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## AFP Holds Cincinnati Convention

by J. C. Schweingrouber  
Public Relations Cmte Chairman

The America First Party held its National Convention in Cincinnati on Saturday, June 3, 2006. As a prelude, the National Committee, which is the party's supreme governing body, recognized the America First Party of Michigan as its official affiliated state party, and seated Dan Eller and John Wagner as Michigan's National Committee members.

The National Committee held the scheduled election for national officers. Jonathan Hill of Massachusetts was unanimously elected as National Chairman. Martin McClellan of Florida was elected as Vice-Chair. John Pittman Hey of Mississippi was re-elected to the dual posts of Treasurer and Secretary.

Following the election of national officers, the National Committee

elected new chairmen to the standing committees. Those elected are Mike Fleharty of Ohio, Ballot Access Committee; Tom White of Massachusetts, Candidates Committee; Mike Eller of Michigan, Finance Committee; Peter Browning of Florida, Party Building; Joe Spitzig of Ohio, Platform Committee; J. C. Schweingrouber of Ohio, Public Relations; and John Pittman Hey of Mississippi, Rules Committee.

The newly elected committee chairs possess a wide range of experience as business professionals, entrepreneurs, and political activists, along with technical skills that will be valuable assets to the America First Party.

The National Committee also passed a resolution thanking Founding Chairman Dan Charles and Press Secretary Romelle Winters for their dedicated service and leadership. Each has returned to focus on building stronger state parties.

National Convention Delegates voted to add five new planks to the party platform, and an amendment to the Marriage plank to support a Constitutional Amendment to outlaw non-traditional marriages.

The new planks outline the party's position on Energy, the Death Penalty, Health Care, Submission of the President to the Law, and a blueprint to encourage illegal aliens to

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*Newly-elected National Chairman Jonathan Hill addresses the delegates.*



*Illinois delegate Ed McHugh entertains banquet guests with the Highland Pipes.*

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**Dan Charles**  
Chairman Emeritus

### 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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# The Foundation of Freedom

Over the past four years, I have used this space to discuss many challenges facing this Party and our nation--to motivate and inform you.

As you read the articles in this issue, you will notice an underlying problem that faces our nation. I have not used this space to write about it directly in quite some time.

That core issue is moral governance, from which our nation has sadly strayed.

In 1798, John Adams warned us that, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

The Constitution's architect, James Madison, told us all, "We have staked the future of all of our political institutions upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."

Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, and indeed all the Founders made similarly strident statements on the importance of religion and morality as the defender of liberty--and of God as its source. Nearly all specifically cited Christianity, even Ben Franklin.

Yet, modern conventional wisdom would have you believe that our nation was founded by men hostile to both religion and religious faith playing any role in government, and that these great men adopted the 1st Amendment to ensure that expressions of faith and acknowledgement of God were forbidden in the public square.

It is hard to imagine a greater falsehood. The Founders understood that a people who reject acknowledging God's dominion and His place as the source of our rights, will replace the rule of law with tyranny--by either the individual tyrant or the democratic mob.

Even FDR understood. In 1935 he said, "We cannot read the history of our rise and development as a nation, without reckoning with the place the Bible has occupied in shaping the advances of the Republic."

The 1st Amendment's clause on religion did not create a prohibition against faith intruding into government. If it did, how does one reconcile that claim with the fact that the very first law passed created the office of Congressional Chaplain and required each session of Congress to open with a prayer?

Indeed, the purpose of the 1st Amendment was to ensure that the federal government would not interfere with the vital role that religion and religious institutions play in ensuring a moral people capable of self governance.

The Founders rightly feared theocracy and wanted to ensure that government would not corrupt religion to its purposes. However, they equally feared a government divorced from the virtue that is derived from reverent acknowledgement of the ruler of the universe.

George Washington told us, "Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principles."

The AFP does not seek to impose biblical law or the tenants of any specific religious teaching as law. We seek a return to Constitutional and moral governance. We believe that the Founding Fathers were right to insist on freedom of religion, not freedom from religion. They were right to hold that religions' moral teachings should be a central influence on both the people and those they elect. They were right to acknowledge God's providence over every aspect of our lives and that of our nation.

Ronald Reagan explained the stakes when he said, "If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under." Let us pray for our nation, but also let us work to elect people who understand the true foundation of our freedoms.

Dan Charles, Chairman Emeritus

## Convention Adopts Planks, Resolution

On June 3rd, the Convention delegates made several much-needed additions to the Party platform, which had remained unchanged since it was adopted in Summer 2002 at the party's Founding Convention.

The delegates amended the Marriage plank to add support for a constitutional amendment to limit marriage to the traditional union between a man and a woman.

The delegates adopted an Energy plank which promotes immediate US energy independence, with environmentally safe domestic energy production. The plank also encourages a long-term transition away from an oil-based energy production.

Delegates also added a plank on the Death Penalty, which calls upon the country to embrace a heightened standard of proof to ensure that no innocent persons are falsely convicted and executed.

The Health Care plank demands the restoration of the rights of patients and physicians to interact free from the interference of government and third party payers, and calls for the federal government to largely withdraw from the business of financing and regulating medicine.

The delegates adopted a plank augmenting the Party's strong immigration position with ten concrete proposals to encourage illegal immigrants to leave by denying



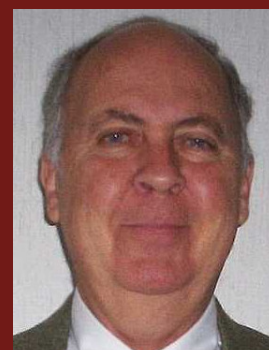
*Tom White (l) and John Pittman Hey (r) discuss important credentialing matters; behind them Maureen McHugh (l) and Jon Hill (r) discuss something less important.*

them access to jobs, homes, government and financial services, and non-emergency medical care. It calls for strong enforcement action against those who would profit by providing *de facto* amnesty to illegals.

The Convention addressed the matter of the President's refusal to submit to the law, his illegal undeclared war, and his claim to be above the law and the courts when spying upon the American people. The delegates adopted a platform plank outlining the President's duty to submit to the law, and a companion resolution calling for his impeachment for his lawless conduct.



**Martin McClellan**  
Vice Chairman



**Peter Browning**  
Party Building Cmte  
Chairman

### Famous Quote

"As democracy is perfected, the office of President represents, more and more closely, the inner soul of the people.

"On some great and glorious day the plain folks of the land will reach their heart's desire at last and the White House will be adorned by a down-right moron."

*H. L. Mencken*



*Jon Hill infiltrates the Florida delegation (left to right): Peter Browning, Roger Simmermaker, James Crawford, Barb Susco, Jon Hill, Martin and Isabelita McClellan.*

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## State Party Roundup

by Jon Hill  
National Chairman

State parties continue to organize, field candidates, hold Conventions, and reach out to the general public via radio, direct mail, and press releases, while party members show a steadfast resourcefulness in pushing our agenda forward. Government policy is being effected in a positive way at the state and county level.

### Candidates and Elected Officials

Martin McClellan, who in 2004 was elected to the Brevard County, Florida Zoning Board, and who showed his mettle in attacking Republican cronyism, has formally qualified for the District 1 School Board race in Brevard County. In Massachusetts, Richard Parsons has been elected to a three-year municipal legislative office in the town of Natick. Jeffrey Buck was elected to a similar position in Framingham, Massachusetts.

### State Party Outreach

In addition to the large mailings sent out by the national party, state parties are sending out their own, and posting flyers in public spaces. Many are using radio and e-mail to get the word out.

Pennsylvania and Ohio send out informative newsletters every month. Massachusetts has done a large full-color newsletter mailing to members and prospects. Other states send out membership packets to prospective members and mailings to advertise public meetings.

The Ohio party has researched areas county by county to determine which are hardest hit by Nafta and "Free Trade", and they are following up by targeting those places with flyers. Massachusetts has also made an effort to post hundreds of color posters and hold regional meetings in various parts of the state.

Pennsylvania has a shortwave program which airs every Wednesday night at 11 pm at 5.050 kHz. John Lacy, a board member of the New York party, has a weekly radio program. Other members call in to popular radio shows, sometimes multiple times a week, garnering hours of free airtime.

### Grassroots Lobbying

In Massachusetts, a party member is leading an effort which is affecting policy in the state on immigration-related matters. So far he has led lobbying which stopped two pending bills, one that would have issued drivers' licenses to illegal aliens, and the other which would have granted low in-state tuition rates to illegals. Recently, a Senator introduced legislation on his behalf to prevent the acceptance of the Mexican Matriculare card at state chartered banks.

### State Party Organization

State parties are working to motivate and organize their members. State Committees, the committees which govern a state party on a day-to-day basis, are having frequent meetings in person and via teleconference.

State Conventions -- usually annual events where the general membership elect new leaders, modify platforms and bylaws -- have been held in various states. These assemblies often include interesting and motivational speakers. For example, in Massachusetts, three prominent speakers participated, including John McManus, President of the John Birch Society.

In the last 3 months, Florida, Massachusetts, Illinois, and Colorado have held Conventions, and delegates elected at these Conventions went to Cincinnati in June to represent their states at the National Convention.

At its Cincinnati gathering, the National Committee affiliated a new state party for the state of Michigan. This is the first state organization which has been developed through the step-by-step processes developed by the Rules Committee in consultation with the Party Building Committee, a process which requires the developing state organization to meet various performance criteria. The result is a robust Michigan state organization with capable leadership. We are now on the road to duplicating this process in many other states.



Jonathan Hill  
National Chairman



L. Thomas White  
Candidates Cmte  
Chairman



Joe Spitzig  
Platform Cmte  
Chairman

# Trade Up for Our Future

by J. C. Schweingrouber

Public Relations Committee Chairman

In 2005, the U.S. trade deficit ballooned to nearly \$726 billion. Each American gave almost \$2,500 to countries like China, Mexico, Nigeria and Saudi Arabia. Because of this, our nation is less secure and our people are more impoverished.

If current trends continue, the 2006 trade deficit will be at least \$100 billion more.

Since 2001, the manufacturing jobs of more than 3 million Americans have been sent overseas. We can blame the irresponsible "Free Trade" policies embraced by both Republicans and Democrats.

So-called "Free Trade" policies put our businesses in competition with those who have fewer regulations, don't protect the environment, and put barriers in place to keep out American-made goods.

***If the American middle-class is to survive the next twenty years, we need to have leaders who will abide by their constitutional mandate to set trade policy, instead of bowing down to the interests of multi-national corporations.***

These policies put our workers in competition with workers willing to accept less in a week than our worker used to earn in an hour. This downward wage pressure has been made worse by an open-border policy that imports cheap labor--both legal and illegal. Is it any wonder that inflation adjusted average per-capita earnings are down 8% in the past 5 years?

These policies have been disastrous. Our financial sector now outsources jobs to subsidize record corporate profits at the expense of our job security. Our trade policy has contributed to America becoming the largest debtor nation in the world.

American consumers have been buying foreign import goods at a record pace over the last thirty years. Those American dollars have funded foreign investors and busi-

nesses who have used it to buy up our companies and lobby for more "Free Trade" around the globe.

The trade policies that are forced on us by Washington have resulted in our vital manufacturing base being decimated and our economy making a dangerous transition to a lower paying service economy. We have "Free Traded" good paying jobs that could support families for cheap trinkets at Wal-Mart.

In the last ten years, over 8,000 American businesses have been sold into the hands of foreign ownership. America has lost dominance in the electronics industry and is on the verge of losing its necessary auto industry.

Can our nation afford to lose its manufacturing base? In an age where national security comes at a premium, clearly we need to maintain control of our vital economic sectors to ensure our very survival.

Suppose we "Free Trade" our auto industry jobs to another nation and then find ourselves at war with that country for any reason, do the politicians in Washington actually think that our enemy would build our tanks?

One thing is clear: If the American middle-class is to survive the next twenty years, we need to have strong leaders. We need to have leaders who will abide by their constitutional mandate to set trade policy, instead of bowing down to the interests of multi-national corporations. We need leaders who will adopt trade policies that support the American family and our national interests--not kow-tow to unelected WTO bureaucrats.

It is time for a trade policy that puts America and all Americans First.

The America First Party supports a "Buy American" culture among the people, which is to be mandated on our government. We are promoting "Fair Trade" policies that are consistent with the Constitution. An America First trade policy should operate to protect American workers, American families, and American values.

We need to restore a common sense "Fair Trade" policy--not the reckless pseudo religion of "Free Trade."



J. C. Schweingrouber  
Public Relations Cmte  
Chairman



Michael Fleharty  
Ballot Access Cmte  
Chairman

## Famous Quotes

"I'm proud to be paying taxes in the United States. I could be just as proud for half the money."

Arthur Godfrey

"Collecting more taxes than is absolutely necessary is highway robbery."

Calvin Coolidge

"Democracy is the art of running the government from the monkey cage."

H.L. Mencken

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**Michael Eller**  
Finance 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.

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## Border Insecurity

by Jonathan M. Hill  
National Chairman

They arrive by the millions year by year, with surges in the rate of the invasion corresponding with every new promise of amnesty for illegals. And while the Republicans are earnestly involved in securing the Syrian-Iraqi border, their lack of concern for the security and general well-being of America is belied by their coy references to "undocumented" workers, as though mere lack of documentation were the chief problem.

### *About 100,000 illegal residents are from states with reputed links to terrorism.*

Five years ago, the census indicated 8 to 11 million illegal residents in the U.S. About 1 million new invaders settle every year, with many more coming and going across the border. About 100,000 illegal residents are from states with reputed links to terrorism. In addition to bringing a desire to work, illegals smuggle drugs and bring a host of contagious diseases which legal immigrants, who receive medical screening, do not.

The cost of providing health care to uninsured illegals, for this and other reasons, is staggering. Eighty-four California hospitals, which are hemorrhaging from these immigrant-related costs, are closing their doors, as well as emergency rooms in numerous states.

Terrorist infiltration is another concern, and with the number of non-Mexican illegals apprehended rising from 49,545 in 2003 to 155,000 in 2004, the risk of infiltration is increasing.

Let's put this in perspective. While the New York City Police Department comprises a force of about 39,000 officers, the U.S. Border Patrol is a force of only 11,000. It has now been over four years since 9/11. After all that has happened to our country, can a Republican administration and Congress which allocates such few resources to the security of 6,000 miles of border be really serious about our general well-being and national security?

## Convention

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leave the country. More details may be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

The National Convention also adopted a Resolution calling for the Impeachment of the President because of his repeated violation of the law and the Constitution in matters of national security.



Newly seated National Committee members John Wagner (left) and Dan Eller (right) from Michigan aren't afraid to display their ideals.



Public Relations Committee Chairman J. C. Schweingrouber addresses the convention.

The day's events concluded with an evening Banquet at which party leaders and delegates enjoyed a fine meal, singing, camaraderie, and several informative and inspirational speeches. Illinois delegate Ed McHugh entertained the crowd with patriotic songs played on the Highland bagpipes. Roger Simmermaker spoke on the importance of supporting American workers by buying American.

# Fighting Political Corruption

by John Pittman Hey  
National Secretary

Corruption pervades all levels of government. It is in the very nature of democracy unchecked by the rule of law, where greed and covetousness control the political system.

## The Root Cause of Corruption

The word "corruption" has its root in the Latin verb "ruptere", which means to rupture or break. It has the connotation of rotteness, the breakdown brought by disease and death.

Thus the word "corruption" well describes the current condition of government at all levels of our society - disease has set in, and the breakdown of the rule of law, the rotteness, has taken hold.

Corruption in government is brought on by covetousness - individuals and even whole classes of society wanting to take power and money that are not lawfully theirs.

## Victory against corruption requires, first of all, a strong America First Party.

Politicians take bribes or "campaign contributions" in exchange for delivering pork and sweet deals to contributors and constituents. Public employees and contractors steal the public's assets through inefficiency and fraud. Voters use the ballot box to elect leaders whose campaigns best appeal to their covetous hearts - and so they vote in politicians who will use the power of government to seize unto themselves what others have worked hard to achieve.

Democracy, which allows the covetous desires of individuals to rule society, is the source of the rampant corruption we find in America today. The founders of our Republic understood that the rule of law is the only guard against corruption. That's why they bound government power with the chains of the Constitution.

We will never be able to address the corruption of politicians and public employees until we confront the covetous-

ness and materialism of the public at large. Only when the public is willing to be constrained by the rule of law in political matters will our country have the moral authority and legal footing to attack the problem of dishonest politicians and government workers.

## Winning Against Corruption

What makes fighting corruption so difficult is that there are almost no institutions left that can be relied upon to assist in the fight. It is not enough to have the proof of corruption - there must be a means to publicize it and force the proper officials to take corrective and/or punitive actions against it.

Once, I discovered that a city official had violated the prohibition against insider dealing in the purchase of public land. In addition, official city council minutes relating to the purchase had been falsified. The local newspaper tried to cover up the whole matter. The Ethics Commission brought a lawsuit against the individual based upon my complaint. He lost his position, but nothing was ever done about the minute book fraud, and no restitution was ordered, because the Attorney General and prosecutors did not want to do their job in fighting corruption.

Some important lessons may be learned from this. First, our Party must develop its own press and media so that we can communicate the truth to the public.

Second, our Party must have strong local organizations that can apply political heat to the myriad public officials who frustrate the battle against corruption at every turn.

Ultimately, we must work and struggle and fight to build this Party until there comes a day that we oust all those judges and prosecutors and officials, and replace them with leaders who will submit to the Constitution and laws of our society, and who will take up the battle against corruption with zeal and determination.

Victory against corruption requires, first of all, a strong America First Party. Join with us today in the struggle to restore integrity in the public square.



John Pittman Hey  
National Secretary &  
Treasurer

## Famous Quotes

"Blessed are the young, for they shall inherit the national debt."

*Herbert Hoover*

"Why does a slight tax increase cost you \$200 and a substantial tax cut save you thirty cents?"

*Peg Bracken*

"Capital Punishment: The income tax."

*Jeff Hayes*

"Our real disease -- which is democracy."

*Alexander Hamilton*

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The *America First Leader*

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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.*

**End U.S. Favoritism in the Arab-Israeli Conflict (August 7)** - calls for an end to all foreign aid to all participants in the Arab-Israeli conflict and all nations everywhere.

**Defend Property Rights, Stop Abusive Property Seizures! (July 31)** - applauds the Ohio Supreme Court's defense of property rights, which decried the taking of 71 homes, and urges other states to press forward with legislation to prevent similar unjust property takings.

**Border Security Subordinated to Political Grandstanding (July 14)** - reveals the Senate's hypocrisy in refusing to fund the construction of a border fence which it had previously claimed to support.

**Time to Pledge Allegiance, Stop "North American Community" (July 4)** - on Independence Day, exposes the treason proposed by the administration in the creation of an EU-like superstate that violates the sovereignty of America and the right to self-government of its citizens.

**Forced Vaccinations for STDs Advance the Totalitarian State (July 3)** - denounces plans to force the vaccination of underage girls for sexually transmitted disease as violative of the right of parents to direct the medical treatment and moral and religious training of their own children.

**Market Manipulators Benefit from Nation's Failed Energy Policy (June 29)** - describes a recent attempt to corner the market on liquefied propane, and points out that the failed energy policy of the Democrats and Republicans undermine market stability and restrict supply.

**Senate Fails to Defend Traditional Marriage (June 7)** - decries the failure of the

Senate to support the "Marriage Protection Amendment," and reiterates the party's position that the "traditional family is ordained by God and built upon the marital union of one man and one woman."

**Reform Tax Policy Now (April 18)** - in the wake of this year's tax deadline, renews the Party's demand to scrap the income tax and the IRS and switch to a national sales tax to remove the Federal Government's meddling from the citizens' personal lives.

**AFP Endorses the Right to Life Act (April 18)** - chides so-called "pro-life" Republicans who won't take concrete steps to protect the unborn, and calls upon them to join us in endorsing this bill which will help roll back Roe v. Wade.

**No Amnesty, Secure the Borders (March 28)** - denounces the most recent Senate Republican betrayal on immigration and proposal for amnesty, and endorses the House bill that rules out amnesty.