allow a Democrat to win because millions of Republicans did not vote because they did not think their vote mattered.

To prepare for the Presidential Preference Primary and Special Election on March 1, Republicans should contact the local county party chairman and ask, "How can I help elect Republicans?" The 9th District website located at <http://www.gagop9.com> will link to county websites. You will find a list of grassroots leaders, time and location of the Republican meetings, and other useful information pertaining to your particular county.

We recommend that all Republicans who are eligible vote in primary, special, and general elections. A vote not cast is a vote for a Democrat candidate.



Who Am I?

A retired Navy Supply Corps Officer, Bruce Azevedo is Chairman of the 9th Congressional District and a member of the GOP State Party Rules & Convention Committee. Azevedo also has served as Chairman of the Madison County Republican Party. The Azevedo family has a strong military tradition with all four Azevedo children serving as members of the military.

Georgia Gubernatorial Candidates and Presidential Politics

By Randy Evans

Georgia's National GOP Committeeman



With the Presidential General Election just a little more than one year away, many political insiders are already keenly focused on the next gubernatorial election in November 2018. Gov. Nathan Deal is term-limited under Georgia's Constitution, so it will be a wide open political affair with no incumbent on the ballot. As a result, there will be no shortage of candidates lining up to become Georgia's next governor.

No doubt, Gov. Deal has been a dominant political force on the Georgia political landscape, easily winning reelection and carrying with him every Georgia Constitutional office as well as control of both houses of the Georgia Legislature. He settled rather convincingly that Georgia is still a solidly red state. Even so, no one doubts that the demographics and politics of Georgia are changing.

However, before moving into full gear toward organized efforts aimed at winning primary and general elections in 2018, most potential candidates are trying to navigate the politically treacherous waters of presidential politics in 2016. Backing a winning presidential candidate in 2016 can translate into big advantages in 2018. After all, incumbent presidents can raise lots of money, supply lots of volunteers, and provide an invaluable endorsement especially in the party nomination process.

For the Democrats, this has not been an overly complicated decision. There is only one meaningful candidate that could help them in Georgia — former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. As a result, all of the potential 2018 Democratic gubernatorial candidates interested in endorsing a presidential candidate so far have lined up behind former Secretary Clinton. All recognize that a pre-nomination endorsement of Vermont Democratic Senator Bernie Sanders, an avowed socialist, would undoubtedly cost them

far more than they could ever gain in the center-right state of Georgia.

Indeed, even if Sen. Sanders somehow won the Democratic nomination and the presidential general election, few of the current potential Democratic gubernatorial candidates would want him to come to Georgia to campaign. Now that Vice President Joe Biden has announced his decision not to run for president in 2016, Democrats really have nowhere to go other than former Secretary Clinton.

On the Republican side, it is far more complicated. Accordingly, it should surprise no one that there has been no stampede of endorsements for any of the remaining Republican candidates for president. Of course, this has not stopped any of the potential gubernatorial contenders from visiting with and being photographed with presidential contenders, thus providing hints of whom they might like to be the nominee. However, the Republican presidential nomination is so much up in the air that no one is willing to actually bite on any one candidate on an all-in basis.

Donald Trump's crowds escape no one. Similarly, the apparently strong bias against the incumbent political class on a national level necessarily worries current officeholders interested in moving up and seeking Georgia's highest political office. Dr. Ben Carson continues to surprise political insiders but not average voters.

Last year's Republican senatorial primary run-off only adds to the worry. Was businessman David Perdue's win over longtime Congressman Jack Kingston a sign that Georgia shares this sentiment or a confirmation of how a well-run campaign can beat one that's poorly run? Or, was it a combination of both that propelled a

relative of the still popular former Gov. Sonny Perdue into the U.S. Senate? These unanswered questions are cause for concern among the potential gubernatorial contenders for the Republican nomination in 2018.

With Georgia's Presidential Preference Primary just five months away, time is starting to run short for gubernatorial candidates who do want to want weigh in early in order to reap the benefits of being an early supporter. Given the general uncertainty, January will likely be the month when Republican gubernatorial candidates start to choose sides. While this means they relinquish the headlines that go with being the first or only one to endorse prominently early, the risks remain just too high with this many Republican candidates still in the running.

And, of course, there is the 800-pound political gorilla that has yet to indicate any preference (other than, as a governor, maybe a slight bias toward governors) among the GOP presidential candidates. Gov. Deal's reticence is undoubtedly a recognition of just how fluid the process is. However, he knows (as do most insiders) that the field will start to winnow out soon as some candidates run out of money and others lose sight of any meaningful path to victory.

With all of that said, eventually Gov. Deal — along with other GOP political heavyweights — will announce support and even endorsement of one of the presidential candidates. It is just not going to happen anytime soon.

[Source: *Atlanta Business Chronicle*]

Who Am I?

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GaGOP

Get Involved 2016

Step

1

February 2016

Start in your neighborhood

Precinct Caucus (Mass Meeting)

Early involvement begins at the grassroots level in your voting precinct. At this caucus you will elect delegates and alternates to attend your county convention in March.

Note that the over 80,000 population counties have discretion on when to hold their precinct caucuses. They must be held between 2/11/16 and 2/20/16. Contact your county chairman for the date and time of your Precinct Caucus. ****THIS IS A CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEARS****

Step

2

March 19, 2016

County Convention

Under 80,000 population counties will hold precinct caucuses at 9am immediately prior to the county convention.

Your County GOP will hold a convention on Saturday, March 19th, 2016 at 10am at a place designated by your county party.

Delegates will vote on who will represent your county at the District and State Conventions. If you are an elected delegate or alternate you will receive a notice of the location.

Step

3

April 16, 2016

District Conventions

These are based on U.S. Congressional Districts. Locations are decided by each individual district. If you were elected in March as a delegate or alternate to the District Convention then you will be notified of the location.

At This Convention:

- The Delegates will elect 3 Delegates and 3 Alternates from each US Congressional District to the GOP National Convention in July 2016.

Note: Although you do not have to be present in Step 1 to be elected as a delegate or alternate from your precinct, at least one person must be present from your precinct in order to caucus. Attendance increases your chances of attending the County, District and State Conventions as a delegate or alternate.

Step

4

June 3-4, 2016

The State Convention
Augusta Trade & Exhibition Center
Augusta, Georgia

Delegates to the state convention will:

- Elect At-Large Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention in Cleveland in July 2016.
- Elect a National Committeewoman and National Committeeman for four year terms to represent Georgia at the RNC.
- Conduct other necessary and proper business.



Additional information can be found by contacting:

The Georgia Republican Party
404-257-5559 www.GAGOP.org
or Your County Republican Party

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Left to right; U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson, Kaylin Walden, Gov. Nathan Deal, and NFRW Intern Erica Barker

Youth Activism in the Republican Party

By Kaylin Walden
University of North Georgia

The future of the Republican party is dependent upon three groups: Teen Republicans, College Republicans, and Young Republicans. Each organization serves in a different place, but at the end of the day, they're all working toward the same goal — getting young people involved in the Party and in promoting the Republican message.

The Teen Age Republicans (TARS) are focused on providing opportunities for middle and high school students to learn the different dimensions of politics. The Georgia Teen Republicans are led by current chair, Brooks Fletcher. Each year the TARS hold a National Leadership Conference in Washington D.C., and this past year, the students were given

the chance to meet and hear from presidential candidates at this conference.

The next step for students is College Republicans (CR). This organization is especially important because during college, young people are beginning to shape their own views and priorities. The CRs are the proving ground where students can debate and learn the fundamentals of the Republican Party. According to Stephen Greenway, the chair of the Georgia College Republicans, the purpose of a CR is “to be a foot soldier of the Republican party as well as an ambassador for Conservatism to each campus.” Although college campuses tend to be more liberal in their teachings, Greenway says the students “look at what’s going on in our country and they’re concerned about it. They want to make a difference.”

For anyone age 18 to 40, Young Republicans (YR) is a place for college students, young professionals, or any young American who advocates Constitutional values to energize the Republican Party. Groups are chartered at the local, state, and national levels, and each chapter organizes meetings and events to discuss current issues and host speakers in various political positions. YRs also host state and national conventions in which delegates from each state or chapter decide the platform and the leadership of each board.

I enjoy being active in both YR and CR groups. We have a good time while working for the Party and our favorite candidates. Encourage every young person you know who stands with us to join one or more of these groups. It's important not just for today, but also for tomorrow.



Congressman Rob Woodall with college Republicans at a fall fundraiser.

Who Am I?

Kaylin Walden's political journey began earlier this year when she became the vice chair of the Hall County Young Republicans. She is active in College Republicans at the University of North Georgia where she is majoring in Communications with a concentration in Broadcast Journalism. Walden enjoys politics and hopes to continue promoting Conservative principles as a political commentator for FOX News.





Turn Out the Youth Vote

By Matt Monday

University of Georgia
College Republicans Fundraising Director

Penn College
of Tech. Fall
Fiesta5 2012,
photo by Tom
Wilson

The Republican Party shined through the period known as the “shadow primary” and we have a lot to be thankful for. We should be thankful that we have a strong field of candidates to choose from, ranging from a neurosurgeon and CEO to governors and senators from states across the nation. We should be thankful that these men and women are the leaders of our Party for years to come. However, there is a serious problem in building future leaders within the GOP — and that is youth voter turnout. This issue has plagued the GOP for years and it is time we address it. As the largest chapter in the nation, the University of Georgia College Republicans tackle this issue head on. We have new members each week who are passionate about the conservative message and are eager to do everything possible to get a Republican in the White House in 2016.

Our main goal as an organization is to attract new members to our meetings and allow them to engage likeminded conservative individuals, then use these

new members to canvass for Republican candidates locally, statewide, and nationally. The grassroots efforts of many candidates is led by youth voters. Whether it is door knocking, passing out candidate literature, making campaign calls to educate voters, or speaking with potential donors about donating to a candidate, all this work is mainly done by the millennial generation. The University of Georgia College Republicans excel at organizing its members in places across the state and nation to participate in grassroots efforts. It is imperative that as an organization we reach out to students who feel so strongly about the future of our nation that they are willing to devote hours of their own time to spread the conservative message. With the hard work of our organization, the youth vote will have a significant impact on political races in the near future.

The University of Georgia College Republicans attract unprecedented amounts of students to meetings and attendance continues to grow each week. As an organization, we continue to educate

students about what a difference their vote makes. The millennial generation is becoming one of the largest voting blocks in the country and the upcoming election is our time to show it. The issue of poor youth voter turnout will not disappear on its own. Therefore, as an organization, we will continue to educate students about how much their vote counts. The youth of the Republican Party must rise to the challenge this upcoming election and, if we do, victory will surely be ours.

Who Am I?

Matt Monday is a sophomore at the University of Georgia studying Political Science. He is the current Fundraising Director for UGA's chapter of the College Republicans. After college, Monday plans to attend law school and pursue a career in corporate law.





Myths and Misconceptions of the More Take Home Pay Act

By State Representative John Carson

Earlier this year, I introduced the More Take Home Pay Act (MTHPA) to reduce the state income tax rates and diversify the state's revenues toward more of a consumption tax. The goal has always been to address the long overdue need for common sense restructuring of the state tax code and allow Georgia families to keep more of their own money. Although Georgia is among the top five states in the country to do business, we must always strive to become even better. Particularly since we have the second highest income tax rates among our border states and we were recently ranked by the Tax Foundation as having the eighth worst income tax climate.

Some have expressed concern over such a large initiative. I stand with them in total agreement that all efforts to change Georgia's tax structure must be done in a way that will both protect our coveted AAA bond rating and ensure stable revenues for funding vital state programs, including education and health care. As such, I continue to believe it is important to remain transparent and dispel the most common myths as related to the bill.

Some of these myths include:

- **The MTHPA eliminates the income tax.** Not true. The bill incrementally reduces the personal income tax rate from 6 percent to 4 percent and the state corporate tax rate from 6 percent to 5 percent over three years.
- **The MTHPA significantly cuts taxes.** This also is simply not true. We are managing the revenue estimates to be revenue neutral, or a slight tax cut. Other states, like Kansas, have suffered from reducing their tax rate without considering the need to stabilize and replace revenue. By reducing the income tax rate and transitioning to more of a consumption tax, Georgia will maintain its ability to fund critical state obligations. Keep in mind that Georgia was recently ranked by the Tax Foundation as having the 49th lowest state tax burden.
- **The MTHPA will damage Georgia's AAA bond rating.** The AAA bond rating is a major factor to low interest expense on our bonds as well as economic development. As a finance professional, I fully understand the impact of the AAA bond rating. Georgia has approximately \$9.5 billion of outstanding bonds, and if our bond rating dropped for example to AA, the interest rate paid on 20-year bonds could increase by 0.25 percent, or \$23 million of higher interest expense. According to economists, the bond rating analysts look for diversity and flexibility in our state's



revenues, and the MTHPA improves both. It improves diversification by placing more reliance on the consumption tax (over 50 percent of our revenues come from income tax), and also flexibility (S&P noted caution in its recent rating report as Georgia passed a constitutional cap at the current 6 percent income tax rate).

- **Income taxes are a more stable source of revenue.** By studying over 12 years of state revenue to date, we have determined that our consumption tax is as reliable as income tax, as compared to state Gross Domestic Product. In addition, this consistency was achieved even before addressing the loopholes in the current consumption tax laws.
- **The MTHPA "pays for" an income tax cut with taxes on satellite, digital goods, and higher cigarette taxes.** The additional state revenues from these items would generate less than \$400 million annually, where it takes a whopping \$2 billion or so to reduce the state income tax by just 1 percent. The provisions addressing these taxes are for parity in the free market and average rates among our border states.

Finally, the More Take Home Pay Act does not tax certain purchases suggested in previous proposals, such as Girl Scout cookies, Boy Scout popcorn, lemonade stands, etc. It continues to exempt haircuts, nail care, dry cleaning or any other personal care services, in addition to doctors, lawyers, accountants, architects, engineers or any other professional services.

I sincerely hope that dispelling some of these myths on the More Take Home Pay Act is helpful. This legislation is not an elimination of the state income tax, or a multi-billion dollar tax cut (like Kansas), or a transition toward unstable tax revenues. It is, however, a major step toward lowering our state income tax rates and diversifying toward more of a consumption tax.

Who Am I?

Rep. John Carson represents the citizens of District 46, which includes portions of Cherokee and Cobb counties. He was elected into the House of Representatives in 2011 and currently serves as the Vice Chairman on the Energy, Utilities, & Telecommunications and Intragovernmental Coordination committees, and Secretary on the Insurance Committee. He also serves on the Transportation and Ways & Means committees.

Radical Islamic Terror Strikes France & U.S.

By U.S. Congressman Tom Price

Terror Strike in France

November 16, 2015. This past Friday [Nov. 13], we saw the face of radical Islamic terrorism. Its enemy? Western civilization and innocent life throughout the world. We must name our enemy and defeat them.

[Recently,] President Obama said that ISIS is “contained”— he is wrong. But no matter what the president says, we must not substitute our security for political correctness.

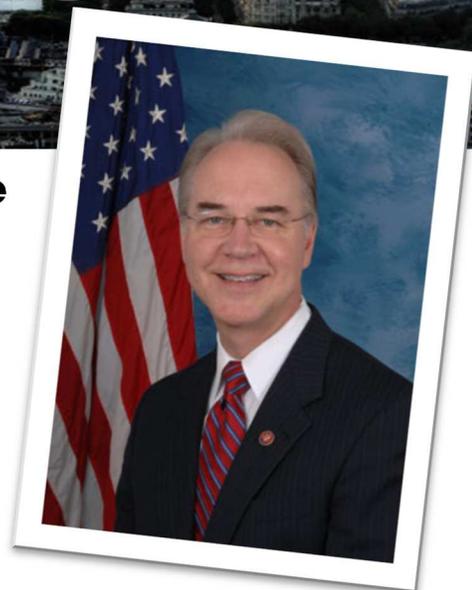
Going ahead, we must stand by our French allies and target the ideology and these jihadists. It has been confirmed that at least one of the terrorists in Paris used the current refugee system out of Syria as a Trojan horse. We must not allow the United States to experience the same fate and, thus, must suspend our refugee program until certainty is brought to the vetting process. Common sense must not be trumped by willful ignorance for the sake of dogmatic conformity.

ISIS and Syrian Refugees

November 23, 2015. This is about national security. Sadly, President Obama [recently] ramped up his condescending and politicized rhetoric on the terrorist attacks in France — it was shameful and unbecoming of any Commander In Chief. ISIS has declared war on the western world and will stop at nothing — including using U.S. and western generosity and compassion in a refugee system that we know, for a fact, Islamic terrorists have already exploited. The president must be reminded that he should not be a welcoming committee for terrorists and that the margin of error in matters of national defense is zero.

Terrorist Attacks in California

Last week's terrorist attacks in California serve as a stark reminder that ISIS will use radical [Islamic terrorists from all walks of life in its quest for global destruction](#). In what should have been a rallying call for our President, he instead offered zero new plans or strategies. Mr. President, it is time to lead – we must adapt to the tactics of our enemy and allow our military to wipe ISIS out.





Dear Mr. President

**From Johnny Isakson
And other U.S. Senators**

November 17, 2015

WASHINGTON – In the aftermath of the November 13th terrorist attacks in Paris that killed at least 129 people and injured hundreds more, U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., joined his Senate colleagues in sending a letter to President Barack Obama urging the administration to ensure that no members, supporters or sympathizers of the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, or ISIL, are infiltrating Syrian refugee movements to enter the United States.

In addition to Isakson, the letter to President Obama was signed by Sens. Mark Kirk, R-Ill., Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, Daniel Coats, R-Ind., Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.V., Joe Manchin, D-W.V., Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, Richard Shelby, R-Ala., Roger F. Wicker, R-Miss., Richard Burr, R-N.C., and Mike Rounds, R-S.D.

November 16, 2015

Dear Mr. President:

We stand in solidarity with the people of France and against the terrorists who carried out the horrific attacks of November 13th that clearly were designed deliberately to kill as many innocent people as possible. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families. As we mourn the loss of life and provide France all the support and assistance it needs, the U.S. government must redouble its efforts to keep the American people safe. We believe that an essential component of that effort is ensuring that no refugee related to the Syrian crisis is admitted to the United States unless the U.S. government

can guarantee, with 100 percent assurance, that they are not members, supporters, or sympathizers of the so-called Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), also known as Daesh or ISIL.

It is already clear that ISIS is responsible for the barbaric attacks. Reports indicate that at least one of the attackers apparently utilized the flow of refugees to infiltrate into Europe. These facts require a serious and objective reexamination of the Administration’s policy toward Syrian refugees to avoid unnecessary risks.

While our country has a long history of welcoming refugees and has an important role to play in the heartbreaking Syrian refugee crisis, our first and most important priority must be to ensure that any refugee who comes to the United States does not present a threat to the American people. Compassion for Syrian refugees is important, but a fierce determination to protect the American people is also important.

The fact that ISIS may have utilized the flow of refugees to infiltrate Europe and potentially the United States is not a surprise. In September, the Director of National Intelligence (DNI), James Clapper, publicly warned the U.S. intelligence community has a “huge concern” that ISIS may seek to infiltrate Syrian refugees who are flowing into Europe and potentially the United States. “As they [refugees] descend on Europe, one of the obvious issues that we worry about, and in turn as we bring refugees into this country, is exactly what’s their background?” DNI Clapper added: “We don’t obviously put it past the likes of ISIL to infiltrate operatives among these refugees.

On October 21, 2015, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director James Comey told the House Committee on Homeland Security that the U.S. government may not have the ability to vet thoroughly all Syrian refugees coming into the United States. He explained that if a Syrian person is not already in the FBI’s database, that

person is unknown to the agency, leaving an inadequate basis for the person’s background to be screened for terrorism risk. “We can only query against that which we have collected,” Director Comey cautioned. He also said, “So if someone has never made a ripple in the pond in Syria in a way that would get their identity or their interest reflected in our database, we can query our database until the cows come home but we are not going to—there will be nothing ... because we have no record on that person.”

Given DNI Clapper’s stated concern that ISIS may try to infiltrate Syrian refugee movements as well as FBI Director Comey’s public acknowledgment of the U.S. government’s limitations in thoroughly vetting all Syrian refugees, we respectfully request your Administration:

- List comprehensively the challenges, prior to the November 13th terrorist attacks, in the process for checking the background of Syrian refugees and checking potential risks to national security, including potential terrorism risks;
- Detail what special or enhanced measures will be added to the screening process for Syrian refugees in the aftermath of the November 13th terrorist attacks; and
- Describe how it plans to address the vetting challenges that Director Comey describes.
- We ask that your Administration immediately share this information with the American people. We look forward to a timely response. We cannot imagine a more urgent or higher priority.

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Growing Global Security Crisis Linked to National Debt Crisis

By U.S. Senator David Perdue

WASHINGTON, D.C. — November 18, 2015 – U.S. Sen. David Perdue (R-GA) condemned recent terrorist attacks by ISIS and called on Washington to address our global security crisis, which is underpinned by our debt crisis.

I rise today to speak about our persistent global security crisis, but I also want to connect how our national debt crisis affects that crisis.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims' families of these tragic events over the last three weeks. This week, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hosted the French ambassador to the United States. In that meeting, we shared our thoughts and prayers with him and the people of France. More than that, we stand in solidarity with them, against these evil forces that manifested themselves on the streets of Paris this past week.

The horrific ISIS attacks in Paris killing more than 130 people and injuring more than 350 innocent people – men, women, and children – serve as a chilling reminder of the threat we continue to face from international terrorism every day.

Earlier this week, Russia confirmed it was indeed a terrorist bomb that took down a Russian plane over the Sinai Peninsula, killing all 224 people on board. Just last night, we saw two Air France planes – thank God, under a false alarm – grounded because of fear of some terrorist attack.

In addition, ISIS has now claimed responsibility for twin suicide attacks in Beirut just last week, killing 43 more people. This makes three international attacks in three short weeks.

ISIS [ISIL] continues to be a persistent threat to the West and to the security and stability in the Middle East. Unfortunately, as it has already said several times, these attacks only confirm what ISIS has in mind for the future.

ISIS [ISIL] has been very clear about its intention to bring its version of terrorism to our own backyards, here in America. Indeed, ISIS even threatened Paris-style attacks on our nation's capital in a recent video this week.

Earlier this week, CIA Director John Brennan said he would not consider the Paris attacks 'a one-off event.'

Dir. Brennan went on to say, 'It's clear to me that ISIL[ISIL] has an external agenda, and that they are determined to carry out these types of attacks. I would not anticipate that this is not the only operation that ISIS [ISIL] has in the pipeline.'

In light of the latest attacks by ISIS [ISIL] – beyond Iraq and Syria – I could not disagree more with our President who says his policies are containing ISIS [ISIL]. The President and his administration continue to underestimate this threat. They even called them a "JV team" not too long ago.

Despite the fact that ISIS has demonstrated its ability to perpetrate large-scale attacks beyond the borders of its so-called 'caliphate,' President Barack Obama refuses to change this failed strategy.

Beyond the fault of the president, however, fault lies here in Congress as well. Washington is entirely too often focused on the crisis of the day instead of getting at the true, underlying problems and solving them directly. It shouldn't take a tragedy like this for Washington to pay attention.

Again, the latest terrorist attacks only underscore that we are facing a global security crisis of increasing magnitude and this is inextricably linked to our national debt crisis. As a matter of fact, the biggest threat to our global security is still our nation's federal debt. This is as true today as it was when Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Mullen, said the same thing in 2012..

In the past six years, Washington has spent \$21.5 trillion running the federal government. That's so large, I have a hard time even grasping how significant that is, but what I can understand is this, of that \$21.5 trillion that we've spent running the federal government, we've actually borrowed \$8 trillion.

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With more than \$100 trillion of future unfunded liabilities, on top of the \$18 trillion we've already built up, this is about \$1 million per every household in America. Every family in America today shares in this responsibility of about \$1 million per family. We are so far past the tipping point, we may be at a point of it being unmanageable.

If interest rates alone were at their 30-year average of 5-1/2 percent, we would already be paying over \$1 trillion in interest—that's unmanageable. That's twice what we spend on our defense investment. It's twice what we spend on our discretionary, non-defense investment. It's unmanageable, and we are well past that tipping point.

Yet, Washington's own dysfunction and gridlock are keeping us from completing the budget process, as I speak today, and passing appropriations bills here in the Senate. I might even argue, we may have seen the last truly voted upon and approved appropriations bill in the Senate because of the abuses of the rules that we see both sides have played in recent years.

Only four times, shockingly, in the last 40 years has the budget process, along with the appropriations process, worked the way it was written into law in 1974.

For example, this year we have tried to get onto the defense appropriations bill that would fund the defense so we can go defend Americans abroad and we can defend our interests here at home against threats like ISIS.

We are being blocked from even getting on that bill, which passed with a vast majority of votes in committee, to the floor for a vote. No less than three times have people on the other side of the aisle blocked it from going to the floor for debate, for the amendment process, and for a vote. And three times, the Democrats have voted against allowing us to get the defense appropriations bill to the floor, thus making it a political football.

It's something I just really don't understand, not being of the political process here. We have these recent attacks from ISIS, and yet we can't even find consensus here in this body to fund our Defense Department.

William Few, the very first senator from Georgia, in whose seat I serve today, would absolutely be appalled. He would remind us, in the United States Constitution, there are only six reasons why 13 colonies, of which Georgia was one, came together to form this miracle called the United States. One of those six reasons was to 'provide for the common defense,' and here we are, through dysfunction and partisan politics, not acting appropriately to fund the ability to provide for the common defense.

I hope we can learn from recent events and get serious about tackling this debt problem so we can use that resource to fund our strong foreign policy. We need a strong foreign policy to fight these threats abroad.

But to have a strong foreign policy, we have to have a strong military. We proved that in the 1980s when we brought down the Soviet Union with the strength of our economy and the power of our ideas. But, we still can't because of our own intransigence and this national debt.

To have a strong military, as we proved, we have to have a strong economy. And that's in jeopardy because of this growing debt crisis.

To confront this global debt crisis, we have to get serious today. We have to break through; we have to get shoulder to shoulder and defend our country. [This] means we have to do the hard work here on the floor of the Senate and pass the funding so we can defend ourselves against these new threats.

Now is the time, Mr. President, to solve this debt crisis so we can lead as a country again, to deal with this global security crisis and provide for the safety of Americans, wherever they are in the world.

Obama Misses the Mark

When It Comes to Combating ISIS

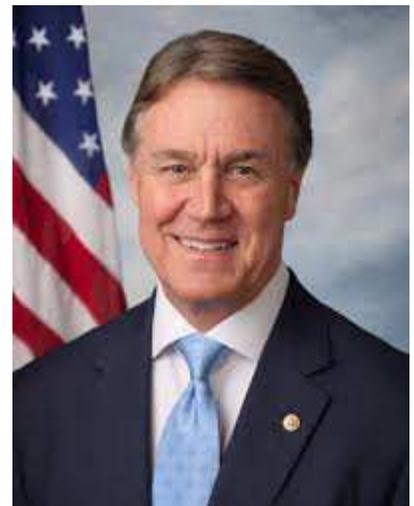
WASHINGTON, D.C. — November 15, 2015 — U.S. Sen. David Perdue (R-GA), a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, released the following statement regarding President Barack Obama's comments today on ISIS:

President Obama continues to miss the mark when it comes to combating ISIS. Coordinated terrorist attacks in Paris and around the world prove that the threat from ISIS continues to grow. These attacks demonstrate that ISIS has not been contained in its ability to wage war against the West and will stop at nothing to deliver terrorism to our homeland.

It is time for America to lead our allies in an aggressive and united coalition to defeat ISIS once and for all. The most effective way to protect our national security is to end the instability in Iraq and Syria before it reaches our shores. The resurgence of Islamic extremism and the growing Syrian refugee crisis are symptoms of President Obama's failed foreign

policy in the region.

At this time, President Obama should stop any refugees from coming into our country until we have assurances that effective safeguards are in place to prevent radical terrorists from using the system to their advantage. The American people don't have enough information about the refugee vetting process, which is initiated by the United Nations. Our top priority should be to defeat ISIS completely and protect every American and Georgian, no matter where they are in the world.





Threat to America: More than just ISIS Jihadists

By David R. Bores

The “globalization of ISIS” to project jihad has been clearly demonstrated. Since Oct. 31, there has been the successful bombing of the Russian airliner over the Sinai Desert, the assault in Lebanon, and the six simultaneous attacks in Paris. ISIS is far from contained in its established base of operations in Iraq and Syria. Rather, the Islamic State has shown it can project, at will, its savagery to any country or city in the world. Additionally, it has thousands of radicalized followers inside the U.S. and other Western countries who are more than willing to act independently against soft targets, in response to ISIS commands to “fight where you are.” This willingness was repeatedly displayed when ISIS called for attacks against police officers and military personnel last year, who were immediately targeted by ISIS followers in New York, Chattanooga, TN, Condon City, CO, Columbus, OH, and other locations. Civilians too have been placed at risk as evidenced by the thwarted attack of two ISIS jihadists from Arizona at Garland, TX, on May 3. And we were told that ISIS was targeting New York City and Washington, D.C., just prior to Thanksgiving.

The reach of ISIS is also integrated within the resettlement program of refugees from Syria, because they cannot be properly vetted for imbedded jihadists before their arrival in the U.S. Along with visa waivers for international travelers and our porous Southern border that is allowing ISIS, al-Qaeda, and Hezbollah terrorists into the U.S., we are clearly a nation at risk to violent attacks by jihadists who can infiltrate America at will.

However, while we are justifiably focused on the violent threat of ISIS and other jihadists, there still remains a concerted effort by

the Muslim Brotherhood to subvert our Constitution and replace our form of government with Shar’ia law. Republicans and Democrats have known about this threat since the Holy Land Foundation Trial in 2009, but our elected officials in Washington have refused to take measures to stop this subversion. Fortunately, however, with the election of our new House Speaker, HR 3892 and S 2230 were introduced to designate the Muslim Brotherhood a terrorist organization. This is a vital first step that deserves our support.

These are indeed perilous times that represent an immediate danger now and for the millennials who will inherit these threats. We cannot afford to continue to deny the seriousness of Islamic supremacism because of political correctness or multiculturalism.

Who Am I?

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Impact of Syrian Refugee Situation on National Security

U.S. Congressman Trey Gowdy, R-SC

News Release

National security and public safety are the preeminent functions of government and our constitutional duty as representatives. While America has a proud history of providing refuge for those who have been persecuted for their beliefs or otherwise face imminent harm, we also have a duty to ensure the necessary background investigations can be done to stop terrorists from exploiting Americans' generosity and ruthlessly taking more innocent lives. The President claims we are afraid of "widows and orphans." With all due respect to him, I am only afraid of a foreign policy that creates more widows and orphans.

[Recently,] the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security held a hearing to examine the Syrian refugee crisis and its impact on the security of the U.S. refugee admissions program. Watch [my opening statement here](#):

Following the hearing, the House passed the American Security Against Foreign Enemies (SAFE) Act, H.R. 4038, with a veto proof majority. This is important because the president lobbied hard against this bill and has threatened to veto it. This legislation effectively suspends the admission of Syrian and Iraqi refugees until security and law enforcement officials can certify each refugee does not pose a threat to the United States.

Ultimately, the Syrian refugee crisis will only be solved if ISIS is destroyed. The president should start with a foreign policy in the Middle East, including Syria, that allows people to go back to their homelands. The president should defeat that "JV team" he said he had "contained." That would be the very best thing he could do to help people who aspire to a better life.

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GITMO DETAINEES: PRESIDENT MUST FOLLOW THE LAW

The South Carolina delegation, led by Sen. Tim Scott, has been fighting President Barack Obama's misguided efforts to move Guantanamo Bay detainees to the United States. Additionally, both the U. S. House and Senate passed national defense legislation, which bars the transfer of detainees to U.S. soil, by bipartisan, veto-proof majorities.

During a House Judiciary Committee hearing [recently], Attorney General Loretta Lynch reaffirmed President Obama's efforts to bring detainees into the U.S. would be illegal. She confirmed the law "currently does not allow" Guantanamo Bay detainee transfers to the U.S. President Obama should follow the law, and the counsel of his Attorney General, and abandon any plans to bring detainees to the U.S.

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Reva Jennings **GFRW President 1987-1988**

GFRW has lost a good friend and stalwart of the Republican Party. Reva was active as a Young Republican and GOP party member. She worked in GFRW in a variety of roles from local club president, to district director, to president of GFRW in 1987-1988.

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