

36th Annual opening of the Arizona Breakfast Club, Sept. 4th, 2004

[When I wrote this speech, I was told I would be given five minutes to give a speech. As often happens this was cut to one to two minutes when I showed up. Therefore this speech was never given, and instead a plea for voting where it would do the incumbent the most damaged was badly delivered by me, who is not well practiced at extemporaneous speech.]

I am Powell Gammill, and I am running for Congressman in District 2, currently held by Trent Franks.

I am running because I believe you are not a slave. You are not beholden to the federal government. If anything, the federal government is beholden to you.

You own yourself. No one else has a claim upon you, unless you willingly agree to that claim.

People say we take our freedoms for granted. I say we take the federal government for granted.

We automatically look to it for help. We observe a situation and we cry out for another law, as a remedy. We discuss what the federal government is going to do next? Who cares? Who cares?

You have the right to your life, your liberty and your pursuit of what you determine makes you happy. Government is created by you, not to deliver these rights, because they are already yours, but to protect these rights.

I submit, government has failed to protect your rights. Indeed it avoids its duties to pursue an agenda of dominion over you. You are the government's serf, as far as the government is concerned.

You can see this in legislation passed every day. In the actions of the executive branch every day. In the rulings of judges every day.

This is NOT the government of our Constitution. I oppose this government! This government that sends those who volunteer to defend this nation off to fight in foreign lands, not to defend this nation, but to project an American empire.

This government denies us our Rights upon every occasion it is inconvenient for the government. Government does this . . . because they can!

This government demands to insinuate itself into every business transaction between two mutually consenting people. Regulating and taxing such transactions. Forcing the use of a worthless currency upon this nation to carry out all transactions.

This government is NOT the government of the Constitution. I oppose this government! The incumbent not only supports this government, he feeds it, expands it, and in 19 short months of occupying a seat at the controls he has already voted to spend \$3.7 trillion of your stolen dollars to further its control over you. This chains every person residing in this country with an additional \$13,000 in debt heaped on to our already excessive burden.

I oppose this government! You Republicans and Independents in District 2 can send a message this Tuesday. Not because I believe Mr. Frank's opponent is any better. But Mr. Murphy lacks one thing that Mr. Frank's possesses. Mr. Frank's is the incumbent. We have seen what he has done. That he will betray us at every opportunity, like virtually ALL incumbents in ALL governments do daily. This election, it is time to vote NO on ALL elected or retained incumbents, at every opportunity.

If you must vote, the libertarian candidates would appreciate your vote in November. In truth, no matter how you vote, the outcome in virtually all elections is already deliberately pre-ordained based upon the voter registrations lopsided Party ratios in the given voting districts.

So you are only throwing your vote away **if** you vote for either of the two major parties. But you can at least deny them your participation, and failing that, send them a message by denying them your vote.

Thank you.