

# The America First Leader

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## Patriots Join to Form America First Party

*by Romelle Winters,  
Public Relations Committee Chairman*

On the evening of April 15, 2002, representatives from eight independent state political parties came together to found a new national party.

These founding members of the America First Party were united in belief and purpose. Among them were former Reagan Democrats, conservative Republicans, and refugees from various failed third parties.

Their intention was simple: to restore America to the greatness of the Constitutional Republic bequeathed to us by our forefathers; to re-establish the traditional values of patriotism, honor, family and the right to life; to restore America First principles in immigration, trade and foreign policy; and to restore the

Constitution to its rightful place as supreme law of our land.

With observers present from more than a dozen other states interested in building a new political party, the founding state parties resolved to join together to form the America First Party and elected provisional officers. Five days later representatives of the founding parties met again and adopted provisional rules, a mission statement (see page 2), and founding principles (see page 3) for the new party.

The newly established America First Party quickly created press relations, candidate and party building committees that garnered positive media coverage. In late April, the party's web site went live. Within weeks the FEC had recognized the America First National Committee as a national party committee.

Party headquarters was flooded with requests for more information. The task of building a nationwide party was well underway.

The Founding National Convention was held in Orlando, Florida from August 8 - 11, 2002. This conference finalized the party constitution and platform, and the delegates heard from several of our candidates.

Learning from history and from experience with other parties, the party is structured very simply. The National Committee is granted com-



*Dan Charles, National Chairman of the America First Party, addresses delegates at the Founding Convention.*

plete authority over all aspects of the national party. The National Convention is granted primary authority over the platform and the nominations for President and Vice President. An Operating Committee, consisting of the officers and standing committee chairmen elected by the National Committee, exists for the purpose of coordinating the operations of the party in compliance with the resolutions of the National Committee.

The Party also chose to learn from history and experience regarding its electoral strategy. Rather than focus  
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Dan Charles  
AFP Chairman

### Mission Statement

We, the members of the America First Party, pledge ourselves to restore and revitalize the great American Experiment for the benefit of our nation and all its people.

We commit ourselves to elect honest people to public office who adhere to principles based on the wisdom of the Founders and expressed in the United States Constitution and our party platform.

We hold to the steadfast beliefs that the means to revitalizing our nation is to revitalize our people and the means to restore our nation is to restore just and Constitutional governance. To this end, we obligate our party:

- To preserve and protect our people and our sovereignty
- To promote economic growth and independence
- To encourage the traditional values of faith, family, and responsibility
- To ensure equality before the law in protecting those rights granted by the Creator
- To clean up our corrupted political system

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America First Party at  
[www.americafirstparty.org](http://www.americafirstparty.org)

# Who Are We? Why Are We Here?

by Dan Charles  
National Chairman

Our beloved nation is in big trouble. When you look around, it is plain to see. It was not supposed to be this way. But, our problems can be solved.

Over the past 100 years, we have seen our nation transformed from a Constitutional Republic to a democratic tyranny. We see politicians bending to special interests and taxing us to buy votes. We see our jobs and families destroyed to feed global corporations and the World Trade Organization. We see those rights, granted not by man, but by our Creator, being attacked and undermined by an overreaching federal government. We see the emergence of a global government, elected by nobody, that seeks to usurp our Constitution and turn our sons and daughters into cannon fodder for the New World Order.

## *We are building this party to take this country back.*

As this has happened, the Democrat and Republican parties have merged, both throwing off all semblance of principle and any loyalty to the Constitution or the American people.

These same politicians have continuously attacked our shared values. They have given us an education system that brainwashes our children; a culture handed to us by elites built on beer, bread, and circuses; and an ethic that values self-esteem over self-reliance, and seeks to diminish that which is held dear in traditional American culture -- life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

In short, both the Democrats and the Republicans, who have controlled this country for the past century, either do not care or do not know what is the right thing to do. They have forgotten how to do what is best for America and all the American people. Instead, they prostitute themselves among various special interests, and being re-elected has become their top priority.

Over the years, various third parties have arisen to challenge this two-headed beast. Some have had good ideas, and some have not. But in the end they have failed -- captured by either a cult of personality, an ideology that appeals to a very narrow segment of the American people, or internal conflicts that distract from the goal.

In April 2002, after months of careful planning, the America First Party was formed, bringing together activists and grass roots leaders from across the country. It was understood that we needed to do three things.

First, we needed to understand our mission, which is to elect candidates who will adhere to a set of principles based on the wisdom of our nation's Founders. We are not a club. To that end, we adopted the Mission Statement that appears on this page. We also adopted a Statement of Principles, which appears on the next page, and a platform based on those principles. Finally we adopted a set of rules to govern the party that protects and promotes these values. Together, these documents clearly define what it means to put America First.

Second, we needed to hit the ground running with a clear plan for electoral success. In 2002, more than half our candidates got between 15% and 25% of the vote. In 2004, Jeffrey Buck of Massachusetts became the first America First Party member elected to public office.

Third, we needed to make it clear that we are building this party to take this country back. To do that we must unify the tens of millions of folks who agree with us, but are disenfranchised or trapped in ineffective or corrupt political parties. We must also reactivate those who have given up on our system.

If we are going to succeed, we need your help. Please join us. Together we can take our country back. Together we can put America First!

Dan Charles, National Chairman

# Statement of Principles

## ***Preserve and Protect Our People and Our Sovereignty***

- Support a military whose mission is to protect our nation, not police the world
- Strengthen our borders and promote rational immigration policies
- Protect English as our common language
- Seek friendship with all nations, but avoid entangling alliances
- Work to maintain our nation's sovereignty and oppose all attempts to make our nation subservient to the precursors of global government
- Apply American values to our foreign policy

## ***Promote Economic Growth and Independence***

- Restore accountability and Constitutionality to budgets and taxes
- Promote tax policies that adhere to the Constitution, enhance individual freedom, encourage savings and investment, and promote the family
- Eliminate unconstitutional portions of the federal government
- Rebuild our manufacturing base and protect American workers
- Protect our right to fair trade and oppose free trade, exit NAFTA and the WTO
- Help American businesses stay in America
- Promote a Buy American policy
- End taxpayer bailouts of corporations and foreign governments
- Implement a self-sufficient energy policy

## ***Encourage the Traditional Values of Faith, Family, and Responsibility***

- Protect and recognize the sanctity of all human life
- Defend the traditional family unit based on one man and one woman
- Promote the primacy of parents in the lives and education of their children
- Respect the free exercise of religion

- Recognize the Judeo-Christian heritage of our shared values

## ***Ensure Equality Before the Law in Protecting Those Rights Granted by the Creator***

- Defend the self-evident truth "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness"
- Preserve and protect all of the Bill of Rights
- Oppose all quota systems. Merit and behavior must prevail
- End judicial tyranny and restore balance to our political system
- Restore property rights and restrict government land confiscation

## ***Clean Up Our Corrupted Political System***

- Remove the primary source of corruption by sharply reducing the size and scope of the federal government to its limited powers under the Constitution, and return control over all other matters to the states
- Require that all political donations be promptly disclosed and come from voters
- Enforce fair, uniform standards for ballot and debate access to give voters more choice
- Implement clean election practices--restore paper ballots
- Reform the lobbying system so that the only organizations permitted to lobby are those organizations whose money is acquired strictly from voter donations. Reasonable individual voter donation amount limits must be established
- End lavish Congressional pensions--put them on Social Security
- Ban taxpayer funded Congressional campaign mailings
- Restore the rights of states in the manner of choosing Senators and Representatives and promote the citizen legislator

The Statement of Principles of the America First Party was adopted at the first meeting of the National Committee on April 20, 2002.

The Principles provide an outline for the party's Platform, which contains a section for each of the Principles headings. Each Platform section then expands upon that particular set of principles.

The Statement of Principles is the core statement of beliefs of the America First Party. As such, a two-thirds vote of the National Committee is required to adopt any change to the Principles.

The Party Constitution binds both the National Committee and the National Convention to adopt a platform consistent with the Principles.

All party leaders are required to support and advance the Principles as a condition of holding a position of trust within the America First Party.

**Contact the America First Party at (866) SOS-USA1 (toll-free)**





Tom White, Party Building Chairman

### Using the Internet to Build the Party

Since its founding in April 2002, the America First Party has utilized the latest internet technology to spread the party's message and recruit like-minded patriotic Americans to take back our country.

The Party manages numerous e-mail "reflectors" which facilitate communication between party leaders, members, the media, and the general public.

In addition, the Party's award winning web site ([americafirstparty.org](http://americafirstparty.org)) has logged 3.8 million hits, with hundreds of people a day accessing vital information about the Party and what it stands for.

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## Party Building: What Can YOU Do?

by Tom White

*Party Building Committee Chairman*

With the right message at the right time in our Nation's history, the America First Party is attracting unprecedented numbers of people from all walks of life from all across the Nation. My goal is to have state party organizations in all 50 states by the summer of 2005.

Some say that our efforts can have no significant impact because the forces against us are so great.

These naysayers are simply not informed. History has proven repeatedly that "the few" are always responsible for initiating great changes. For example, only a handful of committed people initiated the changes that resulted in the founding of this great country.

If you desire to be a part of this committed group that is working to take our country back, the very first step you need to take is to join the America First Party. Contact your state's AFP affiliate, or the national party, to request a membership form.

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We can climb this mountain together and make a difference by electing candidates that believe in the principles that made this country great, and who are not willing to compromise on them.

To elect these candidates, we must first build the America First Party in your state by adding members -- members like you who love their country enough to want to do something to save it.

After becoming a member, please volunteer to do whatever you can. We are grass roots and do not have paid positions.

We need candidates, district and county leaders, committee members, etc. We also need members who will contact their elected representatives on issues and to bring in additional members. Every effort, large or small, is important and is required if we are to be successful.

Can you make a difference? The answer is emphatically, YES! Should you? YES! There is great personal satisfaction when you commit yourself to working for that which is noble and just, rather than meandering through life complaining while others decide your fate. Freedom is truly not free. It must be earned.



*Party leaders gathered near Chicago in October 2003 to plan strategy. From left to right (rear): John Pittman Hey, Secretary; Jon Hill, Vice-Chairman; John Francis, Chairman Emeritus; Tom White, Party Building; (front) Larry Carroll, Platform; Dan Charles, Chairman; Maureen McHugh, past Treasurer.*

How much time does it take? Not as much as you may think. As an example, the duties of the typical state party treasurer only require 1 or 2 hours per month.

How much talent does it take? The America First Party can use anybody. No matter what your abilities or limitations, as long as you hold a sincere desire to make a difference, you can help us take back our country. We have found that when good people come together for a good cause, good things always result and important things get done.

Don't wait! Now is the time to take action! Contact the America First Party in your state. Join us in this historic endeavor to take back our country and restore sanity to local, state and national governments.

Do it for yourself. Do it for our future generations, our children and our grandchildren. May Almighty God bless all our efforts.

# Where Do We Go From Here?

by *Trey Golmon*  
Ballot Access Chairman

It has been said that it is foolish to do the same thing over and over again and hope for a different result, but to expect a different result is a sign of insanity.

Yet that is what we do every November. We participate in elections, or at least some ever-shrinking percentage of us does, and we expect the result will be different. We re-elect 98% of congressional incumbents every chance we get. In that rare year (like 1994) where we as a people are so angry we "shake things up" by "throwing the bums out," we simply exchange one set of bums for another.

While we may occasionally exchange a Republican for a Democrat or vice versa, the next time we go to the polls, the issues framing the candidates are the same set of unfulfilled promises from the last election, such as: lower taxes, better schools, prescription drugs, drug war, abortion, lost jobs, getting the government off our backs, and the list goes on.

***This time, we have the opportunity to save our country using ballots instead of bullets. It will not be easy, but it can be done.***

The America First Party was formed to stop the insanity. Our nation cannot truly change for the better, and what we hold dear cannot be preserved, unless we as a people reject the proposition that voting repeatedly for these self-interested charlatans will eventually lead to a change.

We have set forth a set of principles. Everyday Americans, from all backgrounds, races, and creeds, drafted our Statement of Principles. They are based on the wisdom of the Founders, our Constitution, and our shared traditional American values. We intend to adhere to those principles and require our leadership and candidates to do so as well.

If we are to take back this country of ours, we must move forward together. More than 220 years ago, our nation was

forged by a revolution. It took time and required sacrifice, and the founders pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor, secure in their reliance upon Divine Providence. It is time for one again.

However this time, we have the opportunity to save our country using ballots instead of bullets. It will not be easy, but it can be done.

The first thing we must do is to let people know that we are here and that we intend to be a champion for the issue positions and values they hold dear. We are doing that with an aggressive media campaign that is garnering attention, but we need your help as well. We need you to reach out to your family, friends, work mates, and people you meet, and tell them about us, asking them to join with us. It is easy if you listen, then respond, and let our principles sell themselves.

The second thing we must do is run, support, and elect quality candidates committed to our principles to all levels of government. To do this we must support our candidates individually with funds and hard work, and collectively by getting them on the ballot and building an infrastructure in support of their efforts.

The third thing we must do is to raise the money necessary to educate the public and support our combined efforts to elect principled public servants. As we have built this party over the past months, we have encouraged folks to donate to the candidates. But now we need you to donate what you can to the party. Participate in the "Friends of the America First Party" program with a 5 or 10 dollar a month donation. It is a small sacrifice, but there is power in numbers.

Together we can take control of our lives. Together we can build a party that will restore limited Constitutional government, protect our jobs, our sovereignty, and our most vulnerable. Join with us, and together we will restore "a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common Defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity."



**Trey Golmon**  
Ballot Access Cmte.  
Chairman

## The AFP Store

The America First Party has made a number of promotional and educational items available on its on-line internet Store.

Bumper stickers, brochures, pocket Constitutions, and caps and t-shirts will all be useful to help promote the party and its message.

In addition, several excellent books, including three titles autographed by their author Patrick J. Buchanan, are also available.

Please support the Party by shopping at the on-line store at [store.americafirstparty.org](http://store.americafirstparty.org) For a printed store catalog, please write to request a copy:

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# A Party Organized for Success!

by *Jonathan Hill, Vice-Chairman and Finance Committee Chairman*

Many third parties have come and gone, most of them done in by hostile take-overs, internecine fights, or lack of organization and focus.

With this in mind, the founding members of the America First Party planned and carefully implemented a party organization which will protect the investment in time and money made by the members.

The America First Party Constitution operates under a system of federalism at its highest level. It has accomplished this by making the National Committee, with its two elected representatives for every state party, the highest governing authority.

The National Committee also serves as the Credentialing Committee for its own membership, and for the National Convention. This averts the risk of one or a few individuals being in a position to manipulate the makeup of either the National Committee itself, or the Convention. These safeguards, in turn, insure the integrity of the platform and the party's Founding Principles.

The National Committee meets at least monthly, and so is truly in a position to monitor and govern the party.

Officers and committee chairmen are elected by the National Committee and

may be discharged at any time should the National Committee lose confidence or trust in them. Each officer and committee reports directly to the National Committee and is subject to its directives.

Standing Committees are established by the Party Constitution to organize the functions critical to the party's success. Each committee is responsible for developing and carrying out party operations within its assigned area.

National Committee members and rank-and-file party members can join a committee and work in areas of their expertise and interest. The Committee system organizes and focuses the talents of the members.

After the onerous and distracting experiences many of us have experienced in other parties and patriotic organizations, we are excited to be part of a party that will provide a stable platform for political action, and which supports our moral and constitutional values.

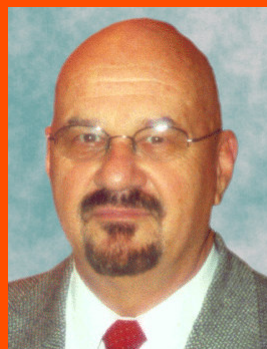
In addition to the built-in stability of the new organization, we are an ideologically unified group, strongly united behind our founding principles and the party platform. We are now moving forward to position ourselves for the 2004 elections.



Jonathan Hill, Vice-Chairman and Finance Committee Chairman



Romelle Winters  
Public Relations  
Committee Chairman



Larry Carroll  
Platform Cmte.  
Chairman

## The Committees and Their Duties

*Here is a brief description of the duties of the various committees. Each Committee welcomes new members who wish to contribute talents and efforts to the party's business.*

**Rules Committee** - proposes amendments to the Constitution, rules for the conduct of the party, and works with State Parties in development of state party rules.

**Platform Committee** - develops and proposes platform and policy for adoption by the National Convention.

**Party Building Committee** - helps build and maintain the party on national and state levels as a major political party.

**Finance Committee** - develops budgets for party operations, works with the Treasurer,

and advises state parties on fund raising and other financial issues.

**Public Relations Committee** - creates strategies for interfacing with the media and the public to promote the party.

**Candidates Committee** - assists the state parties in the recruitment and election of candidates for local, state, and federal office.

**Ballot Access Committee** - assists the state parties in acquiring statewide ballot access.

**Convention Committee** - organizes the national convention.

## Patriots Found America First Party

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on higher offices like governor, senator, and president, the Party has chosen to focus on races where it can be competitive, and where it has sufficient infrastructure to support successful candidacies. The Party wants to grow candidates like it grows the party, from the grass roots up, and bring national resources to bear on every race.

In 2002 and 2004, that focus is on local and state races, with the occasional congressional candidate. In 2006 and 2008, the party expects to field more congressional and statewide candidates. The America First Party intends to field its first competitive presidential candidate in 2008.

In November 2002, the party faced the electorate for the first time, fielding ten candidates to elective office representing the America First Party throughout the country. Third party candidacies are considered successful if they receive 3% of the vote, and most do not achieve success. The Party's candidates did much better than that. At every level -- city council, state legislature, and congress -- more than half of the candidates earned between 15% and 25% of the vote. Several candidates came within a few votes of winning their races. In March 2004, the Party elected its first public official, winning a local race in Massachusetts.

## America First Party Gets The Message Out...

*The America First Party regularly circulates media releases about timely issues. Here are summaries for some recent releases:*

**Bush Immigration Plan Comforts Alien Invaders, Destroys American Jobs** (Jan 12, 2004) - party opposes George Bush's planned changes in immigration law which reward illegal aliens who have already invaded our country and broken our laws.

**Bush Policy on China Rejects Thomas Jefferson, Insults Basic American Values** (Dec 12, 2003) - condemnation of recent statements by President Bush against the aspirations for freedom by the people of Taiwan, and his pandering to the butchers and tyrants who rule in Beijing.

The Party's media outreach has also been a success. The Party's award winning web site has received almost 4 million hits and the party has been mentioned favorably in many newspaper and magazine articles. Various party leaders have appeared as guests on national and local radio and television programs.

As the fastest growing political party in the country, the America First Party has become the only party that will challenge the duopoly that has taken over this country. The Party offers a populist, truly conservative, alternative that appeals to the many citizens who are looking for a voice that represents their views. The Party appeals both to those who feel disenfranchised and to active voters.

The leaders and members of the America First Party fully intend to be the party chosen to lead this country back to its founding principles. Our struggle is for the heart and soul of this great nation; our goal is the restoration of the Constitutional Republic bought and paid for with the blood of patriots; and the only acceptable conclusion to the struggle is Victory!

The America First Party urges patriots to join with us to accomplish the noble task that is laid before us. Working together, we will put America First once again.

**Massachusetts Court Takes Liberalism to a New Low** (Nov 21, 2003) - condemnation of the decision by Massachusetts courts to sanction homosexual marriages.

**Moore's Removal Obscene, Pryor's Nomination Repugnant** (Nov. 14, 2003) - the decision by the Alabama Court to remove Chief Justice Roy Moore from office is yet another obscene attack on the constitutional rights of every citizen.

**Party Calls for Bush Impeachment** (Nov 4, 2003) - Party adopts a resolution calling for the impeachment and removal from office of President Bush for taking our Nation to war without proper constitutional authority.



John Pittman Hey  
AFP Secretary

### Party Media Releases

Media Releases raise the profile of the party, promote the party's issues, and have garnered publicity on cable news channels, newspapers, and radio programs across the country.

The media releases are delivered by fax and email to over a thousand media outlets and hundreds of party activists.

The media releases are posted on the Party's web site and may be viewed as soon as they are issued at [www.americafirstparty.org](http://www.americafirstparty.org)

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