

Note: This was a speech prepared for the Western Conservative Alliance, in Kingman on July 17, 2004, in which we were promised ten minute talks. When we showed up, were told at the event that we would get one to two minutes to talk. For as long as they ultimately permitted me to hog the mike, they probably should have simply allowed me to give this speech;-)

I am sorry Mr. Franks could not be here today, he had more important things to attend to than to be with you today: An impromptu [fund raiser](#) in Scottsdale for his campaign. My name is Powell Gammill, and I am running to take away Mr. Franks- seat at the trough. You can read more of what I have to say at: <http://GammillForCongress.com>.

I came here today, to convince you to not vote for Franks. To not vote period. But if you must vote, do not waste your vote on the Republicans or Democrats, where your single vote neither matters, nor is appreciated. Rather to let **them** see that you **will** cast your vote with a libertarian if he is serious at running. And I am seriously running.

Not only do I expect to win in November, I will win in November!

Let me tell you about U.S. Representative, District 2. It has 46% registered Republicans, and 30% registered Democrats. What does that mean? It means that no matter how fine either of the three Democratic candidates are, they have NO chance of winning in November. None.

Districts are drawn up by both Parties to ensure that there really is no choice in November.

Remember the citizens passed the Afair re-districting commission plan,[@] which was going to remove the partisan drawing of election districts from the legislature, and instead be drawn by an impartial **bi**-partisan committee. What did we get?

Out of eight U.S. Congressional districts in Arizona, only one, rural District 8, located in the southeast bottom corner of the state is competitive with relatively even numbers of registered Republicans and Democrats. Five other Districts are locks for the

Republicans, and two are locks for the Democrats.

Wake up. Your future has been planned, enacted and enforced right now, right here, it always has been. But you are free to walk away, as the vast majority of those eligible to vote have already done, and refuse to play a rigged game, whose outcome is already assured. Stop adding your legitimacy to an illegitimate process.

Congress exists for one purpose. To steal your wealth and distribute it how they see fit, certainly not neglecting themselves. Voters merely exist to give legislators the appearance of legitimacy in this theft. If voting could make a difference it would be illegal.

Mohave County and District 2 have one of the highest proportion of Independents and third party registration percentages. That means that there are already a lot of you who refuse to be labeled. There are plenty of Democrats and Republicans who are uncomfortable and ashamed at how their Party=s have acted these last couple of decades. It is now possible for a candidate with no loyalties to either major party to win in November. But first you people must win your own personal freedom, by denying the two major parties and ANY incumbent your support. Stop voting for the lesser of two evils, and the evil of two lessers!

Trent Franks was and remains in [full support](#) of the invasion and [occupation of Iraq](#), a nation that presented no threat to America, or Americans, nor was it involved with the terrorists who attacked America. There were no weapons of mass destruction. The American citizens were deliberately lied to by their government to start a war. Americans who volunteered to defend their country have had their lives disrupted and tragically in some cases have lost their lives, all to satisfy the petty hatreds of one man, George Bush. Mr. Franks was there to help him.

The Republicans eagerly took opportunity of the mass murder of 9/11 to quickly pass so called “anti-terror” legislation. Not **one** of your elected representatives bothered to

read what they voted upon. I know this because it was [not even printed up yet](#) for their examination. Yet it had a nifty title, so how could they not vote away your freedoms for it? “The Patriot Act.”

Mr. Franks has been there since to defend the:

- stealing of your right of free speech,
- to trample your right to print and distribute pamphlets,
- to trample your right to peaceably assemble,
- to trample your right to petition your government for grievances,
- to trample your right to keep and bear arms,
- to trample your right to resist the trespass of soldiers on your property,
- to trample your right to be free from arbitrary searches of your selves, your loved ones, your homes, your cars, your financial and health records,
- and the removal of judicial oversight of government actions,
- and the removal of your right to be told of what you are being accused of when you have been arrested,
- or of being able to contact anyone to let them know you have been arrested,
- or to see an attorney,
- or to even have an attorney present at questioning,
- the approval of torture to compel witness against ones self,
- the deprivation of life, liberty and property without due process,
- property seized without compensation,
- the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury of ones peers,
- to confront the accusers against you,
- the removal of your right to bail and that bail not be excessive,
- the removal of your right to not have cruel and unusual punishment inflicted,
- nor involuntary servitude without conviction.

All gone with Mr. Franks= enthusiastic votes. Just who are the terrorists here?

Mr. Franks still supports the Patriot Act. This past two weeks [a vote occurred](#), in which a

small sliver of the Patriot Act was being changed. For the government to go in and demand the library turn over the list of what you have checked out at the library would have to once again be signed off on by a judge. That is all. Yet Mr. Franks was the deciding vote cast when he needed the vote to kill this provision, he switched his vote to kill even this small thing.

Two months after taking office, Mr. Franks started spending your stolen tax dollars like a drunken sailor. The binge is ten percent greater this year. He has personally voted to spend over \$3.7 trillion in the past 17 months of office. Don't worry, your portion is automatically deducted from your paycheck.

He has cast key deciding votes on free prescription drugs for all, expanded Medicare and on Halliburton funding that have added [enormous amounts of debt](#) on you, your children and grandchildren. Debt that had surprisingly come under control under the Clinton administration, and had the Republicans practiced the fiscal conservatism they historically claim this debt might actually be nearing a genuine surplus. Despite this spending spree Mr. Franks claims to be "Arizona's most fiscally responsible legislator." Sadly, he is probably correct. All of the Arizona incumbents are spending like there is no limit to your income.

A person who knows someone is addicted to a self destructive behavior, but is constantly making excuses for their actions rather than holding that person responsible for their actions is termed an enabler. They assist in that person's self destructive behavior, by ignoring the behavior, excusing the behavior, or even encouraging or facilitating the behavior. Mr. Franks is Mr. Bush's enabler.

You Republicans have a choice in September between Mr. Franks and Mr. Murphy. And you all have a choice in November. Presuming Franks wins his primary, which history favors, you will have to choose whether to continue to participate in the fraudulent process of voting, and if so, whether you wish to continue to elect an enabler making you enablers yourselves. You either approve of Mr. Bush's and Mr. Franks' actions, or you

do not. And if you do not, what are you going to do about it?

And if you do approve of their conduct, shame on you. For their actions are not the actions of Americans, but rather more like the corrupt Imperial Senate of Rome under Caligula.

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If elected,

! I will fight against all legislation that diminishes your right to live free of government intrusion into your life.

! I will fight against any legislation that presumes there is a power to take your money or property to then be spent by the government.

! I will fight any legislation that in any way diminished the sovereignty of the people of the United States.

If you must vote, I would appreciate your sending a clear message to the political powers in this country that they cannot take your vote for granted, by voting for me, Powell Gammill, for U.S. Senate candidate [Ernest Hancock](#), and for the Libertarian presidential candidate [Michael Badnarik](#), in November. Thank you.