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Playing Politics with Human Life

*by Romelle Winters
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On January 22, the abortion industry celebrated the 33rd anniversary of Roe vs Wade.

Since the Supreme Court invented this “fundamental right to abortion,” Republicans and so-called pro-life organizations have marked the anniversary with demonstrations. As usual, President Bush phoned in his support for human life, as Reagan did before him.

Since 1973, nearly fifty million babies have been brutally murdered under the cover of abortion.



Our Founding Fathers knew that all men are created equal and that they are endowed with certain inalienable rights -- among these rights is the Right to Life. The Declaration of Independence states that true rights originate with God, not man.

The Right to Life is a right that celebrates and embraces the essential value and dignity of every human being. It is the Right to Life that makes all other rights possible.

Throughout most of our history, this basic right was respected and defended.

However, voices promoting the once-unthinkable issue of abortion began to gain traction. As more women entered the workforce

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Telling the Truth About Illegal Immigration

by Jonathan Hill, State 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.

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.

TB had been virtually eradicated in the U.S., but recently, according to the Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons, the incidence rate in some parts of the country has spiked as much as 188%. Studies across the country attribute

this mainly to immigrants.

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State Convention
Saturday, June 24th



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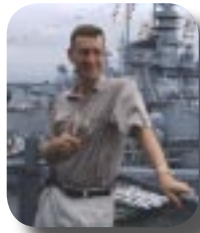
Mission Statement

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



by Jonathan Hill,
State Chairman

Since the establishment of our new state-wide committee and political designation, what have we accomplished?

I can honestly say that we have learned much and used our time and resources well. As a result, we are rapidly assembling the skills needed for future success.

Although we have much more ahead of us, we have embraced opportunities and used limited financial resources efficiently. And we have already succeeded in running many competitive campaigns and in getting two party members elected.

Under the leadership of Bob Casimiro, party members have successfully worked to shape immigration-related policy on Beacon Hill (see page 7).

With the efforts and in-house skills of our members, we have designed our own publications and pamphlets. We have produced candidate videos, as well as professional quality radio and newspaper ads.

Good-looking and highly informative pamphlets have been published on the marriage issue, and we have distributed them to thousands at marriage rallies.

We have sent out press releases by fax and email, and lobbied state representatives with hundreds of faxes, pamphlets, and via special mailings and telephone calls.

As many as 13,000 phone calls were placed for one candidate, and additional calls for telephone surveys.

We have designed web sites and fundraising mailings, and, in one instance, about \$10,000 was raised in only 2 months.

Color posters have been designed in-house, and thousands have been printed to advertise regional meetings. We have worked

What Have We Been Doing?

hard under time constraints to organize and advertise public meetings. These are now on hold due to municipal bylaws preventing the posting of our announcements in easily accessible public places, a problem we hope to overcome as soon as possible.

Many who work in our state party organization are also staffing positions in standing committees of the national party. As is typical of new and growing organizations, there is much work to do and relatively few workers to do it. We are usually in lengthy meetings 1 to 5 times a week, spending time preparing for them, doing the work of these national committees, and working our regular jobs with the balance of our time. Although these circumstances are necessarily slowing the development of the state party,

we have good reason to hope that the fruit of this effort will be on a large scale -- a million new member prospects nationwide who will know of the America First Party within the next 6 months.

The party could grow even more quickly if more were actively involved. Not sure where

you fit in? Then consider the following: there are articles to write, districts to organize, public meetings to hold, and campaigns to assist; we also need to call in to radio programs and to write letters to the editors of local newspapers; state-level committees which specialize in public relations, fundraising, and membership-development need to be staffed.

Our effort is a noble one, and is rightly ranked with the effort of our nation's founders because we stand for the "laws of nature and of nature's God" in opposing homosexuality, abortion, and attacks on other natural rights such as property and gun ownership. With your participation, we hope to be the vanguard of a new revolution defending the Godly principles of the revolution and our Constitution.

But we need you to join us, so please do your part by contacting us and sending in your membership application as soon as possible.



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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and the sexual revolution began, organizations which promoted the right of the woman to murder her child gathered strength. Money, power, greed and a lust for eugenics fueled these groups. Soon, abortion entered the political arena where pressure was put on the Parties to take a stand.

In 1916, Margaret Sanger founded the organization we now know as Planned

Parenthood. Her goal was, "the elimination of human weeds -- Negroes and Jews." Over the next fifty years, her program of racial genocide morphed into the call for legalized abortion.

In 1967, Ronald Wilson Reagan -- then governor of California -- lobbied for and signed a bill that legalized all abortion in that state. In 1970, Republican governor of New York Nelson Rockefeller followed Reagan's example. Led by Republicans, abortion-on-demand became legal in New York and California, setting a precedent for what was to follow.

In 1973, a Supreme Court, dominated by Republican appointees, decided that a person's Right to Life was not fundamental. Through judicial fiat, the Constitution and the vision of the Founding Fathers was turned upside down. Roe vs. Wade invented a fictional 'right' which ignored the basic Right to Life. And they created a potent new issue for their party.

While the Democrats embraced that decision, the Reagan-led GOP rhetorically turned on their own legislation and judicial appointees. In 1980, they added a pro-life plank to their platform.

Pro-life organizations gravitated into the Republican orbit, endorsing and electing Republicans, even those whose commitment to life was suspect -- including George Bush. These organizations voiced support for "the lesser

of two evils."

If the vision of the Founding Fathers were upheld, there would be no need for any pro-life

organization and the Republican Party would have to find other ways to attract its base. The GOP began to successfully use the issue as a basis to win elections.

However, unflinching support for Republicans has not led to the salvation of the innocent unborn. The ongoing massacre of over a million babies every year continues, and all Republicans give the country is more judicial nominees who call Roe vs Wade "settled law."

The strategy of backing the lesser of two evils has brought us President Bush, who refuses to take action to end abortion. Worse than what he will not do, is what he HAS done. Bush appointees have argued RICO charges against pro-life activists such as Joe Scheidler. His judicial appointees continue to rule in favor of abortion and infanticide and against the unborn.

President Bush continues to fund Planned Parenthood and UNESCO's population control with taxpayer money. When the president reauthorized the Mexico City policy, he changed it, adding financial support for abortion in certain circumstances.

The President also proudly provided the first federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. The America First Party supports adult stem cell research, which has proven to be successful. We uncompromisingly oppose embryonic stem cell research -- where life is created with the sole purpose of destroying it.

It is not only the unborn who have to fear the Republican and Democrat embrace of the culture of death. Six Republican judges -- including the recently appointed William Pryor -- led the vote which permitted an innocent woman to be starved to death by court order. Her only crime was to be disabled.

Governor Jeb Bush and President Bush gave lip-service to her cause, but little else. In the end, she died for the convenience of her husband and his fiancée while the Republicans failed to act effectively.

Americans who are committed to ending abortion and stopping euthanasia should back away from the GOP. The America First Party is committed to protecting and preserving innocent human life -- not to use it as an issue to win elections.

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Illegal Immigration, from page 1

A new strain has arrived, Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis, which was recently endemic to Mexico. Costing 100 times more to cure than the conventional TB, and about \$250,000 per patient, it has severely strained medical resources.

Other resurgent diseases, like Leprosy, with only 900 cases detected in 40 years in the U.S., but with over 7,000 diagnosed in a recent three year period, are also an increasing problem.

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.

Another potential problem is terrorist infiltration. Texas Governor Rick Perry recently asked Washington for assistance, while pointing out that the border is being penetrated by aliens classified as Other Than Mexicans (OTMs). He was quoted in January as saying, "Just last week there were four Iraqis who were detained". The number of OTMs apprehended rose from 49,545 in 2003 to 155,000 in 2004.

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 national security?

In the meantime, members of the America First Party of Massachusetts have been working to stop our state legislature from pandering to illegals, with policies which would grant them driver's licenses and in-state college tuition rates. We recognize that these policies, by encouraging more illegal immigration, help to further degrade both our nation's security and the rule of law.

But notwithstanding what can be done at the state level, border security is mainly a federal issue. There is an urgent need now to elect statesmen to Congress who intend to protect our nation. We have now seen the fruits of the GOP and Democrat policies. It is time to turn away from this disaster and those parties.

2006 State Convention

The 2006 AFP Massachusetts Convention will be held on Saturday, June 24th, at the Crowne Plaza in Natick, located at 1360 Worcester Street.

Members of the general public are invited to attend as observers. A \$15 contribution to assist with expenses is encouraged. To participate as a Delegate with voting privileges, party membership is required. By resolution of the State Committee, all membership information, including verification of voter registration, must be received by the State Chairman by 12 noon, June 23rd.

Members who wish to be Delegates must check-in between 9:45 and 10:30 am, and then state their intention to the Convention registrars so as to receive their credentials.

Speakers will include David Parker (see page 8), Earl Sholley, and State Chairman Jon Hill. Sholley, a former Republican State Senatorial candidate, will speak about systematic problems with the State

Republican party and how grassroots activists can build the momentum to win.

Other Convention business will be the election of new state party leaders, National Committee Members, and consideration of any new state platform proposals made by the Delegates.

Delegates also have the option of amending the state party bylaws. These may be amended by a two-thirds vote, if the proposal is submitted to the State Chairman 21 days prior to the Convention. The current bylaws are available on the web site at www.americafirstparty.org/massachusetts/bylaws.htm.

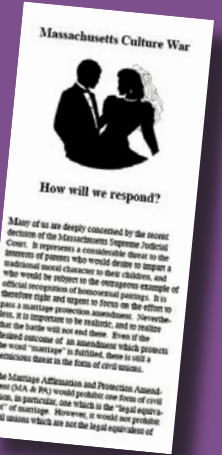
Directions from the Mass Turnpike: Take the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90) to exit 13 (Route 30 Framingham / Natick). Then bear right after toll booth. At second traffic light turn left. Follow signs to Route 9 East. Hotel will be on the right on Route 9 eastbound.



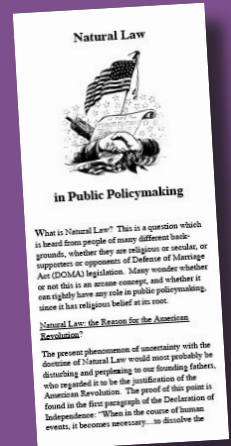
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Before Running: Things to Consider

The objective, recapturing our runaway government, is simple. It involves replacing most elected representatives. An intimidating goal, but one that will be increasingly attainable as the effects of absurd fiscal, trade, and immigration policies cause more and more of a disruption in the lives of our constituents.

In the meantime, by focussing on offices that we can win, we can avoid the chronic setbacks that plague other third parties. This, as will be explained shortly, is a proven strategy.

The controlling influences of big money and biased free media in major races require this approach, one focused on winning. While congressional

and state legislative races may have appeal, we usually need to win local races first.

At this time, skepticism of third party candidates hampers their fundraising, so candidates who are not self-financing may have to spend a year or two in door-to-door campaigning. To be successful requires a lot of time, money, and sometimes skill.

A decision to run for office should be made only after mature reflection and planning. An honest self-assessment of skills, fundraising ability, probable time resources, and overall commitment to the goal of getting elected is a prerequisite.

The support of a team of like-minded and committed people is important. The candidate also needs to possess some minimum confidence and optimism, and the willingness and ability to acquire the necessary skills that he lacks.

When aiming for a particular office, it can be helpful to study how other candidates have won their races. Public records assist in this effort, and many are online with your state's office of campaign and political finance. More data can be gleaned from the web sites of your current legislators.

These sources help you determine both the level of past campaign expenditures for a particular race, and also give clues about what career backgrounds most successful candidates have.

Research shows that municipal government is often the cradle for candidates who win higher offices. A recent survey of the background of 144 State Representatives in Massachusetts showed that 75% got their start at the local level. About 64% held a municipal/town political office before winning their first state representative

“Municipal government is often the cradle for candidates who win higher offices.”

race, and many create an appearance of local involvement in one way or another.

This leads us to a very important approach to running for state level offices - going for a local office first. For first-time candidates, this provides the opportunity to gain practical experience in fundraising, organizing volunteers, and public relations on a small scale, before facing tougher and more skilled opponents in the state-level race.

By offering a greater chance of being elected, the municipal option is also more likely to give the candidate real experience in government affairs - a highly valuable asset in state races.

Consider getting advice from experienced candidates or attending a campaign school in order to avoid costly mistakes resulting from inexperience.

Once the office to be targeted has been selected, an energetic and experienced campaign chairman is often critical. In some races, a candidate can not handle all the administrative, fundraising and organizational tasks and still handle all the public relations roles that are his exclusive responsibility, so he must delegate.

The key to success is often a combination of planning, confident and energetic leadership, effective fundraising, and public relations which resonates with the voter. A campaign with these elements is likely to be both competitive and an example to imitate.

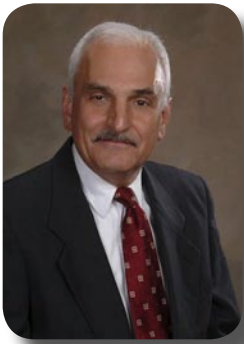
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Member Profile: Robert Casimiro, Immigration Crusader



Robert Casimiro, a retired engineer and party member, is not satisfied with mere awareness of the problems facing our state and nation today. He is intent on doing what he can to educate and move state and municipal leaders in the right direction.

And they are listening.

As executive director of the Massachusetts Coalition for Immigration Reform (MCIR), he recently led a major effort to defeat a preposterous bill which would have extended in-state tuition rates for state colleges to illegal aliens, undermined the rule of law, and encouraged more illegal-invaders to come to our state. This bill would have provided a 50% reduction in tuitions for illegals, at a cost of about \$8,700 per alien student.

For Massachusetts, it was a rare victory for logic when the bill was defeated 96 to 57. "It's a victory for the Commonwealth and the taxpayer," said Casimiro. "This will give us a breather. But I know they'll be back, because they have the resources."

But this is just one of his many fights. Next is an effort to prohibit illegals from using foreign ID cards to open bank accounts. The bill was filed at his request by Senator Robert Hedlund of Weymouth. "It's just trying to prohibit anything that gives illegal aliens entryway into our processes and procedures," he said. "I take exception to a foreign country...signing up illegal immigrants for any documents."

One well-known example of a foreign government ID card is the Mexican Matricula Consular card, which is issued to illegal Mexicans in the U.S, and used to establish bank accounts.

MCIR was founded in 1999, and has members in over 100 Massachusetts towns. Initially the focus was on keeping people up to date on federal immigration legislation via the internet, but about three years ago, members started coming to Beacon Hill to testify, and to meet with legislators to defeat a notorious bill which would

have granted driver's licenses to illegals. This effort was another success.

MCIR supports "positive immigration-related legislation" in connection with banking, housing, and identification for state benefits. On the local level, Casimiro's group promotes municipal policies which require the verification of the legal status of workers employed by companies contracted by municipalities.

Casimiro's grandparents immigrated from Portugal and Canada. Like most of us, he recognizes that he would not be here today if his ancestors had not been allowed to immigrate.

Although Casimiro is working for changes in the immigration policy, he shares the position of the America First Party. He is not opposed to the concept of immigration, but is opposed to illegal immigration, a clear national security problem, and the extremely high legal immigration rates that we have today -- about 3 times the national average of the last century.

His and the party's goal is a return to a carefully structured policy, which takes into account the costs and benefits of immigration. Let us not forget that in a system with representative government, the attitude of the immigrant is a particularly critical issue, because naturalized immigrants will eventually have access to the ballot box.

We need to ask what immigrants are likely to bring to this country. Will they respect basic principles such as the importance of the rule of law and individual self-sufficiency and responsibility? Or will they be the cause of further lawlessness, or the expansion of the welfare state?

Illegals clearly flunk the basic criteria of respect for law, but others who would legally immigrate might also not be responsible. That is why our party calls for proof of financial viability of immigration applicants, and a return to the sponsorship immigration policy, which would require a U.S. citizen to be financially responsible for new immigrants with a history of low-income.

Thanks are owed to stout-hearted activists like Bob Casimiro, and we hope that many more will understand the need to join him in his efforts.



State Committee Member Jeff Buck has been working to secure the northern and southern national borders, and serving in his elected post in Framingham.



Members have been speaking out on immigration issues on Beacon Hill and around the state.

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David Parker to Speak Saturday, June 24th Crown-Plaza Hotel, Natick

David Parker, the Lexington dad who is courageously championing parents rights by resisting the attempts of local school officials to expose his children to homosexual indoctrination, will speak at our State Convention.

School officials had Parker arrested after his calm refusal to leave a meeting with school staff, until they promised to give him advance notification when homosexual topics were to be introduced to his son's Kindergarten class. Not only was he arrested, but school officials then banned him from even stepping on the premises!

Parker's case highlights an increasing trend of government usurpation of the right of parents to raise their children in accordance with their beliefs. When this trend is observed against the backdrop of advancing homosexuality in our state and elsewhere, the implications are

both obvious and ominous. There can be no more backing down by conscientious and well-informed parents if they care about their children's welfare. In a case like Parker's, there is no choice left but to fight.

The America First Party supports parents rights. Our platform states that we unequivocally support "the return of all God-given rights for every family to decide how to discipline their children, what their children are allowed to do, and with whom their children

are allowed to associate. Parents will decide where and how their child will be educated, whether in public, private or religious education. Parents will have the right to withdraw their child from sexual education classes if they believe the program is not in the best interest of their child - such as the teaching of homosexual practice"

The Convention, which will also include other speakers, may be observed by the general public.

Please see page 5 for driving details. To contribute to the David Parker Fund, go to www.davidparkerfund.org.



Parker was brought into the courtroom in handcuffs after spending the night in jail. Afterwards, he was surrounded by media, and appeared on many Boston area broadcasts, National Public Radio, and the O'Reilly Factor.