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An Exciting Three Years A More Exciting Future

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In early 2002, the Buchanan faction of the Reform Party, socially conservative Libertarians, independents, activists, and those concerned with the direction of their Republican and Democrat parties, began a series of meetings. They were unhappy with politics-as-usual. They were tired of hypocritical politicians who said the right things during the campaign but governed quite differently.

However, these activists were also disappointed with third-party-politics-as-usual. They were frustrated with the internal battles driven by ego and the unrealistic attempts to win high office without first putting into place the manpower, activism, and fundraising capacity necessary to win.

These patriots wanted to build something that could take back our

nation. They knew they needed to build a new political party to bring about crucial change. They realized the necessity for a party unencumbered by the baggage of pre-existing organizations, but one that could learn from both their strengths and weaknesses.

Over the course of several months, these activists outlined a plan to build such a party. The goal would be to focus on electing principled citizen statesmen to every office and at every level of government, not on promoting the candidacies of a small number of personalities running for high office.

The plan would keep the grassroots in charge, not a small cadre of self-appointed leaders. It would be one committed to the principles enshrined in the Declaration of Independence, our Constitution, and the wisdom of what influenced and guided our Nation's Founders.

On April 15, 2002, the America First Party was established. Its found-

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We are Minutemen!

by Jeffrey Buck

On April 19, 1775, the original Minutemen marched on Lexington and Concord over another sovereignty issue. Two-hundred and thirty years later, we 21st Century Minutemen stood vigil on the southwestern border in Arizona.



Jeffrey Buck is the first America First Party member elected to public office. He serves the town of Framingham, Massachusetts as a member of the Representative Town Meeting. He and other AFP members are active in the Minuteman Project.

Nearly 1000 of us volunteered for the Minuteman Project (MMP), to work under the auspices of Civil Homeland Defense. Like our predecessors, we determined that our nation's sovereignty is worth our lives, fortunes and sacred honor. This time, all that was needed to defend our nation

were grandparents in lawn chairs, armed with cell phones.

Without seeing the devastation in the Southwest first hand or talking to the locals, it is hard to fully grasp the reality of the "contributions" illegals make there in pursuit of their "American dream" at our expense. In the last year, I have made three trips to the border.

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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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We Are All Slaves Now

It is time to transform April 15th from a date dreaded by everyday Americans into a day of celebration. The day is symbolic and hated because it reminds us all that the American people are no longer free. We are slaves. We are Tax Slaves.

Chattel slavery was a scourge of our nation until 1865. The master owned the slaves, deciding when they worked, when they slept, when and what they ate, who they married, how many children they had, and what became of those children. The master used this control to enhance his own wealth and income by controlling their lives with both carrots and sticks.

Tax slavery was first recognized as such in the Roman Empire, when it was said that a man was only free if his name was not on the tax rolls. To stay off the rolls, people would move and change jobs soon after the tax census was taken. To combat this the Empire made it illegal to move or change jobs.

In today's America, we have become slaves to the state through a myriad of taxations. Beyond taxing productivity (income taxes), there are taxes on savings (estate and property taxes), successful investing (capital gains taxes), charity among friends, family and community (gift taxes), employment (social security taxes), travel (gas, airline, and rail taxes), and even communicating with friends, family, and business associates (phone access taxes).

And this list is incomplete, as we all well know. Worse yet, the system of taxation is designed to hide how much we pay, as much as possible.

What is more disturbing is what they do not tax. They do not tax you if you buy foreign made products, shut down factories in this country to open them in other countries, purchase pornography online, run a casino, or lobby for the interests of another country against the interest of this country. Our government will even refund you any taxes you have paid, with interest, if you are a foreign national here on an H-1B or L-1 visa--preparing to ship more American jobs overseas--even though you get all the benefits of living here and social security when you retire.

This all seems to fly in the face of the economic maxim best expressed by Milton Friedman, "If you want more of something, subsidize it. If you want less of something, tax it." The goals of our current elected officials do not align with the best interest of the American people.

The America First Party has a different view. We want people to be productive and work, save and invest, take care of our own, explore all this nation has to offer, and be connected to our family and friends. We want people to buy American made products, build up American companies and economic capacity, eschew vice, and put the interests of the United States of America above those of any other country.

The current tax system should be scrapped and the IRS shut down, permanently. There should be neither property tax nor income tax -- indeed, no direct taxation of any kind.

Additionally, we want the tax system to be transparent, so that everyday Americans know what they are paying. That is the only way to ensure the people can accurately judge if they are getting their money's worth.

So what does the America First Party propose? The current tax system should be scrapped and the IRS shut down, permanently. There should be neither property tax nor income tax. Indeed, there should be no direct taxation of any kind.

In its place should be a constitutional tax system based on tariffs, usage fees, and excise taxes (better known in today's parlance as a retail sales tax). The system should be structured so that at least 50% of federal revenue comes from tariffs on foreign made goods, so Americans can choose how much they are taxed through their purchasing decisions.

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.

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Fighting Cronyism and Corruption in Florida

by Martin McClellan

Mr. McClellan is an elected member of the Port St. John Advisory Board Group 3, and represents the America First Party of Florida on the National Committee.

What is it like to be an elected official, even a minor one to a nonpartisan position?

The board that I was elected to had become one that was perennially appointed from a small group of cronies. I threw a monkey wrench into the crony system by getting elected to the position. Now they are stuck trying to show legitimate reason for the board to exist. Getting elected to this position has shown a light on the corruption that has been going on even in the lower levels of local government.

I haven't been able to get everything I have wanted, but I have had some small victories in getting the voice of the people into the process.

When I spoke at the County Commission meeting, I argued that this should be an all elected board or the board should be disbanded. This did not sit well with the County Commissioner that wanted to continue with a majority appointed board to serve as his personal rubber stamp.

However, some other Commissioners were swayed by my arguments and would not support crony appointments any longer. The voice of the people would be brought into the process.

The motion to allow the appointments was passed with two new provisions. First, the whole County Commission will have to approve the appointments, not just one Commissioner. Second, a referendum would be put before the people of Port St. John regarding the future of the board.

If I had not bothered to do this most basic work, the cronies would own the board and it would be a rubber stamp for whatever the County Commissioner wanted to happen with respect to the planning and zoning of Port St. John. The cronies of this corrupt commissioner would have continued to assail the property rights of my fellow citizens with no accountability.

The appointment process was fraught with contempt for the voter. Florida has a "sunshine" law, to ensure timely access to government information. But Republican elected officials refused to provide a list of who was under consideration for appointment--first to one of my constituents, then later to me.

Only after we contacted the Attorney General and invoked the threat of criminal prosecution was the list of cronies delivered into my hands.

Local Republicans were shocked and outraged by the actions of those they helped put in office. As a result, many have joined in this common cause with the AFP and our candidates to clean up the corruption.

My simple act of getting involved has started the change. I am committed to represent both the best interests of my constituents and the County as a whole. I fully realize it is a very small dent when it comes to the scope of even County Government, but it is the first step of a thousand mile journey that is the most worthy one we can take -- the journey to restore America to the Constitutional Republic it was meant to be.

The only way you can fight systemic corruption is to clean it up from the ground up. Starting at the top is a failed strategy, especially when you consider the fact that the two major party presidential candidates spent upwards of half a billion dollars each in their quest to buy the American Presidency.

Things may get worse before they get better, but we must start the work of cleaning up the system now. The key here is to take action where we can, and build on those successes.

At the same time, we must spread the word that we are here and need the help of those that see what is happening to this country and want to restore the Constitutional Republic. We need to encourage our members to get involved on the local level and start the process everywhere we have a state party. This is the way you grow a party that will affect the course of a nation.



Martin McClellan
Zoning Board
Member



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Platform Committee
Chairman

Outlaw Judges' Latest Dodge: Foreign Law!

by John Pittman Hey
National Secretary

The biggest violators of the law in our country today are not the criminals on the streets. They're not the mafia, or unscrupulous big businessmen, or even the lawyers and politicians.

The biggest scoff-laws, robed in black, squat upon the Supreme Court. They have chucked out the door the Constitution and substituted their own opinions, buttressed by their own notions of political correctness, hatred for God, love of socialist dogma, and modern up-to-date thought.

And so we have a Court that countenances, nay, requires the murder of the unborn because of "emanations from penumbras" that Blackmun claimed to see in the Bill of Rights. We have a Court that twists the First Amendment to the point where children are prohibited from praying in school, but immorality can be shoved down their throats by the state without any say-so from the parents. We have a Court that allows the President to start a war without legal authority and bars any protest from the citizens. We have a Court that allows the people to be stripped of trillions of dollars of their money in taxes that Congress has no authority to spend, but spends anyway buying votes for their next election.

"This Constitution ... shall be the supreme Law of the Land"
U. S. Constitution, Article VI, Par. 2

Earlier this year, the Court decided once again to impose its own moral opinions on the entire country in a particularly atrocious case that came before it. Two teenagers broke into the home of an elderly woman, hog tied her, bound her face with duct tape, dragged her to a bridge and threw her into the river where she drowned. One perpetrator convinced the other that they could get away with it because they were under 18.

Whether you oppose or support the death penalty, clearly the Constitution

does not bar it, and the Founders believed that the different states would adopt penalties as seemed right to the citizens of their state.

But the Supreme Court ruled that these vicious punks could not be executed because to do so would be "cruel and unusual punishment." In so ruling, the outlaws on the Court managed to find yet another weapon in their arsenal of justifications for trampling the people's rights and destroying the rule of law. Incredibly, the Court held that, because other countries outlaw the death penalty for young hoodlums, so should the Justices, on their own, and against the wishes of the public and its elected legislators.

The gall of these people! They refuse to obey our own nation's laws, doing whatever they like, and now they embrace and seek to follow laws written by foreign nations that have no authority over our people!

Under the laws of foreign lands, the right to speak out and the right to jury trial and the right to live free from oppressive government aren't guaranteed. That's why the Founders fought and bled and died to establish a new nation with a written Constitution - because the laws in other countries weren't conducive to the preservation of liberty and the rights granted by our Creator. Inferior foreign laws are inappropriate for the United States of America.

Naturally, there are many eloquent and wise objections to the Court's latest move. In his dissent, Justice Scalia pointed out that the Court only follows foreign laws that it agrees with. He noted that the Supreme Court majority refuses to follow foreign law when it restricts abortion on demand, or when it allows for double jeopardy, or when it denies free speech rights or the right to a trial by jury.

But logic and reason don't stop criminals from having their way, even when those criminals sit as the top judges of the land. That's why the police have guns, to stop criminals in the act.

And who will rein in the corrupt judges on our Courts? Certainly not the Republic
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John Pittman Hey
National Secretary
& Treasurer

Famous Quotes

"The country has come to feel the same when Congress is in session as when a baby gets a hold of a hammer."

Will Rogers
Humorist

"The more corrupt the state, the more numerous the laws."

Tacitus
Roman Historian

"Where law ends, tyranny begins."

William Pitt
the Elder

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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 For a printed store catalog, please write to request a copy:

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We are Minutemen!

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Illegal aliens wait for smuggling rides in neighborhoods like yours, just yards from where children wait for the school bus. These lay-up areas are littered with clothes, food, water bottles, medicine, human waste, black ski masks, Islamic prayer mats, and discarded Korans.

The litter and crime is not all border residents need to worry about. At night, sleep is disturbed by the cacophony of dogs barking at the invaders and the screams of women being raped by their "coyote" guides.

These criminals also seek to corrupt American youth with the lure of easy money for dropping off food and providing rides for these people. Smuggling vans, trucks and cars tear down the highway with reckless abandon.

Our presence virtually eliminated human trafficking in the 23-mile sector of Cochise County we monitored during the month of April. We brought almost-forgotten peace and quiet to the tearfully grateful residents and ranchers who loathed the thought of our departure.

Both Republican and Democrat leaders denounced us. The President wrongly called us "vigilantes". The ACLU sent pro-illegal alien activists, who tried to provoke us and wrongly accused us of interfering with the Border Patrol and setting off ground sensors.

Yet the "Beeps", as Border Patrol agents are known, knew the truth and stood by us--dispelling the myths. The Border Patrol Union and agents commended our efforts. The support and respect is mutual. Our goal was to support their efforts. Sadly, the rank-and-file Beeps feel so betrayed by the President and other political leaders that they are ready to walk out in droves.

My hometown, like many other municipalities across America, is flooded with thousands of illegal aliens. They are not law abiding. They are breaking the law simply by entering or staying in this country illegally. Illegal aliens wreak daily havoc upon our communities. They illegally take jobs and put downward pressure on wages.

They consume taxpayer-funded services greater than their contribution. A small percentage even commit other crimes, then escape back to Mexico to avoid prosecution.

Therefore, patriots from sea to shining sea and border to beautiful border must respond with vigor to this invasion: write letters to the editor; talk to your federal, state and local representatives; make use of local cable access TV; run for office; expose corrupt businesses; and get involved in border watch activities.

April 30, 2005, did not mark the end of the Minuteman Project. It merely marks the beginning of its expansion nationwide. We will continue to legally, respectfully, fervently and patriotically defend this great land, doing the job that our government refuses to do. American sovereignty must be restored.

An Exciting Future

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ing members adopted a Mission and Statement of Principles. They called a national convention to adopt a platform, to build party membership, and assist its first group of candidates.

Several strong candidates for state and local offices began their campaigns across the country. To support their efforts, the Party began an aggressive campaign to promote the Party's stands and assist them in ballot access, organizing volunteers, and raising money.

Soon thereafter, Congressman James Traficant decided he would not run for reelection as a pro-life Democrat. Instead he would run as an Independent under the banner of the America First Party.

Almost immediately, he was put on trial on a set of trumped up charges. A show trial was held where he was prevented from calling many witnesses or introducing evidence that would have proven his innocence. Today, he sits in solitary confinement in a prison hospital, appealing his corrupt conviction.

Just hours after his expulsion from Congress following his conviction, legislation he was able to block for years was

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brought forward and passed by one vote giving President Bush the disastrous Fast-Track Trading Authority.

Like most of our candidates, Traficant did well at the ballot box in November 2002 -- although he came up short with nearly 20% of the vote. Indeed, more than half of our candidates earned between 15 and 25% of the vote and several came just a handful of votes short of winning.

Most third parties are doing back-flips if one candidate in one hundred gets more than 3% of the vote. Our strong showings energized America First Party members. The Party continued to grow rapidly and leftist groups such as the Southern Poverty Law Center began attacks on the AFP.

As often happens with conservative third party efforts, a few extremists took this as a cue that their bigotry would find a home in the America First Party. They came into the party to try to change our commitment to represent all patriotic Americans who love the Constitution and the values of our Nation's founders. In June 2003, these bigots were quickly shown the door by the majority of the party's leaders and members.

Membership nearly tripled in the year that followed. New state parties began organizing under new rules that ensured grassroots leadership.

In 2004, the America First Party once again faced voters. Our candidates focused on promoting party stands on property rights, illegal immigration, and protecting traditional marriage.

This time the Party won two-thirds of the races it entered. The Party actually elected principled citizen statesmen committed to make their communities better by governing in accordance with the Party platform. This strategy is working.

As the America First Party looks back on its first three years, its members look forward to an exciting future. The 2005 Convention will be held in early fall, laying the groundwork for a successful 2006 election cycle -- the next step in reclaiming the nation.

Outlaw Judges

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licans. Remember, the Supreme Court is majority Republican, and has been for over thirty years. Every single wicked ruling the Court has made during that time was made with the votes of Republican appointees controlling the decision.

And no matter how evil the rulings, even to the point, as we saw in the Schiavo case, of cold-blooded murder, the Republican House and Senate obstinately refuse to perform their duty to protect the Constitution and the people by impeaching and removing outlaw judges. President Bush continues to appoint law-breakers and tyrants such as William Pryor and Miguel Estrada to the bench.

It is time we realize that Democrats and Republicans allow this judicial corruption to continue because they enjoy it and benefit from it. Overthrow of our Constitution gives them all more money to spend and power to dictate to us what we can and cannot do. Corrupt judges are an essential tool in the arsenal of tyranny. If the country were to follow the Constitution, the President would be impeached and the Congress would have very little money to spend on a very limited number of Constitutional activities.

In order to turn things around in this country, we're going to have to get us some new judges - and new legislators, and all new members of the executive branch too. In fact, the whole lot of them will have to be run out of town and replaced with law-abiding citizen statesmen who are willing to submit themselves to be bound by the chains of the Constitution.

The America First Party is committed to the restoration of the rule of law - and never, ever, will we permit any yoke of foreign bondage to descend upon our nation, through force of arms, or the imposition of alien laws repugnant to our liberties and traditions.

These are our principles, they are our noble purpose and fervent hope for our nation's future. We call upon all patriots to rally round this banner of liberty and independence forever!



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America First Party Gets The Message Out...

The America First Party issues media releases by fax and email to over a thousand media outlets and hundreds of party activists. These releases raise the profile of the party and promote the party's issues.

GOP Judges Embrace Socialism, Fascism--Steal Homes (June 28) - denounces the majority Republican Supreme Court decision to permit the taking of homes and property by the government to give to other private parties.

Support the Constitution, Reject Pryor (June 8, 2005) - calls upon Congress to reject the Pryor nomination due to his part in the murder of Terri Schiavo and his prosecution of Justice Roy Moore from the Alabama Supreme Court.

American People Take a Taxing (April 15) - decries the abomination of the federal income tax and the host of regulations, and promotes the party's plan to abolish them all in favor of a national sales tax and import tariffs.

Party Growth Empowers People to Take America Back (April 15) - celebrates the Party's 3rd anniversary and recounts some of its victories.

Bush Betrays Border Security, People Must Stand Guard (April 1) - denounces the Federal Government's refusal to protect our borders, describes the economic and security dangers that result, and hails the Minuteman Project of citizen patrols of our southern border.

Bush Appointees Help Murder Terri Schiavo; GOP Cannot Be Trusted on Life (March 23) - points out that Republicans control the courts, legislatures, and executive branches that have participated in the murder of Terri Schiavo, and that Republicans from the President on down have blood on their hands for her death.

Put America First: Uncap Domestic Oil (March 4) - points out how federal regulation strangles the domestic oil industry, leaving Americans at the mercy of foreign

oil producers, and Republicans refuse to take necessary action to bring about relief.

Support the Troops and Bring Them Home (February 2) - decries the death and destruction wrought by the President's imprudent, expensive, and unlawful invasion of Iraq, and calls for a swift end and the return of our troops to their families and the safety of their homes.

GOP Spending Orgy: Immoral Breach of Trust (February 2) - points out that Republicans talk about smaller government and lower taxes as they continue to spend like drunken sailors and expand the power and reach of the government.

AFP to GOP: You're Not Pro-Life (January 24) - points out that Republicans talk a good game about being pro-life, but have done nothing to stop abortion, and have increased federal spending to abortion killers like Planned Parenthood and appointed Judges who have orchestrated attacks against the pro-life community.