



## September Action Report

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**“Useful enemy”:** Throughout his August 22 remarks at the Phoenix Convention Center, President Trump railed against the “fake news and crooked media.” However, he praised Rupert Murdoch’s (CFR, 1994-2014) Fox News and especially Sean Hannity. Both serve to neutralize conservatives by camouflaging the very real threat of the Conspiracy and the importance of rolling back government to its constitutional limits.

### Useful Enemies

If you want to discover the source of the division in our country, look no further than the fake news and the crooked media, which would rather get ratings and clicks than tell the truth....

I must tell you Fox has treated me fairly.... And Hannity, how good is Hannity, he said. [Trump pointing to someone in audience] How good is Hannity! And he’s a great guy and he’s an honest guy. And Fox & Friends in the morning is the best show, and it’s the absolute most honest show....

My administration will never

back down in demanding immigration control. The American people voted for immigration control. That’s one of the reasons I’m here.

— President Donald Trump, addressing an August 22 rally at the Phoenix Convention Center

As we emphasized last month, you can’t defeat a major conspiracy while ignoring its existence. Which is why the Insiders strive to prevent natural conservative resistance from discovering the very real threat of *the Conspiracy*.

So to capture the focus of frustrated conservatives the controlled media

demonize some “useful enemies.” These enemies must be fought, the conservative audience accepts, not by an aroused and informed electorate, but by articulate politicians and media voices. A busy electorate need only cheer its heroes.

### Hannity’s Heroes and Villains

Sean Hannity has adopted his own

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“useful enemies.” In 2010, this “#1 *New York Times* Bestselling Author” published *Conservative Victory* with the subtitle “Defeating Obama’s Radical Agenda.” And his earlier 2004 book, *Deliver Us From Evil*, carried the subtitle “defeating terrorism, despotism, and liberalism.”

Hannity also promotes useful (to the Insiders) myths re the “white hats.” The back cover promo for *Conservative Victory* claims: “But he draws on the examples of Ronald Reagan and the GOP’s Contract with America to show how conservatives can unite behind this country’s most cherished principles and act now to get America back on the right track — while we still can.”

Of course, we know that the image of Ronald Reagan as the great conservative president is a convenient Establishment myth. President Reagan’s administration was never conservative and actually run by top Insiders, such as Secretary of State George Pratt Shultz (a director for the Council on Foreign Relations [CFR] when nominated). And Newt Gingrich’s (CFR) Contract With America actually served to neutralize

the flood of new conservatives elected to the House in 1994, as the GOP became the majority party in the House for the first time in 40 years.

When evaluating “conservative” voices we should ask: “Do they champion returning Washington to the limits of the Constitution while refusing to accept prior federal usurpations? And do they warn of the Conspiracy?” Most popular voices will not and cannot do either because the outlet owners they serve are part of the Establishment.

### Rupert Murdoch’s Fox News

In 1996, Australian-American media mogul Rupert Murdoch (Council on Foreign Relations, 1994-2014) launched the Fox News Channel. Murdoch is the chairman and currently acting CEO of Fox News, and the Murdoch family controls the parent company, 21st Century Fox.

Fox News would immediately appeal to the many conservative viewers tired of the liberal diets fed them by the news anchors at NBC, CBS, and ABC. And so Fox News became their network of choice and the dominant U.S. cable news network.

However, Murdoch clearly created Fox News to fill the role of neutralizing conservatives, helping to implement the J.P. Morgan strategy of working all sides of the street. He had earlier launched the ostensibly “conservative” magazine, *The Weekly Standard*, edited by neocons, which would similarly mislead its conservative audience.

Fox viewers need to realize that Murdoch is not just a businessman looking to make money, with no other identifiable agenda. Indeed, Murdoch supports the Insider goal of more open immigration — as has the *Wall Street Journal*, which Murdoch now owns through the Murdoch Family Trust.

In 2010, Rupert Murdoch joined with New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and the executives of several other Establishment-supporting

corporations to form the “Partnership for a New American Economy.” The “Partnership,” advocated “for immigration reform — including a path to legal status for all illegal aliens now in the United States.”

Fox viewers may imagine that Murdoch gives the “conservative” Fox voices a free hand, but such is wishful thinking.

### Congress: Just Vote the Constitution!

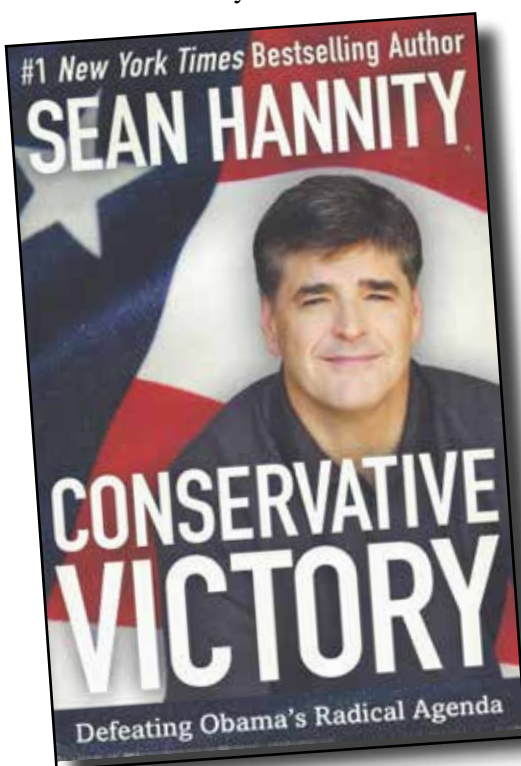
A House of Representatives, controlled by constitutionalists and supported by the people, could restore constitutional government, even if the Senate, the President, and the Supreme Court fought it all the way. Restoring constitutional government would be slower if the House had to do it all, against the opposition of the Senate and the other two branches of government; but it could be done. Only the House of Representatives can initiate revenue bills. The House, all by itself, could starve it to death.

The solution to restoring the Constitution is as simple as that. It will require time, effort, and sacrifice to accomplish it, true. But not as much as it cost our Founding Fathers to win the blessings of liberty for us in the first place.

— Congressman Lawrence McDonald, pre-April 1983

As mentioned last month, significant votes are coming up in Congress soon. One will be a vote to raise the national debt ceiling, allowing government to continue with business as usual.

The Trump administration is calling for a “clean” debt limit increase, divorced of “partisan” policy riders. However, many conservative legislators regularly insist that any increase be combined with actions to address the spending deficits that



caused the problem. And, in the past, they have sought to hold the debt-ceiling increase hostage to address those concerns.

The downside with that arrangement is that it purports to address the problem after the horses have left the barn. The ceiling “crisis” offers little leverage to force spending cuts, as no one advocates forcing the government to default on its debt. But, with a divided base, GOP congressional leaders have the pretext to reach across the aisle with deals that advance unconstitutional government.

### Fiscal Year 2018 Appropriations

Indeed, any serious effort to address deficits should rely on the House’s power of the purse. To use that leverage, the House must first return to regular order, i.e., floor votes on 12 individual spending bills (no omnibus or minibus measures, assembled to compel wide support). Once that is done, restoring the federal government to its constitutional limits must be the objective, not promises to balance the budget over ten years, with all the tough action postponed to later years when they will get postponed again.

Since FY 2017 appropriations will expire on September 30, principled constitutionalists will soon have an opportunity to insist on regular order, refusing to support any omnibus or minibus appropriations for FY 2018.

Actually, on July 27th, the House approved an FY 2018 minibus already consisting of 4 appropriations bills, with only 5 dissenting Republican votes: Justin Amash (MI-03), John Duncan (TN-02), Walter Jones (NC-03), Thomas Massie (KY-04), and Mark Sanford (SC-01). However, that posturing minibus will go nowhere in the Senate, so those measures will come up again in the House, quite possibly in a last-minute omnibus after a short-term continuing resolution.

**Recommended actions:** 1) **Contact** your congressman in opposition to any increase in the national debt ceiling unless accompanied by serious efforts to curtail unconstitutional programs

and spending (which currently won’t happen); 2) **Urge** your congressman to vote against any omnibus or minibus appropriation bills and support only individual bills that include serious efforts to curtail unconstitutional programs and spending; 3) **Share** this *Action Report* and **build** local understanding of why and how we must return to the Constitution; and 4) **Share** your congressman’s scorecard locally.

### Save Our Constitution!

by Andrew Carver

2017 has been a good year for us, particularly regarding the Balanced-Budget Amendment (BBA) Con-con. We’ve made real progress — bringing the number of BBA Con-con calls down to 27 — by getting three BBA rescissions, against two new BBA calls.

We’re not out of the woods yet, though: In Wisconsin, there is still the threat of a BBA call passing this year. **AJR21** has already passed the Assembly, and is now in the Senate Committee on Senate Organization. That situation is even more slippery

because an identical measure (**SJR18**) has already passed one other Senate committee.

Let’s protect our hard-won progress on the BBA! *This is a perfect time to write to the Wisconsin Senators reinforcing arguments against the con:* As we write, their legislature is in a recess, but their next “floor period” starts on September 12. If we keep up the pressure, there is a good possibility this measure will stall before it clears the final hurdle.

See our info at [www.freedomfirst-society.org/campaign/expose-article-v-con-con-fraud/measures-to-oppose/#Wisconsin-AJR21](http://www.freedomfirst-society.org/campaign/expose-article-v-con-con-fraud/measures-to-oppose/#Wisconsin-AJR21), and use talking points from, or links to, our posts such as “In a Nutshell, the Case Against a Con-con.”

### Grow to Win!

We cannot re-establish constitutional government and restore our free Republic until a decisive number of Americans understand our organic documents of government and use them as guides to political action.

— Dan Smoot (1913–2003), FBI agent and Constitutional expert

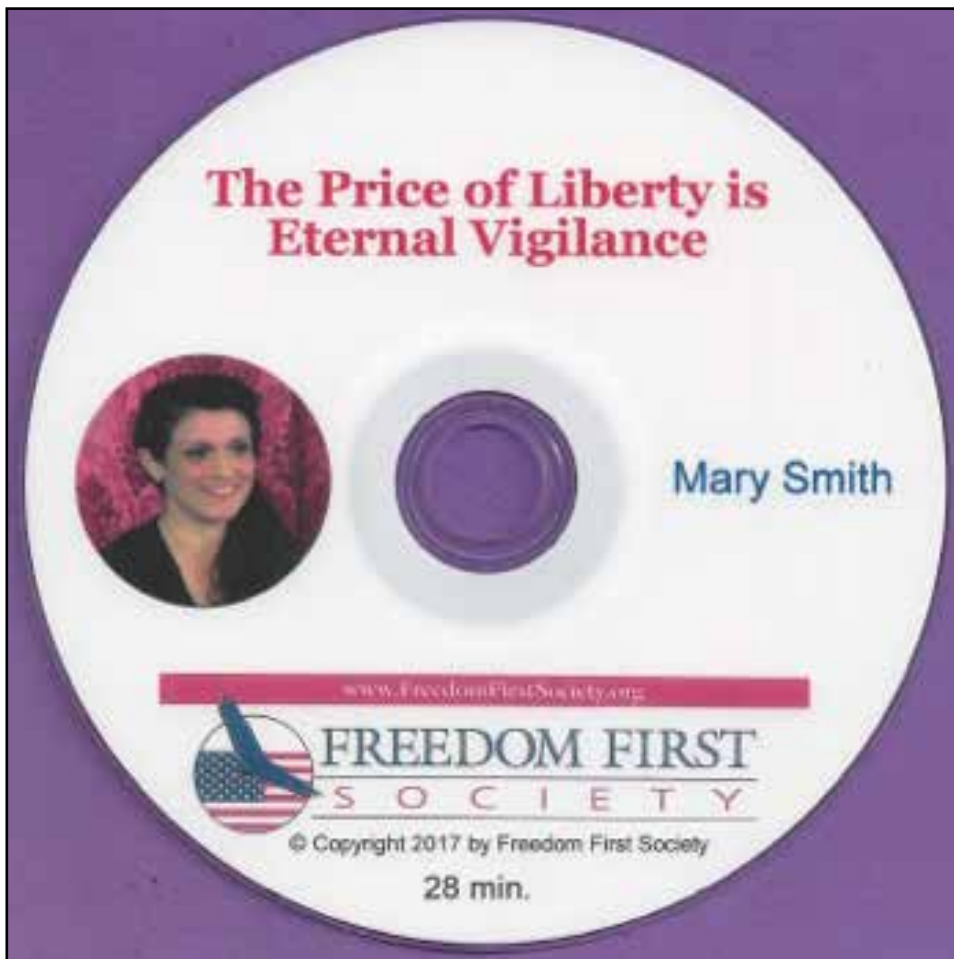
It’s a matter of serious alarm rather than boasting, but what separates Freedom First Society from other groups and pundits is critical.

We don’t just complain about federal deficits and our horrendous mounting debt. We explain why unconstitutional federal programs and spending must be eliminated and why the federal government must be made to conform to strict constitutional limits. But we don’t

We the People  
**FREEDOM RALLY**  
Potluck Lunch  
Music  
August 26th  
10:30 am - 3:00 pm  
Southwest Corner of  
Shelley City Park  
Guest Speakers  
G. Vance Smith, Mark Richardson, Michael Harvey, Dan Roberts  
★ FREEDOM FIRST SOCIETY ★

**First of two rallies:** Dedicated Idaho members organize two rallies this year. At the Shelley rally, G. Vance Smith delivered the “Grow to Win!” message.





of the freedom fight. In addition to her work as a volunteer Chapter Leader for Freedom First Society, she homeschools her five children and operates a small business.

This DVD is a terrific tool for introducing prospects to Freedom First Society. Individual copies are \$7 each, 3 to 9 copies \$5 each, 10 or more copies \$3 each, plus a flat \$3 shipping and handling per order, regardless of DVD quantity. We recommend that members and chapters pool their resources by ordering 10 copies or more for only \$3.00 each, making distribution to prospects much less expensive.

DVDs may be purchased on our website or by contacting us toll-free at 888-347-7809.

We hope members will wish to hold DVD presentations in their areas; if so, we have a flyer available to promote such an event. Just call or email Kathy at [kathy.mackay@freedomfirstsociety.org](mailto:kathy.mackay@freedomfirstsociety.org) for your electronic version of the flyer.

stop there; we offer a hard-hitting online and hard-copy scorecard that Americans everywhere can use to hold their representatives accountable.

We don't cover up conspiratorial influence; we work to expose it. And most importantly, we offer grassroots Americans the necessary organizational leadership to accomplish those essential goals.

Our principal challenge is to help more Americans recognize these differences and become excited about the opportunity Freedom First Society offers. And that's where the efforts of dedicated FFS members are so vital.

**Recommended actions:** If you are already in an FFS Chapter, **interest** your contacts in other cities and states. **Share** posts on our website. If there is no Chapter in your area, work to **build** sufficient interest locally for a presentation, as a step to forming a Chapter (see our new DVD, next).

## New DVD!

We are pleased to announce an inspiring new 28-minute DVD, "The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance," by Freedom First Society Chapter Leader Mrs. Mary Smith. In her presentation, Mary explains that only through "vigilance" can we preserve freedom, as she draws on the wisdom of America's Founders.

George Washington emphasized the importance of morality and religion as indispensable supports, and James Madison urged that in order to secure our freedom the people be enlightened, awakened, and united.

Mary also highlights documentation that America has strayed from these principles largely due to the plans of amoral power-seekers, and she outlines FFS's strategy to expose those plans and restore limited government.

Mary Smith is a 24-year veteran

## Action Summary

**Note:** Some requests below are ongoing from previous *Action Reports*.

1. **"Sound a clear trumpet":** **Share** recent FFS posts with prospects. **Invite** good prospects to join FFS.
2. **Use** our new DVD, "The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance," to recruit prospects.
3. **Contact legislators** in your state in opposition to *any* Con-con calls, current or future. In states that have passed BBA Con-con calls, work to **rescind** all of your state's Con-con calls.
4. **Print** copies of your congressman's scorecard and **share** them locally. **Follow up.**
5. **Share** your congressman's scorecard and our complete scorecard table on Facebook.