

TFRW EVENTS

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TFRW hosted nationally renowned speaker and author Michael Zak, who made two presentations on August 7th and 8th during the last TFRW Board of Directors meeting. He provided a wealth of historical background about our Party to “arm us” well as we go into this general election cycle. His book *Back to Basics for the Republican Party* is a marvelous resource for each of us and I recommend him highly as a speaker. Michael Zak presented us with information to go forward to fight the battle in the General Election.

Now let me ask you an important question – are you having trouble getting “fired up” about the election? Are you noticing a malaise within our Party faithful? If so, you need to *GET BACK TO BASICS!* We must do some reading to remind ourselves what we stand FOR and what we stand to LOSE if we don’t work to get our vote out in November.

Every decade or so we find that liberals will convince many around them that socialism works. Some people are inexplicitly drawn to it – its allure is somehow irresistible to them. *It sounds so fair; it makes so much sense...* There is only one problem – it doesn’t work. Each time it has been tried it has failed. Of course, they will say, “well, you haven’t experienced it with *US* in charge.” Make no mistake – Sen. Obama is a socialist. He believes that HE can make it work. His rhetoric is seductive and attractive to those who do not understand the economic and social implications of what he proposes. We MUST fight back with everything in our power to educate the voters about the differences between socialism and capitalism before it is too late.

Reading is essential to have the proper foundation of knowledge. I highly recommend three other books, which were written as warnings to western countries some fifty years ago when the authors saw that people were being drawn into the seductiveness of socialism.

These books are:

- ***The Road to Serfdom*, by F. A. Hayek (with introduction by Milton Friedman)**
- ***Atlas Shrugged*, by Ayn Rand**
- ***Animal Farm*, by George Orwell**

Do your own reading to truly edify yourself; then, if you encounter those seduced by the rhetoric of Sen. Obama, recommend these books. Ask them to read one and get back to you. This way you can have a meaningful discussion – not based upon emotions, but on facts.

This is one of the most important points to remember during this election – we DO need to get back to basics.

Do we want to slip into this socialist trap or can we convince our friends, neighbors and colleagues that capitalism and free markets are the elements that will continue to provide us with the freedoms we hold dear? We have our work cut out for us!