

# Ron Paul's Support & Endorsements

- He's won more straw polls than any other Republican candidate
- He's won more post-debate internet and text-message polls than any other candidate
- More than 160,000 individual donors helped him raise \$19.5M during Q4 of 2007. While others borrow to continue, Ron Paul's financial support continues to explode.
- More Meet-up groups and fervent grassroots support than any other candidate.
- Received the most donations from persons serving in the military in Q3 2007.
- Endorsed by Barry Goldwater, Jr.
- Endorsed by prominent leaders in the finance industry.
- Constitutional law expert and superior court judge Andrew Napolitano called Ron Paul the "Thomas Jefferson of our day."
- Learn more at <http://www.ronpaul2008.com/>

## Follow the Instructions of the Lord

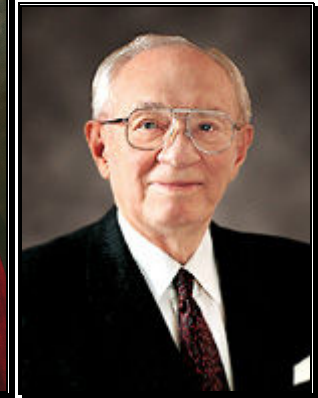
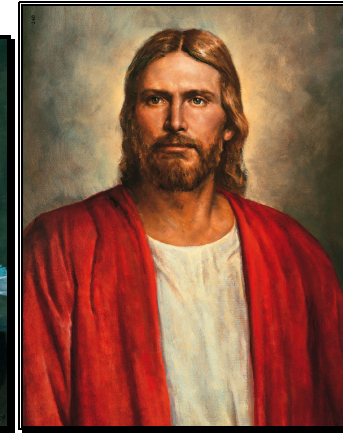
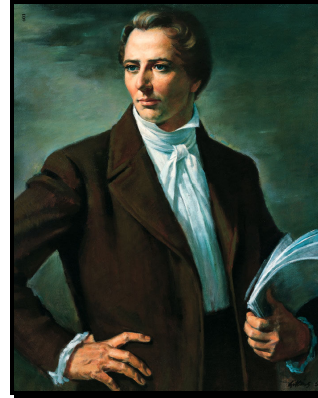
Fellow Latter-day Saints, we must do as the Lord and his prophets have commanded. We must uphold the principles of the Constitution of this land and we must do it by voting for candidates who swear to defend those principles. **Ron Paul** is the only true conservative candidate for president with a **history of defending the Constitution**, and fighting for limited government and humble foreign policy.

As with everything sacred we "... must study it out in [our] mind; then you must ask me if it be right, and if it is right I will cause that your bosom shall burn within you; therefore, you shall feel that it is right." (D&C 9:8).

Matthew 7:16—"Ye shall know them by their fruits."

Do we "awake and arise" or do we continue to be the "sleeping giants" for which President Benson admonished us?

# What Have the Lord and His Prophets Said About the Constitution and Government of the United States of America?



"Even this Nation will be on the very verge of crumbling to pieces and tumbling to the ground and when the **constitution is upon the brink of ruin** this people will be the Staff up [on] which the Nation shall lean and they shall bear the constitution away from the very verge of destruction." (WJS 416, spelling corrected)

"Hence we say, that the Constitution of the United States is a glorious standard; it is founded in the wisdom of God. It is a heavenly banner; it is to all those who are privileged with the sweets of liberty..." (TPJS 147-48)

And that law of the land which is constitutional, supporting that principle of freedom in maintaining rights and privileges, belongs to all mankind, and is justifiable before me. Therefore, I, the Lord, justify you, and your brethren of my church, in befriending that law which is the constitutional law of the land. (D&C 98:5-6)

"[The Constitution] is the keystone of our nation. It is the guarantee of our liberty. That original document, with the Bill of Rights, constitutes the charter of our freedom." ("Keep Faith with America", 6 May 1999)

"We are involved in an intense battle. It is a battle between right and wrong, ... For that reason, we desperately need moral men and women who stand on principle, to be involved in the political process. **Otherwise, we abdicate power to those whose designs are almost entirely selfish.**" ("Stand a little Taller," pg. 15, July 2001)



Joseph Smith

“The time will come when the destiny of the nation will hang upon a single thread. At that critical juncture, this people will step forth and save it from the threatened destruction.” (JD 7:15; quoted by Brigham Young)



Brigham Young

“Every organization of our government, the best government in the world, is crumbling to pieces. Those who have it in their hands are the ones who are destroying it. How long will it be before the words of the prophet Joseph will be fulfilled? ***He said if the Constitution of the United States were saved at all it must be done by this people.*** It will not be many years before these words come to pass.” (JD 12:204, emphasis added)



John Taylor

“...Elders of Israel begin to understand that they have something to do with the world politically as well as religiously, that it is as much their duty to ***study correct political principles*** as well as religious, and to seek to know and comprehend the social and political interests of man, and to learn and be able to teach that which would be best calculated to promote the interests of the world.” (JD 9:340, emphasis added)



Wilford Woodruff

“The God of heaven will hold this nation, as well as all other nations, responsible for the manner in which these principles are used. If they misuse them, it will be their loss. If they trample the Constitution under foot; if they undertake to deprive any portion of citizens of the rights the Constitution guarantees unto them, they will be held responsible, and will have to pay the bill.” (JD 25:11)



Lorenzo Snow

“They will sustain the constitution and laws and institutions of the United States, and be the champions of liberty and of that constitution when its integrity shall be threatened.” (JH 3)



Joseph F. Smith

“...We should stand with a front like flint against every spirit or species of contempt or disrespect for the Constitution of our country and the Constitutional laws of our land.” (“The Mexican Trouble—Loyalty to the Constitution” 101-02)



Heber J. Grant

“We again warn our people in America of the ***constantly increasing threat against our inspired Constitution*** and our free institutions set up under it. The same political tenets and philosophies that have brought war and terror in other parts of the world are at work amongst us in America...” (Grant and McKay 273, 343, emphasis added)



George Albert Smith

“It is our duty to pray for good men and wise men, and to hold up their hands in their attempts to perpetuate peace and law and order among the nations of the earth.” (CR Oct 1921, 162)

### Ron Paul is a man of integrity ...

- He has never voted to raise congressional pay
- He has never taken a government-paid junket
- He refuses to participate in the very lucrative congressional pension program
- He returns a portion of his annual congressional office budget to the U.S. Treasury every year
- Despite pressure from peers or the Executive branch he is often the lone “no” vote on unconstitutional legislation.
- Refuses money from lobbies and other special interests!

### Ron Paul is fiscally conservative ...

- He has never voted for a tax increase or an unbalanced Federal budget
- Wants to eliminate the crushing burden of taxes by phasing out the need for income tax and the IRS—this can be achieved by reducing our reckless overseas deficit spending via humble foreign policy.
- Understands the “Inflation tax” levied by our dollar being devalued via the Federal Reserve. Wants to end the need for the secretive “Fed.”

### Ron Paul understands and defends the Bill of Rights ...

- He has never voted for a bill which restricts freedom of speech, right to privacy, habeas corpus, gun ownership, etc.

### Ron Paul will protect American sovereignty ...

- No North American Union, NAFTA/CAFTA, WTO, pull out of United Nations.
- Has a plan to stop illegal immigration that will work.

### Ron Paul wants a foreign policy described by President Benson ...

- No intervention in the internal affairs of other nations! No entangling alliances. Travel to their lands, trade with them, be friends, but stay out of their business! No nation building. No policing of the world!
- He understands the “golden rule”—that our foreign policy incites hatred against America through our meddling in their affairs.
- Bring the troops home from Iraq as well as the other 130+ countries which they occupy. Make our **defense** stronger!

- Candidate Romney was quoted saying “Well, if you wanted to have a president that just followed the polls, all we need to do is plug in our TVs and have them run the country. But that's not what America needs. We need leadership that's strong and that shows America what we can do to lead the world.” (GOP primary debate, Reagan library, 5/07)

However, Ezra Taft Benson who we sustained as a prophet, seer, and revelator eloquently said:

“There is **one and only one** legitimate goal of United States foreign policy. It is a narrow goal, a nationalistic goal: **the preservation of our national independence**. Nothing in the Constitution grants that the President shall have the privilege of offering himself as a world leader. He's our executive; he's on our payroll, in necessary; he's supposed to put our best interests in front of those of other nations. Nothing in the Constitution nor in logic grants to the President of the United States or to Congress the power to influence the political life of other countries, to “uplift” their cultures, to bolster their economies, to feed their peoples or even to defend them against their enemies.” (“United States Foreign Policy”, 1968, emphasis added).

## Then Who Will Defend the Constitution?

There is but one Republican candidate for president who is a true conservative. He has a 20-year history of defending the precepts and rule of law defined by the Constitution. That candidate is: **Ron Paul**.

- His voting record in congress shows 20 years of consistent, principled upholding of the Constitution. If something is not within the scope of the Federal government's stewardship or is blatantly unconstitutional he has always voted NO. Examples:
  - Voted against the invasion of Iraq
  - Voted against the USA PATRIOT Act
  - Voted against the Military Commissions Act
  - Voted against every bill contrary to or prohibited by the Constitution
- He understands the Constitution and the problems that have been caused by government officials not following its divinely inspired precepts.



David O. McKay



Joseph Fielding Smith



Harold B. Lee



Spencer W. Kimball



Ezra Taft Benson



Howard W. Hunter



Gordon B. Hinckley

“In conclusion, I repeat that **no greater immediate responsibility rests upon members of the Church**, upon all citizens of this Republic and of neighboring Republics **than to protect the freedom vouchsafed by the Constitution** of the United States...” (“Vote Your Convictions” A1, emphasis added)

“Now I tell you it is time the people of the United States were waking up with the understanding that if they don't save the Constitution from the dangers that threaten it, we will have a change of government.” (“Founded in the Wisdom of God” 416)

“We would hope that we might be instrumental in developing statesmen—men not only with unsurpassed excellence of training in the law, but also with an unwavering faith that the Constitution of the United States was divinely inspired and written by men whom God raised up for this very purpose.”

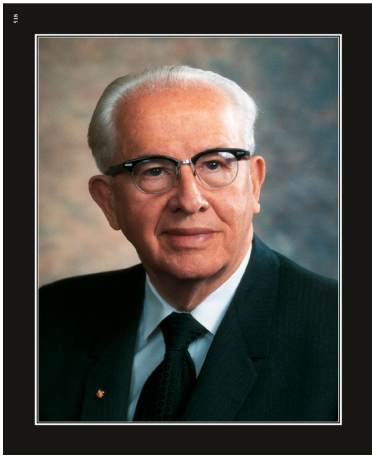
“The only way we can keep our freedom is to work at it. Not some of us. All of us. Not some of the time, but all of the time. **So if you value your citizenship** and you want to keep it for yourself and your children and their children, give it your faith, your belief, and **give it your active support in civic affairs.**” (TSWK 405; 8 Jun 1976, emphasis added)

“We should pay no attention to the recommendations of men who call the Constitution an eighteenth-century agrarian document ... We should refuse to follow their siren song of **concentrating, increasingly, the powers of government in the Chief Executive, of delegating American sovereign authority to non-American institutions** in the United Nations...” (TL 176; 11 Dec 1961, emphasis added)

“What is the real cause of this trend toward the welfare state, toward more socialism? In the last analysis, in my judgment, it is personal unrighteousness. When people do not use their freedoms responsibly and righteously, **they will gradually lose these freedoms**” (“The Law of the Harvest.” 8 March 1966, emphasis added)

“[The Constitution] is the keystone of our nation. It is the guarantee of our liberty. That original document, with the Bill of Rights, constitutes the charter of our freedom. Through all of the years that have followed we have had some **ambitious men who have sought to subvert the great principles of the Constitution...**” (“Keep Faith with America”, 6 May 1999, emphasis added)

## We Latter-day Saints must help save the Constitution!



Ezra Taft Benson stated:

**The devil knows that if the elders of Israel should ever wake up, they could step forth and help preserve freedom and extend the gospel.** Therefore the devil has concentrated, and to a large extent successfully, in neutralizing much of the priesthood. He has reduced them to sleeping giants. His arguments are clever.

Here are a few samples:

First: “We really haven't received much instruction about freedom,” the devil says. . . .

Second: “You're too involved in other church work,” says the devil. . . .

Third: “You want to be loved by everyone,”

says the devil, “and this freedom battle is so controversial you might be accused of engaging in politics.” . . .

Fourth: “Wait until it becomes popular to do,” says the devil, “or, at least until everybody in the Church agrees on what should be done.” . . .

Fifth: “It might hurt your business or your family,” says the devil, “and besides why not let the gentiles save the country? They aren't as busy as you are.” . . .

Sixth: “Don't worry,” says the devil, “the Lord will protect you, and besides the world is so corrupt and heading toward destruction at such a pace that you can't stop it, so why try.” . . .

And now as to the last neutralizer that the devil uses most effectively—it is simply this: “Don't do anything in the fight for freedom until the Church sets up its own specific program to save the Constitution.” This brings us right back to the scripture I opened with today—to those slothful servants who will not do anything until they are “compelled in all things” [D&C 58:26]. Maybe the Lord will never set up a specific church program for the purpose of saving the Constitution. Perhaps if he set one up at this time it might split the Church asunder, and perhaps he does not want that to happen yet for not all the wheat and tares are fully ripe.

The Prophet Joseph Smith declared it will be the elders of Israel who will step forward to help save the Constitution, not the Church. And have we elders been warned? Yes, we have. And have we elders been given the guidelines? Yes indeed, we have. And besides, if the Church should ever inaugurate a program, who do you think would be in the forefront to get it moving? It would not be those who were sitting on the sidelines prior to that time or those who were appeasing the enemy. It would be those choice spirits who, not waiting to be “commanded in all things” [D&C 58:26], used their own free will, the counsel of the prophets, and the Spirit of the Lord as guidelines and who entered the battle “in a good cause” [D&C 58:27] and brought to pass much righteousness in freedom's cause. . . . (“Not Commanded in All Things” 538-39; also in GFC 385-89)

# We must seek out those who would “befriend” the Constitution. What about Mitt Romney? He's LDS!

## Where Mitt Romney & The Constitution Diverge:

Indeed Mitt Romney is LDS and while he is an intelligent, successful business man and prominent member of the church, it is clear through basic research that candidate Romney does not understand the Constitution nor the Lord's doctrine on pre-emptive war (D&C 98). Just a few of many examples:

- During the debates he publicly stated that a pre-emptive nuclear strike against Iran would not be “taken off the table.” (CNN debate). **This clearly violates the Lord's doctrine found in D&C 98.**
- During the debates he was asked whether he needed to consult the congress before attacking Iran's nuclear facilities. His answer was that he would consult his attorneys “...and (they) tell you what you have to do.” Speaking of President Bush, he also said “You know we're going to let the lawyers sort out what he needed to do and what he didn't need to do.” Clearly **Mitt doesn't understand the rule of law as laid out by the Constitution as only congress can declare war.**
- Candidate Romney fully supports the Bush administration's “War on Terror” and has pledged to “aggressively” continue it. Remember—only congress can declare war, not a president! By supporting this fallacy, candidate Romney again **shows that the rule of law laid down by the Constitution is not his top priority.** President Gordon B. Hinckley said, “modern revelation states that we are to 'renounce war and proclaim peace' (D&C 98:16).”
- Candidate Romney also backs President Bush's pre-emptive invasion of Iraq and his “handling” of the war. **One cannot support an illegal invasion and be in congruence with doctrine found in D&C 98.**
- Candidate Romney publicly stated that he wanted to “double” the size of Guantanamo Bay--where documented cases of human rights abuses have taken place. Regardless if somebody is labeled a “terrorist suspect,” he **still is a Child of God deserving of humane treatment, correct?**
- Candidate Romney “...praised the broad powers granted law enforcement under the USA Patriot Act.” (USA Today). **Parts of this act have been ruled unconstitutional—it erodes our civil liberties.**