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Robert Robb gave my opponent Congressman Franks a nice payoff with his column Sunday, for taking one for the Bush team.

Mr. Franks had signed a pledge with some of his fellow Congressmen at an informal gathering intended to create a much more fiscally responsible Medicare bill than what the President was offering. You know, I pledge my life, my fortune, my sacred honor kind of thing. When the vote occurred and Bush's Medicare plan was going down in defeat, Franks caved under pressure and tossed victory into the jaws of defeat. He betrayed his allies by switching his vote to break the tie and pass the President's plan. Arizonans and their children will pay mightily for his weakness for decades to come.

He has abandoned his principles of creating something more responsible than Bush's plans, because his President asked him to. Though he flatly deigned this accusation from me in a debate. Please visit www.GammillForCongress.com/trent_franks.htm and judge for yourself.

Mr. Franks likes to portray himself as fiscally conservative. Yet in a brief 19 months of office he has already voted to spend \$3.7 trillion dollars of your stolen tax dollars. That is \$13,000 of additional debt heaped onto every man, woman and child living in the USA. In this new age of the Republican Party that has become the definition of being fiscally conservative.

American soldiers who volunteered to defend this country have had their lives interrupted and risked to invade and occupy a country that posed no threat to the USA. All to expand an empire, control oil and gas, and create huge military bases for the future invasion of the Middle East.

Bush has eliminated virtually all of your Rights as reserved in the Bill of Rights, including trying citizens in star chambers, imprisoning citizens without trial, denying them access to a lawyer, or even bothering to charge them.

Mr. Franks was there to support and enable Mr. Bush in all of this. He has enthusiastically supported the undeclared war in Iraq. He has staunchly defended the Patriot Act. He has shown no resolve to stand up for the liberties of those he represents.

Perhaps Robert Robb is correct that there is little difference between Mr. Franks and his Primary opponent Rick Murphy. But there is one glaring distinction. When a servant reports to his master that another servant is not carrying out the master's wishes, does the master punish the slave who tells or the slave who disappoints? Voters can deliver a whipping to a bad servant on Sept. 7th.

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