

IT'S ALL ABOUT
C.R.A.P.
(CONSTITUENTS RESOLVED AND PREPARED)

The foundation of our meetup was built on a presidential candidate who, if he had been elected, would have introduced policy initiatives to reverse years of unconstitutional mandates, programs, foreign entanglements, and financial mayhem.

Unfortunately Ron Paul, as a singular force, was not accepted by the people, not because of any fault or deficiency of the message, but because of the difficulty of getting that message out through the manipulations of the mainstream media.

We have been advised to begin a 'Revolution' based on a model of replacement therapy; we are urged to find candidates that echo the sentiments of the Ron Paul Revolution, and harbor the same respect and appreciation of the Constitution and Bill of Rights as Ron does, and then promote these individuals to 're-seed' Congress with REAL Patriots.

C.R.A.P. is driven by a different approach to achieve the same results.

It matters not which man is in the seat of each Congressional District, but who CONTROLS that individual. I care not if he or she be a Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, or Right-to-Lifer, for those are only labels. What matters is the actual voting, and bill authoring, and co-sponsoring performance of these individuals.

To that end C.R.A.P. should continue to use the same approach of educating the populace in each policy position in our platform that we hold dear, but NOT with the objective of finding an ideal citizen to champion those causes, but to motivate each constituent to continually and regularly confront and challenge the incumbent to adopt (and campaign his fellow Congressmen to adopt) these policies, and make it clear that if they do not represent their constituents they will SUFFER CONSEQUENCES, the very least being continual embarrassment in front of the media.

If, at every media event and public occasion a Congressman is faced with constituents that are well educated in a particular platform issue, and these individuals make life uncomfortable for that individual, we will deny our representatives any opportunity to avoid, divert, ignore, or circumvent our desired results.

In effect, each individual we educate will and must become a lobbyist for their chosen policy, and actively write, telephone, petition, and HOUND our representatives. We must bombard the newspapers and media with OUR viewpoints. We must make our voice the loudest and the most unrelenting, and the most unavoidable.

That premise should be the singular tactic and philosophy of our meetup. To this end we must author position papers and promote book lists and DVDs and websites that convey each issue in multiple styles capable of reaching any individual no matter their preferred medium of learning. And we must distribute and promote ALL of the issues of our platform, as we will never know which will resonate most with any given individual we meet.

If we keep an incumbent's feet "to the fire" their responses to our petitions (or their avoidance of same) will, over time, be noted by the general populace and serve to further educate the voters.

The beauty of this approach is that it is employed THROUGHOUT an incumbent's term, and avoids a short term struggle to elect an 'unknown' with the limited time and resources available during a short, once every four years, campaign season. In effect, this is a "24/7/365 full-court-press" as opposed to a "once every 4 years" hundred yard dash. (That is not to say that these same 'inquisitions' cannot be used with individuals running for office, to ascertain their core beliefs and determine their suitability to office!)

Finally, this approach enables each of us in this meetup to champion the cause or causes most dear to us, and provides the opportunity for us to focus our talents and actions in the areas we most wish to see fulfilled.

Submitted for your consideration,
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