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Who Will Be Nominated for President in 2016?

The media are already speculating about who will be the Republican candidate for President in 2016. Maureen Dowd predicted that the Democratic nominee for President will be Hillary Clinton and the Republican nominee will be former Florida Governor Jeb Bush.

Will the Republican nominee be the one who scores best in the televised debates? Will he be a conservative who is supported by grassroots Republicans? Or will he be a candidate selected by the Establishment, the people we call the RINOs (Republicans In Name Only), or are sometimes called country-club Republicans?



The answer to that question is up to you, and to other grassroots who care about the future of the United States.

It's up to us, the grassroots, to offer the American people a real choice — not an echo of failed policies. We want a candidate who is a real conservative who responds to the grassroots instead of to the Establishment.

I believe there are millions of conservatives who believe in America. It's our job to find them and get them to vote and to participate in our political Party process so we can preserve this great country that God has blessed so richly.

I'm inspired by the story in the Bible when the fishermen Apostles complained to Jesus that they were hungry and the fish were not biting. Jesus told them, "Let down your nets for the catch," and they caught so many fish that they almost broke their nets. There are millions of conservatives who believe in America; it's up to us to find them and get them to vote.

Grassroots conservative Republicans have won in the past, and we can do it again in 2016. We won in 1964 when we defeated Nelson Rockefeller and nominated Barry Goldwater. We won again when we nominated Ronald Reagan in 1980.

So we know we can do it again in 2016 **if** you make up your mind to participate in the political party process.

Who Chooses Our Next Presidential Nominee?

If you read my original book called *A Choice Not An Echo*, which I published in 1964 to reveal the inside story of how Republican candidates for President were chosen, you will remember that the Establishment, who were then called kingmakers, held a private dinner at which they grilled prospective nominees and decided who they would back and who they would veto. Their decision was based on who was the best internationalist and would best continue the foreign policy of the Democrats.

Well, time marches on and now we are wondering who the Establishment will try to put over on us as the Republican nominee for President in 2016. Of course, the Establishment will be wanting a candidate who is a globalist, an internationalist, and someone who supports a so-called bipartisan foreign policy. You need to read my new edition of *A Choice Not An Echo* which brings you up to date on what is being planned behind closed doors.

A few weeks ago, a very elegant dinner was held in New York in a lavish \$75 million apartment at 834 Fifth Avenue. This apartment is the home of the owner of the New York Jets football team, Woody Johnson. That is where a bunch of rich men who like to dictate our nominee gathered for a fancy dinner and the vetting of prospective candidates. These rich guys interviewed many of those who might be selected to be the Republican nominee: Chris Christie, Rand Paul, John Kasich, Marco Rubio, and Mitt Romney. Jeb Bush wasn't present, but of course he is high on the list of Establishment favorites. The dinner guests also included Kelly Ayotte, a prospect for Vice President.

So far as we know, these would-be kingmakers haven't yet made their decision, but the mere assembling of these dinner guests shows that they are thinking ahead and planning to control the upcoming Republican National Convention. You need to read my updated book called *A Choice Not An Echo* so you will be ready for the deals designed to force a candidate on us.

Another Time for Choosing

Fifty years ago in 1964, a political star was born in America. His name was Ronald Reagan, and he electrified conservatives with his television address called "A Time for Choosing" delivered on behalf of Barry Goldwater's nomination for President. Reagan wrote the speech himself, and he delivered it without a script or teleprompter.

As the presidential election was approaching, he put before the voters the choice: do we really believe in self-government of "we the people," or will we abandon the U.S. Constitution and allow a little elite in the northeast to plan our lives and choose our rulers? Reagan gave examples of government trying and failing to solve problems, such as public housing, unemployment, poverty, and ridiculous expenditures by government. He laid out the most important choice of all — peace through strength or peace through appeasement.

Reagan told his TV audience: "You and I have a rendezvous with destiny. We'll preserve for our children this, the last best hope of many on earth, or we'll sentence them to take the last step into a thousand years of darkness." Reagan concluded by reminding us that Americans have "the right to make our own decisions and determine our own destiny."

Ronald Reagan's eloquent speech was a national sensation, and those are great words for us to remember today.

We are again in a "time for choosing." Do we go forward as a free people who determine our own destiny, or are we content to let big government run our lives? You need to be active in the next presidential election campaign to make sure we get the best man nominated and elected. In order to be prepared, you need to know the history of how U.S. presidents have been chosen in the past.

That's why you need to read my updated edition of *A Choice Not An Echo*, and distribute it to your friends.

The Mayflower Meeting

Every few years, a new group of self-important politicians, who think they are smarter than the Founding Fathers, meet in secret to plot to rewrite parts of the U.S. Constitution in order to make it easier for the politicians to dictate our choice of President. A bunch of these powerful movers and shakers met for this purpose in the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC on December 5, 1986 where the participants worked out a plan to change the U.S. into a parliamentary form of government like many European governments.

This Mayflower group referred to themselves as "the parliamentary government group." This was no rag-tag

bunch of nobodies; the group included some of the most influential men in America; former Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, former Secretary of the Treasury Douglas Dillon, Senator J. William Fulbright, and the Republican Governor of Pennsylvania.

This secret meeting at the Mayflower Hotel on December 5, 1986 was reported exclusively by me in my weekly newspaper column, which is always posted on my website: EagleForum.org. Other news sources didn't touch it. I guess my report caused enough questions to be asked of the powers that be that they finally allowed this news to be reported by the *New York Times* a month later.

This is just one example of how the kingmakers plot secret plans to rewrite the U.S. Constitution. They do something similar every few years, and a group of liberals are even now making another attempt to rewrite our Constitution by calling for a Constitutional Convention.

You can read more about secret meetings to bypass the grassroots and select our Presidents behind closed doors in the 50th Anniversary edition of my book *A Choice Not An Echo*. This book has stood the test of time and is the essential guide for freedom-loving Americans who want to make a difference.

The Plot to Checkmate Reagan

My updated edition of *A Choice Not An Echo* has a chapter on every Republican National Convention from 1940 to the present. The Republican nominee for President is supposed to be chosen by the 2,000 Delegates elected by the voters in their own states to a National Convention, which takes place every four years.

My book shows you how frequently the presidential nominee is really selected by a little group of self-appointed kingmakers who have goals very different from conservative grassroots. That battle within the Republican Party goes on before every presidential election, and it will be fierce prior to the upcoming Republican convention in 2016. It's pretty clear that grassroots Delegates are conservatives who want less-expensive government, lower taxes, and policies that respect traditional marriage, parent's rights in education, and the right to life, whereas the Establishment cares more, even exclusively, about fiscal issues.

Would you like to play a role in selecting the next nominee? You will not be able to be a player in the process unless you have read the history of previous conventions in *A Choice Not An Echo*.

You simply must know what the so-called Establishment is planning if you want to nominate a conservative presidential candidate. My book *A Choice Not An Echo* has a chapter on each Republican National Convention

so you will know about the shenanigans that took place in the past.

In 1980, conservatives elected enough Delegates to nominate Ronald Reagan. But the Establishment wanted a president they could control, so they devised a plan to control Reagan if he were elected President. It was an outrageous unconstitutional plan and it almost succeeded.

In my new book, *A Choice Not An Echo*, I tell what that plan was, and how it failed. Then we elected Ronald Reagan to become the greatest President of the 20th century.

Defining Pro-Life in Dallas

Ronald Reagan was elected President in 1980 and he was easily re-nominated at the Republican National Convention in 1984 in Dallas. That Convention adopted a Republican Platform that enunciated Reagan-style conservatism and pro-family goals at home and abroad.

At Republican Conventions, the rules call for each state to elect one man and one woman to each convention committee. Congressman Henry Hyde and I were the two Delegates elected by Illinois to serve on the Platform Committee.

I am so proud of our handiwork at that Convention. We beefed up the pro-life plank and made it read: "The unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed." Although the pro-abortion faction repeatedly tried to eliminate or weaken this plank, this important pro-life plank has remained unchanged through the subsequent Republican conventions of 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008 and 2012.

Ronald Reagan won a big reelection vote in 1984 because he and the Platform offered voters a clear-cut choice, not an echo, on issues that matter to Americans — national defense, foreign policy, Communism, fiscal policy, and social and family concerns. The Platform took a strong stand for lower taxes, for human life, against the Equal Rights Amendment, for parents' rights in public schools, against gay rights, against judicial supremacy, and for an anti-missile defense.

In 1984, we doubled the conservative vote. The 27 million conservatives who voted for Barry Goldwater in 1964 grew to 54 million conservatives in 1984.

A Choice Not An Echo

The phrase "A Choice Not An Echo" has become part of the English language. It was the title of a paperback book I published in back in 1964. It made publishing history because I published it myself and sold three million copies out of my garage.

What made *A Choice Not An Echo* a best-seller was that it described the inside story of how a little group of powerful men, whom I labeled the kingmakers, met behind closed doors and, by secret shenanigans, repeatedly selected the Republican nominee for U.S. President. And, funny thing, the man they chose usually echoed the political views of the Democratic Party nominee.

The message of my book was to exhort the grassroots to rise up and nominate a real conservative for President, who would offer us *A Choice* of policies, *Not An Echo* of liberal positions. Our candidate was Barry Goldwater, then a Senator from Arizona.

At the Republican National Convention in San Francisco in 1964, we succeeded in nominating Barry Goldwater, but the big guns of the national media and the Republican kingmakers mowed him down in the November election.

Conservative grassroots were not discouraged; we stuck together and started the modern conservative movement. It was several years before we got results. Then in 1980, we reaped our reward. That's the year we overcame the power of both the kingmakers and the media, and nominated and elected Ronald Reagan as President, the greatest President of the 20th century.

This political battle is still going on and it will be hot in the coming year. If you want to be a player in the battle for who will be elected President in 2016, you must read the 50th anniversary edition of my book *A Choice Not An Echo*.

The Accidental President

In my new book *A Choice Not An Echo*, I tell how the kingmakers try at every Republican National Convention to get the Republican Party to nominate for President a man who is a globalist, an internationalist, and a big spender of taxpayers' money.

The kingmakers' favorite candidate in the 1960's was New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller. He ran for the nomination three times and failed every time, even though dozens of prominent men of impressive financial and social prestige lined up behind him.

But Rockefeller was determined to be President. After his third try failed in 1968, he realized that he was too liberal for any Republican Convention ever to nominate him for President, so he planned an alternate route to the White House that would bypass the grassroots.

Rockefeller got his friends to write an amendment to the U.S. Constitution providing that if there were a vacancy in the office of Vice President, the President could name a new Vice President.

It's not easy to amend the U.S. Constitution, so Rockefeller called on his cleverest lawyers to write the 25th Amendment, develop the talking points, and then lobby three-fourths of state legislatures to pass it quickly, without publicity. They made the new Amendment sound so reasonable and non-controversial.

This 25th Amendment is one of our longest constitutional amendments, and few people read it before or after it was passed. Its real purpose was to give us a vice president and then a president who was never chosen or elected by the American people.

The 25th Amendment succeeded in making Nelson Rockefeller Vice President, but it did not make him President. You can read the rest of the story, and how another man used the 25th Amendment and became President without ever being elected by the American people. You can read about who that man was in my updated edition of *A Choice Not An Echo*, the most important book in print if you want to know the inside story of how U.S. Presidents are really chosen.

Taking Advice From Patrick Henry

Patrick Henry is famous for saying, "I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience. I know of no way of judging the future but by the past." I took Patrick Henry's words to heart when I wrote my book *A Choice Not An Echo*.

The future of freedom in America will depend on who is elected President in the 2016 election. You and I cannot be effective players in that upcoming contest if we don't know the history of how past Presidents were chosen, nominated, and elected.

My book *A Choice Not An Echo* is your essential manual to be a player in the big task of selecting the next U.S. President.

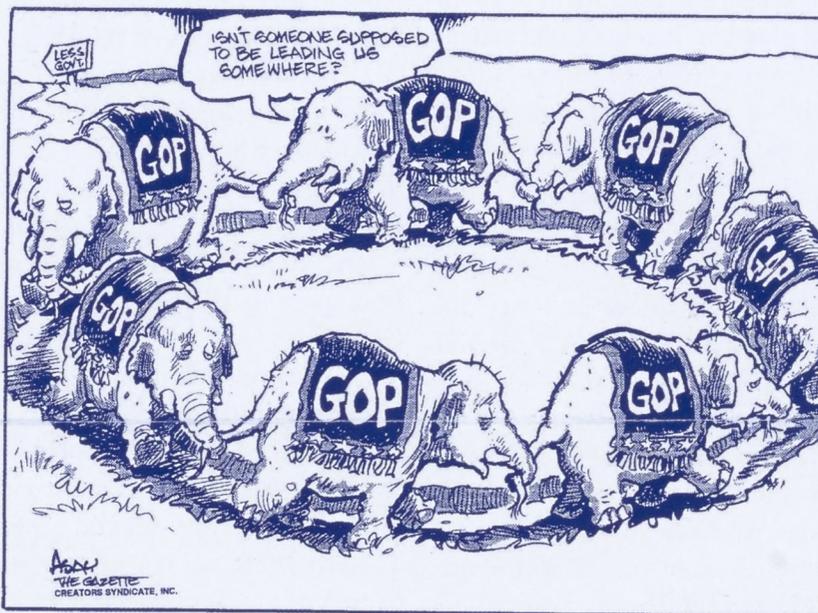
Will we have a candidate chosen by grassroots conservatives? Or will we have another loser chosen by the big financial interests whose main goal is control of government spending and importing cheap labor to take U.S. jobs?

Grassroots conservatives want to stop supremacist judges from changing the definition of Marriage. We want to protect American sovereignty and defeat all UN treaties.

We want to protect the right to life and parents' rights

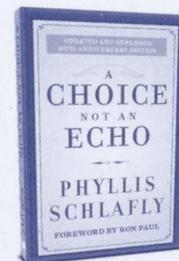
to direct the raising and education of their own children. We want to protect American workers from having their jobs shipped overseas to countries of cheap labor.

We want a President who will close our borders to illegals and to diseases. In no other book can you read about the secret tactics used by the Establishment to outmaneuver the grassroots



in order to nominate a candidate they can control and tell what policies to back.

I urge you to get a copy of the 50th Anniversary edition of *A Choice Not An Echo* immediately so you can join me in working to get a good conservative nominated for President in 2016 who is the real choice of the grassroots.



The quadrennial Republican National Conventions have been one of Phyllis Schlafly's lifetime hobbies ever since she attended the 1952 convention in Chicago and observed how crooked and mysterious they can be. She determined that future convention Delegates should be accurately informed about the inside story of how American Presidents are chosen. She played an active role in every convention from 1952 through 2012, serving as an elected Delegate nine times and an elected Alternate Delegate four times, and serving several times on the convention Platform Committee, most recently in 2012.

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