

## Opening Statement – Powell Gammill – Oct. 21, 2004 – Phoenix Debate

Trent Franks is a statist. A supporter of big government controlling the public and the economy. A supporter of an unconstitutional fascist police state that refers to itself as the government of the United States of America. He demonstrates this in his voting record.

He demonstrates this in his voting for National Identification papers.

In his voting for a national database of every man, woman and child in America that is designed to monitor and track them wherever they travel, whatever they purchase, wherever they work.

In his voting to fingerprint, photograph and force providing other biometric identifying characteristics of any future job applicant for one heck of a lot of job categories.

In his voting to continue to allow warrantless searches by snooping government agencies, without any judicial review. So much for **liberty**.

In his support of raising the federal spending cap immediately after this election.

In his orgy of spending, now over \$4 trillion dollars, of your stolen tax dollars in the past two years, placing your children's and grandchildren's future debt at unrepayable levels. So much for **pursuit of happiness**.

In his support for the invasion and occupation of a foreign country that posed no credible threat to us. For his continued spread of the same old tired lies used to justify that invasion. For the deaths of many, many hundreds, and the maiming of many thousands of Americans who volunteered to defend our nation, only to find themselves used by a bunch of neo-con pirates to expand an empire. For the deaths and maiming of many tens of thousands of Iraqi civilians in the hollow name of freeing them from ex-CIA puppet Saddam Hussein, who had killed far less. For the disruption of the lives, futures and the economies of the families of the Reservists, National Guard and even active duty personnel in this war. So much for **life**.

So who the hell am I? I am Powell Gammill, Libertarian for Congress. You can read more about me at [www.GammillForCongress.com](http://www.GammillForCongress.com).

What does libertarian mean? It means I do not advocate the initiation of force or fraud against any individual. It means I believe in free markets, and free minds. It means I believe in minding my own business, and expecting you to mind yours. It means I believe taxation is theft. The draft is slavery. And it means I believe, as our founding father's wisely stated, that government is nothing more than pure brutal force. And that you had better radically limit any government you allow. Regrettably, my ideas are considered antiquated, archaic or if you are nice, quaint. But I persist in stating them anyway, in the hopes that a few of you might lose sleep tonight thinking about my positions, or that someone in the audience will come forward and tell me they believe in the same things and thought themselves alone. I live for you to read my positions at [www.GammillForCongress.com](http://www.GammillForCongress.com).

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So we have an incumbent Congressman here. If you have bothered to check out his record, and are pleased with his representation of you in Congress, you should vote for him.

If you are a Democrat, by all means vote for Randy. He has strategically positioned himself just a bit more centrist of any of Trent's positions. So if you agree with the Congressman's positions, you must be proud that your candidate is now taking the traditional Republican position that he can bring you the same programs ... only better.

On the other hand, if you are looking for something different, I am the only anti-war candidate. The only 'mind your own business' candidate. The only 'your money is your own' candidate. I am the liberty candidate.

47% of this district is registered Republican, while only 30% are registered Democrat. Gosh, I wonder how that happens? Congressman Franks is going to win this election. I hope this is not news to anyone. If it is, do us all a favor: Don't vote.

Randy Camacho ran against Mr. Franks in the last general election and got his butt kicked by 40,000 votes, and there are 1% more registered Republicans in this election than there were in the last election.

The libertarian opponent, Ed Carlson, received less than 6,000 votes in the last election. He was a bug on the windshield.

And so, I would like to call this my 'bug on the windshield' strategy. If you are happy with the incumbent you know who to vote for. If you are happy with the challenger's positions ditto. But if you want to send a message of your discontent, vote for me.

The outcome of the election won't change, but every vote cast for me counts as a vote for your discontent with the status quo, the government, and the way that elections and candidate discussions are handled.